

May Newsletter

Hello District 2 AA,

🌻🌻 Welcoming the Vibrance of May 🌻🌻

May is a time of full bloom, warmth, and boundless possibilities. With nature bursting into life and the days growing longer, it's a season that energizes us to embrace growth, renewal, and forward momentum.

This month is an invitation to cultivate fresh ideas, strengthen connections, and step into new opportunities with confidence. Whether it's embarking on new adventures, deepening relationships, or simply savoring the beauty of the season, May encourages us to thrive.

Here's to a month of inspiration, progress, and joyful experiences! 🍌

This past month, the Seguin Group and the Canyon Lake Solutions Group celebrated their anniversaries with well-attended events that featured engaging speakers, delicious food, and great opportunities for fellowship. In addition to these celebrations, I have been actively involved with the Area Map ad-hoc committee, the District 2 Service Workshop Committee, and in establishing a Treatment Facilities Meeting in New Braunfels, in collaboration with the New Braunfels Group.

Recently, I received a postcard from our delegate, KC H., who was attending the 75th General Service Conference in New York. He shared that he was having a good time, but it's clear that he was hard at work as well. KC will provide a report on the conference during the Summer Workshop in June, and I will also arrange for him to visit our District for a more detailed discussion. All AA members are invited to attend this informative session.

Looking ahead, the District 2 Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, in Lockhart. For more details, please refer to the flyer. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, you can reach out to Don B. at (512) 560-5350 or via email at Donald.b.1986@gmail.com.

Please be sure to book your room for the Area 68 Summer Workshop at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock from Friday, June 6th, to Sunday, June 8th. GSRs and committee chairs should contact the hotel directly to secure the negotiated room rate of \$109 per night. If any GSRs need a scholarship, please submit your requests as soon as possible. A flyer with more information will be available on the area's website soon. In the meantime, you can use the information below to book your room now.

Wingate by Wyndham
1209 N Interstate Hwy 35
Round Rock, TX 78664
Group Code Reservations by Phone ONLY
Phone: (512) 961-1732 – SELECT OPTION 4 FOR FRONT DESK
Rooms \$109 with code: summer workshop

Gratefully in service,
Cheryl B.
District 2 DCM

Grapevine website: AAGrapevine.org

New A.A. Grapevine podcast as of April 13, 2025

New A.A. Grapevine prices:

Print 1 year: \$18

2 years: \$34

Digital bi-monthly: \$2.99

Digital one year: \$14.99

YPAA (Young People A.A.) World Tour: audio stories from young people in A.A. Short stories 6-8 minutes long

A.A. Grapevine YouTube channel

American sign language videos for deaf alcoholics are now available on A.A. Grapevine YouTube channel.

There is a call for veteran A.A. members to be interviewed. The trustee committee on Cooperation with the Professional/Treatment/Accessibilities areas in A.A. is pleased to announce the launch of military veterans sharing their experience, strength, and hope focusing on their interactions with military service and recovery in A.A.
Go to www.aa.org/military for more information

STEP 5

"Admitted to god, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs"

Spiritual Principle of the Step:
INTEGRITY

Definition of Integrity:
Adherence to moral and ethical principals; soundness of moral character; honesty.
The state of being whole, entire, and undiminished.

STEP SUMMARY

Have you ever noticed that the Fifth Step doesn't say that we just admit our wrongs? It says that we admit the EXACT NATURE of our wrongs, so we need to do more than just confess what we did. We also need to see WHY we did what we did so that we can ask God to help us with it.

It's obvious why we share our inventory with another person - because we are MASTERS at believing in our own justifications and half-truths. Aren't we the ones who used to say we didn't have a drinking problem? Didn't we tell ourselves over and over that we were doing fine as we were sinking deeper and deeper into the abyss of alcoholism? Since we're not good judges of character, especially our own, confide in someone else. Only ANOTHER person can see us as we REALLY are. That's why it says that a SOLITARY self-appraisal is insufficient.

he purpose of this Step is to help ease the anxiety, depression and irritability of hiding the worst parts of us. We are able to rid ourselves of isolation and loneliness. If we don't report to someone on our shortcomings, we become God in our own lives as we did when we drank! THIS is the exact nature of our wrongs: We thought we were God - We thought we were in charge.

"What we used to be like" is not described in a "drunkalogue" (as it's commonly referred to but listed nowhere in our first 164). It is described best in the reasons for our spiritual disobedience that led to our alcoholism ("12 & 12" p.174). It is when we lay out all of the defects of character that block us from our happiness (and from God as we understand God).

"I was fearful - and I drank..."

"I was resentful - and I drank..."

"I was selfish - and I drank..."

A really effective description of what we used to be like will not list all of the alcohol you drank, or what the consequences of your actions were when you did drink. It will list the many defects of character that had you believe the only solution to your problem WAS to drink.

- 1.) an end to loneliness and a sense of belonging to A.A. (p. 57)
 2. a feeling that I could be forgiven and that I am able to forgive others (p. 58); and
 - 3.) a desire for true humility: a clear recognition of what and who I really am, followed by a sincere attempt to become what I could be.
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What Can I Surrender in this Step?

Fear of sharing my inventory with another human being.

MYTHS ABOUT THIS STEP

It's not necessary to share your defects with another person—it's enough that your Higher Power knows.

It's very important to reveal your inventory to another person, so you can receive feedback and experience. You'll feel a huge weight lifted once you confide in another. This will allow you to move on to step 6 with humility.

--TRADITION 5--

Short Form:

“Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Long Form:

“Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Step Tradition Parallel

The relationship of the fifth step to the fifth tradition is that the fifth step taught me the exact nature of my wrongs, “I’m not in charge.” In the fifth tradition I learned just the opposite, I learned what my exact nature should be: my talent to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, my primary purpose.

In the fifth step I learned what’s wrong about me and in the fifth tradition I learned what’s right about me. What’s right about me is my ability to carry the message when no one else can because of the experiences that I have had which were transformed into a message of hope in the fifth step. My alcoholism is my greatest talent, not my talents as a husband, father, son, or my job. I can fulfill my primary purpose for being born by carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

WE ONLY HAVE ONE PURPOSE

It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away. This Tradition delineates pretty clearly our individual primary purpose, as well as the group's. Each of us is but a small part of the whole, but by joining AA's primary purpose to our own, we become something bigger than our individual selves.

Am I willing to surrender my old primary purposes?

To work this tradition means that I am willing to say "yes" to this question and rearrange the rest of my priorities. Devoting myself to a new primary purpose means that I am willing to let go of many old ideas. I have many thinking patterns that are automatic that I need to change in order to consecrate myself to a new primary purpose

--CONCEPT 5--

Short Form:

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Long Form:

Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

TRUSTED SERVANTS HAVE A RIGHT TO APPEAL

Every member of A.A.'s world service structure has the right to state a minority opinion when they feel the majority has crossed over to the dark side.

We have to recognize that there are times when the minority can be right and it is our responsibility to listen to their petition. We have seen many examples where a well stated and well crafted minority opinion can change the outcome entirely.

In the spirit of democracy, allowing the minority opinion to be heard is vital to the unity we profess we must have in Tradition 1. Being able to balance the right of appeal with majority decision ensures we will never be subjected to the tyranny of either the majority or the minority.

CONCEPT CHECKLIST

1. Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal,” to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
 2. What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity*”?
 3. Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?
 4. Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?
- * u·na·nim·i·ty (yōnə'nimədə) [noun] agreement by all people involved; consensus

EVENTS

Saturday May 17

7pm

New Braunfels Group Speaker Meeting

Louie T. from Gruene Rd. Group

Sunday May 18

12:15pm New Braunfels Group Conscience

2:00 pm District 2 meeting. 24 Club 1141 Eikel St

Saturday May 24

2:00-4:30pm

AA History and Sponsorship Workshop

Schertz-Cibolo Group

1201 Oak St

Friday-Sunday is June 6-8

Area 68 Summer Workshop

Wingate Hotel

1209 N IH 35

Round Rock, Texas 78664

PH (512) 961-1732 Select OPTION 4 for front desk

Rooms \$109 with code: Summer Workshops

Saturday July 26

9am doors open

12noon - close

District 2 Service Fair

Gruene United Methodist Church

2629 E Common St

New Braunfels, TX 78130

Missions and Outreach Building

Friday-Saturday August 23 and 24

SWTA 68 PI/CPC Workshop

Port Isabel Event and Cultural Center

309 Railroad St

Port Isabel, TX 78578

Friday -Sunday October 10-12

SWTA 68 Voting/Election Assembly

"...On The Broad Highway"

Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Airport & Conference Center

5549 Leopard St.

Ph: 361-289-5100

\$92 + tax per night (Code: STX)

Registration fee:\$15.00

Coffee for entire weekend, optional \$5.00

Write and send check or M/O to:

District 8-D

P.O. Box 61135

Corpus Christi, TX 78466

