



District 81 April 2023!!



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Step 4:

*Made a searching
and fearless
moral inventory
of ourselves.*

Tradition 4:

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

Concept 4:

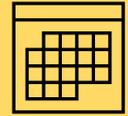
*At all responsible levels, we
ought to maintain a traditional
"Right of Participation,"
allowing a voting
representation in reasonable
proportion to the responsibility
that each must discharge.*



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

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Upcoming Events & Committee Meetings



- April 1-2** **SETA Assembly** at the DoubleTree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport 15747 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77573
- April 5** **District 81 meeting** 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568
- April 8** **4th Step 4th Tradition Workshop** 3-4:30pm hosted by the Tri-Cities Group at 2425 FM 1092 Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459; see flyer!
- April 12** **Correctional Facilities Committee meeting** 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club
- April 19** **Website Committee meeting** 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.
- April 19** **Literature Committee meeting** 7:30pm at the Bay Area Club, room E/F
- April 24** **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.
- April 25** **Grapevine Committee meeting** 6pm at the Texas City Group 518 6th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77590
- April 26** **Finance & Budget meeting** 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573
- April 26** **Treatment Facilities Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935
- April 27** **PI/CPC Committee meeting** 5pm at the Bay Area Club
- April 28** **Archives Committee meeting** 2pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511
- May 5-7** **Mouth of the Brazos Conference** at the Lake Jackson Civic Center 333 Highway 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566; see flyer for details and registration info!
- May 20** **Spring Grapevine Workshop** 1:30-4:30pm presented by District 70, hosted by Up the Street Club 17400 El Camino Real, Suite 800 Webster, TX 77058; see flyer!
- June 9-11** **76th Annual Texas State A.A. Convention** at the Westin San Antonio North 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230; registration \$25 online, \$30 at the door.



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Flyers



Tri-Cities Group

WORKSHOP
4th Step
4th Tradition

April 8, 2023 | 3pm - 4:30pm

Guest Speakers

**In-Person 2425 FM 1092 Rd,
Missouri City, TX 77459**

Flyers

27th Annual Mouth of the Brazos Conference

"Have you a sufficient substitute?"

Friday, May 5th, 2023 - Sunday, May 7th, 2023

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- 5:00 pm Registration Opens
5:00 - 7:30 pm Food & Fellowship
7:30 - 8:00 pm Welcome
8:00 - 9:00 pm AA Speaker
10:00 - 11:00 pm Discussion Meeting

Location

Lake Jackson Civic Center
333 Highway 332
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566
(979) 415-2600

Hospitality Room

Friday: 5:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hospitality Room will be closed during all Speaker Meetings & Workshop

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

- 8:00 am Registration Opens, Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 am Early Bird Meeting
10:00 - 11:30 am Workshop-Friendships in AA
11:45 - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 pm AI-Anon meeting
2:00 - 3:00 pm AI-Anon Speaker
4:00 - 5:00 pm Old Timer's Meeting (25+ years)
5:00 - 6:30 pm Food & Fellowship
6:40 - 7:00 pm Skit
7:00 - 8:00 pm Raffle, Sobriety Countdown
8:00 - 9:00 pm AA Speaker
9:15 - 9:45 pm Ice Cream Social
10:00 - 11:00 pm Discussion Meeting

Nearby Hotels

- Comfort Suites (979) 297-5545
Towneplace Suites (979) 388-9300
Quality Inn (979) 265-8460
Texas Inn & Suites (979) 266-7774

Registration

- AA / AI-Anon Pre-Registration \$20.00
AA / AI-Anon On-Site Registration \$25.00
AI-ATeen On-Site Registration \$ 5.00

Sunday, May 22, 2022

- 8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 am Early Bird Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 am AA Speaker
12:00 pm Closing

Pre-Registration Cutoff Date: 5/01/2023

For further information e-mail:
Corey.c@aa-seta.org

Pre-Registration Mail-In Form

Name:
Badge Name:
Address:
City:
State: Zip:
HOME GROUP:

Name:
Badge Name:
Address:
City:
State: Zip:
HOME GROUP:

- () AA, \$20.00 () AI-Anon, \$20.00 () AA, \$20.00 () AI-Anon, \$20.00

Make Checks Payable to: Mouth of the Brazos Conference
P.O. Box 1641 Clute, TX 77531

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Flyers

AA GRAPEVINE
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

**SATURDAY
MAY 20, 2023
1:30-4:30 PM**

*Giveaways!
Food!
Fellowship!
Fun!*

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
SETA DISTRICT 70 PRESENTS**

The 2023 Spring GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP

Grapevine magazines, books and web resources should be an essential part of our sober lifestyle. Learn how to utilize, AND CONTRIBUTE to this rich resource, and bring your program into the HERE and NOW!

**UP THE STREET CLUB
17400 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 800
WEBSTER, TEXAS 77058**

upthestreetclub.org

Learn how to:

- **Write your story**
- **Submit your story**
- **Become a Grapevine Representative**
- **Utilize Grapevine web resources**
- **Get involved with Grapevine**
- **Carry the Message**

*Wi-Fi available.
Bring your tablet or laptop.*

**For further information contact
thaddeus.d@aa-seta.org**

Features



Tips for Success from the CPC (Cooperation with Professionals Committee)

6 Easy Ways to Cooperate With Professionals

1. Bring your employer or HR office a Big Book, pamphlets, and a meeting schedule. Offer to be a resource to fellow workers with a drinking problem.
2. Bring pamphlets, used copies of the GV, and/or a Big Book to your doctor's office, dentist, minister, lawyer, or therapist. Worried about anonymity? Bring them to someone else's doctor, dentist, lawyer, minister, etc.
3. Invite a professional to join you at an open meeting. Take them to coffee afterward to answer their questions.
4. Host an informational breakfast, lunch, or dinner for professionals where you share the AA pitch.
5. Write up your success stories and send them to us at cpc@coloradoaa.org.
6. Encourage your group members and sponsees to do the same!

6 Principles of CPC Success

1. Be friendly with our friends: form relationships, not just contacts, with professionals.
2. Cooperate, never criticize; to be helpful is our only aim.
3. Read the pamphlets "How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals" and/or "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings."
4. Practice tradition 11—maintain personal anonymity at the public level.
5. Get your group involved. Get a group CPC rep to help coordinate and cultivate relationships with professionals.
6. Unsure how to proceed? Contact us at cpc@coloradoaa.org. We are happy to help you and your group get started!

Submitted by Tom B.

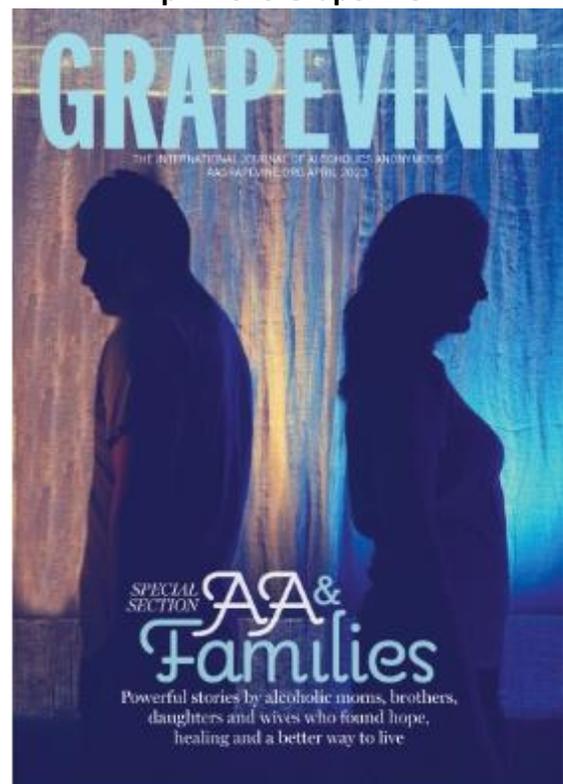


Buddhist Prayer of Peace

May I become at all times, both now and forever
A protector for those without protection
A guide for those who have lost their way
A ship for those with oceans to cross
A bridge for those with rivers to cross
A sanctuary for those in danger
A lamp for those without light
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter
And a servant to all in need.



April 2023 Grapevine:

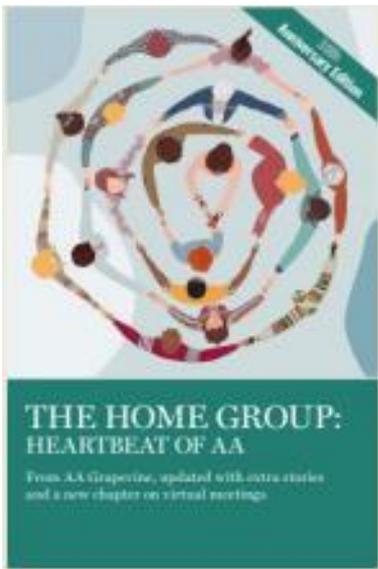


Features



New Book! Coming April 2023

The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA, the 30th Anniversary Edition is a collection of previously published stories from AA Grapevine, the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA members share moving experiences about the importance of belonging to an AA group. This updated anniversary edition includes extra stories and a brand-new chapter on meetings using technology, showing how member have adapted to meet new challenges. A great way to start an AA meeting.



Call for Newsletter Submissions!

While we don't intend on reinventing the Grapevine, we at District 81 love reading stories from local AA's sharing their experience, strength, and hope. If you have something helpful to say on any topic related to AA, we want to hear it!! In addition to your "story", you can send us your thoughts, feelings, experience with:

- How you found your home group
- Wisdom gleaned from group conscience meetings
- The sponsor/sponsee relationship
- What anonymity means to you
- How you got your spiritual experience
- The traditions in action
- Your favorite prayer(s)

I bet you could *increase the list ad infinitum!*

As I do not wish to be a gatekeeper of our district newsletter, I do not edit content beyond basic spelling and grammar, so go nuts! Just remember to keep submissions relevant to AA and free of profanity and bear in mind our principles (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. *Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*)

If you're not a writer but have something you want to share, email me and I will help you get your thoughts on paper!

We look forward to hearing from you!

-Gwen R.

gwen.r@aa-seta.org



AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Does your home group have a Grapevine Rep?

"Grapevine Representatives are the link between AA Grapevine and the groups. It's a fun way to get involved! All you have to do is announce the latest issue at your meeting, let people know how they can participate by sending in stories, or jokes. It's easy to get started. Simply let your homegroup know that you are interested. Register with us online and you will receive a complete information kit from the Grapevine office."

aagrapevine.org/get-involved/become-grapevine-rep

March in Review

Letter from General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

March 16, 2023

We, the General Service Board, want to thank you for your patience and support as we navigate our way forward after the unanimous decision by the Board that a change in leadership would be in the best interest of AA going forward. The decision was a painful and difficult one for each of us to make, and we acknowledge how deeply it affects the Fellowship. We also recognize how unprecedented this was and that the Fellowship wants answers. Within the bounds of maintaining the confidentiality of Board deliberations and protecting the reputations of all involved the Board would like to take the opportunity to inform and communicate with the General Service Conference and the Fellowship to continue to foster trust, cooperation, transparency, and accountability.

In a General Service Board trustees' planning and sharing session, numerous accounts of conduct by the Board Chair, Linda C., that were concerning and creating disharmony, were brought to the attention of the Board. The concerns included:

- operating independently of the Board, Board policies, committees, and corporate Board structures,
- micromanagement of trustees and employees, and
- making unprofessional and inappropriate remarks about past and current trustees and employees.

A number of Board members witnessed this behavior, which violated the organization's code of conduct policy and was a detriment to our unity and ability to conduct business. Linda C. denied any wrongdoing and offered to resign if the Board asked. After deliberating, the Board unanimously voted to accept her resignation as Board Chair and Class A Trustee on January 29, 2023.

Given this unprecedented situation, the Board is currently reviewing its code of conduct, so there is a transparent way and process in the future for Board members to address code of conduct concerns in a way that is in keeping with AA principles, including Concept V – which states in part, "The traditional "Right of Appeal" should also permit any person in our service structure, whether paid or unpaid, to petition for the redress of a personal grievance, carrying his complaint, if he so desires, directly to the General Service Board. He or she should be able to do this without prejudice or fear of reprisal."

While the vehement response to such an unusual and traumatic event is understandable, what we wish to emphasize is that this reaction from the minority is not informed. We as a Board wish to reiterate in the strongest possible terms that this decision was taken as a collective body and based on irrefutable patterns of behavior that were proving to be detrimental to the functioning of the General Service Board and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

[This letter has been edited to maintain the anonymity of named persons. Aside from the replacement of surnames with initials, the rest of the letter is exactly as it was written. -Gwen R., Newsletter Editor]



March Finance & Budget Report

Opening Checkbook Balance:

\$15,991.82

Group Contributions:

\$250.00

Other Contributions:

Less Expenses:

\$634.88

Net Income:

\$(384.88)

Ending Checkbook Balance:

\$15,606.94

Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds:

(\$2,000.00)

Restricted Budget Deficit:

(\$10,608.44)

Available Funds:

\$2,998.50

For more information on the Finance & Budget Report, contact

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Houston AI-Anon intergroup:

houstonalanon.org

AA Grapevine: aagrapevine.org