



# Does Your Home Group Have a Voice?

***My home group is the foundation of my sobriety. Is my home group a part of AA unity? Is my home group involved in District 30, CNIA (California Northern Interior Area), and AA as a whole? My home group is at the top of the AA pyramid – how is my group going to carry the message without representation?***

## **What is District 30?**

District 30 is your link to AA as a whole. It is how your group assumes the “trusted leadership” position in AA by providing a communications link to the General Service Conference. So that every group in North America can be represented, AA is divided into 93 areas and each area is divided into districts. Some districts comprise as few as five groups while others in large cities may comprise more than 100. Our district includes all groups in Amador and Calaveras Counties. Because we have no central office or intergroup, District 30 operates the AA Hotline and prints meeting schedules as well as providing a link to CNIA, Bridging the Gap, H&I, and PI/CPC.

## **Why should my group have a GSR?**

Each individual AA group, no matter how big or small, is entitled to representation in District 30, CNIA (Area 7), and the General Service Office in New York. Without this representation, your home group does not assume its rightful leadership position. All major changes made in Alcoholics Anonymous begin with the groups, and no changes are made without their input first. The primary role of the GSR is to carry information back and forth from the group to AA as a whole.

## **What is a GSR?**

The general service representative is an elected position with a two-year commitment. Each group is autonomous in the selection, but most groups suggest the GSR have two years of sobriety. They also elect an alternate GSR, who often “steps into” the GSR position with the next panel.

## **What are the responsibilities of the GSR?**

- **Attend district meetings.** District 30 meetings are held the second Saturday of every month from 10 to noon at St. Matthews Church in San Andreas.
- **Attend area assemblies.** There are four assemblies a year hosted by different districts around the California Northern Interior Area. Not only will you share your group conscience with area servants and the area delegate to the General Service Conference in New York but you will also meet and share ideas with new friends throughout Northern California.
- **Be the voice of your group.** Are there specific issues that your group feels concerns AA as a whole? As GSR, you'll bring these issues and/or suggestions to the district, area, and general service conference. You will vote on behalf of your group on other issues set before the district or the area or AA as a whole. The fourth edition of the Big Book would never have happened without active participation from the groups. You'll elect district trusted servants and have a voice in how district money is spent, including your group's contributions.
- **Keep your group informed.** Report back to your group the actions and plans of district, area, and General Service Conference taken on their behalf.
- **Get involved!** You will help all of AA be more effective in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. And by doing service, you will contribute to the quality of your own sobriety.

**“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.” -- Tradition One**

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