



DISTRICT 81

OCTOBER 2025

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STEP 10:

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

TRADITION 10:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

CONCEPT 10:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help;
I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.**

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 1: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568 (1st Wednesday)

October 8: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30pm online via Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

October 8: Correctional Facilities meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

October 11: Live at 5 speaker meeting - 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

October 11: Southeast Texas Area 67 October Assembly - 9am to 5pm San Jacinto College North 5800 Uvalde Rd - Bldg 12, Houston, TX 77049

October 12: Newsletter Committee meeting 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

October 15: Workshop Committee meeting 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Wednesday)

October 15: Literature Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Wednesday)
<https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

October 15: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 7:00pm at the Bay Area Club RM E & F 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 and via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935 (3rd Wednesday)

October 17: Archives Committee meeting 6:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Friday)

October 19: Finance & Budget meeting 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Sunday)

October 19: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Sunday)

October 20: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Monday)

October 24-26: TXSCYPAA 44 all weekend long! Located at Marriott Hotel near Hobby Airport; see flyer!

October 30: PI/CPC Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom meeting ID 868-5564-9879; PW 06101935 (Last Thursday)

January 23-25: SETA 63rd Annual Convention Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont - Plaza; see flyer!



SETA 63rd Annual Convention

The Broad Highway

January 23-25, 2026

At the Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont-Plaza

Featured Speakers

- Todd T. of Idyllwild CA
- Roland R. of Houston TX
- Terri E. of Baton Rouge LA
- Stacey S. of San Antonio TX
- Nick S. from GSO New York
- Frank S. from Mexico and more!



Program will include Marathon meetings Dance party & DJ

Literature sales Al-anon Archives Workshops & more!

BRING HEADPHONES FOR TRANSLATION OF ENGLISH TO SPANISH

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Home Group: _____
Check One: ☐ AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen

Ticket Prices - In amount please include coffee, lunch, and contributions.

Alateen \$5 _____
Alanon \$30 _____
AA \$30 _____
Coffee \$5 _____
Saturday Lunch Nacho Bar \$15 _____
Contributions \$ _____

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SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 October Assembly

Saturday October 11th
8am GSR Workshop
9am to 5pm Assembly

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
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1pm -3pm

COME CHECK OUT SEVERAL COMMITTEES!!!!

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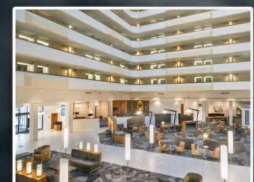
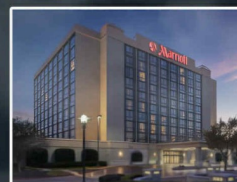
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At This Moment

The rising sun on a backdrop of a baby blue sky, a perfect morning. Prayers followed by meditation when a vision of a baby eagle stood from the nest, spread its wings, and took flight. I said the third step prayer and cleared my mind, only for the vision to return.

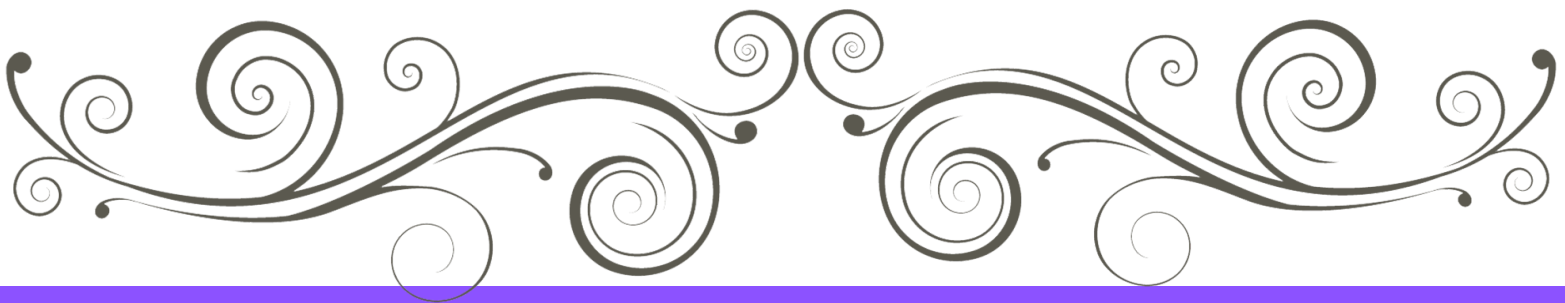
In the weeks before, I had been contemplating moving from the sober house into my own apartment. I had been looking for furniture to fill the space so as not to move empty-handed. That morning, I saw a bedroom suite and knew it was for me. I contacted the sellers and made arrangements for the purchase. I rented a storage room, and then my phone rang. I got an emergency call that an air conditioner broke down. I needed to fix it to give this family relief from the heat. I contacted the sellers and explained, then asked them not to sell it because I wanted it, and they agreed. After repairing the unit, I contacted them and asked if it was still available, and that I was on my way.

Upon arriving, I met the nicest older couple who were clearing their guest room to make an exercise room. As I loaded the furniture, we engaged in the most pleasant of conversations. Then the lady asked if I wanted the box springs and mattress. It's a year old and has only been slept on twice when their son visited. I told her yes and offered more money, and she refused. As I finished loading the furniture in my truck, she came out with the pillows, pillow shams, mattress pad, comforter, and dust ruffle, a complete set of sheets, everything for the bed and gave them to me. Again, I offered to pay more, and again, she refused.

When I finished loading my truck, the gentleman followed me outside and explained his wife's generosity. When they heard I was helping a family earlier, his wife told him that I had integrity and refused other offers for the furniture. As we were talking while loading, she mentioned that I was the most humble person she had met in a while. He told me that they were blessed to be able to pass the furniture to someone who would care for it and that they knew it was going to a good home. I thought for a minute and realised I had heard the words integrity, humble, and blessed in one short conversation. As I looked at him, I began to grin as did he. I started to ask him if he was a friend of Bill's and when I made it to the word friend, his grin turned to a smile. By the time I finished the question, his smile grew even larger, and his head nodded as if to say yes. His reply was a simple confirmation of the question, "29 years, cocaine."

It was as if he had known all along that God had laid this path out for us, and we were destined to be in that moment at that time following His will. I was covered with God bumps, as was he. It was "at that moment" that I realised everything I had seen, done, accomplished, and experienced that day was already laid out for me, and all I had to do was follow the path He laid in front of me. I knew then there was absolutely no way that I could have orchestrated a day so perfect. Thy will (not mine) be done.

-**John G** (Texas City Group)



AA's Unconditional Love

Not long ago, I was in a serious car accident on my daughter's birthday. Before I found AA, I didn't have a relationship with a higher power. The day of the accident was many years after I first walked through the doors of AA. After I gained consciousness, I knew I had been in an accident and was seriously injured. I was crushed in the seat and could barely breathe. I remember finding my phone in the seat and looking at the picture of my daughter and me on my screen saver. The first thought that went through my head was to thank God for the life He had given me. (A life I never knew was possible! A life filled with peace, serenity, friends, family, and purpose.) While I heard voices around the car, I said a prayer. I asked God to please not let them tell my little girl that her daddy had passed away on her birthday. I remember hearing rescue workers cut the door off the car. They removed me from the car. I could hear voices, but I couldn't actually see anyone. I remember the paramedics placing me in the ambulance and then inserting tubes into my lungs to drain the accumulated blood. This is the last thing I remember until regaining consciousness in the ICU.

After I came to, I vaguely remember being able to see familiar faces. Those faces were the members of AA visiting my hospital room. I would fall and awaken to yet another familiar face, and another. I started to become more stable and was able to hold conversations. It was like a tidal wave of love and emotion that poured upon me as I lay in the hospital bed—an outpouring of love and genuine concern that I had never experienced. The love surrounded not only me, but also my family. Meals were provided, blankets brought, hugs given, the list of help was unimaginable. The members of AA helped my family match the calamity with serenity. I have been able to be there for others, but I got to experience the humility of accepting help and letting others help me. That is what I experienced in AA: unconditional love. This is the message I try to practice in my life today. Many thanks to those who loved me until I could love myself.

By Nick B.

Me: I'm Unstoppable.

God: It's Unstable, idiot.



Group History: Keep on Steppin'

The Keep on Steppin' Group was started by Troy H. and Jamie R. on 9/23/2004. The driving reason was the most common we run into, a resentment developed in an "Open Meeting" due to non-AA topic matter and discussion. A fear of not hearing AA's true message and possibly relapsing was enough for these two members to take action to protect the message of recovery delivered by our co-founders. This action has proven to be beneficial for many seeking help from alcoholism.

These two members, with encouragement and support of good sponsorship, searched for a meeting place in the Friendswood area. The Friendswood community only had one meeting a week and it wasn't "Closed" to alcoholics only. Their search resulted in making arrangements with the Friendswood United Methodist Church at FM 518 and 2351. Their next key move was to get one year attendance commitments from over 6 others, including sponsors. The Group was named "Keep on Steppin'" to identify with the never-ending process of recovery and living the 12 Steps of AA in our daily lives. Not having a coffee pot yet Troy brought a gallon of Starbucks for a few months to get started.

Taking advantage of a good resentment and the suggestion of sponsors a "Closed Meeting" of Alcoholics Anonymous was started to make sure that this meeting was solely for the suffering alcoholic inside and outside our rooms. This was and is the best insurance to guard against dilution of the AA message of recovery. The group was embedded in the 12 Traditions of AA and structured the meeting around them.

The meeting format very carefully explained a "Closed Meeting" but depended on experienced leaders to ensure adherence to the format. The meeting leaders had to select a topic from the Big Book and come prepared to conduct a meeting. The new group also adopted a request of no profanity, and this atmosphere brought many members to the meeting. Leaders explained the topic and turned the discussion over to the members to discuss a solution to the problem.

After a few months of sustained operation, the Group registered with the AA General Service Office and was assigned 669720 as its permanent service number. Group Conscience or Business Meetings are held quarterly and contributions are made to AA service entities by the elected treasurer. The Group also lives by Bill W's concept of corporate poverty never allowing monetary funds to get over a sufficient prudent reserve.

As the result of operating the group as suggested by AA, closed meeting format and the commitment and dedication of its members the group has grown significantly over the years. The growth is based on attraction rather than promotion. Conducting the business of AA's Three Legacies this meeting is the best in the world to its members because of the participation of the Newcomers, Old-timers, and Mid-timers.

We members have become absolutely convinced that God is in charge (not us) and we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

The Life of Conrad J.

An AA Journey

Conrad J. stands as a remarkable figure whose AA journey is marked by dedication and lasting influence. This article aims to provide an overview of Conrad's life and service in AA. Conrad made it into the Big Meeting on August 27, 2025.

Conrad's sobriety date was 11/11/2016. Conrad was from Oklahoma. I met Conrad after my wife invited him and a fellow AA member over for brunch after a meeting. Afterward, Conrad and I were sitting on the patio, and he asked me to be his sponsor. He called me every week, and we met in person once a week. We started out reading the Big Book as he worked through the steps. We also read Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, AA Comes of Age, Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, and The Language of the Heart. Conrad was the sponsor of multiple members in AA; he was known for working with his sponsees through the reading of the Big Book, the 12 & 12, and other AA literature.

Conrad was known for his strong involvement in AA service. He cherished his AA family, maintained close friendships, and was actively involved in his home group, The Alvin Taylor Street Group, where he chaired meetings several times a week. He also co-chaired with members who were young in their sobriety. He served as GSR at the time of his passing.



Conrad was also known for organizing trips to visit other groups in the area; he would go to lunch with members before visiting another group. He was very active in taking the message to treatment centers and prisons.

Conrad's life exemplified what it means to dedicate one's service to AA and its members. His journey offers inspiration for AA members, highlighting the value of a Home Group, service work, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of AA members.

By George C.
From Gratitude Group (Pearland).



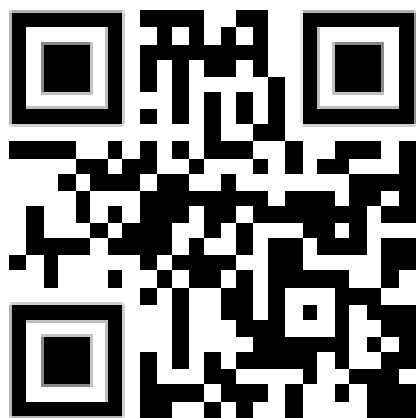
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D81 Budget Summary	
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Group Contributions	\$ 460.00
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 175.31
Net Income	\$ 284.69
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,340.99
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (8,344.54)
Available Funds	\$ 1,996.45