

NEWSLETTER

AREA 68 AA-SWTA

JUNE 2024

DISTRICT 2

Hey there, District 2 AA crew!

It's that time of year again- summer has finally arrived! Whether you're hitting the beach, going on a road trip, or just chilling with your loved ones, make sure to soak up the sun and enjoy every moment.

Guess what? AA Founder's Day is just around the corner on June 10th, so it's AA's 89th birthday! Akron, OH is the place to be for the annual three-day conference. It's typically held the weekend closest to Founder's Day and it's jam packed with cool stuff like info sessions, speakers, entertainment, and historic site tours. I've not personally been to this event but it's definitely on my bucket list.

Locally, the CSO in San Antonio is throwing an open house from 10am to 4pm. Swing by and discover CSO's backstory and check out their new stock.

Oh, and I can't forget to mention the awesome time I had at the Spring Branch Group's summer picnic. The speakers were inspiring, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was top notch!

I can't wait to keep the spirit of service and fellowship going strong with all of you!

Gratefully in Service,

Cheryl B.

STEP 6

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character”

THE ONE THING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STEP 6

Willingness is the Key

Principle of this Step: Willingness

STEP SUMMARY

All 12 steps are important- but Six and Seven ARE the meat and substance of our program! We must have an extremely healthy and personal relationship with them, or else we are likely to drink again!”

We were so ill-prepared and highly untrained to not only see but understand how our pride, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, envy, and sloth (our P.A.G.G.L.E.S), all founded in fear (fear of not getting something we demand or of losing something we possess), were the components that kept leading us to the only solution that seemingly worked every time- alcohol.

The purpose of Step 6 is to become fully prepared to rid ourselves of the flaws we listed in Step 4, to become willing to let our Higher Power remove our defects and to stop pursuing what our idea of perfection is. The sixth step is a call to perfection. It separates those who are working the program and those who drift through the program. “The difference between ‘the boys and the men’ is the difference between striving for a self-determined objective and for the perfect objective which is of God.”.

MYTHS ABOUT THIS STEP

One of the biggest misconceptions about this Step is that we have the ability to become less of these things on our own. We do not have the skill set to become less of the flaws in our character that have caused our failure. It is way above our pay grade. We strengthen our faith in a Power greater than ourselves and allow God to remove them from us.

INVENTORY/ WITH GOD AND IN AA

Inventory:

Taking a step displays a willingness to write inventory and allow it to surrender something within us. Write inventory on your most serious shortcomings around the practical application of this step in your life today (“How am I applying the spiritual principle found in this Step to every moment of my life?”)

With God and in A.A.:

- Do I use justified resentments as an excuse to criticize others and enjoy self-righteous anger?
- Do I wish for what I do not have rather than working for it?
- Am I entirely ready to have God remove all my defects of character?

“The only problem we ever really have is separation from God”

TRADITION 6

Short Form: "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose"

Long-form: "Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to AA should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An AA group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to AA, such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the AA name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, AA managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside AA- and medically supervised. While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go as far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An AA group can bind itself to no one."

STEP- TRADITION PARALLEL

The sixth step poses the question, how can I become entirely ready to have my defects of character removed? The answer is in the sixth tradition. In fact the sixth tradition describes main character defects: the problems involved from seeking money, property, and prestige. The sixth tradition contains the solution to my problems of money, property, and prestige: the more primary in my life carrying the message becomes, the less problems of any kind I have!

Therefore, observing the sixth tradition in my life by placing my primary purpose of carrying the message first, and not my problems of my property, prestige, or worthy outside of interests, keeps me sober.

CONCEPT 6

Short Form: "The conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."

Long Form: "On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting the large matters of general policy and finance. But the conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the trustee members of the conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Principle of the Concept: Accountability

ONE THING YOU NEED TO KNOW: The conference allows the board to do its job

EVENTS:

- June 9th: District Meeting Sunday 2 pm
 - Speaker: Kaylyn J. (PI/CPC Chair)
- June 10th: AA Founder's Day/ annual 3-day conference (Akron, OH)
 - CSO (San Antonio) Open House 10am- 4pm
- June 21-23: 77th Annual Texas State Convention
 - Irving, TX
- July 9-21: SWTA Summer Workshop
 - Westin North San Antonio
- August 9th: PI/CPC Conference
 - Williamson Conference Center- 1209 N IH 35 Round Rock, TX
- October 4-6: SWTA Fall Conference and Voting Assembly
 - Victoria, TX
- October 11-13: SWRAASA SW Regional AW Service Assembly
 - 900 E Lookout Dr. Richardson, TX 757082

LOCAL INFORMATION:

NEW BRAUNFELS GROUP CONSCIENCE

Meets at 12:15pm every 3rd Sunday of the month. All members of New Braunfels Group AA are encouraged to attend. Attendance is mandatory for service members.

HEE-HAW CONCEPT MEETING

Third Monday of each month at 6pm. Into Action group:
1302 South Main, Lockhart TX, 78644

BEGINNERS SPEAKER MEETING

Monday at 7pm, 1142 East Eikel

WINDMILL WOMEN'S MEETING

Saturday 7pm-8pm, Windmill Wellness Ranch
26229 N. Cranes Mill Road, Canyon Lake

SPEAKERS DISTRICT MEETING:

- Amanda B: Alt Delegate- Sunday, May 19
- Kaylyn J: PICPC Chair- Sunday, June 9
- KC H: Delegate- Sunday, August 11

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

The Central Service Office Helpline Committee has Volunteer shifts open. Friday 9am-1pm and Thursday 1pm-5pm, may work at CSO or from home.

After hours helpline chairperson: Requires 1 year sobriety, a home group, and regular meeting attendance.

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NB GROUP ZOOM

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ZOOM MEETINGS

District 2 Area Zoom Meeting: Second
Sunday from 2pm-4pm Jan 14 to Sun
Dec 14, 2025