

Traditions Skit

Cast: List characters by name

1. **Traditions Wizard/Fairy**
2. **Gossipy Garth**
3. **Authoritative Amy** (*Many speaking lines - loud and with attitude*)
4. **Know It All Karen**
5. **Coffee Carrie**
6. **All Addictions Andy**
7. **Richie Rich**
8. **Outside Oliver**
9. **Social Media Sally**
10. **Narrator**

NARRATOR: *Scenario: A new group has formed out of a resentment from a previous group. All new group members are seated for their first business meeting to create the meeting format, select positions, etc.*

(ALL): *facial expressions: big attitude, grumpy, mean, non-verbal divisive behavior*

(Authoritative Amy) Hiya, everybody. The good old gang is here. I'm so excited. Now that we are not going to that awful Tuesday Winner's Group, we're starting our own meeting and we can start doing it right!

(Gossipy Garth) I'm so excited! Now we can make A.A. better than it already is! Especially better than the other meetings around here (**Folds arms with attitude**)

(Coffee Carrie) Agreed. I ALWAYS tell ANYONE who will listen that the Tuesday Winner's Group stinks. I mean c'mon, they *only* read A.A. published literature....

(ALL): *(everyone moans and groans) Ughhhhhhhh. Yikes! So Strict!!*

(Gossipy Garth) Yeah and I heard from Sandy that Peter and Cory smelled like booze and are probably drinking again. And Sandy heard it from Sally which makes it gospel. Tuesday's Winner's Group just doesn't do recovery right.

(Authoritative Amy): OK OK Back to business everybody. Let's get this show on the road. We are going to start a new meeting and it is going to be the best darn meeting in town!!

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(Richie Rich): Hey whoa!..... What is that bright shining glimmery fairy-like thing? **(Points at Fairy/Wizard)**

(Traditions Wizard) (Walks toward the group) Hello there, fellow drunkards! I am the 12 Traditions Fairy and I have come to pay your new group a visit. Call it ... **(jokingly)** a divine intervention **(Smiles angelically and winks)**

(Traditions Wizard): Now I too am an alcoholic, like you! So will you hear me out?

(ALL): (Agreeing) Yeah sure. Okay. Cant say no to a fairy i guess....

(Traditions Wizard): If we're following **Tradition one**, we probably shouldn't be bashing other AA groups. I mean... the common welfare of AA comes first, right? What if the Tuesday Winner's group is the right meeting for someone else to hear the message?

(Know it all Karen): HA! Doubt it.

(Traditions Wizard): Where is the unity in that? Why would an AA meeting compete with another AA meeting? Not very united if you ask me.

(All Addictions Andy): (sighs) You're right, we shouldn't badmouth any groups. And we probably shouldn't gossip either. How would a newcomer feel?

(ALL): (Everyone looks up and ponders about the newcomer)

(Coffee Carrie): Can we get going? Coffee is ready. I only made Pumpkin Spice coffee because I love it - and if you all don't, well, sorry for you suckers!

(Know It All Karen): (Bangs on table) Oh heck no. Any group of *mine* will NOT be serving any of that bougie seasonal coffee - I want my coffee straight just like how I drank!

(Authoritative Amy): Karen, don't be such a KAREN. I have the final say in the coffee and I happen to like pumpkin spice, dolce lala, sparkle yum yum, all of the flavors.

(Traditions Wizard): Don't forget Karen, it's nobody's group. Not yours either Amy. What if everyone makes a group decision? We are all equal homegroup members here.

(ALL): "Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm"

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 2

[Authoritative Amy]: (Aggressive) Ok, everyone! I'm going to be the chair and enough already. I am calling this meeting to order.

(Traditions Wizard): (Makes a hmpf sound) Don't you think you ought to hold an election so that you can elect a chair?

[Authoritative Amy]: Election? What do you mean? That would take too long. To save us time, I already decided who **ALL** our group officers will be:

The secretary will be my right hand person taking all my notes, so that's a perfect job for my sponsee **All addictions Andy** (*All Addictions Andy raises hand*)

Our treasurer should be **Richie Rich**. He makes a lot of money, and, judging by his fancy car and clothes, he certainly knows how to spend it. (*Richie Rich nods and smiles arrogantly*)

The supply chair will be my best friend (**Social Media Sally**) because she **really** likes to shop (*Social Media Sally is playing on her phone and ignores the conversation*)

[Traditions Fairy]: Hold on, Amy. Hold on! I don't want to offend you, but you're sounding pretty bossy right now. Our **second Tradition** says that we have but one ultimate authority and that is God through our group conscience.

(Gossipy Garth): Hmm... Where have I heard that before? It sounds so familiar (**Puzzled**)

(Know It All Karen): Pretty sure they used to read it at the Tuesday Winner's Group!

(Authoritative Amy): Fine. Since you insist, let's do the election and get it over with, so we can move on.

(Traditions Fairy): It also says that we should make informed decisions and not be hasty..

(Coffee Carrie): I propose that we let Amy chair this meeting and have an official group election later.

(Authoritative Amy): Is anyone opposed to that idea?

(ALL): Nope

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 3

(Richie Rich): I'm glad we were able to get this meeting spot but we're SO new...how can we make our rent?"

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(All addictions Andy): Richie Rich, that's easy! We just spread the word about our meeting to anybody in recovery and get them to donate! It's A.A., we help people recover therefore they will want to give us money and keep our group alive.

(All): .. Makes Sense, For sure, Yeah, Agreed, etc.

(Tradition Wizard): Hey Andy, just to clarify, ***what exactly*** are you helping people recover from?

(All addictions Andy): ***(laughs out loud)*** Does it really matter? All addictions are the same, I'm addicted to everything under the sun. In A.A. we help everybody...

Coffee Carrie: I have a lot of trauma ...

Gossipy Garth: I'm addicted to FOOD, particularly Cheese

Outside Issues Oliver: I'm codependent, and hate being alone!

Richie Rich: I have a gambling addiction - By the way, anyone wanna go to the Hardrock later?

Social Media Sally: I'm hooked on getting attention - I have so many followers now

Know It All Karen: I have to sleep with my vape next to my pillow, tee hee.

(All Addictions Andy): "See? What did I tell you? We're all addicted to something and therefore A.A. is for everybody."

(Social Media Sally): "Hang on, I've never struggled with other substances nor am I a gambling addict. I thought we were here for **alcoholism**."

[All Addictions Andy]: I mean, yeah, we are.. but if we tell people A.A. will help them with their gambling they'll probably give us money instead of gambling!

(Richie Rich): I like the way you think **(BIG SMILE)**

(Outside Issues Oliver): I thought I heard in a Traditions meeting once that A.A. doesn't care what other things people might be addicted to or are struggling with..??

(Tradition Wizard): Oliver, you're right.

(All): ***(Everyone gasps)***

(Tradition Wizard): A.A. doesn't care what other things people may be addicted to or are struggling with. Being an alcoholic is the only requirement for membership. If you struggle with other things, like many of us do, it's considered an outside issue here.

(Outside Issues Oliver): Right! So... I should probably keep telling **non-alcoholics** to just say they are alcoholic when they come to A.A. meetings.

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(Tradition Wizard): "Hang on there sparky, the TRUTH is that A.A. doesn't involve itself in other problems so that we can keep our membership requirement as simple as possible.

(ALL): Wow.

(Traditions Wizard): Our literature tells us in the **Long form of Tradition 3 that our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism** - meaning that if you identify as an alcoholic you are a member, regardless of your other afflictions. But if you do not identify as an alcoholic or a person desiring not to drink, it really will be impossible for you to identify here...

(All addictions Andy): "Yeah but c'mon it's not *that* serious, plus we probably help so many people this way..."

(Gossipy Garth): "To be honest, back in the old group when **Sorry Sarah** used to constantly talk about her marijuana addiction I felt like I couldn't identify with her and wasn't sure if I should have stayed in A.A. I was really struggling with wanting to drink and needed to connect with some alcoholics.

(Tradition Wizard): The 12&12 says... **the good is sometimes the enemy of the best**. Which means, my desire to help all will harm my chances of helping an alcoholic. Now, write this down please ... '**A.A. is not trying to kick anyone out for having other addictions**'. Say it with me..

(ALL): (everyone says aloud) '**A.A. is not trying to kick anyone out for having other addictions**'.

(Traditions Wizard): We are however trying to make sure that the **alcoholic** who is suffering can come to a meeting and know that they are in the right place for them. Remember this - It's not about us anymore, period.

[All Addictions Andy]: Okay Okay I think I am following you.. So you're saying its best to identify myself as an alcoholic only so that I don't create confusion for any newer alcoholics who might not have other issues going on. Is that right?

(Traditions Wizard) "Exactly, and even more than that, the point here is **simplicity**. Keep it simple.

(Coffee Carrie): I always have a seat in A.A. because I am an alcoholic. Because of this identification, I have a seat forever.

Narrator: Transition Tradition 4

(Know It All Karen): I know the perfect way of how we can keep a steady group of members and most importantly keep everyone in line.. with **THIS** list of rules I made up just on the spot!

- Number 1 - We've gotta read the Preamble but only the original one.. You know, men and women. Everyone knows this is the *proper* format for an AA meeting!

Narrator: Holds up inverted triangle poster

(Outside Issues Oliver): Hey wait a minute, the General Service Conference just recently in 2021, voted on a new version of the Preamble using the word 'People' instead of 'Men and Women'.

(Richie Rich): Well, aren't we autonomous? We don't HAVE to follow the new one. Why would they have even changed it anyways?

(Traditions Wizard): You could ask your GSR

(Gossipy Garth): Someone wise once told me that autonomy without consultation leads to anarchy .. meaning it's not just about what *our* group wants

(All addictions Andy): (Dramatically grabs 12&12) Yeah, it says right here in the long form of tradition 4 talking about the group "...with respect to its OWN affairs".

(Social Media Sally): So if it's our own affairs, we can run the meeting however we want!

(Authoritative Amy): That leads to Rule #2 from Karen's list - we MUST read How it works, that's the only way to really hold a meeting.

(Coffee Carrie): When I lived in California, no meetings read how it works, we read More about Alcoholism instead.

(ALL): (WOAH Are you serious? How did you even stay sober doing it that way, wow!)

(Coffee Carrie): We can hold whatever format we want. But, we can't go about changing things that were embraced by AA as a whole, things like our literature.

(All addictions Andy): Yeah that's a good point. If a group decided they didn't like the Big Book, it wouldn't be in their place to rewrite it and claim "Autonomy", right?

(Traditions Wizard): Right, autonomy is not an excuse for breaking other Traditions.

(Outside Issues Oliver): Groups can decide which readings they want to use - such as How It Works or More About Alcoholism. There is no set format anyone has to follow.

(Traditions Wizard): But remember that changing already copywritten A.A. literature like the Preamble is a misuse of Tradition 4 my friends. It's basically saying that your group knows better than the entire group conscience of A.A.

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(Richie Rich): What if I don't like certain "new" changes in A.A.?

(Gossipy Garth): Wait, Wait, I know the answer to this one. We need to elect a GSR so we can have a voice on changes in A.A.

Traditions Fairy: DING!

Narrator: Transition Tradition 5

(Authority Amy): Yes Yes GSR, super important. You should also know...Tradition 4 mentions Rule 62 - Don't take yourself too seriously. So heads up everybody, don't take yourselves too seriously...

(Authority Amy) And on that note, let's get going on creating our meeting format... I declare that on Fridays we have a Big Book meeting and I will lead it. Wednesday we can have a speaker meeting, I'll speak first.

(Outside Issues Oliver): I'd like to propose that our group has a meeting one day of the week with topics on relationship advice and financial advice...

(Know It All Karen): Richie Rich owns a few phone rooms and he can teach us about finances on Mondays. And Jerry can do couples counseling on Tuesday. We will be all tuned up in no time!

(Coffee Carrie): Hey guys! Ever hear of singleness of purpose?

(Traditions Wizard): Singleness of purpose not multi-purpose.

(Richie Rich): Ya know .. I'm kind of embarrassed to ask this but .. what *IS* our purpose?

(Traditions Wizard): Glad you asked Richie Rich, Tradition 5 states "**Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**"

(Social Media Sally): Do you guys even know what message we're carrying?

(ALL):*Looks up to the ceiling confused and pondering*

(Social Media Sally): In the 12th step, it says it right there!

(ALL): "*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry *this* message*"

(Richie Rich): Who's message???

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(Authority Amy): MY MESSAGE!! (Excited)

(ALL): (*LOUDLY*) **A.A.'s message!**

(Know It All Karen): Yeah, not your financial message, Richie Rich (*snarky*)

(Traditions Fairy) - Our literature reminds us that its *“better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly”*

(Coffee Carrie): One common problem, one common solution.

Narrator: Transition Tradition 6

(All Addictions Andy): Now that we're getting up and running, we should make sure that our group grows.

(Authoritative Amy): That's easy. There's tons of rehabs around here with a continuous supply of new comers.

(Know It All Karen): I take meetings into treatment centers through H&I and I can tell them about our group.

(Authoritative Amy): And, in return, we can refer anyone needing detox or outpatient to their facility.
(Amy and Karen High five)

(Richie Rich): That's a great idea Amy! We'll be giving them the AA Seal of Approval.

(Traditions Wizard): Whoa, whoa, whoa if you go down this path you would ACTUALLY be affiliating with the treatment centers and endorsing them. **Tradition 6 warns us about affiliation and endorsements, actual or implied...**

(Richie Rich): Well how about this.. Since our meeting is at a church we can ask them to put our group and meeting times in their bulletin and our venmo info, of course.

(Traditions Wizard): The problem with that is that affiliation would then be implied. People would think that we are in some way partnered with the church even though we aren't. And A.A. is not a religious program.

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(Coffee Carrie): Traditions wizard is right. **We never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 7

(Authority Amy): Speaking of money... it's time to talk about how we're going to afford our meeting space.

(Know It All Karen): And Books!!

(RICHIE RICH): Funny you brought that up because I know a treatment center that will donate to us in exchange for sending their clients to our meeting.

(Social Media Sally): Bro! Great idea! I can ask my halfway house to donate too!

(Coffee Carrie): Hey guys I work at a coffee shop and I bet they'd donate some coffeeespecially if we give them a shout out during the Secretary's report (*elbows person next to them*)

(Gossipy Garth): Wait a minute! I was told we don't accept *donations* ???

(All Addictions Andy): But I donate to the basket every time i go to the meeting ???

(Traditions Wizard): Lemme ask you both an honest question - **Gossipy Garth and All Addictions Andy, are you both alcoholics?**

(All Addictions Andy): Yeah for sure. Booze kicked my ass, repeatedly.

(Gossipy Garth): Oh yeah. Big drinker and powerless over when I stop drinking, if I even stop.

(Traditions Wizard): When you put money in the basket you're actually ***contributing***, not donating. There is a difference.

(Social Media Sally): I don't get it. How is it any different?

(Traditions Wizard): Well you see, we're ***self-supporting***.. meaning...we don't donate to outside entities and we don't accept donations from outside entities or people. And for good reason!

(ALL): *(everybody grabs their ear and leans in...)*

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(Traditions Wizard): Contributing is spiritual – it's about participation. When each of us contributes, that keeps us all shoulder to shoulder while self-supporting. Get it? So every member has an equal stake in A.A.

(Richie Rich): And ... we don't accept outside donations which protects us from outside influences and obligations to any cause other than our very own.

(ALL): Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhh....

(Authoritative Amy): We may need to encourage group members to participate and contribute a bit more while we get established, pay rent, buy coffee, etc.

(Coffee Carrie): But in case we collect excess funds.... Just an idea..... we could help the local animal shelter? You know, just whatever is extra. I love puppies! Woof Woof

(All Addictions Andy): Who doesn't love puppies???

(Traditions Wizard): Tradition 7 talks about prudence. And we know what our primary purpose is... So if the money isn't going toward our primary purpose shouldn't we get rid of it?

(Coffee Carrie): Yes! Exactly !!! So.. to the puppies!!!

(Traditions Wizard): What we have found to be most effective throughout all of A.A.'s history, is that groups contribute their excess funds to their local A.A. structure AND the General Service Board in New York. **This way, the funds are being used to further 12th step work efforts.**

(Richie Rich): And the group isn't tempted to use the money for other purposes...

(Know It All Karen): Wow then we would really be a part of A.A. as a whole.. Like a real responsible A.A. group.

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 8

(All Addictions Andy): Ok guys, I think we can be prudentbut we can also use the money to make business cards with our names on them. We can put our group's name on them too and that we are homegroup members. We can help get the word out about our group.

(Authoritative Amy): I myself have sponsored so many people. I will definitely put that on my cards! I am basically an expert on alcoholism and sponsorship!

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(Traditions Wizard): Fun fact! A.A. has no experts, nor does it have any professional sponsors. In fact, the **8th Tradition warns us about sad attempts to professionalize 12th step work.**

(Richie Rich): Right, we can't get paid for doing 12th step work – and if we're doing it for accolades that's almost just as bad.

(ALL): Accolades.... Gross.

(Traditions Wizard): In A.A. we do not get paid for doing 12th step work. We do, however, have paid special workers who **make** 12th step work possible.

(Coffee Carrie): Well if we have paid workers they better not be getting overpaid!

(Know it all Karen): Did you know this Carrie? **(Beaming so proud of her 'know it all' self)**
Tradition 8 is introducing us to the reality that we can't rely on volunteers to handle the non 12th step work tasks. I read in AA Comes of Age that we had the best secretaries ever - Ruth Hock and Bobby Berger **(hold up a copy of AACOA)**. They were hired by AA to ensure that phone calls and letters were answered. Ruth typed the manuscript for what was to become our Big Book as Bill Wilson dictated each word to her as he stood over her shoulder. There is nooooooo way volunteers would have been able to keep up with that work load and late hours.

(Richie Rich): So Ruth and Bobby were paid for their work, but I can't be paid? **(Suspicious face)**

[Know it all Karen]: Correct, they were making 12th step work *possible* by answering calls and connecting people with other alcoholics and meetings just like Intergroup does today. We have paid special workers in New York who are alcoholics but work at GSO and handle specific assignments like Public Information and the Corrections desk. These workers rotate every two years just like we do in general service even though they are getting paid. They are also not getting paid for doing their own recovery – they are treated as employees not trusted servants when they are working.
The difference between you Richie Rich and them is that you are DOING 12 step work. Our paid workers make 12th step work *possible, big difference*. Oh and Professionals are presumed to be experts in their field, and you my friend are no expert **(smile and laughter)**

(Social Media Sally): I heard we have no experts in A.A. and that is also what Tradition 8 and 12 are telling us.

(Traditions Wizard): Yep. If anyone in A.A. tells you they are an expert just run the other way.

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 9

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(Authority Amy): (Looking at the Inverted Triangle) I want to be our GSR ... AGAIN, I am finally starting to understand how AA operates and this upside down triangle so I will just do it again and keep us involved and informed.

(Social Media Sally): You sure did a great job Amy and I always thought the Triangle just fell over upside down. **(Laughing)**

(Tradition Wizard): Amy we appreciate your service as GSR, but don't you agree we should let others participate?

(Gossipy Garth): (Assertively) Your time in that role has come to an end and it's time for another alcoholic to serve as GSR.

(Authority Amy): Hmmm Interesting! I still think i'm the best person for this GSR service, not gonna lie. I don't see anybody else standing up **(Amy looks around puzzled and arrogantly)**

(Traditions Wizard): Remember ... spirit of rotation ... Tradition 9???

(Authority Amy): Well I think you are right again Tradition Fairy **(fake smile)**. I think Social Media Sally will make a great GSR.

(Social Media Sally): WAIT, What's happening? I didn't even stand. Am I being voluntold???

(Coffee Carrie): Yeah guys, If Sally doesn't even want to be GSR shouldn't we see if there is someone else who maybe wants to take that commitment?

(Traditions Wizard): Of course you are at perfect liberty to handle this matter any way you please. But the majority of A.A.'s shared experience has taught us that rotation is a great equalizer. Remember it's all about Unity.

(All Addictions Andy): YO, Can we just chill out? This is A.A., we aren't organized. Isn't that what Tradition 9 is all about??

(Traditions Wizard): Ya know, i hear that a lot. No organization... don't complicate it. It's just about one alcoholic carrying the message to another alcoholic.

(Richie Rich): Right, Keep it simple!

(Traditions Wizard): True, in its simplest form, A.A., as such, ought never be organized. We don't need to "organize" one alcoholic carrying the message to another alcoholic.

(Traditions Wizard): But when it comes to being effective - don't you think having a necessary amount of structure helps us do that?

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(Social Media Sally): Yeah, I mean think about all the work beyond our group that has to occur so that we can work with newcomers! Probably some organization was involved there.

(Gossipy Garth): Is this like the whole... we have this structure... this inverted triangle... these special workers ... GSO ... a delegate.... A gsr.... but no **human** authority??

(Tradition Wizard): Exactly, we don't want to overcomplicate the spiritual work we do in A.A., but in order to carry out all that is necessary to reach so many alcoholics we have a structure which helps us do that

Narrator: Holds up inverted triangle

(Richie Rich): Wait guys I think I get it, Rotating leadership is how we maintain unity without human authority.

(Traditions Wizard): BOOM

(Coffee Carrie): Why don't we try announcing that we're going to have elections next month and see if anyone wants to participate that way. Ya know, let God handle it?

(ALL): Ok, sure, yeah sounds good, Oh yeah God haha. Great idea Coffee Carrie.

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 10

(Outside Issues Oliver): Let's also get a group conscience on psych meds. My sponsor says I'm not sober because I take anti-depressant meds and they are mood altering, is that true?"

(All Addictions Andy): Pretty sure you are safe my friend. Our literature doesn't actually use the words "mood or mind altering". Feel free to fact check me. It talks about alcohol in any form.

(Coffee Carrie): Pretty sure this coffee is mood altering. Good thing nobody said no coffee.

(Traditions Wizard): Listen guys, Tradition 10 tells us the A.A. cannot express an opinion on outside issues. We define sobriety as freedom from alcohol. Please do not give medical advice. You are not doctors. Psychiatry is NOT something we do here.

(Outside Issues Oliver): Ok but what's our position on politics? I mean i'd love to find a particular brand of AA that speaks to my political beliefs.

(Know it All Karen): In keeping with the theme of making the meeting attractive...our group shouldn't have a position on politics or medications. We're here to carry A.A.'s message to any alcoholics or potential alcoholics. Period.

(Social Media Sally): So you're saying I should stop wearing political hats in meetings?

(Gossipy Garth): Yeah and I should stop asking AA members who they voted for when im standing outside of the meeting room... I GUESS.

(Richie Rich): Seems like A.A. just needs to stay in its own lane. I mean imagine how many people probably wouldn't come to our meeting if they thought we were politically aligned?

(Authoritative Amy): But then how can we make our group seem attractive?

Transition: to Tradition 11

(Social Media Sally): I know how to make our group attractive! We could post on our own social media pages about our new A.A. group and show them how we do things the right way.

(Outside Issues Oliver): Yeah, we can make posts about how spiritual we are and what our primary purpose is and that we have no position on politics or medicine!

(Traditions Wizard): Are you suggesting each one of you break your personal anonymity on social media to promote your group?

(ALL): Yeah!

(Traditions Wizard): Yikes.

(Social Media Sally): Tradition 11 talks about personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film but it doesn't say Facebook or Instagram!

(Coffee Carrie): That's because when the Traditions were written there was no internet Sally...

(Gossipy Garth): oooooo, Got em!

(Social Media Sally): Well then somebody should change it because I break my anonymity all of the time and always promote A.A. on my facebook page...

(All Addictions Andy): Yeah, i've seen you do that. Right after you post about politics and are really aggressive with your words. Super attractive (**SARCASTIC**)

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(Traditions Wizard): Tradition 11 is A.A.'s public relations policy. Although the Tradition doesn't have the word "internet" in it, the ***spirit*** of the tradition is asking each of us to ***sacrifice*** the temptation to break our anonymity on ***any*** public platform.

(Richie Rich): Sounds like A.A. doesn't need us to promote it, in fact it is suggested we never promote it by breaking our anonymity.

(Know It All Karen): Yeah, because whatever else i'm into on social media will no doubt risk someone not coming to A.A. because I broke my anonymity and they see my other interests, whether good or bad.

(Coffee Carrie): Sounds like I need A.A. more than A.A. needs me. I'm not going to break my anonymity again. I don't need to be a hero.

(Know It All Karen): Tradition 11 is a reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. and that each of us ought to become active guardians of our fellowship in its relation with the general public. That's from AA Comes of Age.

(Authoritative Amy): But what if I happen to know better than all of A.A.'s 80+ years of experience

(Richie Rich): Maybe change sponsors because your ego is WILD Amy. LOL. You of all people need to learn humility.

Narrator: Transition to Tradition 12

(Traditions Wizard): Glad you mentioned humility Richie Rich. Humility and Anonymity go hand-in-hand.

(Gossipy Garth): Okay so if that's *Tradition 11 anonymity*, then what's all this Tradition 12 anonymity talk I hear in meetings?

(Richie Rich): Wait, Wait, how do I say that word? ANN... O...NIM..MI ...TEE ? ? ?

(Traditions Wizard): Tradition 12 talks about the spiritual dimension of anonymity, whereas Tradition 11 talks about anonymity as a great protection.

(Gossipy Garth): Yeah Yeah that's right. Something about Anonymity being the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, and something about personalities? Right?

(Traditions Wizard): Tradition 12 is about SACRIFICE. And each A.A. member's willingness to sacrifice personal desires for the common good of A.A.

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(All Addictions Andy): Personal desires like being a popular A.A. member. No big shot-ism inside A.A., that all ties into our unity.

(Coffee Carrie): Yeah so if our meeting turns out to be a hit, one of us .. KAREN..shouldn't be taking credit for that. A.A. doesn't need me, I need A.A., right?

(Traditions Wizard): Right, In order for A.A. to stay unified, we each need to embrace Tradition 12.

(Authority Amy): And to do that means embracing all of the Traditions. Not picking and choosing which Traditions I think are important.

(Know It All Karen): I've never been suggested to pick and choose which of the 12 steps to work. Why would I pick and choose Traditions?

(Social Media Sally): Our unity is what has kept us around this long! Ignoring Traditions is like saying we don't care about the unity of A.A.

(Traditions Wizard): The Traditions are the only reason we're all here. We would've destroyed this thing years ago without them.

(Richie Rich): It's very likely that my kids or grandkids might need A.A. someday. I'm going to embrace ALL of the Traditions so that they have a place to come if they need it.

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