

# AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### DCM REPORT

Howdy my fellows,

It is my greatest hope everyone had a great summer as we look forward to a colorful fall. Not much space to get everything in so I'll jump right into what's going on.

The Annual District 2 Picnic is on and based on some of the problems shared with me, this one is shaping up to be a fantastic event. We have some great speakers, awesome activities, and oh, we will have some awesome food. In addition, this year's picnic we will be holding our monthly District meeting at 2pm.

At this meeting we have several agenda items to discuss and take action on. One of the really big items is we will be electing a new panel for 2022 – 2024. This was not actually intentionally planned, but hey when God wants something to happen, He gets what He wants. I'm OK with that. I want to assure our entire community no one will be asked to do anything they can't or just don't want to do. So, that said, if you have ever wondered what it is we do in those monthly meetings at District 2, here's your chance to see one of our very active meetings.

I went to the PI/CPC Convention District 3B and 3C put on in Austin. Frankly I learned a lot about more than just PI/CPC. The one big thing I experienced was only one of our committees is a stand-alone committee. For the most part though, all our committees are intertwined with each other. This is a great service to the individual, who might

otherwise feel overwhelmed by what he perceives as his duties in the position of Chair of one of these committees. We ALL work together as one body to serve the community of AA in our efforts to carry the message of AA to the one who still suffers.

I'm really not a smart person, by no stretch of the imagination. However, it really doesn't take a whole lot of brain power to come up with the word "HELP". Something I have made great use of during my recovery. Sometimes the word "help" is pronounced "Can you assist me..." or, "We have a need, can you..." or still yet, "I have a problem, do you know how..." Most of us have been asking for help all our lives and just didn't realize we were doing it. I just have to (and often) remind myself, "I am not in charge. There is one who is. I will ask His assistance when He knows I need it". "Abandon yourself to the God of your understanding" and great things will come your way.

I look forward to seeing everyone and even some new faces at the picnic. It will be a great joy if we have to send out for more food. So please, don't worry about "the crowd", there is plenty of space at Rio Vista Park and lots and lots of food.

As always, the world's biggest service nut (or just nutz),

Tony Crossett

DCM, Area 68, District 2

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## 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.**

## EVENTS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

**District 2 Picnic/District 2 Mtg.**  
**September 11, 2021**

**Rio Vista Park**  
555 Cheatham St,  
San Marcos, TX 78666

Contact for questions:  
Tony C. 737-600-1249  
Tom V. 512-667-3052

Food Provided BBQ Hamburgers &  
Hot Dogs & Drinks & Sides.  
Bring a side dish or desert if you like.  
10:00 am to 11:00 am - Activities  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm - First Speaker  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Lunch  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Second Speaker  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Dist.2 Mtg.  
Note: For the District 2 Mtg. there is  
no Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg. for  
September in person only.

### **Action Items**

#### **Old Business:**

2020-2022 Spanish Version  
Procedures and Guidelines

#### **New Business:**

Electing a new panel for 2022-2024

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## District 2 Meeting

**October 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

## 2021 Fall Conference & Voting Assembly

**October 15 - October 17**

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

Courtyard By Marriott

956-433-0590

6700 Padre Blvd

South Padre Island TX 78597

Download Flyer Below For  
Registration

Questions: Contact

[Dist27dcm@gmail.com](mailto:Dist27dcm@gmail.com)

Or

[www.aa-swta.org](http://www.aa-swta.org)

## SPECIAL EVENT:

**Blanco Spiritual Retreat Is Back!!!**

**Our 34<sup>th</sup> Year Recovery Family  
Event**

**October 1 - October 3**

**Come Join Us for Fellowship,  
Swimming, Fishing, Meetings –  
AA & Al-Anon, Raffle, Speakers,  
Food, Games For All Ages ...  
Much... Much... More!!!**

Dogs welcome with leash and proof  
of vaccination.

\$15.00 Registration Per Person  
Three Meals Included!!!

Entrance Fees to Blanco StatePark  
Adult: \$5.00 Daily  
Child 12 Years and Under Free.

Please Bring Your Own Chairs

Speakers:

Guest Speaker TBA  
Friday 7:00 p.m.

Speaker TBA  
Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Speaker TBA  
Saturday 2:00 p.m.

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## Blanco Spiritual Retreat

### WHERE:

#### Blanco State Park:

Reserve by Phone:  
(512) 389-8900  
101 Park Road 23  
Blanco, TX 78606

For Camping or Site Reservations  
contact:

[http://tpwd.texas.gov/state\\_parks/blanco/map](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state_parks/blanco/map)

Make reservations online:

<http://texas.reserveworld.com>

### Retreat Information:

Stacey 210-262-6030  
Deborah T. 830-481-1204

## Meals

Fri Evening – 5:00 p.m.  
Chili Dogs

Sat Morning – 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast tacos

Sat Evening – 5:00 p.m.  
BBQ Dinner

## TRADITION NINE

*“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”*

## TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS – LONG FORM P. 191

**Nine**—Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

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### GRAPEVINE

#### September Edition – Tradition Nine

#### A JOURNEY TOWARD RESPONSIBILITY

*How Tradition Nine put her on the path to discover the wonderful world of AA beyond the group, and host of spiritual principles*

It seems that not a week goes by lately that some reference to Tradition Nine doesn't come up. The discussions-sometimes very lively discussions-fall into three general categories: 1) relationship with the non-AA professional community; 2) committee work within AA; and 3) personal application.

The first category is usually simple and straightforward. Whether I'm contacting a treatment facility administrator, a judge, a social service agency, or the probation department at the district court, Tradition Nine comes to life as soon as I introduce myself as a member of the committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) within AA. And when I do that, I'm in harmony with other CPC members throughout the U.S., Canada and the world so long as I adhere to the learned experience hammered out and documented in the CPC Workbook, GSO Guidelines and related AAWS Conference-approved literature. Conformity is vital in the Twelfth Step work.

Within the scope of CPC work-or for that matter Corrections, Treatment, and Public Information committees-it is not uncommon to give a very brief, thumbnail sketch to non-AAs about how information flows with AA and its committees. For example, several weeks can sometimes

pass from the time a Treatment Facilities Committee receives a request from a facility for AA presentations, to the necessary CPC outreach to that staff, and then the date that the local AA groups actually begin to carry AA's message into that facility. If I briefly explain AA's organizational structure, I can alleviate any impatience on the part of the professionals. While I'm always quick to clarify that we on the committee are non-professional volunteers, outlining AA's committee system avoids perceptions of irresponsibility when things don't happen overnight.

Bill W. said that "we find that we must to some extent organize to carry the message-or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity." It's the second category-committee work within AA itself-where things tend to get a bit sticky. Not all the time, thankfully, but often enough to cause me to stop and pause when I witness Tradition nine used as a weapon rather than a spiritual tool.

My first experience with this was a number of years ago when I was serving as a district committee member (DCM). Reaching out to groups in the hope of increasing participation at the district level, I found myself one night with an old-timer in my face, angrily wagging his finger at the Traditions window shade hanging on the wall as he yelled, "See? 'Ought never be organized.' Go away! We don't need You people from service. We keep it simple in this group." How grateful I am that many more groups felt just the opposite, that to live Tradition Nine was their responsibility, and they supported the various committees to the best of their ability.

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How grateful I am that my sponsor and other old-timers guided me, through Tradition Nine, into general service. Through Tradition Nine, I learned about AA beyond my own backyard. Through Tradition Nine, my spiritual development continued during service on various committees such as Public information, CPC, Treatment Facilities-not to mention the Grapevine committee. It was within these committees that I learned to better interact with others. It was here that I also learned more about when and how to apply the Concepts and warranties; to guard against overflowing treasuries; that no one was in unqualified authority over another, regardless of his or her "title"; that we don't take punitive action against anyone.

My two-year term as a delegate member of the General Service Conference was one of the most challenging exercises with Tradition Nine, ever reminding me of the fact that the "aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it." I came to believe that all committees and service boards within AA are equally important and should be supported equally. I also came to believe that while Tradition Nine guides us to have these entities, that every committee and service board must also embrace the spiritual principles embodied in the other Traditions, but in particular Tradition Five.

The essay on Tradition Nine in *Twelve Steps* and *Twelve Traditions* offers a chilling warning if we in AA don't demand of our committees and service boards what we must adhere to as individuals: "Unless there is approximate conformity to AA's Twelve Traditions, the group, too, can deteriorate and die. So we of AA do obey spiritual Principles..." Adhere, obey,

conform. This we owe to AA's future.

AnneMarie M.  
Raynham, Mass.  
*Excerpt from Grapevine article,  
September 1998*  
[www.grapevine.org](http://www.grapevine.org)

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

September 30

### THE CIRCLE AND THE TRIANGLE

The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Within our wonderful new world, we have found freedom from our fatal obsession.

— A.A. COMES OF AGE, p. 139

Early in my A.A. life, I became employed in its services and I found the explanation of our society's logo to be very appropriate. First, a circle of love and service with a well-balanced triangle inside, the base of which represents our Recovery through the Twelve Steps. Then the other two sides, representing Unity and Service, respectively. The three sides of the triangle are equal. As I grew in A.A. I soon identified myself with this symbol. I am the circle, and the sides of the triangle represent three aspects of my personality: physical, emotional sanity, and spirituality, the latter forming the symbol's base. Taken together, all three aspects of my personality translate into a sober and happy life.

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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:**

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

If you have any short articles or  
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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