

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

DCM REPORT

Hello all!

Hope the holidays find you all in happiness and joy! As this is my final DCM report... I would like to sincerely thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Panel 68 DCM. I feel very blessed and grateful to have had this opportunity. Now it's time for Panel 70 to take over, and the district is in great hands with awesome trusted servants for the next two years. Thanks again and I'll see y'all in 2020!

Your friend in service,
Kenny Hower
Panel 68 DCM

WHAT'S NEW aa.org

A.A. Publishes *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* Book in ASL

Alcoholics who are Deaf can now access A.A.'s program of recovery in a new American Sign Language translation of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

December 12, 2019

EVENTS JANUARY- FEBRUARY

January 13, 2020 – District 2 Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Location:

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

January 17 – January 19 2020

Winter Workshop

“A VISION FOR YOU”

RESERVATIONS

Hampton Inn

2208 Highway 361, Port Aransas, Texas
361-749-888

Room Rate: \$89/Night

ASSEMBLY VENUE

Port Aransas Civic Center

710 W. Avenue A

For More Information

Contact: Johnie S. 512-423-5041

February 10, 2020 – 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

February 21 – February 23, 2020

**FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE BEHIND
THE WALLS 2020 CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY CONFERENCE**

RESERVATIONS

Hosted by Districts 8E & 8D

Emerald Beach Hotel

1102 South Shoreline Corpus Christi, TX
78401

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night

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STEP ONE

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

Spiritual Principle – HONESTY

DAILY REFLECTIONS

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RIGOROUS HONESTY

Who wishes to be rigorously honest and tolerant? Who wants to confess his faults to another and make restitution for harm done? Who cares anything about a Higher Power, let alone meditation and prayer? Who wants to sacrifice time and energy in trying to carry A.A.'s message to the next sufferer? No, the average alcoholic, self-centered in the extreme, doesn't care for this prospect — unless he has to do these things in order to stay alive himself.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 24

I am an alcoholic. If I drink I will die. My, what power, energy, and emotion this simple statement generates in me! But it's really all I need to know for today. Am I willing to stay alive today? Am I willing to stay sober today? Am I willing to ask for help and am I willing to be a help to another suffering alcoholic today? Have I discovered the fatal nature of my situation? What must I do, today, to stay sober?

TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE BY BILL W.

aa.org

Concept I

The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the “ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services” resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York. In Concept I, Bill traces how this came to be. The first step in 1938 was “the creation of a trusteeship,” first called the Alcoholic Foundation, renamed in 1954 the General Service Board. Why? To perform the services the groups could not do for themselves: e.g., uniform literature, uniform public information about A.A., helping new groups get started, sharing with them the experience of established groups, handling pleas for help, publishing a national magazine, and carrying the message in other languages and in other countries. A service office was formed to carry on these functions under the board's direction. Both the board and the office looked to the co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob, for policy leadership. In the midst of the “exuberant success” of early A.A., Dr. Bob became fatally ill and Bill asked, “When Dr. Bob and I are gone, who would then advise the trustees and the office?” The answer, Bill felt, was to be found in the collective conscience of the A.A. groups. But how could the autonomous, widely scattered groups exercise such a responsibly?

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The Wisdom to Know the Difference

The slogans make him think, probably too much—but his faith keeps him sober



District 2 website has a wealth of information you have access to link below:

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Some of my favorite meetings are when someone says the topic is “whatever your favorite A.A. slogan is.” And some of my least favorite meetings are when someone says the topic is “whatever your favorite A.A. slogan is.”

For me, it seems that for every slogan, there is a “helpful” and intended meaning of the slogan, while at the same time there is a dark side to the slogan that can actually impede my recovery, or worse, give me reason enough to doubt the entire program.

Michael R.
Ocean Springs, Miss.
Grapevine – January 2019

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

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