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Removing "39 Meetings" from Guidance Code

8/27/17 - 11:07 PM

#27 on the Ontario rolling agenda

This item confuses me. Requiring accountability of an individual who chooses to attend Gamblers Anonymous meetings is not in violation of our Unity Steps. It may make that member unhappy or embarrassed to need to change their "clean date" if they relapse but this is the core issue in 12 Step recovery; humility must be learned, because (and I speak for myself) it doesn't come naturally for most of us in this program. Unity comes from acknowledging

our faults to one another and moving forward in the pursuit of becoming better, more spiritual beings.

Kathy S

8/28/2017 - 8:45 AM

Kathy, I agree with you on this item. I was very confused as well when I saw this item.

For me, I think the biggest thing that this guidance code item says is that a member will not be rewarded with a coin or pin if they aren't actively attending meetings.

I see nowhere that it says a member cannot celebrate an anniversary. I am all for celebrating with a member on their anniversary, even if they only come to 10 meetings a year. I am NOT for giving that member a coin or pin.

Maybe it's just me, but the coin/pin signify more than just abstinence, it also shows involvement and dedication to the program. I do not see where this conflicts with the Unity Program, but I do see where this will build consistency in a group and consistency will help unity.

Mike R.
