

# NEWSLETTER

AREA 68 AA-SWTA

APRIL 2024

DISTRICT 2

Dear Members of District 2 AA,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the events that took place in March. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebration with their loved ones, filled with joy and lots of good food.

As you may know, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the spring Pre-General Service Assembly in Mission, TX, along with 14 members of District 2. The conference was hosted by District 10 and the theme was Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service. I want to thank everyone who made the effort to attend the conference.

During the conference, we discussed two proposed agenda items from a member of District 3B, the founder's writings surveys, and approved agenda items for the upcoming 2024 general service conference. The sense of the area (outcomes of the discussions) is noted:

## **Proposed Agenda Items for 2025 GSC**

1. Consider changes to the GSB that 3 of 7 Class A Trustee positions transition to Class B. -39 For / 109 Against
2. Consider changes to the voting members of the GSC (removing non-trustees & GSO staff).- 79 For / 71 Against

*Note that items for the 2025 General Service Conference are more like an endorsement as they will be submitted with or without Area support.*

## **Approved Agenda Items for April 2024 GSC**

1. Request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.- 83 For/ 63 Against
2. Review progress report (survey) from fellowship on potential future changes to AA Founder's writings. The majority in attendance were against any changes.
3. Plain and Simple language big book- For 10/ 139 Against
4. Equitable distribution of workload process- The majority in attendance were supportive of spreading the workload amongst the committees.
5. Cost-effectiveness of continuing to PRINT La Vina. -Lots of discussion and some recommendations. The sense of the group is to continue to print but find a way to fund it.
6. Explore all the services provided by Grapevine and how should be funded. Lots of discussion, and no proposals from this meeting but all agreed something needs to be done.

In addition to the conference, I also had the opportunity to attend two meetings and a group event with our district. A Woman's Way to AA which is held on Friday mornings at 10:30 am in New Braunfels, the Solutions Group in Canyon Lake on Mondays at 6:30 pm, as well as the Canyon Lake Groups campout held the weekend of March 22nd-24th. The campout was a great, well-attended event, and I want to thank all those involved in organizing it.

Looking forward to our continued collective efforts in service and fellowship.

Gratefully in service,

Cheryl B.

# STEP 4

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”

## THE ONE THING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STEP 4:

**It's About Causes & Conditions**

**Principle of this Step:** Courage

**What Can I Surrender in this Step?**

1. Fear of looking at who I was, and
2. Any desire to regret the past

## STEP SUMMARY

Page 64 in the Big Book starts by comparing a personal inventory to a business inventory. In the first full paragraph of page 64, it says “Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking a commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade. One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret.

The whole point of a business inventory is to identify a company's **liabilities** and its **assets**. They identify their liabilities (those things that are no longer selling- or working for them) so they can remove them from the shelves to make room for more assets (those things that will sell or work for them). Taking a personal inventory is no different. We searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self (not alcohol but self), manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we confused its common manifestations. We had to get down to **causes** and **conditions**.

## TRADITION 4

**Short Form:** “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups of AA as a whole.

**Long-form:** “With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

**Overriding Idea of T4:** Our Decisions Affect Others

## CONCEPT 4

**Short Form:** “At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in a reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

**Long Form:** “Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”

**Principle of the Concept:** PARTICIPATION

**ONE THING YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Trusted Servants Have a Right of Participation

# EVENTS:

- Seguin Oasis Group: April 20th, 2024 5-11pm  
2365 Huber Rd. Seguin, TX 78155
- 77th Texas State Convention: June 21-23  
4545 W. John Carpenter Fwy (Hwy 114) Irving, TX 75063
- SWTA 68th Annual 2024 PI/PCP Conference: August 9-10  
1209 N IH-35 Round Rock, TX 78664
- SWRAASA- SW Regional AA Service Assembly: October 11-13  
900 E. Lookout Dr. Richardson, TX 75082
- AA Service Manual- Virtual (via zoom)  
Every other Thursday at 6:30pm CST

## SWTA 68 PREAMBLE

The Southwest Texas Area extending from Del Rio and Ozona on the West, to Wharton and Giddings on the East from Coleman and Brownwood on the North and Brownsville on the South does and will continue to function as a Service body. Always protecting and respecting autonomy and the privilege of dissent of any AA group in the Area.

The Area assembly will always be mindful of the ideals expressed in the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and the AA Service Manual, and try to be the voice and group conscience of the Area AA.

Service to the Area Districts and Area Groups is its primary purpose and every attempt will be made to encourage all area groups to participate and support the Area Assembly, the General Service Office, and the AA World Services.

It shall be the responsibility of the Area Assembly to elect an Area Delegate Service Conference, an Area Alternate Delegate, and the Required Area Assembly Officers, and to give financial support to the Area Delegate as required to perform the duties of the office

# LOCAL INFORMATION:

## NEW BRAUNFELS GROUP CONSCIENCE

Meets at 12:15pm every 3rd Sunday of the month. All members of New Braunfels Group AA are encouraged to attend. Attendance is mandatory for service members.

## HEE-HAW CONCEPT MEETING

Third Monday of each month at 6pm. Into Action group:  
1302 South Main, Lockhart TX, 78644

## BEGINNERS SPEAKER MEETING

Monday at 7pm, 1142 East Eikel

## WINDMILL WOMEN'S MEETING

Saturday 7pm-8pm, Windmill Wellness Ranch  
26229 N. Cranes Mill Road, Canyon Lake

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

The Central Service Office Helpline Committee has Volunteer shifts open. Friday 9am-1pm and Thursday 1pm-5pm, may work at CSO or from home. After hours helpline chairperson: Requires 1 year sobriety, a home group, and regular meeting attendance. Please contact Virginia B: (210) 821-6325 or [grpserv2019@att.net](mailto:grpserv2019@att.net)

## NB GROUP ZOOM

Noon every day except Saturday  
ID: 864 9468 3219  
PASSWORD: 24Eikel

## ZOOM MEETINGS

District 2 Area Zoom Meeting:  
Second Sunday from 2pm-4pm  
Jan 14 to Sun Dec 14, 2025