

The Nightcap

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THE CSO BOOKSTORE IS OPEN UNTIL 6pm on MONDAYS

The 2nd Annual San Antonio Interdistrict City-Wide Picnic

All members are invited
Bring your family

Free Admission - Free Food - Free Entertainment - Fun Guaranteed

Saturday, May 13th. 2017

McAllister Park
11am to 1:30pm

With an open Speaker Meeting:
Sylvia O. - A.A.
Henry O. - Al-Anon

PICNIC May 6th

River Crossing River Park

At the end of River Crossing Blvd. Spring Branch Texas



11am to 4pm

Spring Branch Group
Food, Fun, Kids Activities
Fellowship
BBQ-hot dogs & fixin's
Guest Speaker: Collin A.
Bring lawn chairs
Side dishes & desserts



ANNUAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

**This event will be in San Antonio
June 9th, 2017**

website is now available for registering:
<http://txaaconvention.org>

The Texas State Convention rotates around the state. Only once in every six years does it come to San Antonio. This is a event filled with AA speakers and fellowship. Members from all over Texas will attend.

The hotel is on IH10, just north of Loop 410.
Easy access and free parking.

Omni at the Colonnade

Free parking
Flyers for registration available

A.A. in San Antonio is busy We are not a glum lot

District 18 Workshop

May 20, 2017

Place is Hope Group

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

713 Division Street

10:30am – 3:00pm Workshop

(Presentations and Question & Answers)

12:00 Fellowship (food & refreshments)

The Group . . . Where A.A.'s

Service Structure Begins

Tracy J.

How an A.A. Group Functions

Tomi BA

How the A.A. Group Relates to A.A.

as a Whole

Char S



What A.A. Does Not Do

Principles before Personalities

Michael P

Everyone is welcomed to attend

Two AA Books will be given out, plus other surprises

16th Annual A DAY IN RECOVERY

Saturday, 30th of September, 2017

“The Triangle and the Home Group”

Facilitated by K.C. Hayes, Eric G. and Jimmy D.

Location: St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Ave.,
78213

For additional information, please contact Shane: 210-400-7793

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE:

<http://www.aasanantonio.org/day-recovery-2017>

Lambda 39th Anniversary June 17th

7pm BBQ
8:15pm Speaker

Madison Square Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall – upstairs
319 Camden

Watch for the “What’s Happening at your Group”

If your Group is hosting an event...email the information for inclusion in the Nightcap to: csosa@dslextre.me

After-hours helpline volunteer helped a member in El Paso find an AA meeting in El Paso by doing a web search. Going to any length to help another alcoholic searching for an AA meeting.

Thanks Danny!

Going the extra mile



Thanks a bunch

We had a blast the turn-out was amazing!

We raised \$6400 for CSO.

Weather was perfect!

Special thanks to all who came out to support the cause.

- Fun Run Hosted by Acceptance Grp had 44 partakers, with Serendipity Grp with winning Grp participation!

More Group Participation

- Bulverde Group - BBQ
- Serendipity Group - Soda & Water
- Airport Group - Coffee
- Broadway Group - Popcorn
- Coker Group - Nachos
- 7AM Early Bird Group 12 - Palettes & Bake Sale
- Group 12 & Spanish Group - Kid Striker
- Freedom Group - Plnco
- Halt Group - Bean Bag Throw
- Turning Point Group - Cake Walk
- Young & Done Group - Boom Blaster
- Highland Group - Big Bounce
- Friday Night Fix Group -Tin Can Smash
- Golden Ticket Group - Pin the Tail
- Young & Done Group - Digital Pictures

Others who Participated

- Soba Alumni-Fruit Cups,
- IHRP Haven 4 Hope - Face Painting
- Alpha Alumni - \$ Wheel
- San Antonio Archives-Balloon & Darts
- CSO-Ring Toss
- Oxford Alumni- Fish Pong
- Shane & Friends Football Toss

Thank you

Committee Chairs

- Christina S.B. Chair / Lemanda Co-Chair
- Nanette Food Booths / Connie Sanitization
- Curtis & Mike Golf / Laura Silent Auction
- Rhonda Prizes/Flyers / Shelia Signs
- Chris & Justin Trailer Haul / Brian Emcee
- Bret Sound / Debbie, Suzanne
- Cathy & Jim Treasurer and Admin



Bookstore & Office

Central Service Office
8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(off Loop 410 & Broadway)

**Bookstore Hours: Monday 9am to 6pm
Tuesday-Friday 9am to 5pm**

210-821-6325
Tomi or Virginia
Call us if you have a question.

**OPENING Monday 1-5pm
Volunteer now!**

At the Office: 8804 Tradeway
Requirements: One year sober & home group.
No experience is necessary. There will be training.

Volunteer at the Office with the in-house phone

**Call Virginia or Tomi
210-821-6325**



Wednesday is Volunteer Day at the Central Service Office at 9am to 4pm



Location: 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

Just drop in and volunteer. Sobriety requirement: sober.

Work to be done? Folding, catalog press, directories press, dust the book shelves price books, inventory, jewelery polishing, stapling and some computer work if that is your talent.

Things We Cannot Change

Ann B. from the Generic Group passed away March 17, 2017. She was known for her weekly cookies contributions as well as for her spirited sharing.

Juaquin A. from the Grupo Esperanza passed away on April 18th. Juaquin was an active member in the Hispanic AA Community.

Bill W. from the Turning Point Group passed away on Sunday morning, April 23rd.



Meeting Directory

The meeting directory is printed every day in order to insure that members have the latest meeting information.

How can you help to keep it current?

- ♦ Call in all changes for your Group. Have a designated person to do this report.
- ♦ Review the directory on a regular basis. Advise the Office of any needed corrections.

**Ask Me About
Sober
Over
Sixty**

AA Meeting: seniors over 60

Tuesday at 10:30 am

Fellowship Room: 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio 7217

BOOKSTORE NEWS

CSO BOOKSTORE

8804 Tradeway - San Antonio

Open Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday- Friday 9am-5pm



The Bookstore carries all of the items made by Alcoholics Anonymous (Books, pamphlets, signs, and service related workbooks)

And many different gifts items

Specials



Watch for these Price tags in the Bookstore shelves.

Items that we have reduced the sales price will have these tags!

Books for just \$12

- Melody Beattie- "Codependent No More"
- Dan Griffin- "A Man's Way through the Twelve Steps"
- Earnie Larsen- "His Last Steps"
- Robert Fitzgerald- "The Soul of Sponsorship"

Once they are gone this price will not return to the Store this year.



Bookmarks \$1.49 each
A large variety to Choose from.

Pocket Cards

60¢ each

Many titles to choose.



Medallion holders

D-905

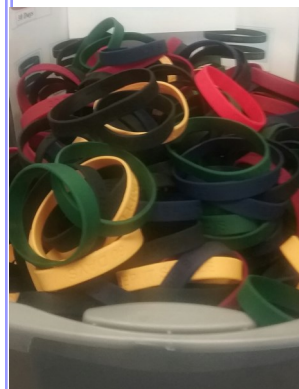
\$3.00



Grapevine Books
That are reduced for this sale while supplies last

\$10.00 each

- Home Group
- A.A. Around the World
- Emotional Sobriety
- Sober & Out
- El Grupo Base Corazón de AA



Sobriety

Wristbands

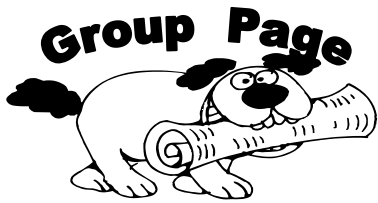
6 for \$5 or \$1 ea.

"Halt"-90 days

"keep it Simple" 60 days

"Keep coming back" - 30 days

"Miracles Happen" 9 Mo.



What's Happening at Groups

Send your Groups information and let other members know what's happening in San Antonio A.A.

Groups

Meeting in the Northeast Of San Antonio Saturdays

Saturday Morning Mens

St. David's Episcopal Church
1300 Wiltshire Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78209
Close to for Sam Houston
Closed Discussion - 8am

Serendipity Group

10929 Nacogdoches - Ste 5
San Antonio, TX 78217
Close to Lady Bird Johnson Park
Open Discussion - 11am
Open Discussion - 8pm
Last Saturday of month is a Pot luck dinner and speaker Starting at 6:30pm

Northeast Group

North East Baptist Hospital Conference Room by ER
8811 Village Dr.
Open Dicussion at 8:15pm

New Hope Group

Northwest Hills Christina Church
9560 Potranco Rd
Community Ed. Building
San Antonio, TX 78215

Open Discussion Meetings

Sunday - 7pm



Women of Wonder Group

Moved- Same time—Same day
St. Francis Episcopal Church
San Antonio, TX 78240

The KeystoneGroup

Has folded
Met on Sundays at 4:30pm
St Francis Episcopal Church

Poplar Group

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
3225 W. Poplar
San Antonio, TX 78228

Thursday
7pm
Closed discussion

New Time

Promises Promises Group

Thursday
at 6pm
Open Discussion-Big Book

Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roletto Dr.
San Antonio, TX 30

NEW MEETING

Mostly Agnostic

First Unitarian Universalist Church
7150 Interstate 10 - Thoreau Bldg
(Frontage Rd)
San Antonio, TX 78213
Wednesday - 7pm

SPEAKER MEETING

Highland Park Group

Speaker Meetings In May

1st - George (Schertz-Cibolo Group)
15th.-Amanda (Serendipity Group)
29th - Ron (Kirby Group)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
502 Kayton
San Antonio, TX 78210

First Things First Group

Saturday - 8:30am
Closed Discussion

St. Francis Episcopal Church

4242 Bluemel
San Antonio, TX 78240



Truckers can park at the location of the Airport Group and Winners Club

Friday Night Fix Group Moved to

St. George Episcopal Church
6904 West Ave
San Antonio, TX 78213
(2nd floor)
Friday at 7:30
Open discussion



**Central Service Office Representatives
Monthly General Membership Meeting (CSOR Meeting)**

Meets on Monday, May 15th. at 6pm

New Officers (January - June 2017)

Chairperson: Kris J. - Gruene Rd Group
Co-Chairperson: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group
Secretary: Tami S. - Rush Hour Group
Alt Secretary: Patricia S. - Boerne Womens Group
Greeter: Eric Q. - Highlands Group

Board Alaison: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group

Nominating Committee (January - Deember 2017)

Regan F. - Acceptance Group Susan H. - Universal City Group
Greg H. - Halt Group

Telephone
Committee

meets at
5:15pm

Archives Room

**WELCOME
NEW CSORS**

Alyssa B. - Highlands Group
Deanna T.—Turning Point Group (Alternate CSOR)
Mike S. - Friday Night Fix Group

Eric Q. from the Highlands Group rotates out of the CSOR position as the Chairperson of the Communication Committee and **Gilbert V.** from the Coffee Pot Group accedes Eric.

The Communication Committee is a busy committee that thinks outside of the "box" at the same time keeping an eye on the Traditions.

* article "Skyping"

**CENTRAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO**

Communications Committee is currently looking for individuals to join our committee. Please inquire by calling CSO. If interested please leave name, cell number or email address with the office.

**More to come with
your ideas!!!**

WEBSITE:
WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG



"We are communicating better, but we are still not out of the woods."

**A View From the Communications Committee
of the Central Service Office Representatives
CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO**

(More about CSO)

Communications Committee is currently looking for individuals to join our committee. Please inquire by calling CSO. If interested please leave name, cell number or email address with the office.

12 STEP LISTS: The Central Service Office maintains an A. A. 12 step list provided by the individuals.

SPEAKER LIST

The Central Service Office maintains an A.A. speaker list for use by the groups and service structures.

BOOKSTORE

Your Central Office keeps a complete stock of A. A. General Service Conference approved literature. We also keep a complete stock of the Grapevine books, literature and specialty items including Tapes, CD's, wall slogans, posters, and sobriety chips.

Monthly Nightcap: The monthly nightcap is a free newsletter that CSO sends out monthly. This newsletter is a great source to have especially in early sobriety and for all and any newcomers. Please visit the CSO weblink to inquire.

WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG

A.A. ARCHIVES

The CSO Archives Committee exists to pre-serve our A. A. history here in San Antonio. Our archives provide a repository of this history to carry the message from past generations to current and future generations. Our mission is to document permanently the work of A. A. in this area and have it available to A. A. members. Thanks to your donations.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Get plugged and learn to be of service. Become a CSOR representative for your group. Call CSO for more information.

There are numerous ways to be of service to AA through the Central Service Office of San Antonio. Members interested in any of the opportunities listed herein may complete a volunteer form at CSO. WEBSITE:

WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG

CSO-CSR meetings capability is currently under testing by use of SKYPE technology. More information to follow on Skype meetings.

Communications committee members:

Gilbert V. & Greg H.

Email: SACSOCommunications@gmail.com

Skype



Skype is an instant messaging app that provides online text message and video chat services. Users may transmit both text and video messages and may exchange digital documents such as images, text, and video. Skype allows video conference calls. Wikipedia

Central Service Office Representatives - Meeting Notes
Monday, March 20, 2017

Opening: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

Introductions: New CSO Reps & all CSO Reps each rep tells something about their Group
Group announcements: Coffee Pot Volleyball on Sunday at 3pm at the Health Science Center
Spring Branch Picnic coming up in May
2nd Annual City Wide Picnic also in May

CSOR sign up and information wall, check your information on signup sheet. Flyers and information in the fellowship room are for CSORs to take to group and post for their group

Minutes of previous meeting (February): Approved.

Board Liaison report:

Bruce T. (Board Trustee) -gave the Financial report
 Rose P. (Board Trustee) -gave Board report
 Greg F – (Board Trustee)- Is attending their Intergroup meetings.

Office Manager's report: Tomi BA – Reported they had received 1 10% discount card. This card was designed to bring members to the office for the 1st time. Announced clearance tag sale. Seniors in Sobriety is running well. There is still a need for 60 yrs. plus members to pick up a senior to take to a meeting after treatment bridging this Gap.

Guests:

Lemanda – Family Fun Fair -all the booths have been accounted for. They did need someone to pay for the face painting booth and a member did that. Still asking for meat donations. (\$250 needed) Send all donations to Christina S., Jim W. or CSO make checks payable to Weekend in SA

Billy S. –TEXAS STATE CONVENTION June 9-11, 2017 at the Omni at the Colonnade. This year's Theme "Fit ourselves to be of Maximum Service" He gave out packets for all the groups with the event program and registration flyers.

Committee Reports:

Archives Committee: Vicki C. - The "Enemies of Paper" train the trainer would be held in the Fellowship Room March 30, 2017. Tami encouraged anyone to come and observe the demonstration. Vicki also passed out flyers for the Walk thru Time presentation of San Antonio AA in the 50's. She also reminded members that anyone can volunteer on most Thursdays from 10-2pm.

Communications Committee: Eric Q. -. Explained the committee's progress with the "online meeting" concept and the excitement behind this project. He and other members of this committee had made a dry run and this had worked out well. More to come on this fantastic outreach to our outlying groups. Email for the committee sacsocommunication@gmail.com

Telephone Committee: Lucy – always encourages back up volunteers. Looking for bilingual volunteers.

Hispanic Intergroup: Juan had a lot to tell us about. The Hispanic Intergroup has been award the International Conference for the year 2018. He also told us about a 15-minute radio spot. This is a questions and answer discussion with an AA member about Alcoholics Anonymous. Jalapeno Station. He ask for some assistance, reporting some problems getting through on the HelpLine.

Old Business- None.

New Business-Greg from the Nominating committee ask if something could be put in the nightcap about CSO Board Member requirements

7th Tradition Basket

Close with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Tami S.

Group Contributions

January thru March

Airport Group SA	132.65
Alamo Heights Group	150.00
Boerne Hwy Group	90.00
Boerne Noon Group	500.00
Boerne Womans	44.20
Broadway Group	350.00
Buda 2nd Chance	29.25
Buda Big Book Grp	137.50
Change or Die Group	66.90
Colonies North Group	317.67
Community Group	75.00
County Line Group	85.50
District 12	60.00
First One Today Group	100.00
First Things First Group	1,320.00
Friday Night Fix Group	224.55
Generic Group	150.00
Goliad Group	150.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	30.00
Grupo Unidad	30.00
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	973.73
Hope Group SA	15.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	175.00
Keep It Simple Group	50.00
Kirby Group	180.00
Laurel Heights Group	65.00
LaVernia Group	186.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00
Midtown Noon Group	51.69
Mostly Agnostics Group	130.84
New Braunfels Group	169.26
Oasis Group	200.00
Primary Purpose Group (San Antonio)	83.65
River Group	75.00
San Antonio Women's North	80.00
Shalom Group	80.00
Share The Light Group	74.50
Sisters in Sobriety	47.13
Soledad Group	18.00
Spring Branch Group	195.00
Stay in the Solution Group	535.05
Turning Point Group	820.56
Woman's Big Book	50.00
Women of Wonder Group	130.00
Work in Progress Group	140.00
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March

\$2,662.31

Airport Group SA	30.00
Boerne Noon Group	500.00
Boerne Womans	44.20
First One Today Group	100.00
First Things First Group	1,320.00
Goliad Group	50.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	100.00
Kirby Group	80.00
Laurel Heights Group	50.00
New Braunfels Group	60.45
River Group	25.00
Share The Light Group	74.50
Soledad Group	10.00
Stay in the Solution Group	208.16

Grateful For My Sobriety

We have started-up an old tradition!

Birthday Club Sign Up

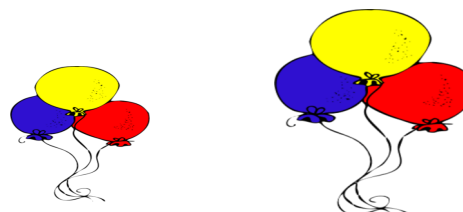
Show your support for CSO and help keep the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve at the same low price.

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety is all it takes.

See the Club section of the 'What's Happening' in San Antonio !

Your sobriety is worth celebrating!

Celebrate your friends anniversary by sending a contribution in their name, with their sobriety"



What's happening at your group?

Email: csosa@dslextrema.com



May

Check out the Flyers on our website: aasanantonio.org or in the Fellowship Room

- May 7th** Treatment Facilities Committee (San Antonio Interdistrict) Meeting - 5pm - Fellowship Room
- May 3rd & 17th** Intergrupala Hispana - en español - 7pm - San Antonio (the first & third Wednesday of each month)
- May 8th** Service Manual Meeting – Fellowship Room - 8802 Tradeway-San Antonio
District 2 Meeting - 2pm - at The River Group
- May 11th & 25th** District 28 Meeting-2nd & last Thursday - 8pm
- May 11th** **Central Service Office Board Meeting - 6pm Fellowship Room**
- May 13th** **City-Wide Picnic - San Antonio Interdistrict - McAlister Park - San Antonio 11am to 1:30pm**
- May 14th** District 01F Meeting - 2nd Sunday at 10am
District 12 Meeting
District 1E Meeting
- May 15th** **Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room**
After Hours Telephone Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Fellowship Room
- May 20th** District 18 Workshop “The Group” - at Hope Group - San Antonio
- May 28th** San Antonio Inter-District 3:15pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 1A Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 16 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 17 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 18 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
PI/CPC Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Grapevine Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm on even months only
Communication Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) -1pm
Correctional Facilities Committee meets at 12:15pm on even months only

2017

- June 9th** Texas State Convention - San Antonio - 2017
- June 17th** Lambda Group 39th Anniversary - San Antonio
- June 24th** District 1A Workshop - San Antonio
- July 12th** Womens Big Book 25th Anniversary - San Antonio
- August 4th** Club Twelve Anniversary - 4-6th - San Antonio
- August 20th** San Antonio Archives - Picture Party - 5-7pm - Fellowship Room (AAmembers only) San Antonio
- Sept 1st** San Antonio Round-up 2017 - Date to be confirmed
- Sept 30th** **A Day in Recovery - 2017 - San Antonio**
- Oct. 20th** Regional Forum - San Antonio 20-22nd October - San Antonio
- Nov 3rd & 4th** **Weekend in SA 2017 - San Antonio Shrine Auditorium**
- Nov 27th** **New CSOR & Board Orientation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**
- Dec 4th** **CSO Open House & Archives Presentation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**

Events Out of Town



May 6th	Picnic—Spring Branch Group - Spring Branch
July 14th	Southwest Texas Area 68 Summer Workshop - Castroville
Aug 13TH	Capital of Texas Conference - Austin
Sept 8th	Southwest Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Workshop - Bastrop
Oct 13th	Southwest Texas Area 68 General Assembly - Seguin
Nov 10th	National Corrections Conference - St. Louis



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Carry the message to alcoholics through the Treatment Facility Committee in San Antonio:

Laurel Ridge on Mondays at 7pm
17720 Corporate Woods Dr., 78259

San Antonio Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, Mondays 7pm
8550 Huebner Rd., 78240

San Antonio Recovery Center, Tuesdays 6.30pm
5806 Culebra Rd., 78288

Email:
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Cmte.tfc@gmail.com



SAN ANTONIO'S SERVICE MANUAL STUDY MEETING

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday

May 8th at 7pm

LOCATION

Fellowship Room
8802 Tradway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(next door to Central Service Office)

2 blocks north of Loop 410 and 2 block off of Broadway



Concept Five Guest Speaker
Jim B. - Delegate Panel 42
Southwest Texas Area 68

Chapter Five Guest Speaker
Sonya D.— Newsletter Chair
Southwest Texas Area 68

Tradition Five (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.

Did you know that the long form of the Traditions is in your Twelve & Twelve on page 189?

Continued from the April Nightcap.

If you would like to read the first page, go to the website aasanantonio.org and click on Newsletters, there you will find the April Nightcap

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Group Safety and Unity

Situations that groups have addressed through their group conscience include, sexual harassment or stalking; threats of violence; bullying; financial coercion; racial or lifestyle intolerance; pressuring A.A. members into a particular point of view or belief relating to medical treatments and/or medications, politics, religion, or other outside issues. In addition, there may be other behaviors that go on outside of typical meeting times that may affect whether someone feels safe to return to the group.

Some groups have their own guidelines or procedures to help keep the meeting safe. A.A. members can speak to those who are acting inappropriately. Situations can be discussed at business meetings to come to a group conscience about how to handle a situation. As a last resort, the disruptive member may be asked to stop attending the meeting for a specific period of time. Groups that take this drastic action do it in order to preserve the common welfare of the group and to maintain A.A. unity.

In any situation, if a person's safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved can take appropriate action to ensure their safety. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions. Anonymity is not a cloak protecting criminal or inappropriate behavior.

Inappropriate or predatory behavior, such as unwanted sexual attention or targeting vulnerable members can be especially troublesome. These behaviors may go on outside of typical meeting times. While A.A. members can be caring and supportive to those affected, we are not professionals trained to handle such situations. Law enforcement or other professional help may be necessary.

Victims of inappropriate behavior, harassment or predators can let the group know about such situations, often through a sponsor or trusted friend. This way the group is informed, and members can help address the situation and curtail further problems. Group discussion should be focused on creating an environment where all alcoholics can find and maintain sobriety.

A.A. and the Law

Common sense and experience suggest that A.A. membership does not grant immunity from local regulations and being at an A.A. meeting does not put anyone beyond the jurisdiction of law enforcement officers. As individuals, A.A. members are also "citizens of the world," and as citizens we are not above the law.

Through the group conscience process, many groups have established guidelines regarding when it may be appropriate to call authorities and handle a given situation within the legal system. No A.A. group has to tolerate illegal behavior and any activity within an A.A. meeting is subject to the same laws that apply outside the meeting. The nature of illegal acts that groups have faced include violence, embezzlement, theft of property, drug sales at a meeting, and more.

Emergencies

Injuries, accidents, fires, etc., sometimes do occur during meetings. To accommodate these situations, groups can also develop plans and procedures, often in consultation with their landlord or local authorities. Addressing an emergency situation is more important than continuing the meeting, and members should not hesitate to call emergency personnel in critical situations.

Continued in the June Nightcap

Southwest Texas Area 68 – Proposals
Brought before the Groups
Pre-General Service Conference Assembly
April 7-9, 2017

Did your Group Participate in the voting?

Proposal One

Add Accessibilities to Treatment : Add the responsibility of Accessibilities to the Treatment Facilities Committee and reflect this by changing the wording under Area Assembly, Paragraph II, Section B, Item 2, from Treatment

Facilities to read:

Treatment and Accessibilities

First time, needs a simple majority (50% +1) to take back to the groups

Proposal Two

Treatment and Accessibilities Conference: *SWTA to host an annual Treatment and Accessibilities Conference. TF [Treatment Facilities] members in the SWTA will conduct this conference workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance our effectiveness in carrying the AA message to members of the treatment community and people with accessibility considerations, by (i) providing pertinent information, and (ii) fostering understanding and cooperation. The workshop will be rotated among various cities within the SWTA determined by TF members. The newly determined host city will elect a Conference Chairperson who will work closely with the SWTA TF Chairperson. Seed money will be provided to the Conference Chairperson by the SWTA Treasurer prior to the next annual conference. All funds remaining after the conference expenses have been met will be forwarded to the SWTA Treasurer.*

Needs 2/3 of the total votes cast to pass

Business Item One

In the spirit of pp. 162-163, from the book Alcoholics Anonymous, "Thus we grow. And so can you, though you be but one man with this book in your hand. We believe and hope it contains all you will need to begin,"

It is proposed that we include to its pages:

AA Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women, who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety;

And the:

Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible. When Anyone, Anywhere Reaches Out For Help, I Want The Hand Of A.A.
 Always To Be There. And For That, I Am Responsible;

Thereby embracing the concept that our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous, aka "the Big Book," has all the necessary documents, text, et cetera, to initiate and conduct a meeting or found a new group.

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Southwest Area 68 Spring Assembly Voting Results

The Southwest Texas Area 68 Spring Assembly met here in San Antonio the weekend of April 7th – 9th. There were 2 proposals and 1 business item presented to discuss and vote on. How did your Group vote?

The first proposal asked that we “Add the responsibility of Accessibilities to the Treatment Facilities Committee and reflect this by changing the wording under Area Assembly, Paragraph II, Section B, Item 2, from Treatment Facilities to read:

“Treatment and Accessibilities”

It needed a simple majority (50% +1) to take back to the groups

After pros and cons were heard, it was the opinion of the majority that this required the attention of the groups for more input and further consideration. If the group does not have representation or involvement in carrying the message to treatment facilities, hospitals or institutions it could warrant finding out what that entails to see if addressing all issues pertaining to accessibilities could also be covered by the same committee. Accessibilities is very broad and requires more open discussion at the group level for a fully informed group conscious to vote on this issue.

The second proposal reintroduced the addition of an annual Area 68 Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities Conference to follow suit with the Correctional Facilities and Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees. It was introduced last year and did not pass due to verbiage. It needed 2/3 of the total votes to pass this time and failed again. The minority opinion was that we first decide on the first proposal as to whether or not to include Accessibilities under the umbrella of Treatment Facilities, thereby not having to change the verbiage again in the future.

The Business Item presented was to add the AA Preamble to the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Exactly where in our Big Book to add the preamble was not in the proposal. After a lively discussion, it was voted down in unanimity.

Each group has one vote at the Area level.

Ask your GSR about these proposals.

At the Area level two members talked about these proposals. One member gave the Pros for the proposal and the other gave the Cons for the proposals.

The Area Voting Assembly will be this coming October. Will your group decide on how to vote?

If possible we will print the Pros and Cons for these proposals in the June Nightcap.

Consensus of the Area Propuestas del Boletín

Agregar accesibilidades a la propuesta de tratamiento 1

Añada la responsabilidad de las accesibilidades al Comité de Instalaciones de Tratamiento y refleje esto cambiando el texto de la Sección 2, Sección II, Sección 2, Tratamiento y accesibilidades

Primera vez, necesita una mayoría simple (50% +1) para llevar de vuelta a los grupos

Tratamiento y accesibilidades

SWTA para acoger una Conferencia anual de Tratamiento y Accesibilidad. TF [Tratamiento]

miembros de la SWTA llevará a cabo este taller de la conferencia. El propósito del taller es mejorar nuestra efectividad en llevar el mensaje de AA a los miembros de la comunidad de tratamiento ya las personas con consideraciones de accesibilidad, (i) proporcionando información pertinente, y (ii) fomentando el entendimiento y la cooperación. El taller será rotado entre varias ciudades dentro de la SWTA determinada por los miembros de TF. La nueva ciudad anfitriona elegirá un Presidente de la Conferencia que trabajará en estrecha colaboración con el Presidente del SWTA TF. Antes de la próxima conferencia anual, el Tesorero de la SWTA proporcionará dinero de la semilla al Presidente de la Conferencia. Todos

los fondos restantes después de que se hayan cubierto los gastos de la conferencia serán

enviados al Tesorero de la SWTA.

Necesita 2/3 del total de los votos emitidos para pasar

Elemento comercial 1

En el espíritu de las páginas 162-163, del libro Alcohólicos Anónimos, "Así crecemos. Y tú también puedes, aunque sólo seas un hombre con este libro en tu mano. Creemos y esperamos que contenga todo lo que necesitará para empezar".

Se propone que incluyamos a sus páginas,

Preámbulo de AA

Alcohólicos Anónimos es una comunidad de hombres y mujeres, que comparten su experiencia, fuerza y esperanza entre sí para resolver su problema común y ayudar a otros a recuperarse del alcoholismo.

El único requisito para ser miembro es el deseo de dejar de beber. No hay cuotas ni cuotas para la membresía de AA; Somos autosuficientes a través de nuestras propias contribuciones. AA no está aliado con ninguna secta, denominación, política, organización o institución; No desea entablar ninguna controversia, ni apoya ni se opone a ninguna causa. Nuestro propósito principal es mantenerse sobrio y ayudar a otros alcohólicos a alcanzar la sobriedad;

Y el:

Declaración de Responsabilidad

Yo soy responsable. Cuando cualquier persona, en cualquier lugar alcanza para la ayuda, quiero la mano de A.A. Siempre para estar allí. Y por eso, soy responsable;

Abarcando así el concepto de que nuestro texto básico, Alcohólicos Anónimos, también conocido como "el Gran

Libro ", tiene todos los documentos necesarios, texto, etcétera, para iniciar y dirigir una reunión encontrar un nuevo grupo.