



DISTRICT 81

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STEP 11:

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

TRADITION 11:

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we should always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film.

CONCEPT 11:

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

**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

November 2: Happy Hour Speaker meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (1st Sunday)

November 5: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568 (1st Wednesday)

November 8: Live at 5 speaker meeting – 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

November 9: Newsletter Committee meeting 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

November 12: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30pm online via Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

November 12: Correctional Facilities meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

November 16: Finance & Budget meeting 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Sunday)

November 16: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Sunday)

November 17: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Monday)

November 19: Workshop Committee meeting 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Wednesday)

November 20: Literature Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Thursday)
<https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

November 19: 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)

November 20: PI/CPC Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom meeting ID 868-5564-9879; PW 06101935 (3rd Thursday)

November 21: Archives Committee meeting 6:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Friday)

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



“TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS WEEKEND: THE BREAKTHROUGH TO A GROUP YOU LOVE” ATTENTION ALL HOME GROUPS!

“Let’s have a conversation that could change your life — Traditions & Concepts Weekend is where the promises come alive.”

Tired of the same old meetings? Ready for some spiritual popcorn? Then get together in your groups and vote for your District 81 Committee to put together this informative workshop.

Ideas: Announce at your home group, share your thoughts, help us reach a consensus by the end of December. Your voice matters!

A “Traditions and Concepts Weekend” will be way juicier than you think! The Traditions are what keep AA from turning into family Thanksgiving dinner gone wrong, and the Concepts? Well, they’re basically the “behind the scenes” manual that explains how AA doesn’t implode despite being run by an erratic band of alcoholics.

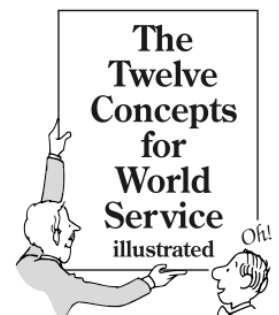
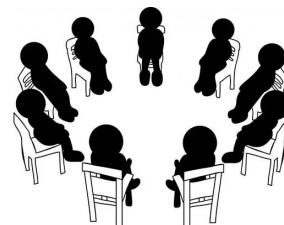
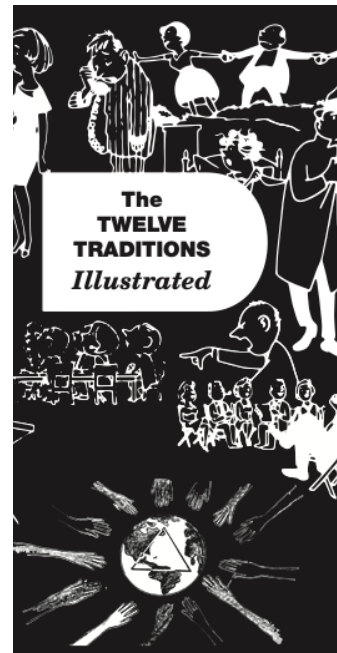
Expect laughs, aha-moments, and maybe even a little holy-smoke inspiration. Whether you’re a newcomer still figuring out how to push in a chair, or an old-timer who thinks they’ve heard it all, you’ll walk away with fresh insights (and maybe some new material to confuse your sponsee with).

This won’t be some boring lecture – it’s a weekend of fellowship, fun, and spiritual firepower. So let’s come together with friends, your homegroup, your sponsees and put together a workshop that helps us see why the Traditions and Concepts are the unsung superheroes of our Fellowship!

Spoiler Alert: Without them, there is no AA.

Traditions and Concepts: The ultimate AA survival guide!

Keeping AA weirdly functional since 1939. Let’s learn why AA hasn’t fallen apart yet!



Grateful Hearts Gather Here

The St. Francis Prayer

First published in 1912, this prayer originally bore the title of 'Belle prière à faire pendant la messe' (A Beautiful Prayer to Say During the Mass), and was published anonymously.

Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace;
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit
of forgiveness;
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
that where there is error, I may bring truth;
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort,
than to be comforted;
to understand, than to be understood;
to love, than to be loved.
For it is by self forgetting, that one finds.
It is by forgiving, that one is forgiven.
It is by dying, that one awakens to Eternal Life.
Amen.



The Bright Side of Sober Living: Simple Ways to Laugh, Connect, and Thrive

Living sober doesn't mean life gets dull — it opens the door to deeper joy, true friendships, and a renewed sense of purpose. At first, I couldn't imagine fun without alcohol, but simple things like bike rides and walks in nature soon became sources of peace and reflection.

Sobriety clears your mind and fills your days with meaningful moments. Replacing old habits with new passions keeps life exciting and helps ease temptation. Whether it's coffee with friends, hiking, or trying a creative project, every activity builds confidence and connection.

Affordable Sober Activities:

- Outdoor fun – Walks, hikes, beach days, or bonfires lift your mood and calm cravings.
- Game nights or potlucks – Share laughter and good food.
- Creative outlets – Paint, play music, or write.
- Fitness & wellness – Join a yoga, dance, or pickleball group.
- Volunteering – Helping others brings purpose and belonging.

Invite others with your energy and enthusiasm — suggest, "Let's do something fun that feels good!"

Sobriety isn't about missing out; it's about gaining clarity, connection, and the freedom to live fully.

GROUP HISTORY: "518" TEXAS CITY A.A. GROUP

The Texas City A.A. Group (commonly known as "518") was originally formed March 17, 1948. The first meetings were held in private homes. There were about four regular members (Mathie D., John M., Howard S., Carl W.) The wives, Evelyn S. and Sadie W. also attended.

In 1949, the group started meeting in Grace United Methodist Church. They were there only a few months, as the women of the church thought alcoholics were contagious. They refused to even use the cups the alcoholics had used, so they were asked to find some other place to meet.

The move was then to a room on 5th Avenue South. There were no chairs, benches or anything else that could be called seats. Apple crates were used to sit on. If you wanted a chair, BYOC (bring your own chair).

The next move was to 316 1st Avenue North. This location was used until 1965, when the group moved to 518 6th Avenue North where they still meet today.

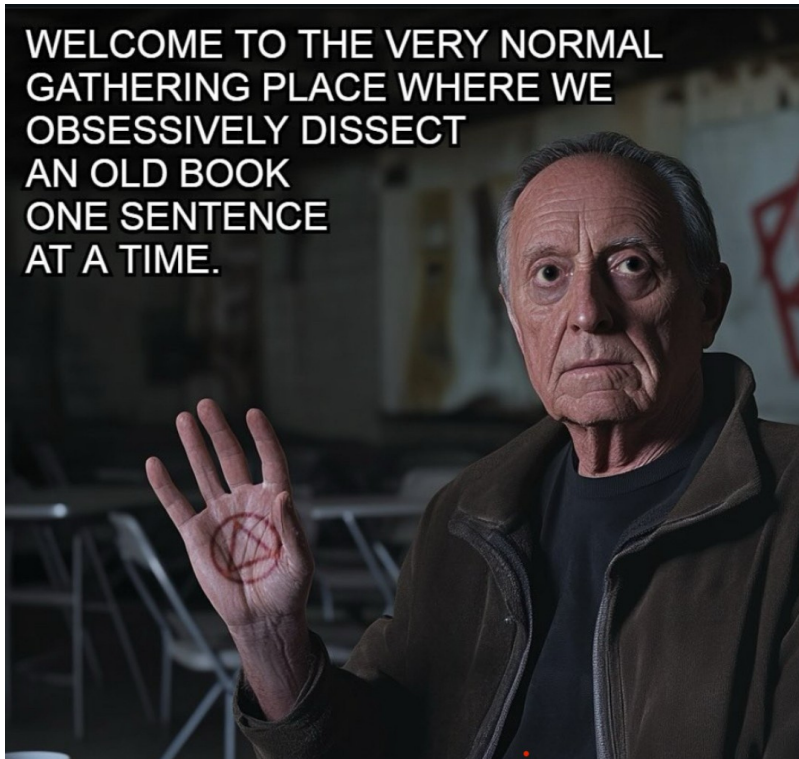
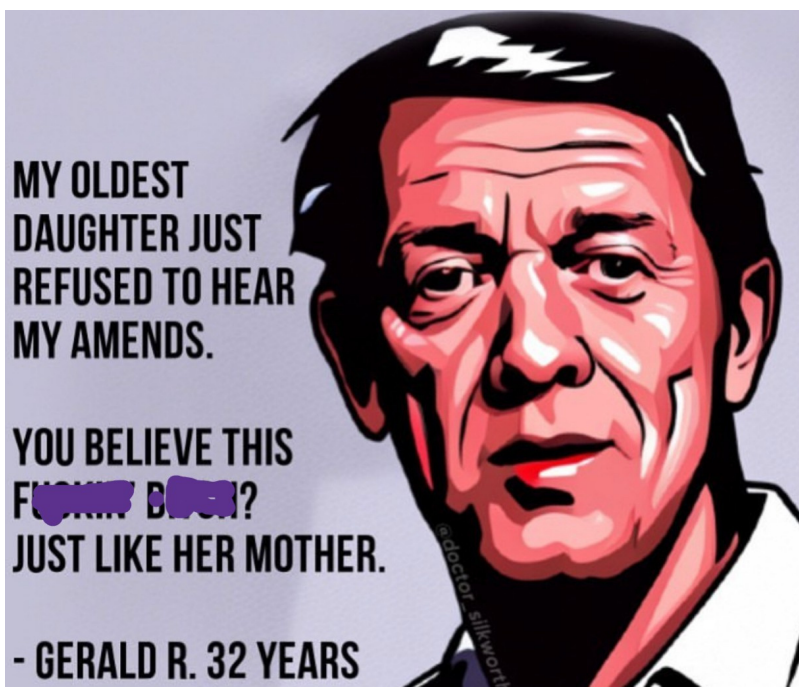
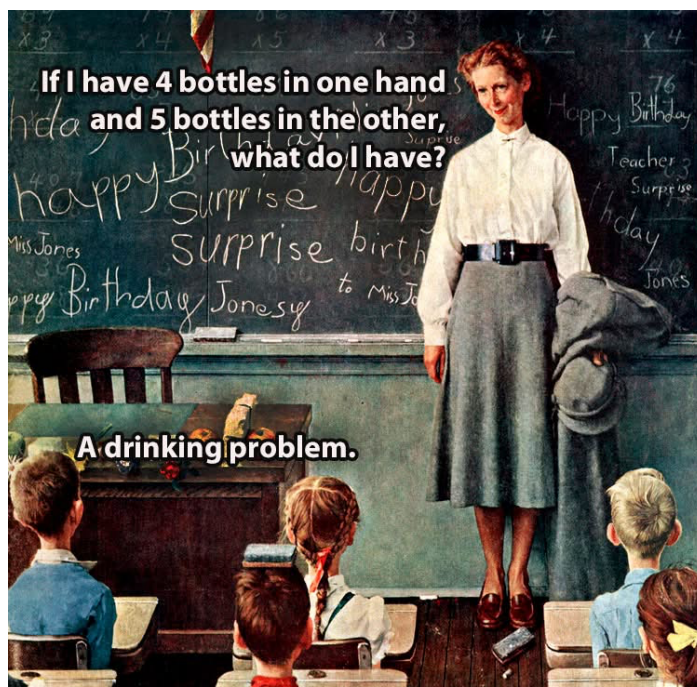
The first anniversary was held at City Hall (6th Street at 6th Avenue North). A couple of anniversaries were held at V.F.W. Hall on 9th Street. When the Wessler Center opened, the group started holding their celebration there.

The courts in Texas City have sentenced quite a few people to A.A. Sentences vary as to the judge and the offense.

The auxiliary was formed in 1949. The name of Al-anon was adopted in 1960. Texas City had the first delegate from East Texas to the Al-anon Convention in 1964, 1965, and 1966. The same person was the first chairperson for the Al-anon convention in Texas 1961, 1962, and 1963. Celia H. was that person. She and her husband, Sam H., were active from the time they became involved with A.A. and Al-anon.

Alateen groups were formed in 1957 for the first time. In 1969, the Texas City Group formed their Alateen. Celia H. and Griz E. were instrumental in forming this group. Dances are sometimes given by the teens to raise money to go to the Texas Alateen Convention. One year, a carwash was held to raise the money.

For some 25 years, there were only two meetings a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. In 1972, a meeting was started on Thursday nights for people who had drug problems, as well as alcoholism. In the mid-1970s, a Saturday night discussion meeting and a Sunday night Big Book Study meeting started. A Women's Sunday afternoon meeting was also started. In 1983, a noon open meeting was started Monday through Friday. In 1990, the Saturday noon meeting began. In 1991, a Wednesday night meeting started. We now have a total of 13 meetings a week.



Is it just me,
or are all the
good looking,
smart & funny
people saying
no to alcohol?



NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE

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D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,138.61
Group Contributions	\$ 894.11
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,323.17
Net Income	\$ (429.06)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,709.55
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (6,799.99)
Available Funds	\$ 2,909.56