



DISTRICT 81

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Step 9:

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 9:

A. A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 9:

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

**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

September 6: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

September 13: Correctional Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

September 20: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.

September 20: Literature Committee meeting 7:30pm on the back porch at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

September 25: Newsletter Committee meeting 5pm at the Helen Hall Public Library, 100 W. Walker St., League City; email gwen.r@aa-seta.org for more info.

September 26: Grapevine Committee meeting 6pm at the Texas City Group, 518 6th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77590

September 27: Finance & Budget meeting 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City, 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

September 27: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

September 28: PI/CPC Committee meeting 4:45pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

September 29: Archives Committee meeting 2pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

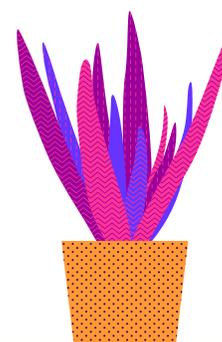
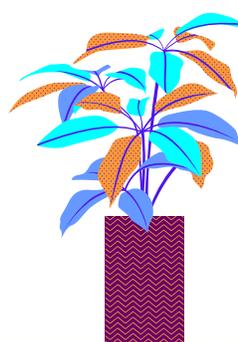
September 29 - October 1: Southwest Regional Forum at the Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel, 1770 Airway Blvd. El Paso, TX 79925; see flyer!

October 8: Alvin Group 57th Anniversary beginning at 2pm at Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor St. Alvin, TX 77511; see flyer!

October 27-29: TXSCYPAA (Texas State Conference of Young People in A.A.) at the South Shore Harbor Resort, 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX 77573; see flyer!

January 12-14: Tyler A.A. Anniversary at the Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler, TX 75702

January 19-21 2024: 61st Annual SETA Convention at the Moody Gardens Convention Center, 7 Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX 77554; see flyer!



SOUTHWEST

REGIONAL FORUM

September 29-October 1, 2023
Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel, El Paso, TX

You are invited to the Southwest Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

- Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and "open" to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.
- Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine.

PROGRAM

- Your Southwest Regional Trustee will moderate the event. You will also hear from General Service Office Staff Members, the General Manager, General Service Board Trustees, AA Grapevine Inc. Publisher and Staff, A.A. World Services, Inc. Director, your region's Delegates, and past trustees.
- There will be presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There will also be sharing sessions that will allow you to comment and ask questions of the board and staff. A sample program is posted on aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.
- The event will take place on Friday from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration is **FREE** and will open online at www.aa.org on June 30, 2023.
- All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel
1770 Airway Blvd, El Paso, TX, 79925
Phone: (800) 333-3333

- Hotel reservations: <https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-el-paso-airport>

Last day to book September 8th

- Rate: Double Occupancy, \$105 per night US or Canadian
 - To receive the group rate, reference the event.

We look forward to seeing you in El Paso!

For more information, please contact, Regional Forums Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120

TXSCYPAA 42

2500 SOUTH SHORE BLVD, LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573

OCT 27-29
SOUTH SHORE
HARBOR RESORT



T X S C Y P A A 4 2 . O R G

08 OCTOBER 2023

ALVIN GROUP CELEBRATES 57TH ANNIVERSARY

2:00 PM OPENING

2:30 PM DENA F-KATY
23 YRS ALANON

3:45 PM BBQ DINNER

4:45 PM ALVIN GROUP HISTORY
SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

5:00 PM KEITH M-7 YRS
HAPPY HOUR GROUP-
BAY AREA CLUB

ALVIN TAYLOR STREET CLUB
204 S TAYLOR ST
ALVIN TX 77511

Tyler AA Anniversary

January 12-14, 2024



....."all sorts of remarkable things followed."

Join us in celebrating seventy-seven years of
Alcoholics Anonymous in Tyler, TX
Tyler Rose Garden Center
420 Rose Park Dr., Tyler, TX

Sobriety "ROOTED" in Texas!

Pre-registration \$30.00

on-site \$35.00

Pre-register for a chance to win a set of
speaker recordings!

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Garden Inn
220 E. Grande
Blvd. Tyler, TX
(903) 509-1166

Ask for AA Convention rate

Follow us on Facebook:
[facebook.com/TylerAnniversary](https://www.facebook.com/TylerAnniversary)

For more information contact:
Lisa G. (903) 221-4987
Crystal R. (903) 316-8832
Joe R. (903) 316-2016
aatylerranniversary@gmail.com

Pre-register Online at:

tyleranniversary.org



G&L Tapes Speaker Recordings
Available

Tyler AA Central Service Booth
Al-Anon Booth

NETA Archives Display

RAFFLES-GREAT PRIZES!!!

Friday, January 12

5:00 pm: Registration
6:00 pm: Dinner
7:00 pm: Meet the Speakers
7:45 pm: RAFFLE!
8:00 pm: AA Speaker
Dawn F. - Dickenson, TX

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am: Coffee & Donuts
9:00 am: AA Speaker
Tracie J. - Irving, TX
10:30 am: Chairperson Workshop
Gary K. & Jackey B.
12:00 pm: Lunch Break
1:30 pm: AA speaker
Toni S. - Vandergrift, PA
3:00 pm: Sponsorship Workshop
Chris R. - Ingram, TX
Myers R. - Ingram, TX
4:30 pm: Al-Anon Speaker
Vannoy S. - Justin, TX

6:00 pm: Dinner
7:00 pm: Skit

"THE COMMITTEE
INSIDE BOB'S HEAD"

7:30 pm: RAFFLE
7:45 pm: SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN
8:00 pm: AA Speaker
Chris R. - Ingram, TX

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am @ Downtown Suburban Group
1700 E. Front St., Tyler, TX
8:00 am: Potluck Breakfast
hosted by Al-Anon
9:00 am: Al-Anon Speaker
Nancy J. - Santa Fe, TX
10:30 am: AA Speaker
Myers R. - Ingram, TX
11:00 am: Closing of 77th
AA Anniversary

WHERE AND HOW?

Where and how did Ebby T. get the message that he took to Bill W.? Most all of us know about the meeting of Ebby T. and Bill W. However, I like others, have always been curious about how Ebby T. got involved with the Oxford Groups. The following is from a book by Joe Mc Q (of Joe & Charlie's Big Book Studies) that gives a history of what happened to a certain American businessman that had ability, good sense, and high character, but could not stay sober. His name was Rowland Hazard. The following is a chain of events to lead up to the meeting of Roland H., Ebby T., and then Bill W.



Rowland Hazard was a New York investment banker suffering from alcoholism and sought help from the well-known psychologist Dr. Carl Jung. (See pages 26 and 27 of AA Big Book). Dr. Jung told Rowland there might be hope he could stay sober – if he could have a personality change through a spiritual experience.

Rowland returned to New York and found an Oxford Group, where he sought a spiritual experience. The Oxford Groups were informal fellowships of people from any and all religions who were not satisfied with their spiritual progress. Anyone could join and work through the tenets of the Group to get some spiritual growth and change their lives. The groups weren't particularly focused on the problem of alcoholism.

Frank Buchman, a Lutheran minister, was the originator of the Oxford Groups. After having an argument with board members of a boy's school in Philadelphia, Frank got mad, resigned, and left the USA to travel in Europe. In England in 1908, he went to a church meeting one night and heard a woman, Jessie Penn-Lewis, preach on resentments and forgiveness. And he was greatly moved by what he had heard.

Frank, having resentment against the six board members of the Philadelphia boy's school, went back to his room that night and wrote the board members a letter asking for their forgiveness. He later said that this action produced a sudden change in his life, an instant change.

Frank never heard back from the board members, but he began to reflect on how his life was tremendously improved. He asked himself, how did that happen? What did I do to bring that about? If I can understand what I did, I can renew myself in any way I want to. Better than that, I can show someone else how to do it.

As he sought to understand his experience, Frank listed the things he had done: (1) he had surrendered, (2) he had admitted his sins, (3) he had shared and confessed, (4) he had made restitution, and (5) he had asked for God's guidance.

Frank Buchman was immediately successful. People who followed the procedure were changed. The Oxford Groups grew and spread. Realizing that these five basic principles were the foundation of Christianity (and of other religions worldwide), Frank called his movement “First-Century Christian Fellowship”.

So, when Rowland Hazard returned to New York after consulting Dr. Jung in Switzerland, he joined the Oxford Groups and started practicing these principles. Doing so produced in him the change and the spiritual experience he sought- and as a result he stayed sober until he died.

As Rowland found sobriety, he heard that an old friend, Ebby Thatcher, was about to be committed to a mental institution for his alcoholism. Rowland and a couple of his Oxford Group members rescued Ebby from court and passed on the basic principles to Ebby in the next couple of weeks. Rowland also took Ebby to Reverend Sam Shoemaker’s Calvary Mission in New York City, where they worked with people suffering from alcoholism. This became a very important part of Ebby’s recovery.

Most of us pretty much know what happened from here. Ebby took the message to Bill, Bill took the message to Dr. Bob, and Bill W. and Dr. Bob took the message to Bill D., who became AA member no 3.

I found the above information very interesting because I had heard of the Oxford Groups but had never heard about Frank Buchman and how the Oxford Groups were founded.

I hope you find this as interesting as I have.

Yours in service,

Tom B.
District 81 Archives Committee



Frank Buchman



Rowland Hazard



Ebby Thacher

Path for an Idea to Become an Agenda Item

Deadline for Submission: September 15, 2023 (conference@aa.org)

1	An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from an A.A. member, GSR, DCM, Area Committee member, Delegate, Trustee, or G.S.O./GV staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, District and Area Assembly and sent to the...	Conference Coordinator G.S.O.
2	The idea is reviewed by the G.S.O./GV staff and forwarded to...	Appropriate Trustees' Committee
3	Which then may refer the matter to the...	Appropriate Conference Committee
4	Which meeting during the General Service Conference week makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the...	General Service Conference
5	If a Conference Committee recommendation is approved, after full floor discussion, it becomes a Conference Advisory Action, which becomes binding when approved by the...	General Service Board



Credit: "A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar"
Submitted by **Robert H.**

GRAPEVINE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

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the Grapevine has
an app??



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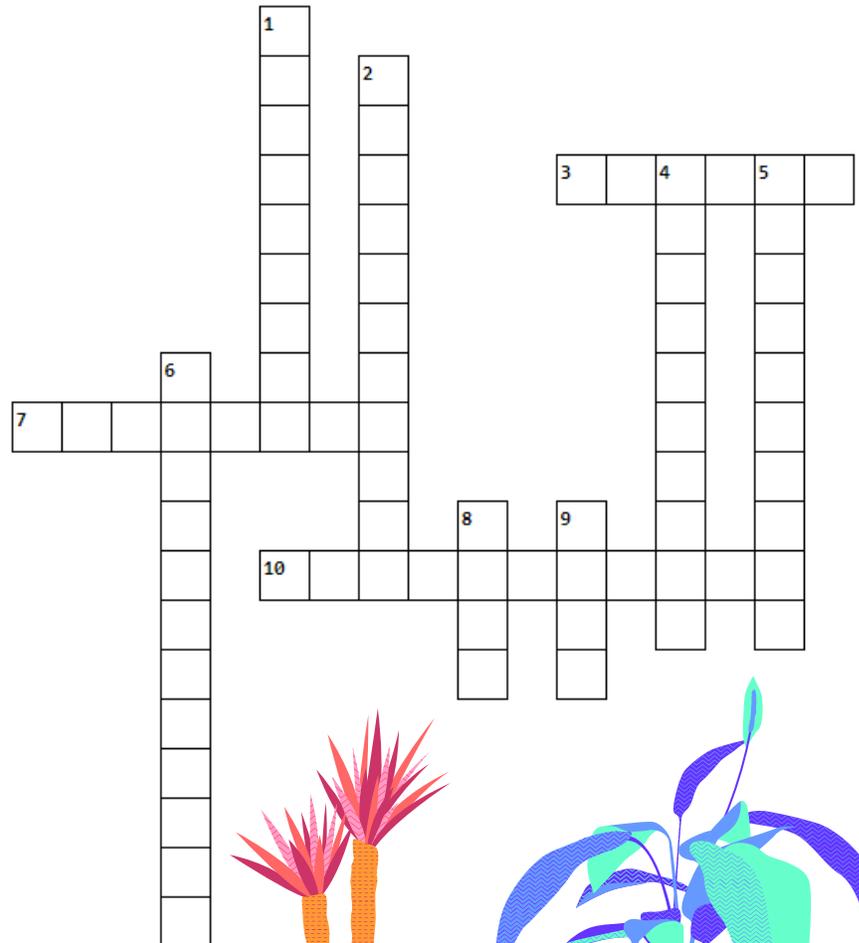
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AUGUST FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 16,175.47
Group Contributions	\$ 505.83
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,766.83
Net Income	\$ (1,261.00)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,914.47
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (8,124.59)
Available Funds	\$ 4,789.88

FROM THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ARTICLE "WHERE AND HOW?"



Across

- 3. English collegiate city
- 7. Buchman's denomination
- 10. make amends

Down

- 1. Rev. Sam
- 2. we ask for
- 4. a group of like-minded folks
- 5. "number 1 offender"
- 6. Buchman was from ___
- 8. instead of 12
- 9. Hazard's doc

