

Area 41 Workshop: Spirit of Rotation Reading List

Date: _____ Facilitator: _____

◆ **A.A. Comes of Age** — pp. 280–281 “*The Spirit of A.A. Service*” — How early A.A. learned spiritual dependence over control. • pp. 285–288 *Bernard B. Smith: The Individual, A.A., and Society* — “A.A. must insulate itself against the proprietary right to serve.” Rotation protects unity through shared responsibility.

◆ **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions** — *Tradition Two* (p. 132) “Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” Group conscience as true authority. • *Tradition Nine* (p. 135) “Rotating leadership is the best.” Rotation ensures humility and freedom. • *Tradition Twelve* (p. 184) “Principles before personalities.” Core of anonymity and humility.

◆ **A.A. Service Manual (2024)** — *Appendix E* (p. S44) “The spiritual principle of sharing responsibility through changing leadership.” • *Third Legacy Voting* (pp. S39–S41) Humility and Higher Power in elections. • *Concept IX* (pp. C27–C32) “Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need.” Renewal, humility, and balance in trusted service — “We shall continuously need tolerance, responsibility, flexibility, and vision.” “Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow.” “Our leaders do not drive by mandate; they lead by example.”

◆ **Twelve Concepts for World Service** — *Concept IX (Short Form)* One-paragraph summary on leadership as trusted service. ideal for opening or closing readings.

◆ **Grapevine (1959)** — *Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need* (reprinted SM C29–C32). Bill W.’s reflections on courage, responsibility, and the spiritual act of rotation.

