

THE OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER
OF THE
SOUTHWEST
AREA 68
DISTRICT 12
OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS

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

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Concept X

“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charter and bylaws.”

Our service structure cannot function effectively unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority. That is why this Concept is so important to our structure. While there is always an emergency ultimate authority to provide checks and balances, each level of service has delegated authority to perform their duties and functions without undue influence or interference from others.

Beginning with the group, Concept I states the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” resides with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The detail of which topics for discussion or items of concern are forwarded to the Conference by the Groups via the GSR is discussed at our District meetings and at our Area Assemblies.

The Conference, in turn, *delegates* to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.’s affairs (Concept III) on its behalf. The detail of what topics and /or items are forwarded by the Conference to the General Service Board are reported to the Fellowship via a printed Final Report distributed to the Fellowship following the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

The General Service Board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations – A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine Inc. The General Service Board *delegates* to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities.

The directors of AAWS and the AA Grapevine are in authority over the executives of these corporations, but *delegate* to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities.

And lastly, the executives of AAWS and the AA Grapevine *delegate* to the General Service Office and Grapevine staff members and other employees the *authority* necessary to carry out their important service jobs. The benefit to the Fellowship of this *delegation* of responsibility and authority is immense. Many of our members receive their monthly edition of the AA Grapevine with news and stories of and by our members. The Grapevine also provides books, CDs, and an abundance of informative materials used by our members on their journey. Our service entities receive service materials (pamphlets, guidelines, displays, etc.) vital to their efforts to carry the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic. Our groups have access to the books, pamphlets, displays, wallet cards, etc., etc. used in our scheduled meetings to achieve our primary purpose as defined by Tradition 5.

Pam J.

Quotes on Step 10

'This thought brings us to Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code. "

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 86

"The emphasis on inventory is heavy only because a great many of us have never really acquired the habit of accurate self-appraisal. Once this healthy practice has been groomed, it will be so interesting and profitable that the time it takes won't be missed. For these minutes and sometimes hours spent in self-examination are bound to make all the other hours of our day better and happier. And at length our inventories become a regular part of everyday living, rather than unusual or set apart."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Pg. 89

"Much has already been said about receiving strength, inspiration, and direction from Him who has all knowledge and power. If we have carefully followed direction, we have begun to sense the flow of His Spirit into us. To some extent we have become God-conscious. We have begun to develop this vital sixth we must go further and that means more action."

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 85

Tradition Ten

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?

Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?

What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?

What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?

Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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How does your group support newcomers?

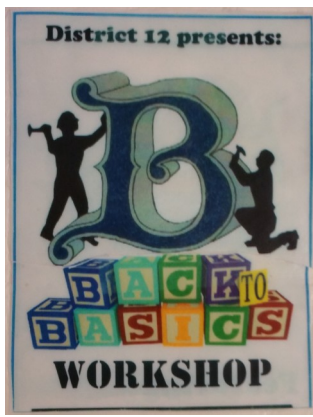
Giving a newcomer a packet full of great AA info tailored just for them, along with a meeting list and phone numbers is a great start!

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 Ten: Long Form

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.



District 12 hosts “Back to Basics” Workshop!

On September 23rd, District 12 held its highly anticipated “Back to Basics” workshop at the Outpost Club in Ingram, Texas. Volunteers arrived as early as 9:00 a.m. to make preparations in order to accommodate attendees from all over the district. Envoys armed with flyers had been dispatched to meetings all over the district to announce the event. Word of the workshop was received enthusiastically everywhere.

The workshop began unceremoniously with attendees arriving at the sign-in table well before the scheduled start time of 12:00. There they were greeted by members of the welcome committee and issued name tags. Most offered to help, but by then, displays had been erected, decorations had been hung, and lunch was ready to be served.

At noon folks began lining up to be served by the volunteers of the hospitality committee. Things moved quickly as people were served up brisket, sausage, and smoked turkey along with pinto beans, potato salad, and coleslaw.

At 1:00, John B., workshop co-chair and emcee, got things rolling by gathering everyone’s attention and giving the mic to Sandy T., District 12 DCM. Sandy thanked all for their attendance and thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. Sandy is the outgoing DCM and will be relieved by Tracy M. in January. After Sandy’s brief statement, John acknowledged the hard work of his co-chair, Sam L., and all the committee chairs: Michelle J., Welcome, Teresa J-D., Hospitality, Al P., Program, and Tony F., Publicity.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to three hours on the topics: Home Group, Sponsorship, and Service Structure. Each hour began with a brief presentation followed by a panel of old-timers and good-timers, (all from District 12), answering questions from the ‘ask-it-basket’ which was filled with questions that had been submitted by folks attending the workshop. Mark Br., from 2211, was the presenter for the Home Group hour. After his talk he joined the panel consisting of Dan D., Martha W., and Marty M. The Sponsorship hour was presented by Bob C., from the Fellowship Group, with co-panelists Ray B., Mike P., and Al P. Finally, the Service structure portion was presented by Jayson J., from the Bandera Group, backed up by Jim W., Kathleen K., and Mitch H.

Attendees came from groups in Kerrville, Ingram, Fredericksburg, Boerne, Center Point, and Bandera. Twenty different groups were identified as home groups for the nearly 100 attendees.

When incoming DCM Tracy M. was asked if she would like to see more workshops during her upcoming tenure as DCM, she emphatically replied, “Absolutely!”

If your group has an event coming up and would like it in the newsletter, please contact:

Pjmcdan@yahoo.com

Boerne Hwy Group

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

Step Ten:

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

The Tenth Step is the teen years of the Steps for me. This Step makes me start acting like an adult or make my amends. For me, it is about honesty, humility, courage and acceptance.

Honesty is something I had to learn. I am still learning how to be completely honest. In "how it works," it talks a little about honesty. I needed to grasp and develop a manner of living that demands rigorous honesty.

I learned how to look at my actions with honesty: Did I do my best? Were my actions based on fear, anger or love? Am I looking at my actions, and not just my intentions? Am I telling the whole story or just the parts I want others to hear? And at the end of the day, I ask myself: Did I do what I said I would do?

Humility teaches me that there are other people here besides me. I'm not always first or last; sometimes others get the job, the girl, or whatever it is sometimes.

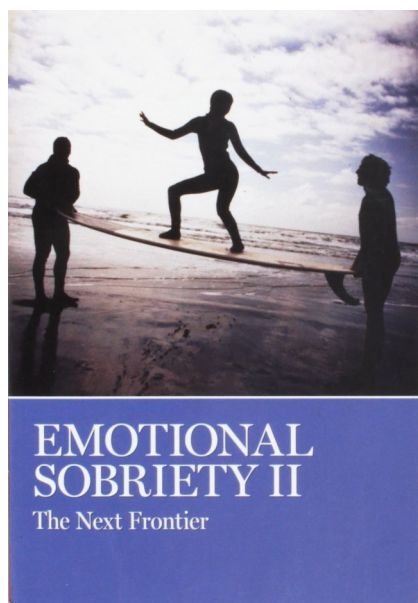
With humility, I can learn what my strengths and weaknesses are and what I'm good at and what I need to work on. I'm no better or worse than anyone else.

I've learned that there is no "us or them," nor "me or you." There is only "we." We are all just trying to get through this life as best we can.

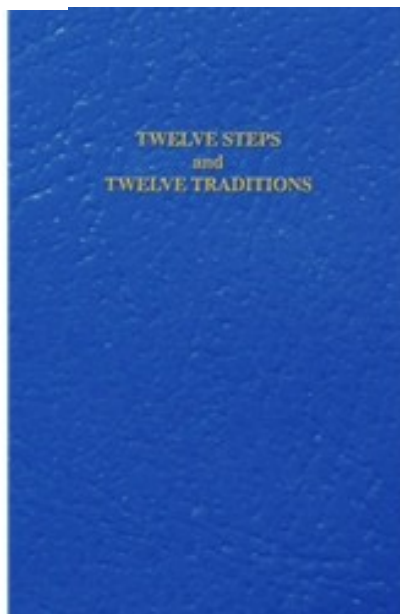
I have to remember to pray for courage to do the things I need to do and to do God's will. I need to pray for the courage to change my actions when I'm having problems with people, places and things. And courage to look at my part in a problem and make my amends. I ask for the courage to do the mundane things in life I need to do but don't want to. And the courage to do things to improve my life. Lastly, I pray for the courage to say I'm wrong.

Acceptance has a big learning curve for me. I try not to waste so much time trying to changing things that aren't mine to change. Acceptance for me is that I'm the one who needs to change in accordance with people, places and things. Jeff H., Columbus Missouri

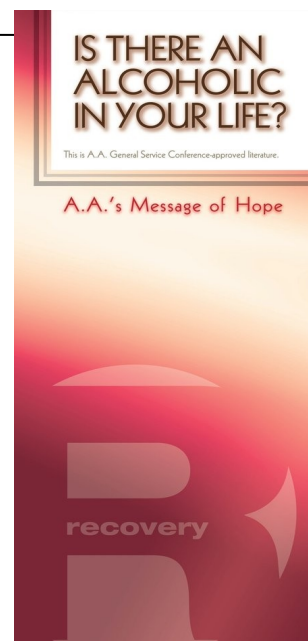
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Suggested Reading
**Grapevine Book of
the Month**



Suggested Reading
**AA Book of
the Month**



Suggested Reading
**Pamphlet of
the Month**

Fall 2017 SWTA 68 Voting Conference

"Trusted Servants Sought"

Hosted by District 2

October 13th-15th, 2017

Knights of Columbus Hall

1015 S Austin St.

Seguin, TX 78155

Lodging available:

Hampton Inn

1130 Larkin Ave, Seguin, TX 78155
(830) 379-4400

Holiday Inn Express

2801 Jay Rd, Seguin, TX 78155
830-379-4440

Map of Hotels/KC Hall on back

Room Rate: \$99/Night

Group Discount Code: Southwest Texas Area 68

Discount not valid with online reservations

-----Detach and Return-----

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Badge Name _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Make Checks Payable To:
District 2

AA Registration @\$10 Each= \$ _____

Scholarship Donation= \$ _____

PO Box 1694

Total= \$ _____

Canyon Lake TX 78155

www.area68district2.org

830-491-1171

fallassemblyarea68@gmail.com

AA District 12
Texas Area 68

HOME COMMUNITY MEETINGS ACTIVITIES SERVICE NEWSLETTERS CONTACTS

24-Hour Help Line
(800) 812-6821

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!

GET INVOLVED!

There are many opportunities to get help or to help other alcoholics in our district.

To learn more about service opportunities [click here](#)

Check out the NEW WEBSITE!!

www.aa12.org

The more who register,
the more useful the website.

Post or Update Your Meetings!

Post Events!

Everyone who registers can be notified!

Note From Your DCM

It has been a busy, exciting month for District 12. At the last District Meeting (September 10, 2017) we nominated and elected the new Panel 2018-2019 officers and chairs. Congratulations to:

DCM – Tracy M.	Alt DCM – Kathleen K.	Secretary—Katie B.	Alt
Secretary—Courtney A.	Treasurer—Al P.	Alt Treasurer—Patrick	
M.PI/CPR Chair—Jim W.	Treatment Chair—Rock L.	CFC Chair—Sandy	
T.Webmaster—Sam L.	Archives Chair—Marty M.	Newsletter—Open	
Helpline Chair—Open	Grapvine/La Vina Chair—Joseph N.		
	Bilingual Chair—Open		

District 12's workshop on September 23, 2017 was powerful, fun, and full of information thanks to ask-it-basket questions. Hats off to workshop chairs John L., Sam L., and their committee members. Thanks to everyone (the awesome flyer, presenters, panels, food consultants, sign-in, set-up, clean up crews, and everyone who came!)

Reminder: Voting conference October 13-15 2017 In Sequin, Texas at the Knights of Columbus, 114 N. Austin St. You must come! It is all about the third legacy procedure. It is so exciting and you will never forget it.

Next:

2017 Southwest Regional Forum October 20–22, 2017

San Antonio Marriot NW

3233 N.W. Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge

San Antonio, Texas 78213-2866 (210)377-3900

This is a unique opportunity for all members to share their experience, strength, and hope. All General Service Board members of Alcoholics Anonymous will be there. The Regional Forum only happens in our Area once every 22 years.

Yours in service, Sandy T. District 12 DCM

Upcoming Workshops/Voting Conferences and Assemblies/ District Meetings:

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***

DISTRICT LEVEL SUPPORT -

DISTRICT 12 TREASURER
P.O. BOX 290556
KERRVILLE, TX 78029-0556

AREA LEVEL SUPPORT -

SWTA 68 TREASURER
P.O. BOX 720651
MCALLEN, TX 78504

WORLD SERVICE SUPPORT -

THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
P.O. BOX 459 NEW YORK, NY
10164-0423

District 12 Trusted Servants

DCM - Sandy T.
Alt DCM - Tracy Mc.
Treasurer - David S.
Alt Treasurer - Brian M.
Secretary - Sarah J.
Alt Secretary - Clay S.
PICPC - Kathleen K.
CFC - Marty M.
H&I - Jim W.
Newsletter- Patrick Mc.
Grapevine- Joseph N.
Archives - Jayson J.
Bilingual - Horatio M.
Webmaster - David H.

SWTA 68 Panel 66 Area Officers &

Committee Chairs

Delegate	Denise T.	delegate@aa-swta.org
Alt. Delegate	Jonathan S.	altdelegate@aa-swta.org
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Alt. Chair	Cathy H.	altchair@aa-swta.org
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Archives	K.C. H.	archives@aa-swta.org
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P.I./C.P.C.	Larry L.	pi-cpc@aa-swta.org
SWTA 68 WEBSITE		http://www.aa-swta.org

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

2017 Southwest Regional Forum **REGISTRATION FORM**

PRE-REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: WWW.AA.ORG

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? ☐
 Is this your first Regional Forum? ☐

Information provided is "Confidential"
 and will only be used for this Regional Forum.

Mail to G.S.O to Arrive by: **October 16, 2017**

General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,
 Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
 Att: Regional Forums

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM 2017 Southwest Regional Forum **October 20-22, 2017**



San Antonio Marriott Northwest
 3233 NW Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge
 San Antonio, TX 78213-2866
 (210) 377-3900

For reservations call: (800) 228-9280 or (210) 377-3900

Rate cutoff date: **September 28, 2017**

Room Rates: Standard: \$139 (plus tax)

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____
 Credit Card # _____
 Exp. Date _____

Mail to Hotel to Arrive before for discount rate:

September 28, 2017

For special room rate use Group Code: **SOU**

NOTE: Address envelope to:

Southwest Regional Forum
 c/o San Antonio Marriott Northwest
 3233 NW Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge
 San Antonio, TX 78213-2866

2017 **SOUTHWEST** REGIONAL FORUM

San Antonio Marriott Northwest
 3233 NW Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge
 San Antonio, TX 78213-2866
 (210) 377-3900

Group Code: **SOU**

October 20-22, 2017

Friday: 6:30pm - 9:30pm **Saturday:** 9am - 9pm **Sunday:** 9am - 12pm

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Can be made by:

PHONE: (210) 377-3900 or (800) 228-9290

Group Rate cutoff date: **September 28, 2017** ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on: "For A.A. Members")

FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATE: use GROUP CODE: **SOU**

Tentative SCHEDULE of Events

FRIDAY

2pm-TILL CLOSING
 6:30-6:45pm
 7pm-8:30pm
 8:30-8:45pm
 8:45-9:30pm

Registration
 First Timer
 Orientation
 Opening Session:
 Board Presentations
 Break
 Video PSA: General
 Sharing Session

SATURDAY

9am-TILL CLOSING
 9-9:45am
 9:45-10am
 10-11:15am
 11:20-12noon
 12-1:30pm
 1:30-2pm

Registration
 Delegate
 Presentations
 Break
 Full Forum Workshop
 Grapevine Presentations
 Lunch
 Trustee-at-Large
 Presentation

SUNDAY

9am-10:30am
 9-9:45am
 9:45-10:30am
 10:30-10:45am
 10:45-11:30am
 11:30-12noon

Registration
 First Timer Sharing
 Session
 Ask-it Basket/General
 Sharing Session
 Break
 Past Trustees' Sharing
 Closing Remarks

* Meals are on your own

REGISTRATION Information

There is no charge to attend Regional Forums. Please pre-register to support GSO with event preparation. You can always register onsite. To pre-register online, go to www.aa.org, click on "For A.A. Members." All who register will receive a Final Forum Report.