

# AREA 68 AA-SWTA DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

## District 2 Trusted Servants:

### DCM REPORT

Hello District 2,  
Just a brief note to let you know your District 2 service people are looking forward to the next few months as a pale light shines giving hints, we are nearing the end of our current national crisis. Activity is beginning to warm in all our Committees as Spring comes steaming in both at Area level and District level.

Some of the institutions of incarceration in Comal County have begun making plans to resume in house assistance from A.A.. Giving thought to the idea (hope) treatment facilities will be following suit and soon opening their doors for us to begin visiting with the suffering alcoholics.

We look forward to this month's District Meeting. As we have chosen to publish Business items in our newsletter, I feel our community will be informed of the planned activities taking place at District.

Yours in Service,

Tony C.  
DCM, District 2

**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.**

### NON-RELATED EVENT

#### CANYON LAKES GROUPS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMPOUT

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Saturday, Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner  
and Sunday Breakfast included with  
Registration!!!

#### LOCATION:

Mountain Breeze Campground  
9250 River Road New Braunfels, TX

**NOTE: There is no pre-registration  
disregard the bottom portion of the  
flyer see attachment below.**

For more information contact:  
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### EVENTS APRIL - MAY

#### 2021 Pre-General Service Conference Assembly

#### April 10 -Virtual

Hosted by D1F San Antonio, TX  
Details coming soon, please check  
back

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

#### Agenda

9:00 AM Open Pre-General Service  
Conference Assembly  
9:05 AM How to Rename Yourself/How to  
Raise Your Virtual Hand/How to Vote  
9:15 AM Report from Secretary, Treasurer,  
Registrar  
10:00 AM Alternate Delegate Report  
10:15 AM Delegate Report  
Pre-GSC Presentation and Voting  
12:15 PM Lunch  
12:45 PM Proposals #1(GV/LV), #2  
(Archivist and Webmaster Funding)  
2:15 PM Pause 2:20P Area Committee  
Meeting/GSR Workshop  
3:00 PM Pause  
3:05 PM DCM Reports  
3:25 PM Service Committee Reports  
4:15 PM Final Remarks/Close Fall  
Conference & Voting Assembly\*

All reports/sessions translated into Spanish  
as needed; Ask-It Basket will be added, time  
permitting.

#### District 2 Meeting

April 11, 2021

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

#### Workshop –

Setting up Zoom Meetings and  
importance of Grapevine

#### Action Items:

#### Old Business:

District 2 Guidelines And Procedures  
Manual

#### New Business:

TBD – Open For Discussion

#### 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

#### District 2 Meeting

May 16, 2021

1:45 pm – 4:00 pm

#### Online – Zoom – Hybrid Mtg.

Meeting ID: 936 562 4592

Passcode: District2

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## TRADITION FOUR

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole”

### DAILY REFLECTIONS

April 29

#### GROUP AUTONOMY

*Some may think that we have carried the principle of group autonomy to extremes. For example, in its original "long form," Tradition Four declares: "Any two or three gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."\* . . . But this ultra-liberty is not so risky as it looks.*

— A.A. COMES OF AGE, pp. 104-05

As an active alcoholic, I abused every liberty that life afforded. How could A.A. expect me to respect the "ultra-liberty" bestowed by Tradition Four? Learning respect has become a lifetime job. A.A. has made me fully accept the necessity of discipline and that, if I do not assert it from within, then I will pay for it. This applies to groups too. Tradition Four points me in a spiritual direction, in spite of my alcoholic inclinations.

\* This is a misquote; Bill is referring to the Third Tradition.

## AS BILL SEE'S IT Page 319

### *“Two Authorities”*

Many people wonder how A.A. can function under a seeming anarchy. Other societies have to have law and force and sanction and punishment, administered by authorized people. Happily for us, we found that we need no human authorities which are far more effective. One is benign, the other malign.

There is God, our Father, who very simply says, "I am waiting for you to do my will." The other authority is named John Barlicorn, and he says, "You had better do God's will or I will kill you."

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The A.A. Traditions are neither rules, regulations, nor laws. We obey them willingly because we want to. Perhaps the secret of their power lies in the fact that these life-giving communications spring out of living experience and are rooted in love.

1. A.A. COMES OF AGE, P. 105
2. A.A. TODAY, P. 11

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### GRAPEVINE

TRADITION FOUR: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

#### Many Ways to Do It

#### A member shares his experience with concept of autonomy

When I was drinking, I had this idea that the word “autonomous” meant something like proud, isolated and alone. I considered *myself* autonomous and I had this picture of myself outside the crowd, someone who everyone was maybe frightened of but definitely impressed by.

Meanwhile, I was passing out in crowded places and, upon waking up, trying to figure out how to get out before anyone found out I had wet the furniture I passed out on. There were times I had to be helped up before I choked on my own vomit. I was isolated, yes, and as alone as I could get, and a lot of the time I was treated like a threat to myself because I was.

When I came to A.A., I hoped I was wrong about what autonomous meant, just like I’d been wrong about everything else. And thank God, I was.

The definition of the world autonomous that jumps out at me right now is “not subject to control from the outside.” That definition fit the AA members I met even before I came into the program. They were free, in the sense of not being in trouble with someone like I always was. They carried their freedom on the inside

while functioning as happy, responsible people in society. I could see that freedom in their eyes.

At my first home group-the Here’s H.O.W. group in Carbondale Illinois- the autonomy there hit me beautifully. Nobody monitored our meeting to see if we were doing things right. Nobody treated our meeting like a personal AA franchise, checking to that we displayed the logo prominently. Nobody shared reports about our meetings with the “home office.” Our group didn’t look anything like any organization I’d ever tried to join. Again, the freedom I saw in the people there touched me. A sense of peace came into me when I walked into our meeting room.

Since those very early days-thank to the Third Step-a lot of great life changes have taken me to many different places and different places and different AA meetings. And Tradition Four has helped me tremendously along the way to do what an old-timer friend once suggested: Be open to how people at a new meeting are staying sober. That “committee” that lives up in my head will often start making a list of things “they” are doing “wrong”. But then, as the meeting goes on, I slowly become one of the “we” and those delightful differences helped me see what we all share. I get to experience the same thing, no matter where I go to meetings- alcoholism, and sobriety through the Twelve Steps.

Recently, I counted up all the AA meetings I’ve gotten to attend. I believe I’ve been to meeting in 22 states in the U.S. and four different countries. Throughout my travels, I’ve kept on getting this gift that I could never give myself: and open mind.

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It's because the Twelve Steps give me an open heart.

Maybe I have gotten more autonomy because of all those different meetings I've been able to attend, along with the grace to accept other people's autonomy. Caring without controlling, that's what I've been shown at all those meetings, in one way or another. That's something I can share at my current home group, at other meetings and outside of them too.

**CHAD P.**  
*Mt. Vernon, Ind.*

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

### GIFT OF SERVING AS THE PI/CPC REPRESENTATIVE

I have held a number of service positions since getting sober. I started off as the coffee maker for Cullen Mall group in Corpus, spent a couple of years on the committee for the Jamboree, then secretary for the River Group, CSOR and Alt GSR for Women's Solutions Group, and a few short service opportunities helping with raffles, workshops, and that sort of thing. I took the PI/CPC position in January and honestly have never heard of this position until a couple of years ago. For me, the reward of this service position in particular, is reinforcing the identity AA gave me through the steps and applying these principles to all areas of my life. I would never have been able to interact with the professional community as the person I was before this miracle happened. Judges, professionals, these people I still consider intimidating sometimes were completely unapproachable in the past. Today having

this put in front of me (we can't say no?) reminds me that I am not any less than or more than anyone else. I get to be a part of and that is a real miracle to be able to put on this skin and wear it like a loose fitting garment in a whole new crowd. What a gift that is!!

I also have never been able to participate in the service organization in AA without feeling truly overwhelmed by the inspired structure of our organization and how it continues to hold the responsibility statement at the forefront to guide all of our decisions and actions from the groups directions. I have met many members who have given their own time, money, and efforts for no other reason than to help AA thrive and reach people whenever they need it. Without the infrastructure provided by these volunteers, AA would be so fragmented and out of touch, our message and program would be any kind of variation the locals thought up, and the person who just hit bottom might have a very hard time figuring out where to go for help. I feel like I am crashing the party with these folks most days but I learn so much from them and am so grateful to have the opportunity to learn about the service structure of AA and participate in helping to keep it going. If you don't love being sober and this program (or just want to more), I suggest taking a service position. It connects me more to others than anything else I do in sobriety because I don't get to just stay in the company of people it's easy to be in the company of, if that makes sense. I usually learn the most from the people I wouldn't normally gravitate to and that's a beautiful thing.

Thank you for letting me be of service.  
Jeanine W 6-27-92 DOS

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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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