

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

DCM REPORT

Great cheer to all my fellows,

Just got out of the Virtual Area Workshop Meeting. First of all, WOW! What a great meeting. 122 participants in the meeting overall. I am happy to report, I attended workshops Grapevine/LaVina Workshop, Technology Workshop, CFC Workshop, and the DCM Workshop. I have contact information for the Chairs of the Grapevine/LaVina Area Service Committee and the Technology Area Service Committee. If you would like to have it, let me know and I will forward that information to you.

There were other members of our District in attendance of the Workshops.

Perhaps they will include in their reports at the District 2 meeting being held on 14 Feb at 2:00 PM what they learned or other information they obtained during their attendance to these workshops.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the February District Meeting.

As always, yours in service,

Tony C. DCM District 2
737-600-1249

District 2 Trusted Servants:

DCM: Tony C.

Alternate DCM: Danny H.

Treasurer: George T.

Secretary: Cheryl B.

Webmaster: Rusty C.

Newsletter: Sunshine C.

CFC: Pegge K.

PI/CPC: Jeanine W.

Treatment: Brandie J.

Archives: Monika H.

Grapevine: Holli W.

EVENTS FEBRUARY - MARCH

District 2 Meeting

February 14, 2021

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 879 6890 5774

Passcode: District2

OR

In Person

District 2 Meeting

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location:

New Braunfels Group Two Four Club

1142 Eikel St. New Braunfels,
TX 78130

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

To Inform the AA community of information pertaining to District 2, Area 68, and to enhance group participation

www.area68district2.org

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual - 2021 SWTA 68 Correctional Facility Conference February 27, 2021

FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

The CFC Conference to online only
Saturday, Feb 27, 2021. Zoom info will be
available right before the conference.
Schedule below.

FINAL AGENDA

SWTA 68 CFC CONFERENCE FEB 27, 2021 9:00 AM -12:30 PM

9-9:15 **WELCOME AND PURPOSE
STATEMENT** (Bear T. SWTA 68 CFC
Chair)

9:15-10:20 **WHAT IS CFC AND WHY
DO WE DO IT?**

- Letter from Bill W. to a prison group in
1949 (Zach B. District 22 CFC Chair)
- Brief History of Corrections Work (Janice
W. Past SWTA 68 CFC Chair Panel 62)
- Video 'A New Freedom' (30 minutes)

10:20-10:30 **BREAK**

10:30-11:30 **CORRECTIONS PANEL:
Local/State/G.S.O.**

- Open with video 'AA in Correctional
Facilities' (10 minutes)
- CFC Happenings: Panel Discussion (Mike
C. CFC Chair San Antonio Interdistrict, Kim

R. Past District 29 CFC Chair, Chaplain
Lawson, Lockhart MTC Unit, Brenda B.
Corrections Desk at G.S.O.)

11:30 -11:35 **BREAK**

11:35 -12:00 **WHAT DO WE DO?**

- Open with video 'Carrying the Message
Behind These Walls' (15 min)
- How do we get involved? (Bear T. SWTA
68 CFC Chair)

12:00 -12:30 **Q&A-CFC Volunteers
Answer Questions:** (Eric G. Past SWTA
68 CFC Chair Panel 60, Janice W. Past CFC
Chair Panel 62, Sherry D. San Antonio
Interdistrict CFC Committee)

www.aa-swta.org

District 2 Meeting March 14, 2021

Please Note

(Daylight Saving Time Begins)

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 879 6890 5774

Passcode: District2

OR

In Person

District 2 Meeting

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location:

New Braunfels Group Two Four
Club

1142 Eikel St. New Braunfels,
TX 78130

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

To Inform the AA community of information pertaining to District 2, Area 68, and to enhance
group participation

www.area68district2.org

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

TRADITION TWO

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

DAILY RELECTIONS

February 27

A UNIQUE STABILITY

Where does A.A. get its direction? . . . These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and learn that the sole authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. . . . The elder statesman is the one who sees the wisdom of the group's decision, who holds no resentment over his reduced status, whose judgment, fortified by considerable experience, is sound, and who is willing to sit quietly on the sidelines patiently awaiting developments.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, pp. 132, 135

Into the fabric of recovery from alcoholism are woven the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions. As my recovery progressed, I realized that the new mantle was tailor-made for me. The elders of the group gently offered suggestions when change seemed impossible. Everyone's shared experiences became the substance for treasured friendships. I know that the Fellowship is ready and equipped to aid each suffering alcoholic at all crossroads in life. In a world beset by many problems, I find this assurance a unique stability. I cherish the gift of sobriety. I offer God my gratitude for the strength I receive in a Fellowship that truly exists for the good of all members.

AS BILL SEES IT

Page 138

Two Roads for the Oldtimer

The founders of many groups ultimately divide into two classes known in A.A. slang as “elder statesmen” and “bleeding deacons.”

The elder statesman sees the wisdom of the group's decision to run itself and holds no resentment over his reduced status. His judgment, fortified by considerable experience, is sound; he is willing to sit quietly on the side lines patiently awaiting developments.

The bleeding deacon is just as surely convinced that the group cannot get along without him. He constantly connives for re-election to office and continues to be consumed with self-pity. Nearly every oldtimer in our Society has gone through its process in some degree. Happily, most of them survive and live to become elder statesmen. They become the real and permanent leadership of A.A.

TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 135

AS BILL SEE IT/GRAPEVINE

Room for improvement

Page 86

We have come to believe that A.A.'s recovery Steps and Traditions represent the approximate truths which we need for our particular purpose. The more we practice them, the more we like them. So there is little doubt that A.A. principles will continue to be advocated in the form they stand now. If our basics are so firmly fixed as all this, then what is there left to change or to improve?

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

To Inform the AA community of information pertaining to District 2, Area 68, and to enhance group participation

www.area68district2.org

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

The answer will immediately occur to us. While we need not alter our truths, we can surely improve their application to ourselves, A.A. as a whole, and to our relation with the world around us. We can constantly step up the practice of “these principles in all our affairs”
GRAPEVINE, FEBRUARY 1961

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

“We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian...”

“It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion...”

“We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come...”

— Bill W., 1957

www.aa.org

A.A. AROUND THE WORLD

The hand of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) extends – literally – around the globe.

Today, an A.A. presence can be found in approximately 180 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more than 118,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.’s literature has been translated into languages as diverse as Afrikaans, Arabic, Hindi, Nepali, Persian, Swahili, and Vietnamese, among many others.

AA literature is translated into more than 100 languages and the Big Book is translated into 70 languages, with more translations currently in progress.

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

To Inform the AA community of information pertaining to District 2, Area 68, and to enhance group participation

www.area68district2.org

Literature in English, Spanish and French is posted in PDF form on this website. Our policy: We allow readers to print one copy only, for personal use.

If you live in the United States or Canada, a selection of translated books, booklets, pamphlets and other materials is available for purchase via our [A.A.W.S. webstore](#).

We encourage you to order literature locally, via your [local central offices and intergroups](#). We do this because sales of literature help fund Twelfth Step service around the world and because purchasing locally supports A.A.’s international and local service entities.

For items not available on our website or via our webstore, please contact the local international service structures via their websites.

If you live outside the United States and Canada, please contact the [service office of the country or region associated with an item’s language](#).

WHAT’S NEW www.aa.org

[A.A.W.S., Inc. Announces Enhanced eBook and Audiobook Distribution](#)

– Added February 2021

As of January 14, 2021, A.A.W.S. ebooks and audiobooks are available for purchase across a combined 51 major platforms that serve libraries, educational institutions, professional portals, subscription services, the National Corrections Library, and many other popular distribution channels.



AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

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. **GSR's if you have any meeting updates go to link below:**
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

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

To Inform the AA community of information pertaining to District 2, Area 68, and to enhance group participation

www.area68district2.org