

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

DCM REPORT

Season's Greetings to All,

It is my sincerest hope this letter finds all who are reading it to be healthy and of good cheer. There are a couple of announcements I would like to make.

The 2021 SWTA Winter Workshop Assembly scheduled for January 29th thru the 31st has been canceled. Instead, there will be a Virtual meeting on January 30th 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.. Check the Area Website for complete details and Agenda.

One item added to upcoming events is the Virtual – 2021 SWTA 68 Correctional Facility Conference being held February 27 thru March 1. I do plan to attend.

I do look forward to seeing groups as soon as the current American crisis has subsided. I have been sheltering in place, much as all of you have. I look to the day when we can all meet and see each other's face without obstruction.

In the meanwhile, my best wishes to everyone and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tony C. DCM, Area 68, District 2

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EVENTS JANUARY - FEBRUARY

District 2 Meeting

January 10, 2021

1:45 pm – 4:00 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

Virtual - 2021 Winter

Workshop Assembly

**January 30, 2021 @ 9:00 AM -
3:30 PM**

The Solution: Step Into the Book

The Winter Workshop will be held as an online-only Assembly on Saturday, Jan 30, from 9:00a to 3:30p. Our Technology Chair will send you the logon information closer to the date of the event. For agenda go to: www.aa-swta.org/event/save-the-date-2021-winter-workshop-assembly/

Virtual - 2021 SWTA 68

Correctional Facility

Conference

February 27, 2021

FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

The CFC Conference to online only Saturday, Feb 27, 2021 with more information to follow.

Hosted by District 22

www.aa-swta.org

District 2 Meeting

February 14, 2021

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 936 562 4592

Passcode: District2

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TRADITION ONE

“Our common welfare should come first: personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

DAILY REFLECTIONS

January 31

OUR COMMON WELFARE COMES FIRST

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. . . . We stay whole, or A.A. dies.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 129

Our Traditions are key elements in the ego deflation process necessary to achieve and maintain sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. The First Tradition reminds me not to take credit, or authority, for my recovery. Placing our common welfare first reminds me not to become a healer in this program; I am still one of the patients. Self-effacing elders built the ward. Without it, I doubt I would be alive. Without the group, few alcoholics would recover.

The active role in renewed surrender of will enables me to step aside from the need to dominate, the desire for recognition, both of which played so great a part in my active alcoholism. Deferring my personal desires for the greater good of group growth contributes toward A.A. unity that is central to all recovery. It helps me to remember that the whole is greater than the sum of all its parts.

AS BILL SEE’S IT

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Look Beyond the Horizon

My workshop stands on the hill back of our home. Looking over the valley, I see the village community house where our local group meets. Beyond the circle of my horizon lies the whole world of AA.

A.A. TODAY, P. 7

The unity of A.A. is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God. TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 129

[The A.A. Way of Life... Selected writings Of A.A.’s co-founder](#)

Dear Friends:

This volume includes several hundred excerpts from our literature, touching nearly every aspect of A.A.’s way of life. It is felt that this material may become an aid to individual meditation and a stimulant to group discussion, and may well lead to a still wider reading of all our literature.

Over the past twenty-five years, it has been my privilege to write these books about A. A.: the text of “Alcoholics Anonymous,” “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,” “Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age,” and “Twelve Concepts for World Service,” the last as part of our “Third Legacy Manual.” *

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Many pieces have been written for our monthly magazine, the A.A. Grapevine, and I have always carried on a large personal correspondence.

These are the chief sources from which the content was chosen for this volume. Because the quotations used were lifted out of their original context, it has been necessary in the interest of clarity to edit, and sometimes to rewrite, a number of them.

Of course, all this material reflects my personal viewpoint on A. A.'s way of life. As such, it is bound to have its limitations and imperfections. Nevertheless, one may hope that this new publication will meet a genuine need.

Ever devotedly,
Bill
April, 1967
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WHAT'S NEW

- ▶ [Press Release – Alcoholics Anonymous Holds Virtual World Service Meeting for First Time in History](#) – Added December 2020

Delegates representing Alcoholics Anonymous from around the world gathered via videoconference November 28-30th for the 26th World Service Meeting, hosted by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in the U.S. and Canada.

- ▶ [Sharing from Behind the Walls – Winter 2020](#) – Added December 2020

Sharing from Behind the Walls is

published quarterly by the Corrections assignment and contains excerpts from inmates' letters sent to G.S.O. The 2020 Winter issue is now available in PDF. Print copies will be available on a limited basis.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS COMES OF AGE

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The Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous

THE chief inheritances of the first twenty years of Alcoholics Anonymous are the Legacies of Recovery, of Unity, and of Service. By the first we recover from alcoholism; by the second we stay together in unity; and by the third our society functions and serves its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to all who need it and want it.¹

The next section of this volume is based upon three talks given by Bill, a co-founder, at A.A.'s twentieth anniversary celebration. The first tells the story of the people and the streams of influence that made A.A. Recovery possible. The second shows the experience, out of which the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous were formed, the traditions that today hold A.A. together in Unity. The third tells how Alcoholics Anonymous developed the Services that carry its message to the far corners of the earth.

1. See: Recovery, p.51; Unity, p. 79; Service, p. 139

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GRAPEVINE

Getting Back Up

I came into AA in Los Angeles in 1965 to learn how to drink without “all those problems.” People used to tell me that I was one of a very few newcomers who wanted to come to AA.

At my first meeting, I was quite drunk. Everyone seemed to understand. They even held my cup for me so I wouldn't spill my coffee.

At that meeting they gave me a sponsor, offered to meet me at a meeting nearer my home and offered to give me a ride home, which I refused. However, the speaker had told my story. As he talked, it seemed like all the lights inside me went on. I felt like I was home. It was a miracle. I've been sober ever since.

Through the years, action has been the magic that has kept me going. Not just work with other alcoholics, but prayer, cleaning up at meetings, speaking, leading meetings and volunteer work with AA Central Office. I've also started meetings.

Today at 83, I am able to use my difficult health issues to show others, including spouses, that we can contribute no matter what.

I fell and broke my hip recently. The

fall was followed by a bout of double pneumonia. I also developed an allergic reaction to antibiotics, which caused me to fall, resulting in two traumatic brain injuries. Amazed that I survived, my doctors have said that I am to stay home if it's slippery, snowy, cold or raining. This means that for the first time in my life I have become somewhat unreliable.

Illness has been very difficult for me, as I have been a runner for years, with lots of ribbons and on trophy. I recently had to the goal of running the San Diego Marathon. However, my doctors have told me “no more running.”

Thanks to newer AA members, I continue to sponsor and help when I can. As one gal told me recently, “you keep falling down and getting back up, Bobbie. It's amazing.” In addition to sharing at meetings, while praying beforehand to use the Three Hs (history, help and humor) when contributing, I also try to be there after meetings when I can, which hasn't been easy, as I can't drive a car due to unexpected bouts of unsteadiness. I am writing this to let everyone know that our Higher Power is there for us always, even when life give us big challenges.

Bobbie S.

Cincinnati, Ohio

January 2020

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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. **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:
walkingon_motherearth@yahoo.com

Thank You for letting me be of service!

Sunshine

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