



District 81 February 2023!!



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Step 2:

*Came to believe that a
Power greater than
ourselves could restore
us to sanity.*

Tradition 2:

*For our group purpose
there is but one ultimate
authority—a loving God
as He may express
Himself in our group
conscience. Our leaders
are but trusted servants;
they do not govern.*

Concept 2:

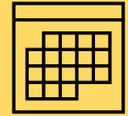
*The General Service
Conference of A.A. has
become, for nearly
every practical purpose, the
active voice and the effective
conscience of our whole
society in its world affairs.*



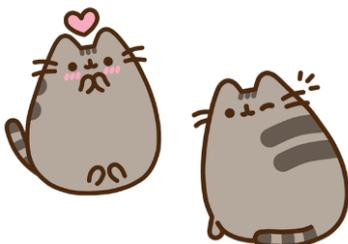
*When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for
help; I want the hand of AA always to be
there. And for that: I am responsible.*

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Upcoming Events & Committee Meetings



- February 1** **District 81 meeting** 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568
- February 4** **Concept 2 Workshop** 4pm, hosted by the Duck Group at Houston Intergroup 5151b Mitchelldale St Suite B10 Houston, TX 77092; for Zoom link email lgprod2008@gmail.com; see flyer!
- February 4** **The Shoemaker Group Anniversary** beginning at 2pm at Deer Park United Methodist Church 1300 E 13th St, Deer Park, TX 77536; see flyer!
- February 8** **Correctional Facilities Committee meeting** 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club
- February 11** **2nd Step, 2nd Tradition Workshop** at 3pm, hosted by the Tri-Cities Group at 2425 FM 1092 Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459; see flyer!
- February 11-12** **Area 67 Archives Workday** 10am-6pm at Houston Intergroup 5151b Mitchelldale St Suite B10 Houston, TX 77092; see flyer!
- February 12** **A.A. Grapevine Writing Workshop** hosted by Area 67, District 31, Spring Group, 12-3pm; 24307 Aldine Westfield Rd, Spring TX 77373; see flyer!
- February 15** **Literature Committee meeting** 7pm at the Bay Area Club, room E/F
- February 22** **Finance & Budget meeting** 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573
- February 22** **Treatment Facilities Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935
- February 23** **PI/CPC Committee meeting** 5pm at the Bay Area Club
- February 23** **Webmaster meeting** 5pm at the Bay Area Club
- February 24** **Archives Committee meeting** 2pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511
- February 24-25** **District 33 Unity Conference** Kurten Community Center 13055 State HW 21E, Kurten, TX 77862; registration \$15; see flyer!
- February 25** **Chili Cook-off** hosted by the Alvin Group, starting at 4pm; at the Alvin Taylor Street Club 204 S. Taylor St, Alvin, TX 77511; see flyer!



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Flyers



Concept 2 Workshop
Read-Thru Sharing Session

**DUCK
GROUP**

2 PM - Saturday Feb 4th
Email lgprod2008@gmail.com
for Zoom link

INTERGROUP
Use The Front Door
5151 Mitchelldale St Ste B10,
Houston, TX 77092

The Shoemaker Group ANNIVERSARY

2PM DENA F. - 21YRS
Care Bear AFG / Katy TX

3PM FELLOWSHIP
Potluck Lunch

4PM TOM B. - 30YRS
New Day Group / Galveston, TX

Saturday, February 4th 2023

DEER PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1300 E 13TH STREET
DEER PARK, TX 77536

ONE DAY AT A TIME KEEP IT SIMPLE FIRST THINGS FIRST

Tri-Cities Group

WORKSHOP
2ND Step
2ND Tradition

February 11, 2023 | 3pm - 4:30pm

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

AREA 67 ARCHIVES WORKDAY

FEBRUARY 11 AND 12TH

10:00AM – 6:00PM

HOUSTON INTERGROUP

5151b Mitchelldale St Suite B10, Houston, TX 77092

COME ON OUT AND HELP AREA ARCHIVES RESET
THE ARCHIVES REPOSITORY

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
ARCHIVES AND DO SOME SERVICE WORK



CONTACT DEBORAH T. FOR MORE INFORMATION

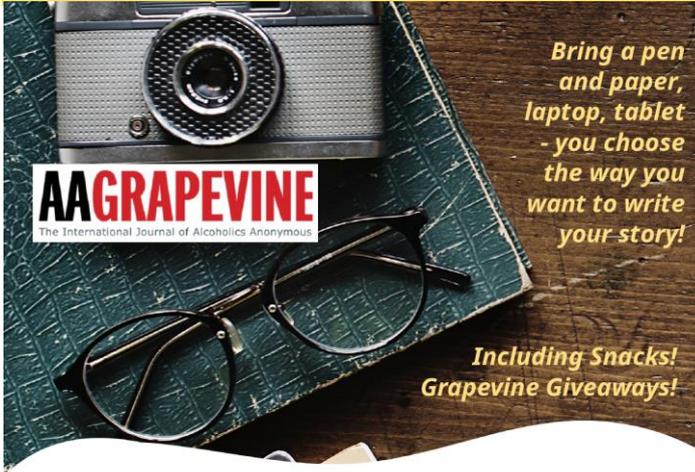
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Flyers



33rd Annual



Bring a pen and paper, laptop, tablet - you choose the way you want to write your story!

Including Snacks! Grapevine Giveaways!

SETA Area 67 District 31 / Spring Group Presents **AA GRAPEVINE WRITING WORKSHOP**

Sunday, February 12, 2023
12pm - 3pm
24307 Aldine Westfield Rd
Spring, TX 77373

For further info contact leslie.s@aa-seta.org

Learn how you can share your experience, strength and hope through writing stories that you can submit to AA Grapevine (our "Meeting in Print")



- Speakers
- Fri. 7:00 pm - Amanda H. Hi-Nooners Group (Bryan, TX)
 - Fri. 8:30 pm - Bill M. New Hope Group (Bryan, TX)
 - Sat. 7:00 am - S.O.T.S. Meeting
 - Sat. 9:00 am - Billy W. New Hope Group (Bryan, TX)
 - Sat. 10:30 am - (Sponsorship Workshop) Art G. Lufkin A.A. Group (Lufkin, TX)
 - Sat. 1:00 pm - (AFG Speaker) Candy G. Hemphill Alanon Family Group
 - Sat. 3:00 pm - (CFC Speaker) Harold B. (10-1-01) Cypresswood Group (Houston, TX)
 - Sat. 4:30 pm - Ashley H. Heights Group (Houston, TX)
 - Sat. 6:45 pm - Sobriety Wheel
 - Sat. 7:45 pm - Sobriety Countdown
 - Sat. 8:00 pm - Dathan M. Welcome Home Group (Houston, TX)
 - Sat. 9:00 pm - Dance

February 24 - 25 2023

Kurten Community Center
13055 State HW 21E
Kurten, TX 77862

Registration: \$15.00

Registration Begins at 5pm on Friday and 8am on Saturday

On-Site Only Scholarships Available!

Contact: Marlys S. 936-661-7626

10:00 PM AA Meeting Friday Night
7:00 AM SOIS AA Meeting Sat Morning

Support Recovery in the Brazos Valley and Join us for a Weekend Filled with Fun and Fellowship!

Meals will be provided
Friday (Dinner) • Saturday (Breakfast, Lunch)
If you have a favorite dish or dessert you would like to bring please bring it!!!!



Saturday February 25th, 2023

Hosted by Alvin Group - AA

Alvin Taylor Street Club
204 S. Taylor St.
Alvin, TX 77511

- 4:00 - Bring pre-cooked chili (BYO toppings)
- 4:30 - Chili Judging
- 4:45 - All can eat
- 5:30 - Present awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)
- 5:45 - Dessert buffet (bring one to share)
- 6:00 - Speaker - Robert N. 2/10/10
Islander Group - Galveston

This is a free event



76th Annual Texas State AA Convention

San Antonio, Texas

June 9 - 11, 2023

"The age of miracles is still with us. Our own recovery proves that!"

Scheduled AA Speakers

- Willard M. Austin, TX
- Gary K. Sulphur Springs, TX
- Tisa B. Sheep Springs, NM
- Jackie K. Granbury, TX
- Chris R. Ingram, TX
- Old Timers Panel
- Texas Panel 71 and 72, Delegates
- G.S.O.: Jimmy D. Dallas, TX
- Al-Anon: Stephanie B. Granite Shoals, TX

Hotel Information

The Westin San Antonio North
9821 Colonnade Boulevard
San Antonio, Texas 78230
210-691-8888
Room Rates \$125 - \$145
Booking Code: (Texas State AA Convention)

Registration Fee: \$30.00 at the door; early online registration \$25.00

Visit our website <https://txaaconvention.org> for updates, agenda, and registration.

Features



Some Group Histories of District 81

Over the recent years, I have submitted group histories to the SETA Newsletter of Galveston Island, Texas City, and Santa Fe. Below are a few other group histories of some of our groups in District 81.

The West Isle Group of Galveston was started in September of 1973 by Milt S. and K.B.W. Meetings were closed discussion and were held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1804 69 th St. off Heard's Lane at 8:00PM on Fridays. Later, a step study meeting was added to their schedule, and they met at Milt's house at 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. A Big Book study meeting was added to the schedule on Monday night. The group later moved to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 45 th and Ave L, and eventually moved later to its present location, which is Zion Lutheran Church at 6910 Yucca. Zion Lutheran Church was heavily damaged from Hurricane Ike but is back in business and the group meets at 7:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Since the Covid pandemic, they are currently meeting on Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 5127 Ave U.

Jamaica Beach Group was founded in 1977 by Joe and Annie. Other early members were Mitzi, Mike, Tom, and Jack. The group met at Joe and Annie's house in Jamaica Beach for about one year and eventually moved to the present location, which is West Isle Presbyterian Church (Pirates Beach) on Stewart Road. Jamaica Beach meetings are open discussion and are at 7:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Birthday meeting is last Thursday of the month. Both meetings are nonsmoking.

REBOS Group (sober spelled backwards) of Pearland was founded in January of 1985. Founders and early members were Alfred K., Jane K., Mary F., Marty R., Trudy R., Dede W., and Rita K. REBOS group meets at St. Helens Catholic Church at 8:00 pm on

Fridays. Meetings are open discussion and there is a tradition of the members going to Kelley's in Pearland for a late dinner after the meeting.

Pearland BB/SNL was founded in October of 1997 by Carlos R. Early members besides Carlos were George M., Jack B., Ronald P., Ron S., Karen, Norma, Johnny B., and Jim. Group meets at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Pearland. The Tuesday night meeting at 7:30 pm is a Big Book Step Study format. The Saturday Night Live is at 7:30 pm on (you guessed it) Saturday night and is an open discussion meeting.

Please note that some of the meeting times and locations have changed due to the Covid pandemic.

Tom B.

District 81 Archives Committee



Featured Prayer: Second Step Prayer

GOD,

I'm standing at the turning point right now. Give me your protection and care as I abandon myself to you and give up my old ways and my old ideas just for today.

AMEN

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Grapevine News



New YouTube Playlist "Willingness"

www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine/playlists

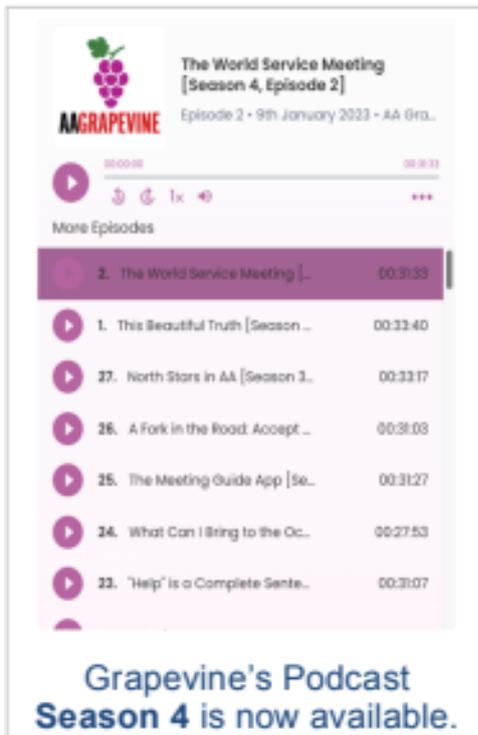


2023

Carry The Message Project

Want To Help Another Alcoholic? [Learn how here!](#)

www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message



www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

February 2023 Grapevine:



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

VERSION 2.7 IMPORTANT UPDATES

Vacancy for Non-trustee Director of AA Grapevine Board in 2023

The AA Grapevine Corporate Board is actively seeking candidates to fill a vacancy for the position of non-trustee Director at the General Service Conference in April 2023.

Learn more [here!](https://aagrapevine.org/vacancy-NTD-AAGV-Board-2023)



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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



The Chinese Farmer

I had never heard the story of the "Chinese Farmer" until I heard Sandy Beach tell it on a speaker tape. It reminds me that more will be revealed. It reminds me that god has a plan for me and that I will not always know what it is or how it will unfold. Some of my worst moments have turned out to be most valuable.

Trust god!

A farmer and his son had a beloved horse who helped the family earn a living. One day, the horse ran away and their neighbours exclaimed, "Your horse ran away, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not."

A few days later, the horse returned home, leading a few wild horses back to the farm as well. The neighbours shouted out, "Your horse has returned, and brought several horses home with him. What great luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not."

Later that week, the farmer's son was trying to break one of the horses and she threw him to the ground, breaking his leg. The neighbours cried, "Your son broke his leg, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not."

A few weeks later, soldiers from the national army marched through town, recruiting all boys for the army. They did not take the farmer's son, because he had a broken leg. The neighbours shouted, "Your boy is spared, what tremendous luck!" To which the farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

Keith Montague

District 81 DCM



News on A.A.W.S. from GSO manager

January 11, 2023

Dear A.A. Friends,

On behalf of the employees at the General Service Office (G.S.O.), I wish you a very Happy New Year! While we A.A.s strive to live one day at a time, for many still, the new year brings a spirit of renewal and an added spark of hope. I share this spirit, particularly for the future of A.A.

I am pleased to share some exciting updates and changes at G.S.O. G.S.O. provides a tremendous range of critical services, which requires that the office be structured in the best way possible to facilitate the delivery of these services efficiently and effectively. At the same time, we must stay true to the spiritual principles that guide our work. With this in mind, we have taken a close look at several services and functions and made some changes.

Many of these changes are in the Publishing Department, which produces, distributes, and updates our life-saving literature. As the world has changed, many of these services have grown in complexity—specifically, the licensing of our literature to A.A. structures around the world, new translations of our books and pamphlets, translation of documents and background for our General Service Conference, and monitoring and protecting Intellectual Property Rights related to our literature and the A.A. name. These services are vital, not only in assisting groups and members in carrying the message, but also to preserve our single purpose and our Traditions.

The primary reason for these changes is to allow for more focus on and oversight of these services, and to allow the Publishing Department to focus directly on our literature. To best facilitate carrying out these and the other services in the most effective manner, we have established two separate departments.

Legal, Licensing and Intellectual Property. In addition to assuming the services of international literature licensing and Intellectual Property (IP), this new department has assumed the responsibility for coordinating all legal matters administered at G.S.O. This department is staffed by leadership with strong legal background and others with deep experience in licensing and IP.

Language Services. As I mentioned in my most recent communication, this department has centralized the function of translation of our literature and thousands of documents into several languages each year. It also coordinates essential interpretation services that allow for direct interaction and communication with other A.A. structures around the world. These services ensure full participation and help to unify our worldwide Fellowship.

These changes are the result of a great deal of collaboration, participation, and effort by members of management and their teams. All involved have been very open and willing to make this happen and are enthusiastic about increasing the effectiveness of the office and our services. These efforts are another example how we infuse our principles into the G.S.O. operations.

We are here to serve the Fellowship and are grateful for your support through your contributions to the General Service Board and the trust you place in us and each other.

With gratitude for all you do for A.A.

Bob W.
General Manager, G.S.O.



January Finance & Budget Report

Opening Checkbook Balance:

\$14,170.07

Group Contributions:

\$953.38

Other Contributions:

Less Expenses:

Net Income:

\$953.38

Ending Checkbook Balance:

\$15,123.45

Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds:

(\$2,000.00)

Restricted Budget Deficit:

(\$11,804.96)

Available Funds:

\$1,318.49

For more information on the Finance & Budget Report, contact

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Want to see your article, flyer, joke, quote, favorite prayer, artwork, or AA member shout-out featured in next month's issue? **Send it on in!** → **gwen.r@aa-seta.org**

Please keep submissions relevant to AA and free of profanity. 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.*