

# AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

## District 2 Trusted Servants:

**DCM: Marie M.**  
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**PI/CPC: Bob L.**  
**Treatment: Brandie J.**  
**Archives: Monika H.**  
**Grapevine: Millie R.**

## EVENTS SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER

### District 2 Meeting Optional

**October 11, 2020**

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

**Online – Zoom**

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

**Southwest Regional Alcoholics**

**Anonymous Service Assembly**

**October 9-11 2020**

**CANCELLED**

**Fall Conference & Voting Assembly**

**October 17, 2020**

Virtual Event

10 am – 4 pm

**There will be 3 practice sessions for  
the assembly**

Saturday, Sept 19 10a (English)

Saturday, Oct 3 10a (Spanish)

Wednesday, Oct 14 7p (English)

**Meeting ID/logon info will be  
available closer to the dates**

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### STEP NINE

**“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others”**

#### DAILY REFLECTIONS

September 5

##### EMOTIONAL BALANCE

*Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, . . .*

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 83

When I survey my drinking days, I recall many people whom my life touched casually, but whose days I troubled through my anger and sarcasm. These people are untraceable, and direct amends to them are not possible. The only amends I can make to those untraceable individuals, the only "changes for the better" I can offer, are indirect amends made to other people, whose paths briefly cross mine. Courtesy and kindness, regularly practiced, help me to live in emotional balance, at peace with myself.

September 6

##### REMOVING THREATS TO SOBRIETY

*. . . except when to do so would injure them or others.*

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 59

Step Nine restores in me a feeling of belonging, not only to the human race but also to the everyday world. First, the Step makes me leave the safety of A.A., so that I may deal with non-A.A. people "out there," on their terms, not mine. It is a frightening but necessary action if I am to get back into life. Second, Step Nine allows me to remove threats to my sobriety by healing past relationships. Step Nine points the way to a more serene sobriety by letting me clear away past wreckage, lest it bring me down.

#### Spiritual Principle – RESPONSIBILITY

September 12

##### I AM RESPONSIBLE

*For the readiness to take the full consequences of our past acts, and to take responsibility for the well-being of others at the same time, is the very spirit of Step Nine.*

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 87

In recovery, and through the help of Alcoholics Anonymous, I learn that the very thing I fear is my freedom. It comes from my tendency to recoil from taking responsibility for anything: I deny, I ignore, I blame, I avoid. Then one day, I look, I admit, I accept. The freedom, the healing and the recovery I experience is in the looking, admitting and accepting. I learn to say, "Yes, I am responsible." When I can speak those words with honesty and sincerity, then I am free.

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### TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE S- PAMPHLET AA.ORG

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

#### Concept IX

*Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

“No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure . . . Weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures.”

Due to A.A.'s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure — and the source of our leadership — is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R.s are A.A.'s group conscience — and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates and

the area's candidates for trustee. Groups who have not named G.S.R.s should be encouraged to do so. And as the G.S.R.s meet in area assemblies, care and dedication are required. Personal ambitions should be cast aside; feuds and controversies forgotten. “Who are the best qualified people?” should be the thought of all.

“No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception. Fortunately, our Society is blessed with any amount of real leadership — the active people of today and the potential leaders of tomorrow as each new generation of able members swarms in. We have an abundance of men and women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment. We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us.

“A leader in A.A. service is therefore a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him and help him with his job.

“Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.

“Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can, obtain sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided of course that such

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actions be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility.

“Another qualification for leadership is ‘give and take,’ the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction . . . . We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one’s convictions about an issue until it is settled.

“Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example. We say to them, ‘Act for us, but do not boss us.’ ”

### The AA Grapevine Statement of Purpose

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

Often referred to as our "meeting in print," the AA Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity, and service. Founded in 1944, the Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through magazine subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of Grapevine items.

The awareness that every AA member has an individual way of working the program permeates the pages of the Grapevine, and

throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of AAs around the world. As such, articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either AA or the Grapevine.

As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to the AA movement as a whole. . . . Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Grapevine will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous. . . . Like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement it is to mirror, there will be but one central purpose: The Grapevine will try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs."

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

## WHAT'S NEW

### ▶ [Love and Service](#)

– Added September 2020

Dear A.A. friends, This announcement contains a letter from the General Manager of the General Service Office expressing his gratitude to the A.A. Fellowship. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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### ▶ [My Portal Letter](#)

– Added August 2020

Important information from G.S.O.'s general manager about My Portal.

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## Resources for Online Meetings

**Alcoholics Anonymous: GSO**

[https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus](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](http://www.aasanantonio.org)

**The NightCap Newsletter**

**To be on the NightCap email list contact below.**

[csosamanager@aasanantonio.org](mailto: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:**

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If you have any events or short articles that would be helpful AA information please email me at:

[walkingon\\_motherearth@yahoo.com](mailto:walkingon_motherearth@yahoo.com)

Thank You for letting me be of service!

Sunshine

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