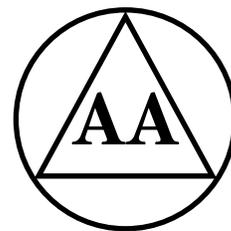


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The 3B & 3C DISTRICT NEWS

A District of Southwest Texas Area 68



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Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 2-4PM
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CALENDAR

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8/26-27. Southwest Texas Area 68 Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Workshop @ Corpus Christi

9/4. District 3B/3C meeting @ 2-4pm @ TBD

9/29. Southwest Regional Forum @ El Paso, TX

10/2. District 3B/3C meeting 2-4pm @ TBD

10/7-9. Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA) @ Tulsa, OK

10/14-16. Fall Conference & Voting Assembly @ Round Rock, TX

AREA 68
SUMMER WORKSHOP

How to Reach Anyone Anywhere

Hilton Garden Inn
123 Huvar St.
Victoria, TX 77901
(361) 573-0303



CORRECTIONS
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

TRAVIS STATE JAIL

If you want to carry a message of hope behind the walls, contact Area 68 CFC Vanessa S. (cfc@aa-swta.org)

8101 FM 969
Austin, TX 78724
Monday, July 11th

3B DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

by Casandra M.

Founder's Day, the 87th Anniversary of Alcoholic of Anonymous. The celebration spanned from June 10 - 12 / 2022 in its birthplace, Akron, Ohio. I am so grateful to a part of a lifesaving world-wide movement.

My home group, the East Austin Group, celebrated its 34th Anniversary and Founder's Day on 6/11/2022. I was available for the early planning of the East Austin Group 34th anniversary and AA Founder's Day celebration. Over 10 years ago the East Austin Group began celebrating AA Founder's Day. This is the first year we combined the group anniversary and AA history. It was an amazing event.

I am glad to support our community and spread the message of Alcoholic Anonymous. Although efforts to start a new AA group at a north Austin church did not work, the process was a PI/CPC service opportunity. I met

with the church leaders, who wanted to host AA meetings. I took brochures and a team of AA trusted servants to introduce the program. We were successful in obtaining AA volunteers willing to start an AA group at the church. Unfortunately, the church expected more rent than feasible, but the seed was planted.

I sincerely thank 3B Alt-DCM Taylor D. for carrying duties while I was away on personal business. It is important that our alternates are always engaged.

I am planning to attend the SWTA 68 Summer Workshop in Victoria, TX. I encourage committee chairs and GSR's to make reservations, as soon as possible.

Enjoy a sober and fun summer.

Yours in service,
Casandra M.
3bdcm@district3b3c.org

Need a Meeting?

Call 512-444-0071 to reach the Hill Country Intergroup 24-hour hot-line or scan the code below to search the meeting finder.



GET IN TOUCH.

All the District Officers and Committee Chairpersons are available to visit your Group Meetings, Group Conscience or Steering Committee meetings, and help put on workshops hosted by your Group. We are also available to facilitate Group Inventories.

We are here to support you in any way we can and welcome your involvement in the vital service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous!

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Vacant.	PICPC	picpc@district3b3c.org
Tony R.	Treatment	treatment@district3b3c.org

LITERATURE REPORT

by Sarah O.

Happy summer trusted servants! This month I would like to highlight the pamphlet [Questions & Answers on Sponsorship](#). This pamphlet uses AA's shared experiences to answer 34 frequently asked questions regarding sponsorship from the perspective of someone seeking a sponsor and for those interested in sponsoring newcomers.

On page 25, the topic of service sponsorship is discussed in great length. This section highlights what to look for in a service sponsor, key points to review with a service sponsor, and explains why having one can lead to the pleasure of involvement in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. By working with a service sponsor, "the individual is able to share their vision with others and ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous." (pg. 27)

This pamphlet is available at district meetings and on aa.org as a resource.

Yours in Service,
Sarah O.

literature@district3b3c.org



3C DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

by Randy R.

I am honored to serve as your DCM for District 3C/Panel 72. My position is to serve at the pleasure of the groups and to support Austin AA, south of the Colorado River.

Perhaps the most critical aspect of the DCM is to visit the many groups which call District 3C home, including those groups that do not exercise their opportunity to actively participate in the Service Structure. You can help me do this by inviting me to your group, your group conscience meeting, or your steering committee meetings. I can also help you organize workshops or facilitate group inventories. I am grateful to have Rosi S. serving as my Alternate DCM. She is equally accessible and available.

I believe we are doing a good job reaching the members of Alcoholics Anonymous and the groups in District 3C. I am committed to the voice of the groups, through their GSR's. The purpose of our District and the monthly meetings we hold is as much for the groups to communicate with us as it is for us to deliver information to the groups. To this end we have had many trusted servants from Southwest Texas Area 68 attend and participate in our monthly meetings. I am especially grateful to Barbara R, our Delegate, for delivering her first Report on the 72nd General Service Conference at our June District Meeting hosted by the Any Lengths Group. It was informative and she provided insight into the process which I found very informative. If you were not present, she will present that report again July 23 at the Summer Workshop (July 22-24) in Victoria at the Hilton Garden Inn 123 Huvar St. Victoria, TX 77901. (361) 573-0303. I am hopeful that we will have good participation from our District. The Summer Workshop has often been

my favorite Area gathering. As there is no voting, the agenda is structured to inform GSR's and other servants regarding the Service Structure. This event is also a great opportunity to fellowship, and in doing so you will be getting to know the people who will be standing for any open positions in October, as well as those folks that will likely be our Panel 74 Area officers.

By this time the Texas State Convention will have occurred. I hope you had the chance to attend. I will be taking notes and am happy to share my experience with you. Also on my calendar is the Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. This will be in October in Oklahoma City. It is open to all AA members and if you have a chance to attend this event, which occurs every other area in our Region, I encourage you to do so. You can see more information at swraasa2022.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your DCM and I look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Service,
Randy R.

3cdcm@district3b3c.org

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TREATMENT REPORT

by Tony R.

THE DISTRICTS 3B AND 3C TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MISSION IS TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF INDIVIDUAL AA MEMBERS AND GROUPS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CARRYING OUR MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS IN SETTINGS ENGAGED IN ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS WHERE INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO THE MESSAGE OF THE PROGRAM OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

The principle of carrying the A.A. message to other alcoholics that is so fundamental to our recovery and continued sobriety has been a part of our Fellowship since the beginning. Co-founder Bill W., (a product of a treatment facility), returned to Towns Hospital to work with other alcoholics after he'd been sober a while. Dr. Bob, A.A.'s other co-founder, set up an alcoholism ward at St. Thomas Hospital, where he worked in Akron, OH.

Today, through the practice of this principle — the Twelfth Step — A.A. has grown into a worldwide movement. Here in Austin, facilities are reopening their doors and opportunities to share our message of hope are increasing. One of the ways you can help is to let us know whenever you hear of an opportunity to conduct meetings in institutions or provide information on AA. These new opportunities are shared with the group committee chairs and liaisons at our monthly meetings.

Remember, any member is welcome at our monthly online meeting to learn more. Be sure to check the Treatment page on our district website for meeting information, (district-3b3c.org/treatment-facilities-committee). Our next meeting will be on July 20 at 7PM. Due to various commitments, a regular cadence isn't possible at this time, but I will try to keep meetings on the third or fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm.

I am also happy to announce the

upcoming Treatment Facilities Committee Workshop with special guest Shane K., Area 68 Treatment Facilities Committee Chairperson. The workshop will be held Sunday, September 25 at 2-4 PM. Location was not finalized in time for the newsletter deadline. So please check our district website and Intergroup for the latest information.

Please let me know if I can be of any service to your group.

Yours in Service,
Tony R.
treatment@district3b3c.org

BOX 459

The quarterly newsletter from the U.S./Canada General Service Office.



www.aa.org/box-459

CORRECTIONS REPORT

by Stanley E.

Starting July 11th we will be bringing meetings to Travis State Jail. We hope that anyone who wants to join will apply and have a clean background check. If you want to become a certified Texas Department of Criminal Justice volunteer, see bottom of page 6. Myself and two other guys will be doing this service work.

Thank you,
Stanley E.
corrections@district3b3c.org

CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT

Want To Help Another Alcoholic? Grapevine and La Viña are Great Twelfth Step Tools! 3 Easy Ways to give!



www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project

ARCHIVES REPORT

by Dawn M.

THE DISTRICT 3B/3C ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8 AM VIA ZOOM PLEASE EMAIL ARCHIVES@DISTRICT3B3C.ORG TO GET CONNECTED.

Greetings from Dawn M., your District 3B/3C Archives Committee Chair. An early correspondence to Alcoholics Anonymous, dated December 17, 1945, from Ed H. reads:

“Last Thursday four A.A.s who have moved to Austin from other cities and the former lone member here, Paul P., got together and formed a group or rather the nucleus of a group.

We plan to build this group slowly and solidly. Later when we have a larger membership and permanent quarters, we will get publicity in the papers but for

the time being we will follow the motto “Easy Does It.” The San Antonio and Houston groups have volunteered to give us all aid possible to send large delegations to our first open meeting.”

An information form from January 1946 reveals the following:

1. Name of Group: Austin, Texas
2. Total Group Membership: Eight
3. Meetings: Friday, 8pm, Pan-American Room, Driskill Hotel
4. Secretary: Ryan P.

October 25, 26, 27, 1946 The first Texas State Convention was held at the Driskill Hotel. The first woman to gain long-term sobriety in A. A., Marty M., was guest speaker.

To date, Austin District 3B/3C alone has 187 registered AA groups. Of those many registered groups, only ten groups in District 3B/3C have

submitted their history to the Area or District Archives. Recording your group’s history and the history of “old timers” is vital. Please, do not miss the opportunity to preserve our rich history.

As Alcoholics Anonymous continues to carry a message of hope to the alcoholic that still suffers, it is the work of AA Archives to preserve this amazing AA history and ongoing growth. Please join District 3B/3C Archives in the ongoing effort to discover, record and preserve District



3b3c’s rich AA history. How can you be of service?

- You can share this information with your group
- You can send the contact info of long-time members of your home group to the archives email.
- You can encourage your home group to discover its history.
- You can be a part of discovering and preparing your home group’s history.
- You can attend a District 3b3c Archives Committee meeting.
- You can become a member of the Committee.

Yours in Service,
Dawn M.
archives@district3b3c.org

ASK IT BASKET

by Randy R.

In an effort to make our Ask-It-Basket more relevant and timely, we would like to ask that you send your questions to either DCM at:

- 3bdcm@district3b3c.org
- 3bdcm@district3b3c.org

We will answer your questions in each edition of the Newsletter. Furthermore, we hope to add an Ask-It-Basket to the website so that we can answer questions as they come in. This way you can get responses without having to wait for the Quarterly District Newsletter. Of course, so that every one can benefit, the answers will still be in the Newsletter! If we did not answer your question here please let us know! I believe a couple of questions may have been misplaced. The question for this month:

Q: “How does a group know if their GSR is attending District meetings?”

A: First, ask them if they attended the monthly district meeting and what was reported. Experience has taught us the many GSR’s will prepare a brief written report. During announcements a GSR may highlight an item and then let the group know their written report is available if requested or posted on the announcements board if the group maintains one. Also, be sure to get a copy of the District 3B/3C Newsletter. You may request this through your GSR or you can contact our newsletter chair:

- newsletter@district3b3c.org.

See you next month!

GRAPEVINE & LA VINA

by Connor D.

AA is looking for stories from active or ex-military members. Reach out to militaryoutreach@aa.org for more information.

AA grapevine has a Linktree! Visit <https://linktr.ee> to acquire links to many of the AA Grapevine resources.

In Love and Service,
Connor D.

grapevine@district3b3c.org

AA AROUND THE COUNTRY

JUNE

3-5. Sheridan, Wyoming. Area 76 Spring Conv. Write: Ch., Box 705, Sheridan, WY 82801; Email: Area76SpringConvention2022@gmail.com

10-12. Kenton, Oklahoma. 45th Camp Billy Joe Roundup. Write: Ch., 57556 29 PalmsHwy #299, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

24-26. Shoreline, Washington. Pacific Northwest Conference. Write: Ch., 20323 19th Ave NE A201, Shoreline, Washington 98155; Info: <https://www.pnc1948.org>

DISTRICT 3B/3C MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 2022
2:00-4:00PM
APPROVED

Notes taken by Linda S. on behalf of Toni E who was unable to attend.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. Read the 12 Traditions. Passed the 7th Tradition basket and Ask it Basket. Asked for volunteer for timer.

Groups in attendance. Keep First Things First (David L.), The Fellowship You Crave (Buddy B.), The Great Fact (Cecil R and Shea H), Courage to Change (Chrystall), Lake Travis Serenity (Charis B.), East Austin Group (Chris H.), Young and Restless (Hutch H.), Fellowship You Crave (Steve L.), Northland-Tito (Amie H.), Western Trails (Tess S.), Properly Armed (Doug S. and Hayley B.), NA24 (Bill C.), 1313 (Chris G.), Straight Pepper Diet (Chris P. and Connor D.), Friday Night Lights (Matthew C.), Reading Rainbow (Melinda B.), and Any Lengths (Kimberly Z.)

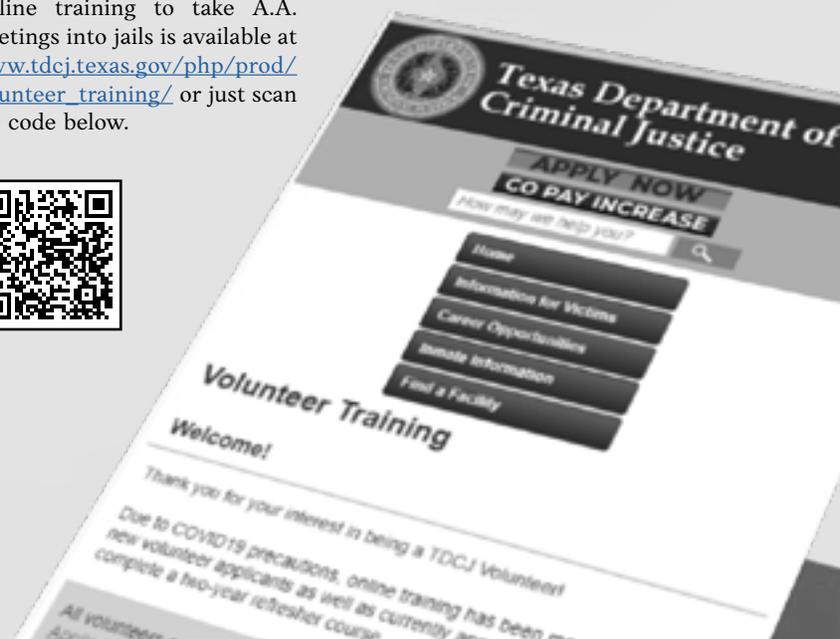
Secretary's Report. Toni E. was not present. Casandra asked for approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Linda S. took minutes of meeting in Toni's absence.

Treasurer Report. Anthony E. was not present Randy R. read the treasurer's report. The total group contributions for April were \$1006.81, the total district expenses were \$1291.71. The closing ledger cash balance was \$9143.67.

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BRING A MESSAGE OF HOPE BEHIND THE WALLS BY BECOMING A CERTIFIED A TDCJ VOLUNTEER.

Online training to take A.A. meetings into jails is available at www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/ or just scan the code below.



(Continued from previous)

Registrar's Report. David M. unable to attend. Randy R. provided New Group forms and Group Change forms.

Webmaster's Report. Marshall. impaired by vision. No update on switching to G Suite.

Old Business. No old business.

New Business. Intergroup Liaison nomination. No nominations from the floor. Steve V. from home group Fellowship You Crave (new 3B group) from Pflugerville nominated himself for the position. Connor asked if Steve could commit to the position and Steve confirmed. Rosi recommended Steve for the position. Casandra called for vote and Steve was unanimously elected.

Proposal. Dawn M, Archives Chairperson. Funding for Archives Committee Chair to attend the National AA Archives Workshop 9/22-9/25, 2022 Little Rock, AR. Discussion ensued unanimously approved for \$500.

Presentation. Amy M, Area Archives Chairperson from Corpus Christi. Discussed the importance of Archives. Area Archivist Daniel B going through boxes and sorting. Archives stored in Corpus Christi and any AA member can arrange to visit.

Service Committee Reports.

Accessibilities. Deb M. Unable to attend and nothing to report.

Archives. Dawn M. History display boards mentioned.

Correctional Facilities. Stanley E. Unable to attend and nothing to report.

Grapevine. Connor D. Free shipping from the Grapevine for two featured books. Offered to help people who want to submit stories for Grapevine.

Literature. Sarah O. Mentioned the

updated version of Safety Card and how it supports the 5th Tradition.

Newsletter. David L. Asking GSR's for group history.

PI/CPC. Denise: Unable to attend. Casandra read her report. Jenny, Area PI/CPC Chair will visit District in July. Area PI/CPC Workshop in Corpus Christi end of August. National PI/CPC work group meeting via Zoom May 8. Also working with Casandra and Tony on request from Life Changers Church.

Treatment. Tony R. unable to attend. Linda S. reads his report. Casandra and Tony working on fulfilling requests for AA cooperation in the community. Life Changer Church is one request for cooperation and Goodwill has 2 locations. 1313 group has committed to filling the south request for a weekly meeting. Looking for a group to fulfill the North request. Also working on the Bridging the Gap program of AA.

Intergroup Liaison Report. Ruth L. resigned and position is open.

Tradition 3 Presentation: Jimmy, Bluebonnet Group. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole. Failure to follow traditions can be suicide for a group. Every group has a right to be wrong and are allowed to make mistakes but hopefully not to the detriment of our group. If you like everyone in AA you are probably not going to enough meetings. Primary purpose in tradition 5...when you think about what your group is doing, are you keeping that tradition in mind? Declaration of Unity mentioned and available in the service manual.

Tradition 5 presented by Melinda B-Heartfelt story of how she was affected by Tradition 5/in her early sobriety.

DCM Reports.

3B Alt-DCM. Taylor D. unable to attend as on family on vacation and Casandra read his report.

3C Alt-DCM. Rosi S. Spoke about the importance of Archives and that the district meeting is a spiritual entity not a business meeting. The importance of informed decision making.

3C DCM. Randy R. Information about "What's New" at aa.org. Communique from Delegate Barbara Ruiz and the focus for next month's district meeting will be on General Service Conferences and there will be a sharing session following Barbara's report. Randy asked that reports be written from DCM/Alt-DCM and Committee reports to allow time for sharing session. Summer Workshop in Victoria, 7/22-7/24. No voting. Great opportunity to form idea as to whom will serve Panel 74 as Delegate and Alt-Delegate, Chairperson, Alt-Chairperson.

3B DCM. Casandra M. Welcomed the new GSR's and thanked all who attended.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

DISTRICT 3B/3C

Our Mission Statement

To carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We do this by fostering the Austin Area AA groups by providing and informing the AA community of service opportunities. We are the essential link between the Group General Service Representative (GSR) and the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference.

HISTORY OF EAST AUSTIN GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**PREPARED FOR THE 29TH THE EAST AUSTIN GROUP
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN MAY 201
BY BRENT, KITTY, GEORGE AND ROSE.**

The East Austin Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) began with meetings of a few sober members of AA who wanted to start a meeting on the east side of Austin that would target the African American community. The motivation to start the group was based on a resentment. The founder of the group, Ulysses McLester, was working on his Master's degree and a professor stated that African Americans could not get sober or had a small chance of lasting sobriety. McLester, who was already many years sober was alarmed and set out to prove him wrong. He went to Pastor Clark at Mt. Zion Baptist Church to ask for a meeting space, but one Deacon consistently voted it down. Eventually the Deacon died and the church approved a meeting space in a building on the corner of 13th and Harvey. This gives a real meaning to "over my dead body" because this was the beginning of the East Austin Group of AA in approximately 1987. Because the house faced Harvey, many people referred to it as the Harvey Street Group but the official name was East Austin Group.

Like most groups, meetings were held before registering with the New York General Service Office (GSO). In the beginning, the church required us to get the key from the secretary every meeting and return it promptly after the meeting. At first she was skeptical but eventually she saw the group's consistency and began to trust us with the key. Now we had full access to the building. McLester, Robert,

and Lee were core group members who were attending meetings around Austin.

McLester was a counselor at Shoal Creek Renaissance Program so many new in recovery were invited to the East Austin Group. He served as sponsor and service sponsor to many, but he rarely attended the group so that it would have healthy growth and so that he would not become an AA Guru or "bleeding Deacon." He strongly encouraged service and sponsorship. Early members included McLester, Robert, Lee, Marsha, Sally, Quincy, Lisa, George, Brent, Danny, Kitty, Laura, William, Alonzo, John, Coleta, Bobby, Kathleen, Catherine, James, Jon Paul and Tony.

During the first year and a half, the membership grew and Mt. Zion moved the group to 14th and Harvey. George served as Treasurer and purchased supplies for group. He bought the first Steps/Tradition wall hangings, the bell, chips, and registered the group with the GSO as directed by McLester. After some conflict in the group about organization, the first Group Conscious was held in 1989 and that was when we got our Group Number and became a registered AA group. George also began representing East Austin at Intergroup, bringing back information on events and updates on AA in Austin and so became our first Intergroup Rep.. Brent asked his sponsor "why don't we have a Group Service Representative (GSR)" and he was informed that he was to go the District and Area meetings and

represent the group as GSR. East Austin Group held its 1st Group Conscious meeting and voted on officers and Brent was officially our first GSR.

The First Anniversary party was held in 1999 at Rosewood Zaragoza to celebrate 10 years. The group has always been a close knit group. Lisa and Coleta hosted sober parties often, several members were active in Corrections (Gatesville) and Treatment (Oak Springs), and once a month members from many groups celebrated years of sobriety at Lee's farm in Weider called "Dun Frettin." For many years, Lee hosted a potluck Saturday where he presented polished rocks found on the property to birthday celebrants who ironically sat on a barstool to tell their story. The house was like a museum with photos and AA posters covering the walls.

East Austin Group has been well known for fabulous hospitality rooms at Area/State conventions and for great Anniversary Celebrations. There is a tradition of Christmas parties at Kitty's and Carla's, and one year the women of East Austin enjoyed a White Elephant Christmas party at Catherine's.

East Austin Group is known to focus on service, spirituality, and solutions from the Big Book. We have supported AA through service and contributions to GSO, Area, District, and Intergroup. Ironically, the group has been a racially mixed group from the beginning and the resentment from which the group started sparked a vibrant group of AA.

MAY 10 1948 #200 Reg Conf. Tex

3rd Annual TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE
and SOUTHWESTERN CONVENTION



Alcoholics Anonymous
in Austin - June 18, 19 & 20

This is bulletin No. TWO

PLEASE POST ON CLUB HOUSE BULLETIN BOARDS

TO ALL A.A. MEMBERS IN THE SOUTHWEST:

Bill will be here!

Bill W. has assured us that he will be present at YOUR CONVENTION in Austin on the dates above shown. All of you who heard him recently at the very successful meetings at Lubbock and Dallas will want to meet and hear him again. Those of you who were not so fortunate as to attend those meetings will have another opportunity to be with Bill and to hear him speak at this convention. Either Bobbie B. or Charlotte L. of New York Headquarters, and Ila P., who was the principal speaker at the convention last year, will also attend.

This, however, is still YOUR CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION. Your suggestions and ideas concerning topics for discussion, speakers, entertainment and entertainers have been appreciated, but there are yet many groups to be heard from. We want to hear from ALL OF YOU. Definite program plans will not be made or announced until later, so send YOUR suggestions as soon as possible.

The next bulletin will inform you concerning registration, hotel and motor court reservations, and progress of other plans. Continue to make YOUR plans for attending. You are assured that this convention will be educational and inspirational, as well as just plain fun.

The Convention Committee wishes to thank all of the many groups which sent in contributions to cover pre-convention expenses.

Remember however, YOU ARE ALL INVITED AND WILL BE WELCOME.

Address: P. O. Box 325,
 Austin,
 Texas

The Convention Committee

A DECLARATION OF UNITY

**This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
to keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives
and the lives of those to come.**

ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

by Deb M.

The Accessibilities Committee met 6/10 and would like to offer the following proposal:

All Alcoholics Anonymous meetings above the group level, in addition to “in-person,” be offered on a virtual platform so that all members of Alcoholics Anonymous can participate.

Accessibilities Committee meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm on Zoom. Every member of Alcoholics Anonymous is welcome to attend committee meetings in our District 3B/3C and the committee asks for you to consider our proposition. To Join the Accessibilities Committee Meeting; use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5096937369?pwd=MzZIYXB-ZWUlpNjVkbzA0ZmozK09kdz09>

You can also open Zoom in your browser or app and manually enter

the meeting ID and passcode.

Meeting ID: 509 693 7369
Passcode: 54321

It is not too late to participate in the committee. The next meetings will be Thursday, August 12th, and Thursday, September 9, 2022. We are engaging with other districts accessibilities committees to share ideas of how we can best serve our members. We are preparing a proposal for our district and are looking forward to putting on a “hybrid” District Workshop. and would love to have more persons from every group. Hope to see you there!

AA Deaf Intergroup News

We have been having issues with the website that we hope to settle soon. Current Happenings/Events: AA Deaf Intergroup has created a website that includes a calendar of meetings with ASL interpreters throughout

Central Texas. More information can be found at <http://centexdeafintergroup.org>. To contribute online, please see the link above and click on the box for “make a contribution” or send your contributions to: AADI PO Box 90674 Austin, TX 78709-0674

Please remember to announce to your group conscience:

The intergroup is in need of contributions to continue providing interpreted services for the Deaf AA member to receive the message we carry. Please don't hesitate to contribute online at:

<https://centexdeafintergroup.org>. Click on the box for “make a contribution” or send your contributions to: AADI * PO Box 9067 * Austin, Tx 78709-0674

We now have a Venmo account to contribute: @AADI-CENTRALTEXAS

Yours in Service,
Dawn M.
accessibilities@district3b3c.org

G.S.O. HAS A NEW ADDRESS FOR SEVENTH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS:

For decades, all correspondence to G.S.O., including our contributions, have been sent to Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

Now, your office and board are excited to announce that we are embracing a new method of processing our Seventh Tradition contributions that will reduce costs, ultimately allowing for more investment in services to members and groups. To this end, we are excited to announce

that a separate post office box has been established for Seventh Tradition contributions only. This change will enable us to process contributions much more efficiently and at a significant savings to the Fellowship.

Effective immediately, please send contribution checks to:

**Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407**

**For more information,
please contact our Member Services team at
memberservices@aa.org
or 212-870-3023.**

— CALL FOR STORIES —

Fifth Edition of the Big Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Deadline: October 31, 2022 The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order "to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics."

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: "a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

"The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion', 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare', and the Appendices remain as is."

In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: "Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.'"

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition.

Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic pamphlet

Deadline: October 31, 2022 The trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic," stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African-American, Canadian and Caribbean A.A. members from the English-, French- and Spanish-speaking Black communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Experience, strength and hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Sponsorship
- A.A. service
- Safety and racism
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Military
- Black mental health and diverse abilities
- Diversity of social status
- BIPOC A.A. Meetings
- Atheist/agnostics

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.

Submit Via Email Email: pamphletstories@aa.org Subject line: "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic"

Fourth Edition of the Big Book *Alcohólicas Anónimas*

Deadline: December 15, 2022 In keeping with the recommendation of the 2021 General Service Conference that "A Fourth Edition of the Spanish-language Big Book, *Alcohólicas Anónimas*, be developed, including updated stories that better reflect the current membership, and that a progress report be presented to the 2022 General Service Conference," the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from members of the Hispanic community in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

The committee is seeking stories of recovery from a wide representation of the Hispanic community. Stories of recovery may also include:

- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Experiences of sobriety during the pandemic
- Newcomer and oldtimer experiences
- Accessibility experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- A.A. meetings on virtual platforms
- Sobriety and mental health

Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be approximately 5-6 pages.

Submit Via Email Email: 4LGHistorias@aa.org Subject line: "Fourth Edition Spanish"

Please include your full name, postal and email addresses, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether or not their story is selected for publication. **Stories written in Spanish, English or French will be accepted.** We suggest you keep a copy of your manuscript for your files. The respective designations *Pamphlet* or *Fourth Edition* should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

To Submit Via Postal Mail Send to: Attn: Literature Assignment
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Thank you for your participation in the process!