

The Stand

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The official newsletter of the Southwest Texas Area 68, District 12 of A.A.

District 12 Workshop

Sponsorship Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 14th

At The Outpost in Ingram

There will be a skit on sponsorship,

A presentation from Barbara R. and Tony R. from Austin,

As well as an ask it basket and anecdotes from attendees.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and all the stuff to go with them

will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the workshop will last until 2:00 p.m.

Please bring desserts!

Come join the fun!!

Did you know that the BYLAWS of Alcoholics Anonymous and Grapevine Inc. are printed in Appendix G of the Service Manual?

The BYLAWS of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. are printed in Appendix E of the Service Manual.

If you want to see your first name in print and you have some news
for the newsletter, please email;
ibrrcmad@aol.com

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Concept Nine

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. But once we have created a basically sound structure, that job is finished, except for occasional refinements.

Tradition 9

"A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

I love the question posed in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*; "What do they mean, no organization?"

Since I have been in A.A. I have often wondered that same question. I have discovered that not being organized means that there is no person or group of people that are sitting in an office deciding what my group can and can't do. There are no membership rules that are in place. They do not tell my group that I have to let certain people into my meeting or keep them out. They only have to have the desire to stay sober. They don't tell us how to collect or spend our money. That is a group conscience decision. What they do is provide us with service materials that enable members to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

So how has A.A. worked for over 80 years? Service boards and committees! We do have a General Service Office that maintains the continuity of our service materials so we can perform our 12 step work. The fellowship has elected and/or selected individuals to serve on our Boards. We send representatives, Area Delegates, to a conference where our individual area is represented in decision making. They are responsible for ensuring that the principles of the program of A.A. are kept in tact. They adhere to the Traditions of our program when conducting the business of A.A. They serve us, we don't serve them. We are a Spiritual entity with a little bit of business that must be conducted.

Cathy Hurst
SWTA 68 Chair

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Bookstore & Office

Central Service Office - 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217 (off Loop 410 & Broadway) 210-821-6325 - Staff: Jim & Virginia Bookstore Hours: Monday 9am to 6pm—Tuesday through Friday 9am to 5pm

Step Nine

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence—these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.

After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases where action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all. First we will wish to be reasonably certain that we are on the A.A. beam. Then we are ready to go to these people to tell them what A.A. is, and what we are trying to do.

Above all, we should try to be absolutely sure that we are not delaying. The readiness to take the full consequences of our past acts, and to take responsibility for the well-being of others at the same time, is the very spirit of Step Nine.

If you have a drinking problem call our helpline

Any time

210 828-6325

If you want to sign up to carry the message

Into the Treatment Centers

Call Brian

210 668-9530

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"SELF-SUPPORT: WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX"

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District 12 Treasurer
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Kerrville, TX 78029-0556

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SWTA 68 Treasurer
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Early, TX 76803

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General Service Office
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New York, NY 10164-0423

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From your DCM

Greetings District 12!

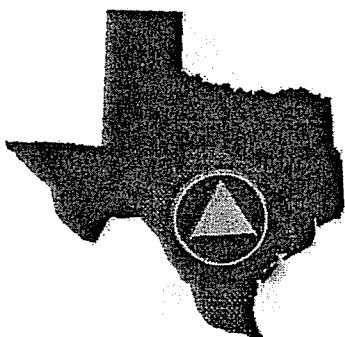
It's a great day to be sober!

I am looking forward to attending the Regional Forum on Oct 11-13 and the voting assembly on Oct 18-20. District 12 will have nominations for new chair positions on Sept 8th and we will have a visit from our Delegate, Jonathan Smith on Sept 8th as well. I encourage all GSR's to attend!

I would like to extend a special thank you to the GSR's who attend District meetings regularly and those chair positions that also bless us with their presence. It is absolutely amazing how AA works for us, gets us out of "us", and keeps us sober one day at a time. I love the life of Service and all aspects of that!

Until next time,

Yours in Love and Service
Tracy



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“The Joy of Good Living is the Theme of A.A.s Twelfth Step”

**Fall Voting Conference and Assembly
October 18th – 20th, 2019**

San Antonio, Texas

Hosted by District 16

Hotel

San Antonio Marriott Northwest
3233 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78213

\$104 per night (King or 2 Queens)
Discount code: SWTA68
Cut-off date to book: September 27th

Reservations: (888) 236-2427
Or go to: <https://www.aa-swta.org/event/2019-fall-conference-and-voting-assembly/>

Registration

Registration fee: \$10

Check payable to “District 16”
and mail to:

25519 Echo Terrace
San Antonio, Texas 78260

Questions?

Email: district16@aa-swta.org
or call (210) 328-1044

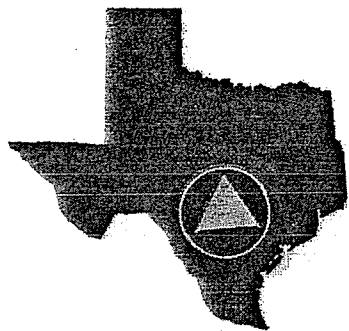
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Please mail with payment

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ District: _____ Group: _____

Name on Badge: _____ Voting?: _____



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“La Alegría de Vivir Bien es la Tema del Paso Duodécimo de A.A.s”

**Conferencia y Asamblea de Votación de Otoño
Octubre 18th – 20th, 2019**

**San Antonio, Texas
Presentado por el Distrito 16**

Hotel

San Antonio Marriott Northwest
3233 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78213

\$104 por noche (Rey or dos Reinas)
Código de Descuento: SWTA68
Fecha Límite para Reservar:
27 de Septiembre

Llame: (888) 236-2427
o ir a: <https://www.aa-swta.org/event/2019-fall-conference-and-voting-assembly/>

Registro

Precio de registro: \$10
Cheque dirigido a “District 16”

Enviado por correo a:
25519 Echo Terrace
San Antonio, Texas 78260

Preguntas?

Correo electrónico:
district16@aa-swta.org

Llame: (210) 328-1044

Por favor envíe con pago

Nombre: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____ Teléfono: _____

Ciudad: _____ Distrito: _____ Grupo: _____

Nombre en la Placa: _____ Votación?: _____



Area 68 District 112
Alcoholics Anonymous



presents:

The Sponsorship Game

as part of our

Sponsorship Workshop

Saturday Sept. 14th

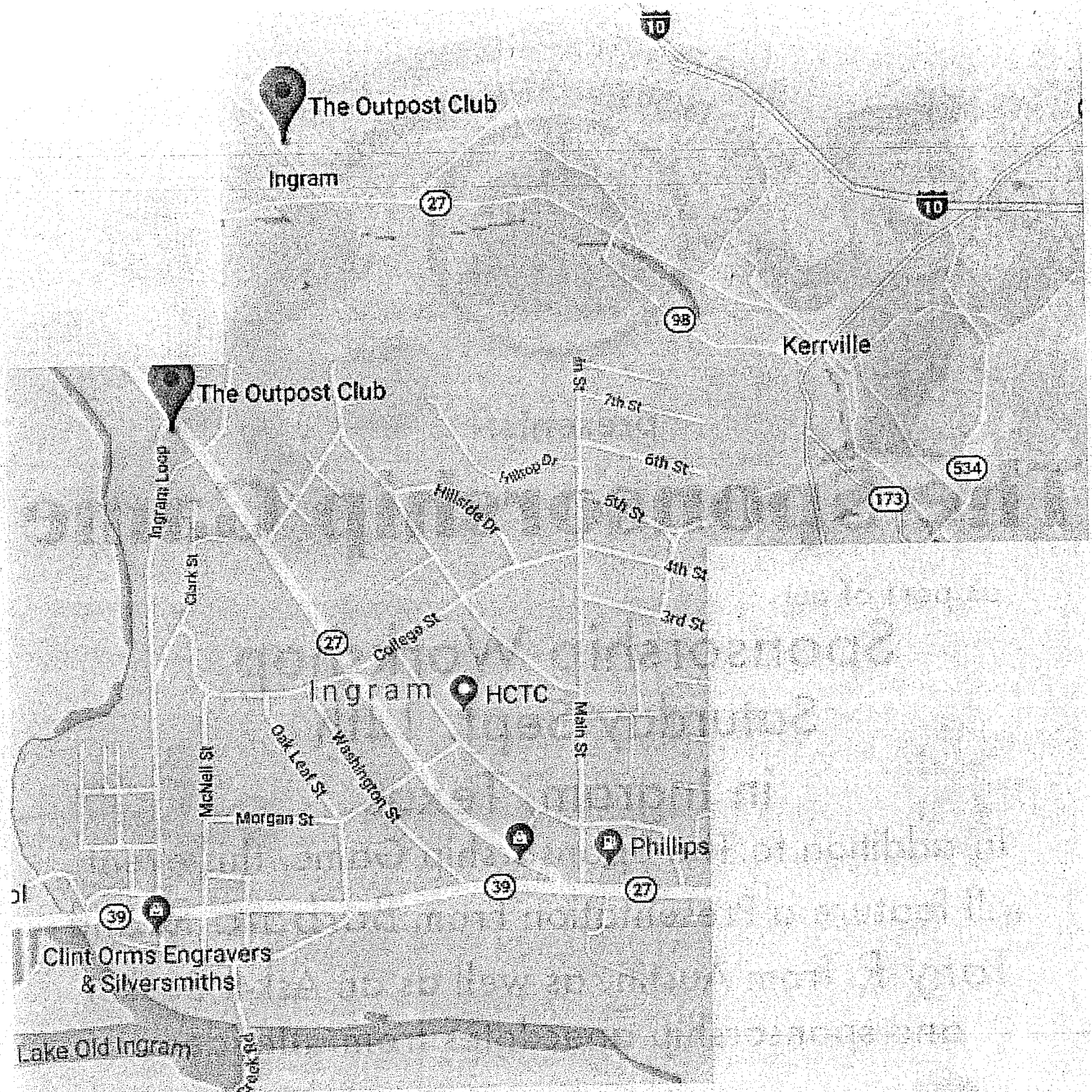
in Ingram, Texas

In addition to The Sponsorship Game, this event will feature a Presentation From *Barbara R.* and *Tony R.* from Austin, as well as an Ask-It Basket and sponsorship anecdotes from attendees.

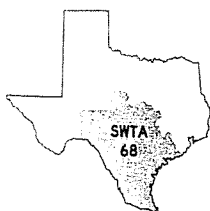
Lunch

11:30

Directions on
reverse



The Outpost Club
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Ingram, Tx 78025



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To Install

1. Go to your app store
2. Search for Meeting Guide
3. Select icon with White Chair on Blue Background
4. Install (its Free)
5. Be sure you allow the Guide to access your location

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SIGN UP WITH:

COSTAL BEND INTERGROUP

3833 S Staples St Ste.212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

(361) 992-8911

<http://www.cbiala.org/>

HILL COUNTRY INTERGROUP

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This app is only as good as information you provide, please keep your Group information current. We don't want the app to be outdated.

QUESTIONNAIRE: Re Group History

Area 68 Archives Committee

01/10/2018, Rev 2.

Name of group: _____

Previous group name: _____

District: _____

City / Town: _____

Date submitted: _____

Person submitting history: _____

- 1) How did the group gets its name?
- 2) Who were the members that started the group (including early members) and when?
- 3) Where has the group met over the years?
- 4) When does the group meet (What days, times, etc.)?
- 5) What types of meetings are held (open, closed, speaker, literature, beginner, etc.)?
- 6) What was A.A like in the early days in your area?
- 7) How were new members contacted, and how was 12th Step work done?
- 8) Was the cooperation of local community and professional agencies (ministers, doctors, law enforcement agencies, etc.) sought?

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9) Were there any growing pains when the group was started or since then?

10) Were there anonymity breaks?

11) How was the group received in the community (newspaper articles)?

12) Was Al-anon in the area, what were the relations like?

13) Are there any newspaper clippings, pictures, flyers, meeting schedules or tapes of early members that you would like to submit to the Area 68 Archives?

14) What else about the group would you like to relate?

Return To: Area 68 Archives Chair
____ 4025 Sweet Bay Drive
____ Corpus Christi TX 78418

NOTE: The Area 68 archive encourages the use of last names when filling out group history information so that we can keep the story straight for future generations. If and when the group asks the Area 68 archive to release a group history, ALL last names will be removed to protect the individual's anonymity. Only the first name and last initial will be used.

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