

# AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

## DCM FEBRUARY REPORT

Hello District Two, I look forward to serving you in panel 70 for the next two years. I have attended our first conference (the Winter Workshop) in Port Aransas. We had good attendance of our GSR's so district Two was well represented. I learned that all the DCM's in area 68 make up the area committee. I volunteered to be a part of the ad-hoc committee for the new technology chair, I have already met twice with other DCM's and past area servants to help establish a set guide line for this new chair, I look forward to letting you know how it all works out in the upcoming months. District two is standing to host the next winter workshop in 2021. A ad-hoc committee will be set up in the next few months to help us meet our goals. Don't forget to turn in your receipts to George our new treasure for the conference. I am delighted to report that all positions have now been filled with the exception of secretary, however we may have two or more people showing up to stand for this position, another process I'm looking forward to being a part of.

Very humbly yours in service

Marie Moore (DCM)

## EVENTS FEBRUARY-MARCH

### 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

### March 8, 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

### March 27 - March 29

#### 2020 Pre-General Service Conference Assembly

#### “A.A.-EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE”

2020 Pre-General Service Conference  
Assembly

Doubletree by Hilton San Antonio Airport  
37 NE Loop 410



San Antonio, TX 78216

Hosted by District 1F

Room Rate \$115 plus taxes,

Phone no. 210-366-2424 or

[Bit.ly/PreGen2020](https://bit.ly/PreGen2020)

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## STEP TWO

**“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”**

**Spiritual Principle – HOPE**

### DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOK

MARCH 2

#### HOPE

Do not be discouraged.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 60  
Few experiences are of less value to me than fast sobriety. Too many times discouragement has been the bonus for unrealistic expectations, not to mention self-pity or fatigue from my wanting to change the world by the weekend. Discouragement is a warning signal that I may have wandered across the God line. The secret of fulfilling my potential is in acknowledging my limitations and believing that time is a gift, not a threat.

Hope is the key that unlocks the door of discouragement. The program promises me that if I do not pick up the first drink today, I will always have hope. Having come to believe that I keep what I share, every time I encourage, I receive courage. It is with others that, with the grace of God and the Fellowship of A.A., I trudge the road of happy destiny. May I always remember that the power within me is far greater than any fear before me. May I always have patience, for I am on the right road.

## TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE ILLUSTRATED P-8 PAMPHLET AA.ORG

How Bill W. explained the spiritual principles that undergird A.A.'s structure and how the parts work together.

**CONCEPT 1** (continuous from January's Newsletter)

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

Over great resistance by trustees and members devoted to the status quo, Bill managed to “sell” the idea of calling an A.A. General Service Conference (see Concept II), and eleven years later Bill was able to declare, “The results of the Conference have exceeded our highest expectations.” This Concept is rooted in Tradition Two, which states: “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.” The principles of Tradition Two are crystal-clear, Bill asserts: “The A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.” The outside world cannot imagine an organization run this way, but Bill calls it “a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and of God to insure that our democracy of world service will work . . . .”

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### CONCEPT II

**When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.**

Concept I establishes the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.’s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares. Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going and to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the AA Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly looked to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These G.S.R.s meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six

days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

### HISTORY OF THE A.A. GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area—four women and two men. With the blessings of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA. A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group—about 300 at the time and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas. An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AAs in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck, and today the Grapevine and La Vina carry it on their covers.

At the heart of the early Grapevines, then as now, were first-person stories. There were also news and notes on current happenings at the Central Office, plus reports of the explosion of new groups in North America and around the world. In addition to AA news, there were book reviews and magazine reprints and pieces written by non AAs, including some well-known literary figures. Discussed were such burning topics of the day as the place of women in AA, returning veterans, and cross-addiction.

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By the fourth issue, the magazine began printing this description of itself under the masthead:

A monthly Journal devoted to those seeking further knowledge on the problem of alcoholism, in the hope that it may prove a unifying bond to all alcoholics everywhere. Individual opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of AA as a whole.

The Grapevine was in fact appealing to "alcoholics everywhere" and in 1945, at the request of the groups, it became the national journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Later issues of the Grapevine reported on important developments in the growth of the Fellowship, worldwide, such as the birth of the General Service Structure, World Service Meetings, and the publication of the Third and Fourth editions of the Big Book. The history of the Grapevine is the history of the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 1986, the General Service Conference reaffirmed the magazine's place in AA with an advisory action that recognized it as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

If your group has an event coming up and would like it in the newsletter, please submit to:

[walkigon\\_motherearth@yahoo.com](mailto:walkigon_motherearth@yahoo.com)

## **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**

GERNERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
BOX 459  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
NEW YORK, NY 10163

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

[www.area68district2.org](http://www.area68district2.org)

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 C.

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