

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

DCM REPORT

Greetings to everyone in District 2,

It is my sincere hope and desire everyone is doing well and coping with the issues of the day in our daily lives. Our DCM has communicated to me she wishes to step down and your Alternate DCM to step up. I will ask at this time for us all to keep Marie in your thoughts and prayers that her struggles with her health and family life become easier to cope with for her. Therefore, I will be filling in as our DCM until our next regular meeting when the conscience can be taken to a vote to install a new DCM or Alternate DCM.

At the General Assembly last month of the 3 proposals on the floor only the 1st. was voted to take back to our groups. The remainders were voted down and the authors of those proposals were encouraged to return with the same proposals reflecting the sum of the discussion that took place prior to the poll on each of them.

I have discovered there are several meetings in the east of our District which have not been sending a representative to our meetings each month I have plans to visit with these groups to discover the reason for the deficit in our District Meeting and invite them back to our meetings on a regular basis.

To all as we enter into the holiday season of the Year 2020, I wish for everyone reading this report an ever joyous, happy, and of course sober Holiday.

Yours in Service

Tony C. Alt-DCM

District 2 Trusted Servants:

DCM: OPEN

Alternate DCM: Tony C.

Treasurer: George T.

Secretary: Cheryl B.

Webmaster: Rusty C.

Newsletter: Sunshine C.

CFC: Pegge K.

PI/CPC: Bob L.

Treatment: Brandie J.

Archives: Monika H.

Grapevine: OPEN

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EVENTS NOVEMBER- DECEMBER

District 2 Meeting

November 8, 2020

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 936 562 4592

Passcode: District2

OR

In Person

District 2 Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:

New Braunfels Group Two Four Club

1142 Eikel St. New Braunfels, TX

78130

District 2 Meeting

December 13, 2020

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 936 562 4592

Passcode: District2

OR

In Person

District 2 Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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STEP ELEVEN

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out”

DAILY REFLECTIONS

November 6

GOING WITH THE FLOW

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him. . . .

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 96

The first words I speak when arising in the morning are, "I arise, O God, to do Thy will." This is the shortest prayer I know and it is deeply ingrained in me. Prayer doesn't change God's attitude toward me; it changes my attitude toward God. As distinguished from prayer, meditation is a quiet time, without words. To be centered is to be physically relaxed, emotionally calm, mentally focused and spiritually aware. One way to keep the channel open and to improve my conscious contact with God is to maintain a grateful attitude. On the days when I am grateful, good things seem to happen in my life. The instant I start cursing things in my life, however, the flow of good stops. God did not interrupt the flow; my own negativity did.

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November 7

LET GO AND LET GOD

... praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 96

When I "Let Go and Let God," I think more clearly and wisely. Without having to think about it, I quickly let go of things that cause me immediate pain and discomfort. Because I find it hard to let go of the kind of worrisome thoughts and attitudes that cause me immense anguish, all I need do during those times is allow God, as I understand Him, to release them for me, and then and there, I let go of the thoughts, memories and attitudes that are troubling me.

When I receive help from God, as I understand Him, I can live my life one day at a time and handle whatever challenges come my way. Only then can I live a life of victory over alcohol, in comfortable sobriety.

Spiritual Principle – AWARENESS

November 14

INTUITION AND INSPIRATION

... we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 86

I invest my time in what I truly love. Step Eleven is a discipline that allows me and my

Higher Power to be together, reminding me that, with God's help, intuition and inspiration are possible. Practice of the Step brings on selflove. In a consistent attempt to improve my conscious contact with a Higher Power, I am subtly reminded of my unhealthy past, with its patterns of grandiose thinking and false feelings of omnipotence. When I ask for the power to carry out God's will for me, I am made aware of my powerlessness. Humility and a healthy selflove are compatible, a direct result of working Step Eleven.

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 XI

While the trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

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In this, the second longest of the Concepts, Bill explains in great detail the composition, functions and relationships of the standing committees of the General Service Board, its subsidiary operating boards, the General Service Office and AA Grapevine — as they existed in 1962. As A.A. has grown and changed, many of the descriptions would be different today, and some of the issues that are addressed are no longer relevant. Nevertheless, the full text is valuable as an historical document, and many of the principles still apply, as summarized below. Underlying the service structure we have been discussing, there is another, internal structure of service consisting of the nontrustee members of the trustees' committees; the nontrustee directors of the two operating boards, and the executives and staff members. "Members of this group," declares Bill, "not only support the leadership of the trustees: they share leadership with them." The following are "several principles . . . which" apply to A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.:

1. The status of executives

No active service can function well unless it has sustained and competent executive direction. This must always head up in one person, supported by such assistants as are needed. That person has to have ample freedom and authority to do the job, and should not be interfered with so long as the work is done well.

2. Paid workers, how compensated

Each paid executive, staff member or consultant should be recompensed in reasonable relation to the value of his or her

similar services or abilities in the commercial world . . . Cheap help is apt to feel insecure and inefficient; it is very costly in the long run. This is neither good spirituality nor good business. Assuming service money is available, we should therefore compensate our workers well.

3. Rotation among paid staff workers

At A.A.'s General Service Office, most staff members' assignments are changed every two years. When engaged, each staff member is expected to possess the general ability to do, or to learn how to do, any job in the place — excepting for office management.

4. Full "Participation" of paid workers is highly important

We have already discussed the necessity of giving key paid personnel a voting representation on our committees and corporate boards. They should enjoy a status suitable to their responsibility, just as our volunteers do.

WHAT'S NEW

[Special Online Supplement for Box 4-5-9](#)

– Added October 2020

This special supplement, available online only, highlights the many recent employee retirements at G.S.O. and Grapevine and takes a look at future plans for reopening the General Service Office in 2021. The supplement also includes information on G.S.O. staff openings and the opening for G.S.O. general manager.

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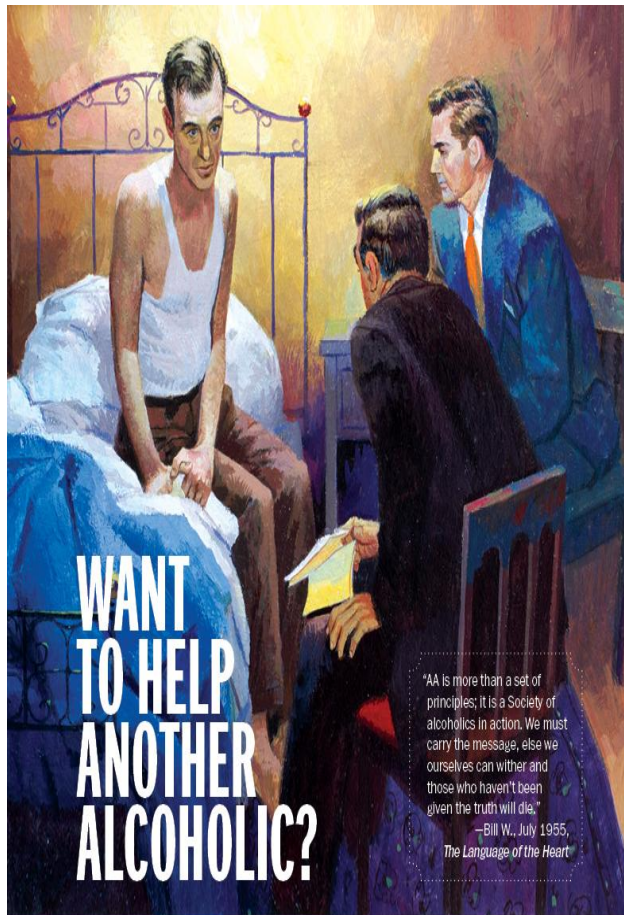
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GRAPEVINE

CARRY THE MESSAGE

LEARN ABOUT THE WAYS TO GIVE



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TO HELP
ANOTHER
ALCOHOLIC?**

"AA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth will die."
—Bill W., July 1955,
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MESSAGE
PROJECT

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.cbiaa.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

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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

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. GSR's if you have any meeting updates go to link below:
www.area68district2.org

If you have any short story articles or helpful AA information please email me at:
walkingon_motherearth@yahoo.com

Thank You for letting me be of service!

Sunshine

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