

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

DCM REPORT

Gu-day my fellows,

Well the picnic went off without a hitch. As tradition has dictated for the past few years we have been hosting these picnics, we had more food than everyone could eat. No worries, the left-overs are being taken care of and likely gone by the time of this writing. As far as I could tell just from watching the crowd of the fellowship present, everyone was having a great time as well.

The Area Fall Voting Assembly is coming up 15,16, and 17 October at South Padre, TX. I have reviewed the agenda and found only one item being called to question during the assembly. "To be added to section III.F. of the Service Structure and Procedures for Southwest Texas Area 68 Assembly: "An Area Committee meeting may be called between Assemblies as determined by the Delegate and Chairperson." This question has been on the Area website for the past two and a half months that I know of. However, I have failed in bringing this question to the District for a conscience. If you can find your way to forgive me, I will endeavor to achieve a higher accountability to the fellowship for which I am charged to represent.

As the Area Fall Voting Assembly is upon us, therefore; the Area Winter Workshop is just around the corner. As a matter of fact it is already being advertised on the Area website. January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd in Temple, Texas. As the District is electing a new panel for 2022 - 2024, all new (and old) GSRs, District Chairpersons, and District Officers are HIGHLY encouraged to attend

both the Voting Assembly and Winter Workshop. At minimum the Winter Workshop will render education of the duties required of each position and suggestions on how to accomplish those duties as well. I can't express just how important these workshops to any service minded person of our fellowship as they have been to me.

As stated previously, we will be voting for a new panel in the District on the 10th of October for 2022 - 2024. There have been several New GSR's that have contacted me over the past few days asking about the District Meeting and when it is. I have no authority at all in my position as DCM, however; I am allowed to advise on issues of service structure. The reason GSRs are elected at this time of year is so the "out-going GSR" can take the "New GSR" under their wing and show them where to go, what to do, and how to get it done. Simple as that. We are doing these new people a disservice in electing them to a post with no guidance.

I just read the preceding paragraph, and I have the impression of admonishment to the reader. This is not my intention, my intention is just this; let's all get back into service to this new generation coming into our fellowship and show them how to accomplish the job we have elected them to. We will be better off for it, and in turn the new generation may develop trust and respect for the old generation.

Just a few thoughts and events reported by an old Hillbilly/Cowboy/Sailor,
Your favorite service nut (or just nutz)
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EVENTS OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

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.

District 2 Meeting

October 10, 2021

In Person Only

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

Action Items:

Old Business

2020-2022 Spanish Version Procedures and
Guidelines

PA Equipment for our District 2

Electing a new panel for 2022-2024

New Business

TBD – Open Discussion

2021 Fall Conference & Voting

Assembly

October 15 - October 17

Hosted by District 10, District 20, District
25 & District 27

www.aadistrict27.org

Courtyard By Marriott

956-433-0590

6700 Padre Blvd

South Padre Island TX 78597

Download Flyer Below For Registration

Questions: Contact Dist27dcm@gmail.com

www.swta.org

District 2 Meeting

November 14, 2021

District 2 Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:

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TRADITION TEN

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on out-side issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS – LONG FORM P. 192

Ten—No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

AS BILL SEE’S IT

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Individual Responsibilities

Let us emphasize that our reluctance to fight one another, or anybody else, is not counted as some special virtue which entitles us A.A.’s to feel superior to other people. Nor does this reluctance mean that the members of A.A. are going to back away from their individual responsibilities as citizens. Here they should feel free to act as they see the right upon the public issues of our times.

But when it comes to A.A. as a whole, that’s quite a different matter. As a group we do not enter into public controversy, because we are sure that our Society will perish if we do.

TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 177

DAILY REFLECTIONS

October 31

AVOIDING CONTROVERSY

All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Others fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind some millennium of their own specification.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 176

As an A.A. member and sponsor, I know I can cause real damage if I yield to temptation and give opinions and advice on another's medical, marital, or religious problems. I am not a doctor, counselor, or lawyer. I cannot tell anyone how he or she should live; however, I can share how I came through similar situations without drinking, and how A.A.'s Steps and Traditions help me in dealing with my life.

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GRAPEVINE

October 2020 Edition

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Inside Issue

Beaten by liquor and full of fear, he had lots and lots of opinions. Thankfully, because of Tradition Ten, we didn't.

Before I ever attended a meeting of alcoholics Anonymous, I reaped benefits from Tradition Ten. With my last drink some months behind me, I despaired over embittered and failing relationships in every area of my life. I was so miserable and depressed. At the suggestion of my dear friend Gary, I sought professional help.

My counselor Geney gave me 21-question self-survey that revealed it was highly likely I had a problem with alcohol. I agreed I was probably an alcoholic. She asked if I might attend AA meetings. I asked what they were. She said, "AA meetings are attended by alcoholics who talk and share to help each other stay sober." Then she added, "There are no dues or fees. You can show up and see if it's helpful."

From that description it sounded like AA was about alcoholism and recovery and nothing else. At the time, my mind was wild with ideas and opinions about politics, religion, and social matter of every sort. My ideas and opinions amounted to a heap of fear-driven resentments about the world and everyone in it. If AA had stances and opinions on outside issues that my counselor had to explain or defend, I'd have rejected AA wholeheartedly.

Months later, I finally went to an AA meeting. The one I attended didn't yet have a name. It was on tribal land of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community, not far from Minneapolis. It was in that meeting that I reaped benefit from Tradition Ten again. The meeting format reflected what my counselor had told me. The members there talked about alcoholism and recovery from alcoholism, and people there seemed at ease and interested in being helpful. All 10 people there, including me, introduced themselves as alcoholics. Those who spoke shared about their relationship to alcohol and how they used the AA program to stay sober. It was stunning. And relieving.

I'm so grateful that the meeting I attended was made up of members who share experience, strength and hope as it related to their alcoholism and recovery. I tuned in to those who knew that trouble and alcohol went well together. Those who had fought, vomited, passed out, blacked out, got lost, got arrested or worse when they drank. Those who had started the evening with the best intentions of just having a few and enjoying a good time. I identified with those who had admitted they were powerless over alcohol once they started drinking. As I listened, the idea sank in that it wasn't my last drink, but rather my next drink that was my problem.

Fortunately, that went on long enough until I began identifying with being powerless over alcohol. As I attended these meetings each week, I opened up to the possibility that maybe recovery could be part of my story as well.

Then one night, when I was sober for almost a year, I found myself caught in the jaws of misery and depression. Somehow, before I acted to end my life, the gift of desperation

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came. Alone in the middle of my living room, I fell to my knees and murmured a prayer that my mother had passed along to me as a child. Rather than blotting out my consciousness, I surrendered. I asked for and received spiritual help. Then, hoping my life could get better, I asked for help from a fellow named John who I knew from those AA meetings I was attending. He guided me through the Steps.

Today I shudder to think about what would have happened to me had I not gone to those meetings. And what if during that paltry one hour of the week I attended they had not discussed the problem that was driving me toward suicide-alcoholism? What if that one hour had been taken up to discuss, argue about, or organize around other matters, such as politics, religion, social interests or whatever else other than alcoholism? Would I have returned from one week to the next? Would I have reached that point of desperation and surrender? Would I have been drawn into the Steps? Would I have found out that my life could (and did) change for the better?

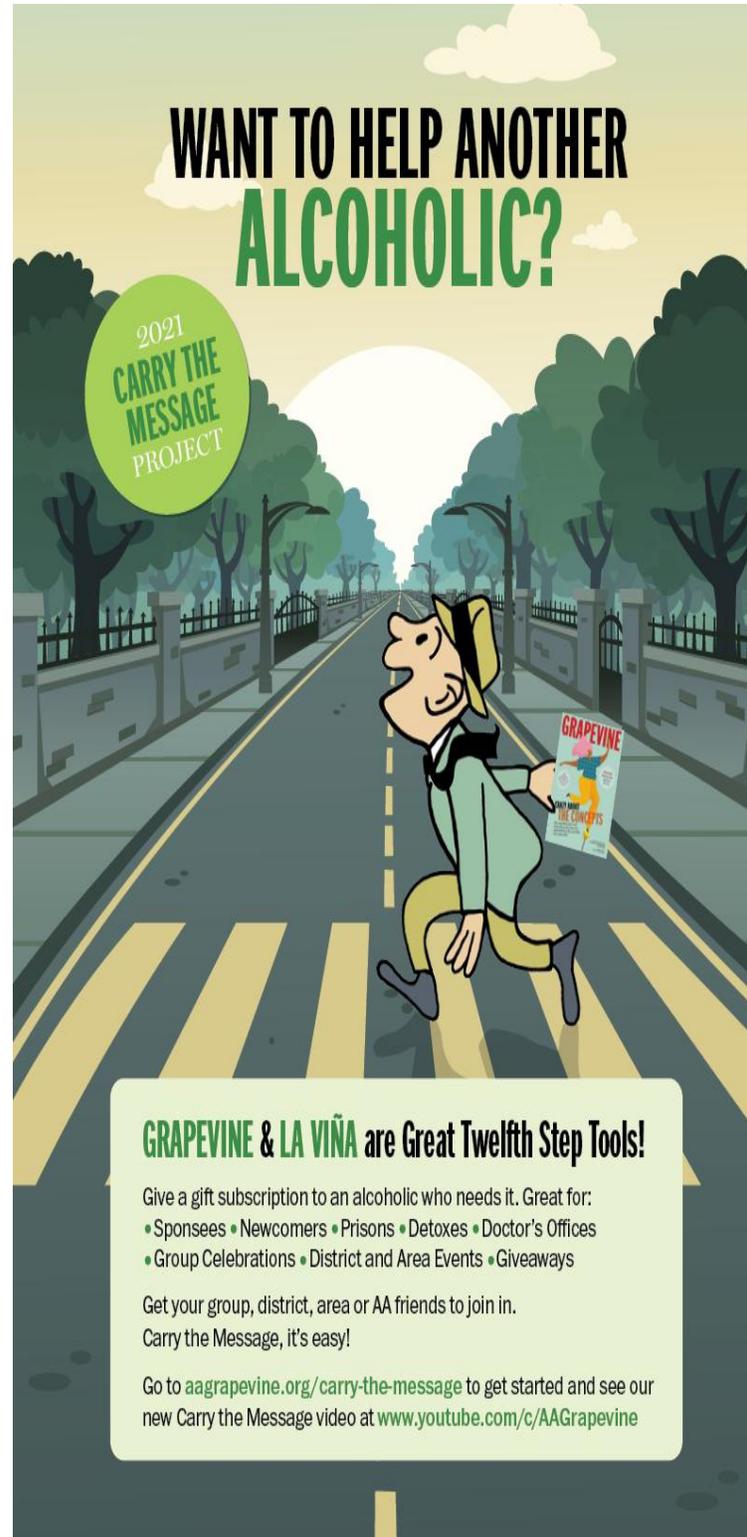
It's now more than 20 years of sobriety later and I'm more grateful than ever for Tradition Ten. I still tune my ears to the sharing about alcoholism and recovery through the program of AA when I'm in a meeting. And now I do my best-whether it's sharing in an AA meeting or participating in my home group's business meeting-to focus on alcoholism and AAs program of recovery. Because I know someone in the meeting just might be unsure about being an alcoholic. And they might be as hopeless as I once was about ever finding a way out of its captive misery. Our time together is precious.

Steve S.
Bloomfield, N.J.

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WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?

2021
CARRY THE MESSAGE
PROJECT

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- Group Celebrations • District and Area Events • Giveaways

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Carry the Message, it's easy!

Go to aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message to get started and see our new Carry the Message video at www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine

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GSR INFORMATION AND HOW TO ORDER G.S.R. KITS



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www.aa.org

WHAT'S NEW

- ▶ [Alcoholics Anonymous: Hispanic Women in A.A. share their experiences of hope and recovery](#) – Added October, 2021

The 15 stories contained in the most recent Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) recovery publication, “*Hispanic Women in A.A.*,” share the experience, strength and hope of a wide variety of Hispanic women, all of them alcoholics who found sobriety and a new way of life within A.A.

For more information see link below:

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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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