

GR Breakout Notes: Sunday, 7/20/25, GR break out/take aways from this assembly:

Teresa Greeley: 2 weeks from now, 46 years in AFG. I want to address the issue about safety. She shared an example when a member called out another member in front of their Alcoholic. The woman was abused, hospitalized and divorced due to lack of anonymity. We took the phone list from the member who called out the other one. The one who broke anonymity had an IQ 70. She was no longer brought to meetings but was called twice a week. Small group meetings were kept up for 2 years with the individual, but she was no longer allowed in meetings.

Tom, District 20: expressed gratitude for the group and shared commitment to service and recognition of the business side of Alanon. Thankful to give back.

Irma, Castle Rock AGR: Q: Alanon does not have CAL of the blue book of AA. Is this true and why? Because Alanon branches out of Alanon. Marcia: M response.

Many voices one journey explains the history of all of this. When Alanon started, we didn't have literature and used big book and Bible and didn't have anything else. The decision was made in history, by us for us, thru WSC. They decided to move forward only with CAL to assure it is the Alanon voice we are reading. The blue book is a useful tool and we have so much literature. We can use the big book outside of meetings - up to sponsee/sponsor relationship. See Service Manual, p. 114

Lisa: District 2: re: names: special meetings for women, LGBTQT, survivors of domestic violence, men. How do we resolve?

A group conscience can decide if a member can stay. We are not all things to all people. We are not professional counselors and sometimes we need outside help.

Sometimes meetings are being used in place of sponsors. Take your issues to your sponsor, let's not use the group as a sponsor.

Linda: the intention isn't to say we can't have exclusive groups. The idea is the name of the group. They are trying to use that instead of having it in the name. The idea behind it is inclusiveness.

Irma: no need to make an issue about the name

Jessica: It is important for people to feel comfortable. Regarding Queer, you want to feel safe. If there is a focus or qualifier available we all want to be included.

Sherry: re: losing the young people. AA has a younger labeled name.

Barbara GR in District 3: newcomers come and go. We have around 4-5 people who are steady. We have lost a lot of newcomers.

Bonnie: AGR 4

Tell people about online meetings, shop around, for newcomers, have a newcomer welcome

Deborah, District 11: implement a newcomer welcome. Share your story.

There are online beginners meetings in District 20.

Ally, District 11: Have you taken this to your district? Use the district to see how they do it using the traditions. Is your meeting welcoming to newcomers?

Jolene: with Spanish interpretation: can topics be out at ASWC?

Dwayne, District 2, be careful speaking directly to the newcomer.

Kelly: What is the newcomer's welcome?

Tom: Have a newdomer's welcome

Victoria from Avon. Alateen: Are there best practices?

Jessica: do a group inventory. Happy to share on Alateen

Marcia: personally, work slowly within the group. Business meetings, inventories, any business? Whatever you want to cover. We have to close. There will electronic/zoom meeting for GRs between assemblies. Marcia M

Linda: also check out the cache on your computer.
