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OF THE
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AREA 68
DISTRICT 12
OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS

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DISTRICT 12 NEWS-
LETTER FOCUS — TO
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COMMUNITY OF IN-
FORMATION PER-
TAINING TO DIS-
TRICT 12, AREA 68,
AND GSO AND TO
ENLARGE GROUP
PARTICIPATION.

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Concept VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finances, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Concept 8 deals with the manner in which the Trustees of the General Service Board discharge their obligations and delegate their executive function to its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The Trustees are the guarantors of good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The Trustees of the General Service Board meet this daunting responsibility by electing the Directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees. The executive direction of these functions is embedded in the service corporations themselves, rather than the General Service Board. Each corporate service entity should possess its own bylaws, its own working capital, its own executives, its own employees, its own offices and equipment. Thus the Trustees are not burdened or distracted by the little details and endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including the *Grapevine*.

When this concept was written, Bill emphasized that an early mistake of the General Service Board was trying to run the service functions directly. The result was “too much *concentration* of money and authority.” The board must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership. The board’s attitude must be that of custodial oversight.

Concept 8 has served us well since 1962. But much has changed in the financial picture the last 60 years. The separate service corporations of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. are facing huge challenges in this area. This separation has, to date, allowed us to avoid the *concentration* of money and authority. Maintaining this separation may not be enough to meet the challenges we now face. A plan to change our separately incorporated structure was submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference, the same time I was serving as your Delegate. The proposed plan, to have one Board serving both AAWS and the Grapevine, did not come out of the Conference Trustees Committee as a recommendation and, therefore, not debated on the floor. The proposed plan came up again as a floor action, but the Conference voted not to consider, meaning there would be no discussion on the floor. It was very interesting to being a witness to this process firsthand.

Pam J.

Quotes on Step 8

"We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol." *Alcoholics Anonymous* pg. 76

'To put a finger on the nearby and most deeply damaged ones shouldn't be hard to do. Then, as year by year we walk back through our lives as far as memory will reach, we shall be bound to construct a long list of people who have, to some extent or the other, been affected. We should, of course, ponder and weigh each instance carefully. We shall want to hold ourselves to the course of admitting the things we have done, meanwhile forgiving the wrongs done us, real or fancied. We should avoid extreme judgments both of ourselves and others involved. We must not exaggerate our defects or theirs. A quiet, effective view will be our steadfast aim.

Whenever our pencil falters, we can fortify and cheer ourselves by remembering what A.A. experience in this Step has meant to others. It is the beginning of the end of isolation from our fellows and from God.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 81

Tradition Eight

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

Tradition Eight:

Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions?

If not, what needs changing?

When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?

Do I sometimes try to get some reward – even if not money – for my personal AA efforts?

Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?

Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?

In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition.

Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet "AA Tradition – How It Developed?"

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How does your group support newcomers?

Giving a newcomer a packet full of great AA info tailored just for them, along with a meeting list and phone numbers is a great start!

Public Information Committee has put these together for you to get you started.

**Call or text Kathleen K. PI Chair, for more info.
(830) 377-5890**

Tradition Eight: Long Form

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.

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Boerne Hwy Group

Last Friday of Each month 8:00 P.M. Birthday and Speaker and CAKE!!!

Step Eight:

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

For me, the eighth step was about willingness. I had gone through the seven previous steps, and they served as a stepping stone to get me to the point that I could clearly see the wrongs that I had caused.

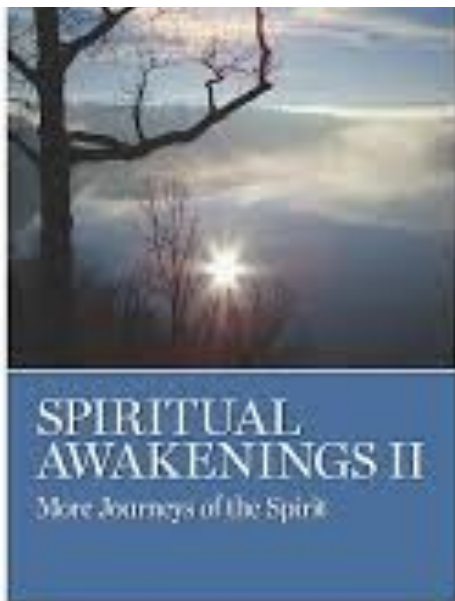
I made a searching and fearless moral inventory in step four and went over it with my sponsor in step five. Honestly, I was afraid the first time I did this because I had never looked at myself and my actions like that, and I definitely didn't want someone else looking at me like that, but it was a very necessary piece of the whole picture.

Having gone through the whole process of sharing my life story with another person and having a fresh perspective made it possible to see my wrongs in a new light. Making a list from this point was relatively simple. I took good notes!

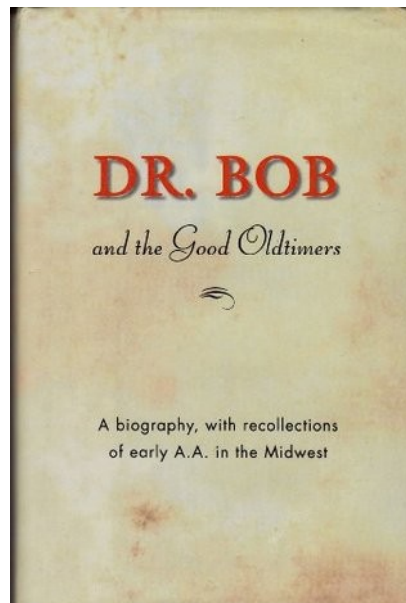
The issue wasn't actually making the list. I found that becoming willing was the hurdle I had to jump. I Don't like to sound cliché, but prayer and meditation was the only way I could gain the willingness. The freedom that comes on the other side of that willingness is immeasurable.

Robert S.E., Kerrville

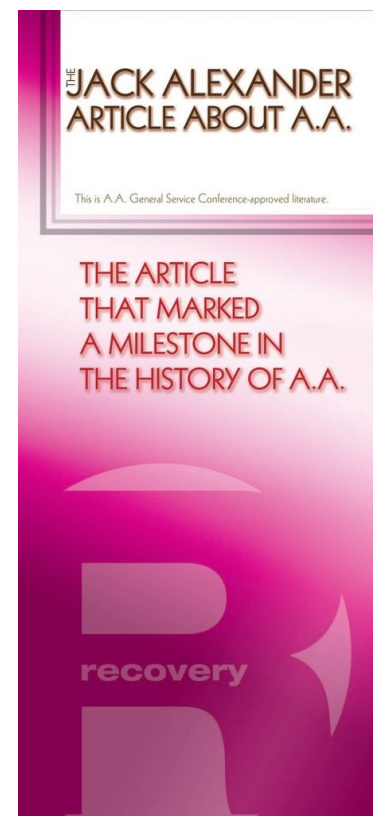
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Suggested Reading
**Grapevine Book of
the Month**



Suggested Reading
**AA Book of
the Month**



Suggested Reading
**Pamphlet of
the Month**

Welcome to Alcoholics Anonymous Southwest Texas Area 68 - District 12

WELCOME TO DISTRICT 12 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
...serving Bandera, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, and Kimble counties in the hill country of Texas.

Anybody can look at the schedules and events here, but if you want the full benefits of the site as a District 12 A.A. member, **please** register and login. The more District 12 A.A. members who sign up, the more useful the site becomes!

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There are many opportunities to get help or to help other alcoholics in our district.
To learn more about service opportunities, [click here](#).

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Note From Your DCM

On July 14–16, 2017 the SWTA Summer Workshop was hosted by District 1E in Castroville, Texas. The theme was “There is a Solution.” District 12 was well represented. Jonathan S., Alt Delegate, talked about the A.A. Regional Forum. Denise T., Area Delegate, discussed the main points from the General Service Conference. I attended workshops—Newsletter and CFC. It didn’t really occur to me until Randall T., Area CFC Chair, said this was the last area workshop for Panel 66. We did an Area Inventory. Great speakers from District 1E and GSRs from all over the Area, including Sam L. from our District, shared on steps 1-6.

At the next District meeting, August 13, 2017, nominations for District Officers and Chairs will be accepted. These are :

	DCM	Alt DCM	Secretary
	Alt Secretary	Treasurer	Alt Treasurer
Chairs:	Archives	Bilingual	CFC
	Grapevine	Helpline	Newsletter
	PI/CPC	Treatment	Webmaster

We will be voting on these positions at the September 10, 2017 District Meeting at 2:00 at the 720 Club. K.C.H., Area Archives Chair will also be there to share. The District Workshop should be on your calendar. Please also put on your calendars—

Fall 2017 SWTA68 Voting Conference October 13–15, 2017
Knights of Columbus Hall
1015 N. Austin Street Seguin, Texas 78155
and

2017 Southwest Regional Forum October 20–22, 2017
San Antonio Marriot NW 3233 Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge
San Antonio, Texas 78213-2866 (210)377-3900

Hope to see everyone at the 42 annual Hill Country Roundup “W.H.O.—Willingness, Honesty, and Open-mindedness” At the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, August 18–20.

Yours in service, Sandy T. District 12 DCM

Upcoming Workshops/Voting Conferences and Assemblies/ District Meetings:

August 13, 2017: Jonathan S, Area Alternate Delegate, Presenter

September 8-9, 2017: PI/CPC Workshop— Bastrop Best Western Bastrop Pines Inn

September 10 , 2017: District meeting — K. C. H., Area Archives Chair, Presenter

October 8, 2017 : District meeting — Rae T., Area Secretary, Presenter

October 13-15, 2017: Voting Conference & Assembly — Seguin, Tx

October 20-22, 2017: Southwest Regional Forum — San Antonio Marriot Northwest

November 12, 2017 : District meeting — Cathy H., Area Alternate Chair, Presenter

December 10, 2017 : District meeting

**“SELF-SUPPORT: WHERE
MONEY AND SPIRITUAL-
ITY MIX”**

***WHERE TO SEND YOUR
GROUP’S 7TH TRADI-
TION CONTRIBUTIONS***

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HELP WANTED

Reach out to fellow AA’s in treatment facilities. “GIVE BACK WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN!” H&I sign-ups will be held at the 720 Club, Kerrville, TX 3rd Sunday of the Month

**WE NEED YOU! HELP CARRY THE MES-
SAGE BY SHARING YOUR STORY WITH
THE DISTRICT! ALSO LOOKING FOR
GROUP HISTORIES, UPCOMING GROUP
EVENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS! REMEM-
BER, THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! BE A
PART OF IT! Contact:**

Pjmcdan@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

4:00 PM - Registration & Hospitality
6:00 - 7:30 PM - Dinner: Sandwiches
7:30 PM - Opening Ceremony
7:45 PM - Raffle
8:00 PM - AA Speaker: Georgia B.
10:00 PM - Hospitality Room Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 AM - Breakfast Tacos: Hospitality Suite
8:00 AM - Sunrise Meeting:
AA - Main Ballroom

Al-Anon Meeting - Room D

9:30 AM - Workshop: Sponsorship

10:45 AM - Raffle

11:00 AM - AA Speaker: Debra V.

12:30 - 2:15 PM - Lunch Break

2:15 PM - Raffle

2:30 PM - Afternoon Meeting:

Collegiate Speaker - Ballroom

Al-Anon Meeting - Room D

3:45 PM - Al-Anon Speaker: Corrie L.

5:00 - 6:00 PM - Pizza

6:00 PM - AA "Old Timers" Meeting

7:30 PM - Raffle

8:00 PM - AA Speaker: Brian P.

10:00 PM - Hospitality Room Closes

10:00 PM - Band: "Flashbacks"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - Sunrise Meeting

AA - Main Ballroom

Al-Anon Meeting - Room D

9:30 AM - Raffle

10:00 AM - AA Speaker: Lon L.

12:00 PM - Round Up Concludes

QUESTIONS? - EMAIL US

info@hillcountryroundup.org

SPEAKERS



Jim W. - Fredericksburg, TX



Georgia B. - L.A., CA



Debra V. - Jacksonville, FL



Brian P. - Round Rock,



Lon L. - Jacksonville, FL



Corrie L. - Alabama



Collegiate/Young Person AA Speaker

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Started in 1975, this year's Round Up marks the 42nd anniversary of a time-honored event, hosting 800-1,000 recovering persons from all over the state of Texas.

For 42 years, Round Up has provided a place for area alcoholics to fellowship, reconnect, listen to speakers, and enjoy some awesome food and fun.

This year we will have five Raffles, with fabulous prizes.

The Hospitality Room will be open all three days of the conference, offering free coffee, tea, lemonade, water, desserts, snacks and conversation. Hospitality Suite will be closed during speaker meetings.

MEALS INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

FRIDAY

Dinner - Sub Sandwiches

SATURDAY

Breakfast - Tacos

Lunch - Extra time to visit Kerrville

Restaurants

Dinner - Pizza

SUNDAY

Breakfast - Doughnuts