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The Sunday Night Group



"We are people who normally would not mix." How true with much of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The gift of the program, being recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body, is accompanied by a cross section of humanity that makes up our fellowship which is truly beautiful and inspiring: black, white, gay, straight, republican, democrat, undecided, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Johnny Reb and Billy Yank. The list could go on infinitum. Yet many groups, and this is certainly not a negative aspect, are composed of people of similar ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds due to the simple fact that birds of a feather will flock together.

The Sunday Night Group, however, epitomizes the melting pot which is our fellowship. I started attending the group when I was released from a local whiskey farm in 2008, and have watched this group grow from about ten or twelve to door busting, fire code breaking numbers. Old timers mix with newcomers mix with lawyers mix with truck drivers. Cowboys and hippies and kids with so many tattoos and piercings they

could be successful instillation art pieces in a museum sit like packed sardines, shoulder to shoulder, and talk about solution. How can this be? It would make all the logical sense in the world that these specimens of humanity should not be in the same room together, let alone be smiling and hugging each other. Surely, in the dark days of the disease, had you brought together such a motley crew and put them in a bar setting, the cops would be called in a matter of seconds. Yet this is the true miracle of the program of recovery, buttressed by strict adherence to the traditions and concepts, working in real time; one alcoholic helping another, multiplied by the spirit of God. If you have not visited the Sunday Night Group, please do, and, as always, come as you are.

The Sunday Night Group meets at the 720 Club, 980 Barnett Street in Kerrville, Texas, at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays and 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Grapevine Article from Issue Sept 1948

OLD TIMER'S CORNER



Years ago I was taught by those who preceded me that I must ever be on guard--that I'd always be an alcoholic--Thank God I've always remembered it.

When we find envy, jealousy, resentments, creeping into our thinking, let's weed them out. The simple way, it seems to me, is to review our actions each day. Check where we could have been a little more understanding, or tolerant to someone else--whether the time we blew up was really as important as we tried to make it. Let us try to recapture the wonderful feeling we had when we first came into A.A.

We'll usually find, as always, that the fault is within us. So let's talk the misunderstandings out. Let's give the other fellow the word of encouragement that he needs. It is good to get away by ourselves and think things through, honestly, humbly, as we'd advise a newcomer to do.

Dick S.
New York, New York

? Ask it Basket ?

Where did the phrase "I am responsible" come from?

The Responsibility Declaration was written by Al S., a former Grapevine editor and trustee of Alcoholics Anonymous for the 1965 International Convention held in Toronto. Bill W. expanded on the theme in an essay called "Responsibility Is Our Theme" for the July 1965 Grapevine. It became a regular feature of the Grapevine shortly thereafter.

The Responsibility Declaration: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

This goes hand in hand with the Fifth Tradition. The long form says "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

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Tradition of the Month

TRADITION 5

*Each group has but
one primary purpose -
to carry its message
to the alcoholic who
still suffers.*

Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?

Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?

Announcements

April's Birthday Celebrants

Outpost 2211	
Tony N. 12	Shannon K 3
Grace M. 4	Ruth W 4
Robert S. 6	Nancy H 32
Sandy H. 2	Bert B 1
Joseph 2	Trisha 2
720	Cade S 4
Becky B 1	Michelle M 1
Joaquin 2	Pamela H 20
Matt D. 3	Jan 7
Andrew B 18 mo	Guadalupe Group
	Linda B 12

Got a sobriety Birthday coming up.
We like to help you celebrate.

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AA Service Opportunities

HELP WANTED!!

Awesome service opportunity! Reach out to fellow AA's in treatment facilities.
GIVE BACK WHAT YOU BEEN GIVEN!

H&I sign-ups will be held at 2211 (2210 Bandera Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028)

Sunday, May 15th at 3pm
DON'T MISS IT!

THE GRAPEVINE

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Contact Lester (830) 377-6199

For more information

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WE NEED YOU!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP BY ATTENDING OUR MEETING

Wednesday, May 18th @ 6pm at St.

Peter's Episcopal Church, AA Room, 320 Saint Peter Street Kerrville, TX 78028

SPANISH SPEAKING MEETING EVERY SATURDAY

@ 2PM

2211 located at 2210 Bandera Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028

"Are there any AA related announcements?"

says the chairperson. "My name is Joseph. I'm a recovered alcoholic. There is a Spanish language AA meeting at the 2211 every Saturday at 2pm," I reply. If you've been to a single AA meeting in the past two years, and I hope most of you have, you've probably heard a similar exchange, followed always by a sarcastic "Gracias!" or "Ole!" These comments used to frequently end up on my inventory. So did the fact that attendance at the Spanish meeting has never risen above four or five alcoholics. Nowadays, when I reflect on the Spanish meeting I am filled with gratitude, because the blessings I have received by being a part of it far outweigh whatever resentments I may come up with. I've been blessed to have frequent contact with newcomers and the opportunity to give them their first Big Books. I've been shown unflagging love and support by this community. In its storied history the Spanish meeting has taken place at every single AA clubhouse in the area and even a halfway house, but never did we ever have to pay rent. I guess what I am trying to get at is that the blessings of service work allow me to grow and experience AA in ways that I would never be able to do sitting at home alone with a Big Book. Thank you District 12, for letting me be of service.

- Joseph G.

Wanna Get Involved?

The Newsletter Committee is currently seeking volunteers for upcoming Newsletters. Please contact Mike S. if you would like to join the team.
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The Texas Preamble

by Paul W.

Since co-founder Bill Wilson wrote virtually all of A.A.'s early literature, most current members automatically assume he also penned the preamble which is read at the start of most meetings. Surprisingly, this is not the case. The first version of the preamble appeared in the June, 1947 issue of The Grapevine, and was written by Tom Y., the editor at that time. The Grapevine had just begun to circulate among non-alcoholics, and the Preamble was intended to describe the AA program. Eventually, it began appearing in all conference approved literature. However, a group of A.A. members in Dallas felt the preamble's wording was not strong enough. A few months after it first appeared, Ollie L., Dick F., and Searcy W. decided to "beef it up" for the drunks in Texas. Their version, which came to be known as the "Texas Preamble", reads as follows:

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

We are gathered here because we are faced with the fact that we are powerless over alcohol, and are unable to do anything about it without the help of a Power greater than ourselves.

We feel each person's religious convictions, if any, are his own affair, and the simple purpose of the program of AA is to show what may be done to enlist the aid of a Power greater than ourselves, regardless of what our individual conception of that Power may be.

In order to form a habit of depending upon and referring all we do to that Power, we must first apply ourselves with some diligence, but repetition confirms and strengthens this habit, then faith comes naturally.

We have all come to know that as alcoholics we are suffering from a serious disease for which medicine has no cure.

Our condition may be the result of an allergic reaction to alcohol which makes it impossible for us to drink in moderation. This condition has never, by any treatment with which we are familiar, been permanently cured. The only relief we have to offer is absolute abstinence - a second meaning of AA.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement is an honest desire to stop drinking. Each member is a person with an acknowledged alcoholic problem who has found the key to abstinence from day by day by adhering to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The moment he resumes drinking he loses all status as a member of AA. His reinstatement is automatic, however, when he again fulfills the sole requirement for membership - an honest desire to quit drinking. Not being reformers we offer our experience only to those who want it.

AA is not interested in sobering up drunks who are seeking only temporary sobriety. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree and in which we join in harmonious action. Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are those who will not or cannot lend themselves to this simple program--usually men and women who are incapable of being honest with themselves. You may like this Program or you may not, but the fact remains that it works... and we believe it is our only chance to recover.

There is a vast amount of fun included in the AA fellowship. Some people may be shocked at our apparent worldliness and levity, but just underneath there is a deadly earnestness and a full realization that we must put first things first. With each of us the first thing is our alcoholic problem. Faith must work twenty-four hours a day in and through us, or we perish."

This version is still read by many groups throughout Texas. It worked especially well for Searcy, who accumulated 55 years of continuous sobriety before his passing in 2003.



AN INSIDE JOB



Want to go to jail? This question should elicit a normal response of, "Are you crazy? Nobody wants to go to jail." Well, for those of us in jail service work we have a different way to look at this question. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of working the Twelve Steps, we try to get into the jail and carry the message that when the spiritual malady is removed we get to walk as free men and women; even if we find ourselves locked up inside a jail. I know alcoholics who are incarcerated in one of our fine correction facilities who have found more freedom than some people in the "free world". The message of AA brings that freedom to those of us who find ourselves paying our debt to society for the wrongs we committed. When I go "inside" I know the only difference between them and me is they got caught. But by the grace of God there go I.

There is much going on in the CFC (Corrections Facility Committee) of District 12. Our District 12 has been chosen to host the 2012 Area 68 CFC Conference. The first planning committee meeting will be at two o'clock Saturday afternoon on April 30 at the 720 Club. Area officers will be there as well as our District committee members to plan the date, facility, form sub committees, and discuss speakers and events. Anyone wanting to be part of this, or if you just want to find out what this is about and lend your support, please come.

Remember, if you get locked up the CFC of AA will be there for you. See you on THE INSIDE.

- Clay E.



What are some fun things to do in Sobriety?



(Every month we will ask you a question)

Belle J. - Hang out with the new girls from the house at the river, the pool and Six Flags."

Joe H. - Hunt, fish, camp, sober fishing trip, take dog to the river, greatfuls at sober houses.

Jay M. - Golfing, going to the river, bowling, going to the dog park, BBQ, "There is always food at someone's house. I'm never gonna starve in Kerrville."

Brian N. - Country drives, people watching (not the creepy kind), arts and crafts, going to church.

Stephen M. - Deer punching (like with cattle, but with deer).

Kyle N. - Take a trip to San Antonio to the river walk.

Loraine S. - When I lived in Hunt, TX, I loved to put my kayak in the river and spent the day kayaking and fishing - loved it! Miss it!

Shannon K. - Go for a run or hike! It is so beautiful.

Lyle L. - Play black ops and drink coffee.

Anthony B. - Go to the skate park, play volleyball, fish, sightseeing, hang out with friends at a coffee shop.



CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE



Standing in line to use the restroom at a local AA club, I noticed a bookshelf filled with Big Books, 12 and 12's and other selected recovery books. A few months later, I noticed another bookshelf in a different club, more books and pamphlets. I decided to find out just where these

books come from. After asking around, I heard of a "Central Service Office," then after more investigation, an "Intergroup." Now I'm really confused!

After discussing it with far too many people to be busier, I ventured down to the AA Central Service Office in San Antonio. There I found a lot more than just books! I found everything needed to make AA work: AA Helpline phones, sobriety coins, AA office and meeting rooms, 12 step call volunteers, and paid staffers. Pretty much every resource needed to help Alcoholics Anonymous function in a large geographic area.

Certainly this answered the basic questions of what a Central Service Office (CSO) was but I became more interested in how the service structure works. Who pays for all this? I keep hearing about AA Traditions and not owning property, "...lest problems of money, property and prestige diverting us from our primary purpose," but what does that mean exactly?

Most geographic area CSO's, also called Intergroup offices, are supported through contributions from the groups they serve, fundraisers, and small profits generated from the sale of literature

and other items. They are born out of necessity; area AA groups get together and contribute to keep the CSO staffed and running. AA traditionally does not own property. Rented buildings are typically separate from outside entities including AA clubs. There are specific duties and costs with CSO's: keeping meeting schedules, producing newsletters and bulletins, as well as hold calendar events and fundraisers. They also coordinate committee work between GSO and the regional Areas and Districts. All of this responsibility is delegated from the groups and is typically coordinated by the board of Trustees. There is plenty of AA work to go around.

While some areas don't have Central Service Offices, we here in Alcoholics Anonymous Southwest Texas Area 68 are fortunate to have an office centrally located at 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio which is staffed by local San Antonio AA groups. The paid staff consists of an administrative assistant and an office manager who are tasked with keeping the store open and running for us, the AA's who need its services.

Whether your geographic area of Alcoholic Anonymous calls it Intergroup or a Central Service Office, AA service infrastructure is there to help AA operate. It's part of the organization we all call Alcoholics Anonymous, the helping hand of AA ready to help the next suffering alcoholic.



SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA 68 DISTRICT 12 WEBSITE

Check out the Alcoholics Anonymous District 12 website for events and general information: www.aa12.org You can find AA meeting times and locations in the area, covers Bandera, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall and Kimble counties. Whether you're looking for AA Events or Service Meetings, the district site has up to date information. Need help finding AA resources such as the Big Book online or getting in touch with the General Service Office in San Antonio or New York? Try the "Resources" tab. Here you'll find links to AA as a whole. There's so much information at your fingertips, just click.

Are you getting your copy of The Stand?

The official AA newsletter for Area 68, District 12 is called the Stand. Available through your group's GSR or online. They're also distributed to all the area sober houses and sober clubs. If your group isn't receiving the Stand, have your GSR send his/her email to District12Newsletter@gmail.com and we'll add him/her to the list of monthly distribution. Monthly birthdays can also be submitted for printing in the birthday section as well as your own submissions for printing. We also welcome any feedback! What would you like to see, what can we do better? Download your copy of the Stand today, from the AA District 12 website: www.aa12.org or ask your group's GSR.

TEN THINGS

to do instead of finishing an inventory

1. Watch a rerun of a television show.
2. Call him/her...again.
3. Procrastinate. I was going to procrastinate but nah, ill do it later.
4. Isolate. Isolation, its the cure for loneliness.
5. Gossip.
6. Get involved with sober house drama! Oh and be sure to tell yourself its to help out your sober housemates!
7. Facebook. WARNING: Facebooking will not keep you sober.
8. Go to the river. Warning: The river will not keep you sober either!
9. Plan out your next date with him/her even though he/she hasn't called u back. Probably because they were busy or still dating her/him. Or its because of work...or they lost their cell phone....or maybe it's because of they're still dating her/him.
10. Call your sponsor and complain about something totally unrelated to step work.

AA Service Opportunities

Hospital & Institutions

Feeling restless, irritable and discontented? Maybe it's time to be of service and take a meeting into a local treatment center. Bringing meetings to hospitals and institutions is a great way to share your personal experience with living a sober life and give hope to those who can't venture out to a meeting or have never been to one. In the Kerrville area, the H&I Committee holds meetings on the third Sunday of every month where AA's sign up to bring meetings to the four treatment centers. While some TC's have requirements on sobriety time, all are able to be of service. It is not a requirement to have been hospitalized to do 12 Step work at a TC, just share your experience, strength and hope; "what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now."

The format for the meetings and a schedule of the month's volunteer sign up is always available on the District 12 website: www.aa12.org. We do our best to assign two men and two women for each H&I meeting and please keep in mind, some facilities have strict rules on male-female contact. Typically the men meet with the men and the women meet with the women. Recently discharged patients have a 30 to 45 day waiting period before they can return to the facility. One of the four AA's assigned will be designated the chairperson and another, the topic. We share on a topic from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, limit war stories and profanity, and show up fifteen minutes early in order to sign in and prepare. Proper dress is also appreciated.

If you have what it takes to bring a meeting into a local area treatment center and are actively working the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, then come out and sign up. We'll see you there!

HEARD AT MEETINGS....

"Time heals all cuts;
time also cuts all heels."

"An alcoholic is a person
who finds he has nothing in
common with himself."

An alcoholic is a man with
two feet firmly planted in
mid-air."

"Got an H&I?"

I remember sitting in a local treatment center wondering how I was ever going to live my life without alcohol. In my mind, the party was over! I had no conception of what a sober life looked like or what it meant to be happy in sobriety. I also distinctly remember the day that all changed. I remember a group coming to our center to lead an AA meeting. Three smiling faces told three stories of how they were once scared, fearful, and lost and how now they are happy, joyous, and free. Here was something I could relate to, freshly sober men and women telling me what the AA program had done in their lives. They spoke of their experiences. Shared with me their daily lives. What they knew and what they felt. I remember seeing the joy in their eyes and the hope I felt knowing that someone else before me was once sitting in this chair and had somehow found a way out. I wanted to know more. How did they get there? What did they do?

Today, I sign up for H & I commitments every time I get the chance. I show up early and take time to talk with those who now fill the chair I was sat in knowing and remembering the fear and confusion they likely feel. It is a commitment to my self, to the program, and to my fellow alcoholics to give back and offer service in a tangible way. Today, when I make a commitment, I commit. It's a gift of my sobriety to show up and be present. I'm so very grateful for the ability to do so.

In sharing I always try to remember the manner those three shared with me. They spoke in a way that was respectful, honest, and hopeful. No war stories, no lengthy embellishments of how great of a drunk they were (we all are), and they certainly never showed me any reason to doubt their emphatic belief in the AA program. This was so greatly appreciated and today I strive to follow in their footsteps. I know about being alcoholic and so do those folks now in the chairs. I needed to hear about the solution and so do they! That's what makes a good meeting for me today, alcoholics discussing how to stay sober and working the steps. That's what I bring in to H&I meetings, how awesome my sober life is and what it looks like and how I don't have to live the alcoholic lifestyle anymore.

H&I sign up is done every third Sunday of the month at 3 pm with locations varying between the Outpost and the 2211 Club. Information is available on the District 12 website: meeting schedules, location and times, and a schedule of meeting chairpersons.

Take responsibility for your recovery today and get involved. Sign up for an H&I commitment at the next meeting!

Anonymous

FEATURED
CONTRIBUTION

JERSEY girl
by Darlynn C.

Eighteen months ago, my world was so black.
And so were my body, mind, and spirit
It was God that I lacked.
My body was sick, frail, and so very thin.
I soon realized this was a battle I was never going to win.
I heard that for this disease there was a cure.
But in the past, I wasn't really quite sure.
I didn't think my life was unmanageable or I was powerless.
But in reality, I was just in denial and being very cowardice.
My life was filled with anger, worry and fear.
And I knew if I kept going my end would be very near.
And so truly by the grace of God,
He looked down upon me and waved his golden rod.
He gave me the willingness to pick up the phone.
I looked up at him and said "God I don't want to die all alone".
And thanks to my mom the very next night,
My ass was headed to Texas on a long non-stop flight.

It was such a relief to be safe and sound.
At a place in Hunt where soon,
My new life would be found.
The scorpions, snakes, and tarantulas
Were a bit of an issue.
Because where I am from, to see them, requires a visit to the Bronx zoo.
Soon after, I surrendered over my whole life to God my creator.
Wow, it felt nice.
I started to listen and do what I was told.
And I learned it was bad for me to try to be in control.
Very soon after things started to make sense,
I realized that in God's world, nothing is coincidence.
My time in Hunt was soon ended.
Oh God, where should I go to stay on the mend?
I knew I didn't want to continue to roam.
So God decided Kerrville should be my new happy home.

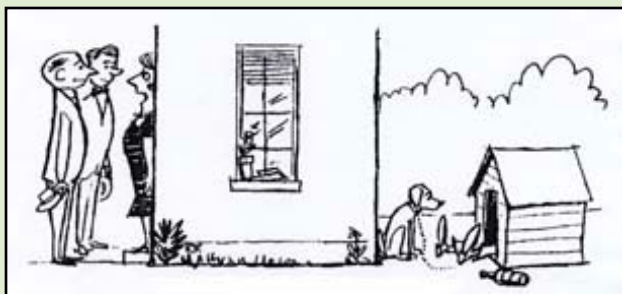
So many new fears and concerns,
But so much more God has for me to learn.
Clean house, trust God, and being of service.
I am his child and I now know I have a purpose
To spread this message and share the solution,
And stop living in a world of delusion.
Starting to live life without expectations,
Has brought me so much peace and a promise of salvation.
To live with open-mindedness, honesty, and willingness,
At first it seemed scary but now I am in pure bliss.

Living just for today with hope and faith,
Is something that words cannot even explain.
Living life of Thy will, not mine, be done,
Has given me freedom and I'm having so much fun.
So I beg all of you to please at least try it.
For you will see a new life, I promise, that is so serene and quiet.
And for a really cool twist,
God even gave this Jersey Girl a job in the trash business.

And last but not least,
I would like to thank all of you, not ya'll.
For helping me to learn how to stand very tall.
And for accepting me when I'm tan in the winter,
And cursing all the time,
And, of course, calling me Snooki.
Cause she is so very divine.
So I'm wishing there is some hope in this poem for you,
And very soon you will see this will be your life too.
I love being a part of this big family
Where I now live in a world of light
And I no longer have to struggle or continue to fight.
I've learned to start how to love being me
So thanks, you guys, and God cause now my life
Is truly so happy, joyous, and free.

Got an poem, article, or personal story you
would like to share?

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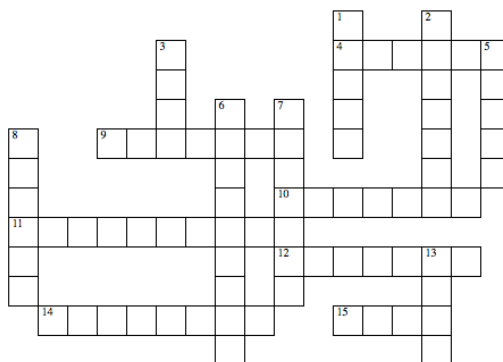


"For Fido's sake please add a new chapter in your Big Book
entitling it "To the Family Dog !." - Grapevine.org

District 12 Newsletter Focus

*To inform the AA community of information pertaining to
District 12, Area 68, and GSO and to enlarge group
participation.*

District 12 Crossword



ACROSS

- 4 Go higher
- 9 For which something exists
- 10 A thing difficult to achieve
- 11 An event or occurrence used to help others
- 12 Lacking consideration for others
- 14 Person who has recently join a group
- 15 A feeling of expectation

DOWN

- 1 Take an idea to a specific group
- 2 The action of helping or doing work for someone
- 3 Kojak's lack
- 5 To consume
- 6 Freely offer to take part in a task
- 7 Most though provoking
- 8 Free of deceit
- 13 Pour out violently

ON GOD by Bill H.

God is most often conceived of as the supernatural creator and overseer of the universe. God has also been conceived as being incorporeal (immaterial), a personal being, the source of all moral obligation, and the greatest conceivable existent.

In AA, we became introduced to the "God as we understood Him" concept. This was a revolutionary concept because most religions try to define God and those who worship Him via that religion typically share similar conceptions. The application of God in AA supports all individual conceptions of God because it is universal and it depends absolutely on the recognition of a Power higher than man -- the Creative Spirit over all. It is not strange that people should differ in the ways in which they realize this fact. The name is immaterial.

Okay, here we go with my opinion: the Creative Spirit is in all things. If all great religions on earth are monotheistic, then it follows that all believe that the Power Itself is one and the same thing. I have long held that we are each allowed different conceptions of God and that it is likely that we are all wrong. How on earth could I wrap my finite mind around something so large? The universe is still quite the mystery and I like it that way. It is easier to have faith and stay out of doubt. Does it matter?

Since "faith without works is dead," however, more has to be done than the mere faith in God. This is only the beginning. And it is in the sequence of other steps in the technique that the alcoholic soon realizes the unique and amazing practical value. Ultimately, the 12 steps take me to a place of love, tolerance and service. According to the 12th step, sponsorship is the ultimate goal for anyone taking the steps. I'm grateful to the folks who did their best in the 1930's to help us have this process so we can recover from alcoholism.

From the desk of Tommy F.

Hello Friends,

It sure is a busy time of the year for AA and District 12. The 61st General Service Conference is going on in New York April 30th through May 7th, and judging from what the Southwest Texas Area 68 Delegate shared last week at the Area 68 Pre-Service Conference in Corpus Christi they sure have a lot on the agenda. The "mock" Conference that I attended in Corpus gave me the feeling of being there and a look at some of the agenda items that were going to be considered. Our Delegate and Area 68 will be a hot item at this years Conference. First off they will announce that Corpus Christi won the bid in hosting the 2014 Southwest Region Assembly (SWRAASA). This Assembly takes place every other year and Area 68 is excited to be the host for 2014. On another exciting note, Area 68 will have a nominee at the General Service Conference for a Trustee!!! Past Delegate Brent B. of Austin was elected earlier this year by Area 68 to be our candidate for Trustee. Our Delegate will introduce him and read off his Service Resume in an attempt to bring an AA Trustee from our great Area 68. We can

look forward to our Area Delegate making a trip here in the near future to give her report and share her experience.

Closer to Home, District 12 was awarded to Host the 2012 CFC Conference and Clay and Josie have already started to put together a committee to make it all happen. If you want to get on board please contact CFC Chairperson Clay E.

District 12 is also proud to announce that Andrew B. has been voted in to replace Greg B. for the Treatment Facilities Chairperson. Andrew could really use your support as he climbs on board to fulfill the term and maintain the consistency of the wonderful H&I Meetings across the District.

In closing I will be busy this month myself doing workshops and speaking at different Districts in South Central Texas. Please stay tuned in to all District activities with your newsletter and website www.AA12.org. I also ask that you send in any changes of GSR's or Meetings in your group to me. June 3rd is the deadline to update group information with the World Service Office for their National Directory!!!

In the Spirit of Love and Service
Tommy F - District 12's Current DCM

UPCOMING AA EVENTS

AREA 68	WHERE	WHEN
Sponsorship Workshop	Spring Branch	May 1
SWTA 68 Fall Conference Planning Committee Meeting	San Antonio @ Club 12	May 11 6pm
District 4 Picnic - Mill Pond Park	San Saba	May 21
DISTRICT 12	WHERE	WHEN
District 12 Monthly Meeting	Medina	May 1
H & I Signup @ 2211	Kerrville	May 15
Public Information Committee Meeting	St. Peter's Ep. Church	May 18 6 pm

HAM ON WRY

Words that are difficult to say when you're drunk:

Preliminary Innovative Aluminum

Words that are very difficult to say when you're drunk:

Specificity Loquacious Transubstantiate

Words that are absolutely impossible to say when you're drunk:

"Thanks, I've had enough." "Sorry, but you're not my type."

"You're right; I can't jump over that table."

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A priest gets stopped by a cop for speeding. The cop smells alcohol on the priest's breath, and sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the back seat. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," the priest says. The cop says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks back at the wine bottle and says, "Oh my Lord, He's done it again!"

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