

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

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EVENTS AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

**Southwest Texas Area 68
PI/CPC Conference**
August 21-22, 2020
S.W.T.A. 68 PI/CPC CONFERENCE
“ANONYMOUS, NOT INVISIBLE”
Zoom Information Coming Soon!
FOR MORE INFORMATION
DONITA S.

pi-cpc@aa-swta.org
www.aa-swta.org

September 13, 2020
District 2 Meeting
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm
Online – Zoom ID & Password will
be emailed to you.

STEP EIGHT

“Made a list of all people we have harmed
and became willing to make amends”

DAILY REFLECTIONS

August 8

"MADE A LIST . . ."

Made a list of all persons we had harmed.,

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE
TRADITIONS, p. 77

When I approached the Eighth Step, I wondered how I could list all the things that I have done to other people since there were so many people, and some of them weren't alive anymore. Some of the hurts I inflicted weren't bad, but they really bothered me. The main thing to see in this Step was to become willing to do whatever I had to do to make these amends to the best of my ability at that particular time. Where there is a will, there's a way, so if I want to feel better, I need to unload the guilt feelings I have. A peaceful mind has no room for feelings of guilt. With the help of my Higher Power, if I am honest with myself, I can cleanse my mind of these feelings.

Spiritual Principle – LOVE

August 3

BRINGING THE MESSAGE HOME

Can we bring the same spirit of love and tolerance into our sometimes deranged family lives that we bring to our A.A. group?

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— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, pp.111-12

My family members suffer from the effects of my disease. Loving and accepting them as they are just as I love and accept A.A. members—fosters a return of love, tolerance and harmony to my life. Using common courtesy and respecting others' personal boundaries are necessary practices for all areas of my life.

TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE S- PAMPHLET AA.ORG

How Bill W. explained the spiritual principles that undergird A.A.'s structure and how the parts work together.

Concept VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, 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.

This Concept deals with the ways the General Service Board “discharges its heavy obligations and its relationship with its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.

Long experience has proven that the board “must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership In these matters, it must act with great care and skill *to plan, manage and execute.*”

The board, therefore, must not be distracted or burdened with the details or the endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including Grapevine. “It must *delegate* its executive function” to its subsidiary, operating boards.

“Here, the board’s attitude has to be that of custodial oversight The trustees are the guarantors of good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc by electing the directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees The executive direction of these functions is . . . lodged 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.”

Bill draws from earlier mistakes by the General Service Board in trying to run the service functions directly and warns repeatedly against “too much *concentration* of money and authority.”

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WHAT'S NEW

The AA Grapevine Mission Statement

AA Grapevine is publisher of the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Its primary purpose is to carry the AA message to everyone interested in alcoholism through its magazines, websites, and related items, which reflect the experience, strength, and hope of its members and friends on topics related to recovery, unity and service. It strives in all its activities to operate in accordance with the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of AA, without soliciting monetary contributions from AA members or groups to fund operating expenses.

aagrapevine.org

[Update on redesign of AA.org](#)

– Added August 2020

Significant work has taken place regarding the ongoing redesign of AA.org, which had been scheduled for completion this year. However, the fiscal impacts brought on by the pandemic have caused us to reassess our overall strategy and timeline for this important project

[Alcoholics Anonymous Celebrates 85 Years with the 2020 A.A. Online International Convention](#)

[A Unique Virtual Experience, Coming Soon on aa.org.](#)

– Added June 2020

In a year of firsts for Alcoholics Anonymous, another first is on its way: a virtual International Convention experience, arriving online July 1 at www.aa.org.

[Alcoholics Anonymous, COVID-19 and Our Seventh Tradition](#)

– Added June 2020

Dear A.A. friends,

We in A.A. – here at G.S.O., along with the rest of the world – continue to experience an unprecedented situation. Without question, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fellowship, including our organized service structure, is facing enormous challenges, locally and globally.

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Resources for Online Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous: GSO

https://aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus

Online Intergroup: Alcoholics Anonymous

<http://www.aa-Intergroup.org>

AA Grapevine: They are providing **FREE** Access to most of Grapevine 2020

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help>

Hill Country Intergroup

<https://austinaa.org/>

Deaf Intergroup of Central Texas

<https://centexdeafintergroup.org/>

San Antonio Central Service Office

<http://www.aasanantonio.org/local-virtual-meetings>

Coastal Bend Intergroup Association

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

OTHER AA RESOURCES:

San Antonio Central Service Office Information:

www.aasanantonio.org

The NightCap Newsletter

To be on the NightCap email list contact below.

csosamanager@aasanantonio.org

WHERE TO SEND YOUR GROUP'S 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

DISTRICT LEVEL SUPPORT

DISTRICT 2 TREASURER

P.O. BOX 1202

San Marcos, TX 78667

AREA LEVEL SUPPORT

SWTA68 TREASURER

P.O. BOX 716

BASTROP, TX 78602

WORLD SERVICE SUPPORT

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

BOX 459

GRAND CENTRAL STATION

NEW YORK, NY 10163

District 2 website has a wealth of information you have access to link below:

NOTE: GSR'S any meeting changes contact the webmaster in the webpage to make the changes.

www.area68district2.org

If you have any short articles or helpful AA information please email me at:

walkington_motherearth@yahoo.com

Thank You for letting me be of service!

Sunshine

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