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# April Newsletter



Hello District 2 AA,

🌸🌞 Welcoming the Fresh Energy of April 🌞🌸

As we step into April, the world around us seems to hum with a renewed sense of life and possibility. With blossoms unfurling and daylight lingering a bit longer, it's a season that inspires growth, discovery, and connection.

This month is an opportunity to embrace change and cultivate the seeds of our dreams—whether it's tackling new challenges, fostering relationships, or simply enjoying the warmth of the sun. Let's take inspiration from nature's resilience and beauty as we blossom alongside this vibrant season.

Here's to making April a month of flourishing, optimism, and joyful beginnings!



March was a busy month! I want to thank all the District 2 committee members and GSRs who attended the Area meeting in Laredo. It was a long weekend filled with discussions, but the experience of seeing how general service operates was absolutely worthwhile.

For those who were unable to attend, we voted on several proposals for the General Service Conference and our area. Additionally, our delegate gathered input from the area on many key issues that he will bring to the General Service Conference later in April. A summary of these topics is provided below. Please visit the area website for background information in the Delegate's Corner at <https://www.aa-swta.org/>.

## Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) for 2026 General Service Conference

#1 – Adding an International Secondary Conference Committee to Correspond to the Trustees' Committees – voted to approve

#2 – Restructure the General Service Board from seven non-alcoholic to four, and from two trustees-at-large to four. – voted to approve

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### Motions to change the Area Service Structure and Policy & Procedure Manual for SWTA 68.

#1 - Add a process for presenting the SWTA 68 General Service Conference (GSC) proposed agenda item (PAI) with the intent of seeking area committee support. The vote on this proposal resulted in 40 in favor and 84 against.

#2 - This proposal aims to revise the section of the manual that currently includes a note stating that the incoming delegate may select a preferred candidate for the positions of Area Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer. However, this selection must be approved by a vote from the area committee. The vote on this proposal resulted in 20 in favor and 104 against.

### 2025 General Service Conference Agenda Items to be Discussed

1) 2025 Conference Committee on Report and Charter: ITEM B: Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings.

Sense from the area was No.

2) 2025 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions: ITEM E: Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature (PAI#36)

Sense from the area was No.

3) 2025 Conference Committee on Literature: ITEM L: Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.

Sense from the area was No.

4) 2025 Conference Committee on Literature: ITEM K: Consider request to update the book Living Sober.

Sense from the area was No.

5) 2025 Conference Committee on Literature: ITEM J: Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Sense from the area was No.

6) 2025 Conference Committee on Finance: ITEM C: Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.

No sense was taken from the area on this issue since this is a review of the level approved by the GSB.

7) 2025 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums: ITEM B: Review progress report on the development of a new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.

Sense from the area was yes, however, the area will be seeking more feedback from the fellowship before adopting.

8) 2025 Conference Committee on Agenda: ITEM J: Consider a proposal pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session to discuss Grievances about General Service Board Actions

Sense from the area was No.

9) 2025 Conference Committee on Trustees: ITEM F: Review Censure Process Proposal

Sense from the area was No.

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During this month's district meeting, I would like feedback from the GSRs regarding their groups' reactions to the agenda items, as well as updates from both the picnic committee and the service workshop committee.

The Area 68 Summer Workshop is approaching quickly and will take place 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

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## STEP 4

### **“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory**

#### STEP SUMMARY

Page 64 in the Big Book starts by comparing a personal inventory to a business inventory. In the first full paragraph of page 64, it says, “Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking a commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an **effort** to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade. One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret.”

The whole point of a business inventory is to identify a company’s liabilities and its assets. They identify their liabilities (those things that are no longer selling – or working for them) so they can remove them from the shelves to make room for more assets (those things that will sell – or work for them). Taking a personal inventory is no **different**. We searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self (not alcohol but self), manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we considered its common manifestations. We had to get down to causes and conditions.

A solid Fourth Step inventory where we take stock of the manifestations of self-will is divided into three (3) parts:

- 1.) Our Resentments (or “grudge list” as Bill calls it)
- 2.) Our Fears
- 3.) Our Sex Conduct (and harm done toward others in this area)

The Fourth Step is NOT about finding out who we ARE, it’s about finding out who we are NOT, so with God’s help, we can be rid of it and who we ARE will then shine through. That’s another reason why “self-knowledge avails us nothing.” We need to find out what GOD wants us to be.

In our Fourth Step inventories we will discover, for the most part, that our troubles were of our OWN making. We will see how we played a part in every resentment and fear we’ve ever had and how our conduct has harmed others. These are the very things that have blocked us from God, which is the **ONLY** Power that can remove the alcoholic

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### **What Can I Surrender in this Step?**

- 1.) Fear of looking at who I was, and
- 2.) Any desire to regret the past

### **MYTHS ABOUT THIS STEP**

This step is meant to tear you down.

Members who complete this step say they feel a newfound confidence once they've finally faced themselves. They are ready to start the next chapter of their lives as sober and better versions of themselves.

### **--TRADITION 4--**

#### **Short Form:**

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

#### **Long Form:**

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount

### **Step Tradition Parallel**

If I don't seek the advice and help of others in matters affecting them, then I again become God in my own life, the exact nature of my wrongs. The steps help to restore my relationship with God (through inventory among other things) and the traditions show me how to get along with God (and others). I was God in my own life. I was a dictator. With others, I was just the opposite. I sought their approval.

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The fourth tradition solves this dilemma: I seek to be one with God and to be one with others about matters affecting them. There are certain things that must be done alone with God, such as writing inventory. Writing inventory is an autonomous function. Interesting parallel.

## **--CONCEPT 4--**

### **Short Form:**

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

### **Long Form:**

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

### **Principle of Concept:**

PARTICIPATION

### **One thing you need to know:**

Trusted Servants Have a Right of Participation

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This Concept basically tells us that there should always be a right to vote and debate (discuss) by certain world trusted servants equal to the job they perform. No organizational charts here.

The idea of “participation” can usually stop the misapplication or misuse of final authority, while reminding us at the same time that the “spiritual corporation” of A.A. should never include any members who are regarded as “second class.”

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## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

**Into Action Group – Was pictured in this month's monthly Grapevine Magazine**

**4/12 (6pm) Speaker Meeting (TBD)**

**5/10 (6pm) Speaker Meeting (TBD)**

**5/3 Birthday Night**

**5pm Potluck**

**6pm Meeting/Celebration**

**5/17 District 2 Picnic**

**10am-2pm**

**Lockhart City Park – 504 E. City Park Rd.**

**11am meeting; Lunch immediately after**

**Bring food and dessert to share. Bring lawn chair as seating is limited.**

### **New Braunfels Group**

**4/19 7pm Speaker Meeting**

**Speaker: Lori H. from The Acceptance Group (Schertz)**

**5/3 Birthday Night (April Birthdays)**

**6pm Potluck (bring main/side dishes and/or dessert by 5:45pm)**

**7pm Celebration**

### **Seguin Group**

**4/19 78th Anniversary Chili Cook-off & Cobbler Contest**

**2365 Huber Rd**

**Seguin, TX 78155**

**\$10 to enter cook-off or cobbler contests**

**5-11pm 60's and 70's Themed Party**

**Raffle Prizes**

**Speaker: Stacy S.**

**3:30pm Set up**

**5:30pm Eating**

**7pm Speaker**

**8pm Winners**

**9pm Dance**

**For more information contact:**

**Meg P. 618-660-6660 or**

**Brian H. 830-243-8934**

**A.A. History and Sponsorship Workshop**

**5/24 2:00-4:30pm**

**Hosted by District 18 Schertz/Cibolo Group**

**1201 Oak Street**

**Facilitated by K.C. H. (San Antonio, TX) and**

**Gary K. (Sulpher Springs, TX)**

District 2 CFC Chair:

Looking for men and woman who would like to work a 12th step and be of service to correctional facilities. By either sharing their experience, strength and hope by speaking IN THE ACTUAL FACILITY or by speaking on a zoom meeting. AA also provides the ability to sponsor an inmate through mail correspondence. If you are interested in one or all, please read below for requirements in order to be of service to the correctional facility.

- 1) Sober man or woman has at least 6 months of continuous sobriety in order to speak. Or has worked all 12 steps in order to sponsor
- 2) Can pass a background check. A prior conviction may NOT disqualify a member from being a volunteer, as this is viewed as a case by case basis. All applications will be considered, except applicants who within the last 3 years
  - a) have a conviction for a violation, misdemeanor or felony
  - b) Have been under probation, parole or post release supervision
  - c) Have served any jail or prison time
  - d) Have criminal charges pending
  - e) Fail to disclose previous or current criminal justice involvement
- 3) AA member may NOT already be a visitor at the facility
- 4) AA members may NOT allow volunteers to take phone calls from individuals currently in the facility.
- 5) Willing to complete an online course at least once a year.

If you are interested please call or text Amanda W Correctional Facilities Chair District 2 (830)946-1550 for more information



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## EVENTS

Spirit of the Pines Weekend Retreat

4/11 (4pm) – 4/13 (12pm)

Camp Olympia in Trinity, TX

Registration: [www.spiritofthepines.org](http://www.spiritofthepines.org)

For more information contact: Angela P. 972-672-2965

Area 68 Summer Workshop

6/6-6/8

Wingate Hotel (Round Rock, TX)

1209 S IH 35

Reservations by phone only

512-961-1732 Option 4

Rooms \$109 with code: Summer Workshop

90th Anniversary of A.A. International Convention

7/3-7/6

Vancouver, BC, Canada

For Information go to [www.aa-SWTA.org](http://www.aa-SWTA.org)

4/15 price of registration will increase

78th Annual Texas State Convention

8/15-8/17

Royal Sonota Hotel

Houston Galleria Area

2222 W. Loop South

713-766-3782

SWTA 68 PI/CPC Workshop

Save the Date: 8/23-8/24

Port Isabel Event and Cultural Center

Hosted by District 27

SWTA 68 Voting/Election Assembly

Hosted by Districts 8D and 8E

Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Airport and Conference Center