

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

DCM REPORT

Hey District 2 not a lot to report this month. They are now taking reservations for the area assembly in San Antonio take out your flyers and get your room booked looking forward to having our first Workshop this weekend thank you all for your service.

Grateful in service.
Marie Moore

District 2 Trusted Servants:

DCM: Marie M.
Alternate DCM: Tony C.
Treasurer: George T.
Secretary: Cheryl B.
Webmaster: Rusty C.
Newsletter: Sunshine C.
CFC: Pegge K.
PI/CPC: Bob L.
Treatment: Connie H.
Archives: Monika H.
Grapevine: Millie R.

EVENTS MARCH – APRIL

Non-Related AA Recovery Based

April 24 – 26th (PENDING)
Canyon Lake Groups 10th Annual Campout
“The Sunlight of the SPIRIT”
Mountain Breeze Campground
9250 River Road New Braunfels, TX
Pre-Registration \$10.00
Registration at the gate \$15.00
Includes meals.
Camping options book thru campout committee.
Cabins thru mountain breeze campground.
For more information/flyers contact John B.
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AA Events

March 27 - March 29 (CANCELLED)
2020 Pre-General Service Conference
Assembly
“A.A.-EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE”
2020 Pre-General Service Conference
Assembly
Mar 27-29, 2020
Doubletree by Hilton San Antonio Airport
37 NE Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78216
Hosted by District 1F
Room Rate \$115 plus taxes,
phone no. 210-366-2424 or
Bit.ly/PreGen2020

April 3 – April 5 (CANCELLED)
44th Texas Woman To Woman Conference
Texas 4-H Center
5600 FM 3201 Brownwood, Texas 76801
www.texaswomantowoman.org

April 5, 2020 (CANCELLED)
Treatment Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
Connie H.
****WORKSHOP****
Sponsorship-George T.
1:00 pm 1:45 pm
District Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:
New Braunfels Group Two Four Club
1142 Eikel St. New Braunfels, TX 78130

April 25, 2020 (CANCELLED)
Playbill
Capital of Texas Conference Sober Musical
Fundraiser
6:00 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Dr.
Austin, TX
www.eventbrite.com/e/sober-musical-fundraiser-for-the-capital-of-texas-conference-tickets-86882872009

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STEP THREE

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

Spiritual Principle - SURRENDER

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MARCH 11

GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION

It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was a most wonderful revelation. *Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us.* To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, and Step Three opens the door.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 40

All I have to do is look back at my past to see where my self-will has led me. I just don't know what's best for me and I believe my Higher Power does. G.O.D., which I define as “Good Orderly Direction,” has never let me down, but I have let myself down quite often. Using my self-will in a situation usually has the same result as forcing the wrong piece into a jigsaw puzzle—exhaustion and frustration. Step Three opens the door to the rest of the program. When I ask God for guidance I know that whatever happens is the best possible situation, things are exactly as they are supposed to be, even if they aren't what I want or expect. God does do for me what I cannot do for myself, if I let Him.

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 III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

You should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity — at all levels of service — has the right “to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.” That is, they can “decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions.” This is “the essence of “The Right of Decision.”

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GRAPEVINE FACT SHEET

But this right also means the Fellowship must have trust in its “trusted servants.” If the groups instruct their G.S.R.s rather than giving them a “Right of Decision,” then the area conference is hamstrung. If the G.S.R.s instruct the area delegates rather than giving them a “Right of Decision,” then the General Service Conference is hamstrung. As Bill points out, “our Conference delegates are primarily the servants of A.A. as they should . . . cast their votes . . . according to the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time.”

Similarly, if the General Service Board, acting through its subsidiary boards, “were to attempt to manage” the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine “in detail, then . . . the staff members . . . would quickly become demoralized; they would be turned into buck-passers and rubber stamps; their choice would be to rebel and resign, or to submit and rot.

”Bill warns against using “The Right of Decision” as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes:

“Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other.”

Fact Sheet

- The first issue of the AA Grapevine was published in June 1944. A new issue has come out every month since.
- Early AA groups adopted the AA Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1946. The General Service Conference reaffirmed this designation in 1986.

Conference Advisory Action, 1986:
"Since each issue of the Grapevine cannot go through the Conference-approval process, the Conference recognizes the Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."

- The AA Grapevine is produced by a staff of professional editors, writers, and artists, who are members of AA. Most of the articles are written by members of the Fellowship.
- Bill W. introduced the Traditions to the Fellowship in a 1946 Grapevine article called "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition."
- Acting as the senior advisor of the magazine, Bill W. wrote more than 150 articles in the AA Grapevine between 1945 and 1970. His articles are collected in the anthology *The Language of the Heart*.
- The Preamble was written by a Grapevine editor, based on the Foreword to the first edition of the *Big Book*. It was first published in the Grapevine in June 1947.

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- In July 1995, a special edition of the Grapevine in Spanish was published, and in July 1996, the AA Grapevine began publishing La Viña, a bimonthly Spanish-language magazine.
- The AA Grapevine is entirely self-supporting through the sale of the magazine and related items. It receives none of the group contributions sent to the General Service Office.
www.aagrapevine.org

WHAT'S NEW

- ▶ [Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery](#) – Added February 2020

You can never be too young to ask for help with a drinking problem. Now available, A.A.'s newest Young People Video, Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery, shares the experience, strength and hope of young A.A. members.

aa.org

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

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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

SWTA 68 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:

www.area68district2.org

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

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Thank You for letting me be of service!

Sunshine C.

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