

An Inventory on My Service Work

Area Officer

1. What else can I do to promote growth and harmony in our Fellowship? What else can I do to inform the Area about the Conference structure and the current issues now being discussed?
2. Have I reviewed and done a personal inventory on my performance of my duties, as defined by the *Structure and Guidelines* of Hawaii Area and in the *AA Service Manual*? If I need help, do I ask for it?
3. What steps am I taking to let the groups and the Districts know that I am readily available to the fellowship to offer my experience, strength and hope with them?
4. Do I constantly keep in mind Bill W's advice to Trusted Servants:
 - "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example."
 - "A leader in AA service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job."
 - "Good leadership originates plans, policies and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service" but also "remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better and it will give credit to the source." · "Good leadership never passes the buck."
5. What steps am I taking to work on the important aspects of having "the ability to compromise cheerfully: and, at the same time, knowing when it is "truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's convictions about an issue until it is settled"?
6. Who am I? The "elder statesman" or the "bleeding beacon", as Bill W. writes in Tradition Two in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

"The elder statesman is the one who sees the wisdom of the group's decision, who holds no resentment over his reduced status, whose judgment, fortified by considerable experience, is sound, and who is willing to sit quietly on the sidelines patiently awaiting developments. The bleeding deacon is one who is just as surely convinced that the group cannot get along without him, who constantly connives for reelection to office, and who continues to be consumed by self-pity."