



Letter from a GSR

My first experience as GSR for the Canterbury Monday Group was a very scary time. I need not have had any fear because all the older members made my job so easy and my sponsor literally held my hand. That is and should be the same today, so any new GSRs fear not, you will be guided and gently eased into a very responsible service post.

“Welcome” I was told early doors, “It is a privilege to be a Group Service Representative. You are the conduit between the group and Intergroup, you are one of the most important people in the fellowship locally – do not abuse that position. You have no authority, there are no bosses, so forget the EGO, you are just a ‘Trusted Servant’. Go and do your job as you were elected to do, listen and learn, and get into the middle of the AA bed. Have fun, tell others what goes on at AA and Intergroup.

Be enthusiastic, you are helping to pass the most important message of AA to suffering alcoholics, and educating professionals about our lifesaving fellowship. You must keep ‘right-sized’, don’t boss anyone around, and most of all find humility in all you do in the name of Alcoholics Anonymous”.

God bless all those new GSRs.

Yours in the fellowship of AA,

David W

PS I have continued doing service as GSR, Regional Representative, and many other service posts throughout my AA career, it keeps me sober.