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Delegate's Corner

I know I mentioned this at the ACM this month, but we are now halfway through this panel. November has been the month for our inventory, to see where we have been. Now is the time to review our inventory and decide where we want to go. What more can we do to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous? My brain wants to focus on the prep work for the next Conference, getting ready for Agenda Topics and helping the new GSRs to arrange for their sharing sessions. In the midst of all this thinking, preparing and mental gymnastics—I had a newcomer with a few days ask me to sponsor her.

It is my practice, when someone asks me to sponsor them, not to agree to a yes right away but instead to say “Let’s have coffee and talk about this. “ We did meet and talked about the program for over 2 hours and then agreed to work the steps together. She seemed very excited about the idea. Not only was I excited, but I was very grateful to be brought back to basics. It made me remember what it was like to be a newcomer. Oh how I need to remember that. The ability to work with a new person gives great meaning to my service work and vice versa. I serve in General Service so the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous will stay strong and the message of recovery from alcoholism will remain clear. So that there will be a message to pass on. When I do my best to carry the message – I see what a great need there is for General Service.

So this morning I am thinking of the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts – the three legged stool. The stool will not stand up without all three legs. I am reminded of how Joel always says is your triangle balanced? Oh yes! Today I have a sturdy stool to sit upon! What joy!
Joy to you this holiday season!

Thank you for letting me be of service,
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