

AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

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EVENTS OCTOBER- NOVEMBER

District 2 Meeting

Optional – Hybrid Mtg.

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

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**

www.aa-swta.org.

District 2 Meeting

November 8, 2020

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

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STEP TEN

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

DAILY REFLECTIONS

October 7

DAILY MONITORING

Continued to take personal inventory. . . .
— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 88

The spiritual axiom referred to in the Tenth Step—“every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with us”—also tells me that there are no exceptions to it. No matter how unreasonable others may seem, I am responsible for not reacting negatively. Regardless of what is happening around me I will always have the prerogative, and the responsibility, of choosing what happens within me. I am the creator of my own reality.

When I take my daily inventory, I know that I must stop judging others. If I judge others, I am probably judging myself. Whoever is upsetting me most is my best teacher. I have much to learn from him or her, and in my heart, I should thank that person.

October 8

DAILY INVENTORY

. . . and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 59

I was beginning to approach my new life of sobriety with unaccustomed enthusiasm. New friends were cropping up and some of my battered friendships had begun to be repaired. Life was exciting, and I even

began to enjoy my work, becoming so bold as to issue a report on the lack of proper care for some of our clients. One day a co-worker informed me that my boss was really sore because a complaint, submitted over his head, had caused him much discomfort at the hands of his superiors. I knew that my report had created the problem, and began to feel responsible for my boss's difficulty. In discussing the affair, my co-worker tried to reassure me that an apology was not necessary, but I soon became convinced that I had to do something, regardless of how it might turn out. When I approached my boss and owned up to my hand in his difficulties, he was surprised. But unexpected things came out of our encounter, and my boss and I were able to agree to interact more directly and effectively in the future.

Spiritual Principle - DISCIPLINE

October 21

NOTHING GROWS IN THE DARK

We will want the good that is in us all, even in the worst of us, to flower and to grow.

— AS BILL SEES IT, p. 10

With the self-discipline and insight gained from practicing Step Ten, I begin to know the gratifications of sobriety — not as mere abstinence from alcohol, but as recovery in every department of my life.

I renew hope, regenerate faith, and regain the dignity of self-respect. I discover the word "and" in the phrase "and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it."

Reassured that I am no longer always wrong, I learn to accept myself as I am, with a new sense of the miracles of sobriety and serenity.

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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 X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be delegated at every level — and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood.

As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” reside with the A.A. groups, and they delegate this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, delegates to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations — A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. — but it delegates to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The directors are

in authority over the executives of the corporations, but delegate to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities. And finally, the executives delegate to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the authority necessary to carry out their important service jobs.

“It is perfectly clear,” says Bill, “that when delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with.” Otherwise, he warns, “those charged with operating responsibly will be demoralized.” For example, the General Service Board owns the two operating corporations and its authority over them is absolute.

“Nevertheless, so long as things go well, it is highly important that the trustees do not unnecessarily interfere with or usurp the operating authority of these entities.”

“To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities.”

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GRAPEVINE NEWS

October 2020 | Money and Sobriety
Letter from the Editor October 2020

Financial insecurity has long been an issue for alcoholics, both in our personal lives and involving AA matters. As we get sober, our relationship with money changes and improves. This is the hope. This month's special section features helpful stories by AA members about their various experiences with money, in and out of the program.

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WHAT'S NEW

- ▶ [Letter to General Service Conference](#)
– Added October 2020

On Oct. 2, drawdown from the Reserve Fund by A.A.W.S., Inc. was approved by the General Service Board.

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

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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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