



# DISTRICT 81

## MARCH 2024



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### **Step 3:**

***Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.***

### **Tradition 3:**

***The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.***

### **Concept 3:**

***To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”***

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**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

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

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

**March 13: Accessibility Committee meeting** 6:30 via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad>

**March 18: Grapevine Committee meeting** 5:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

**March 20: Website Committee meeting** 6pm online; send email to [john.a@aa-seta.org](mailto:john.a@aa-seta.org) to be added to the Google Meet invite.

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

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

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

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

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

**April 3: District 81 meeting** 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

**April 6: SETA Assembly** beginning at 8:30am In Person and Online **\*\*New Location\*\*** San Jacinto College North 5800 Uvalde Rd. Houston, Texas 77049; see next page for map!

**July 4-7: The 64th ICYPAA Conference** in Austin, TX. More info to come; see flyer!

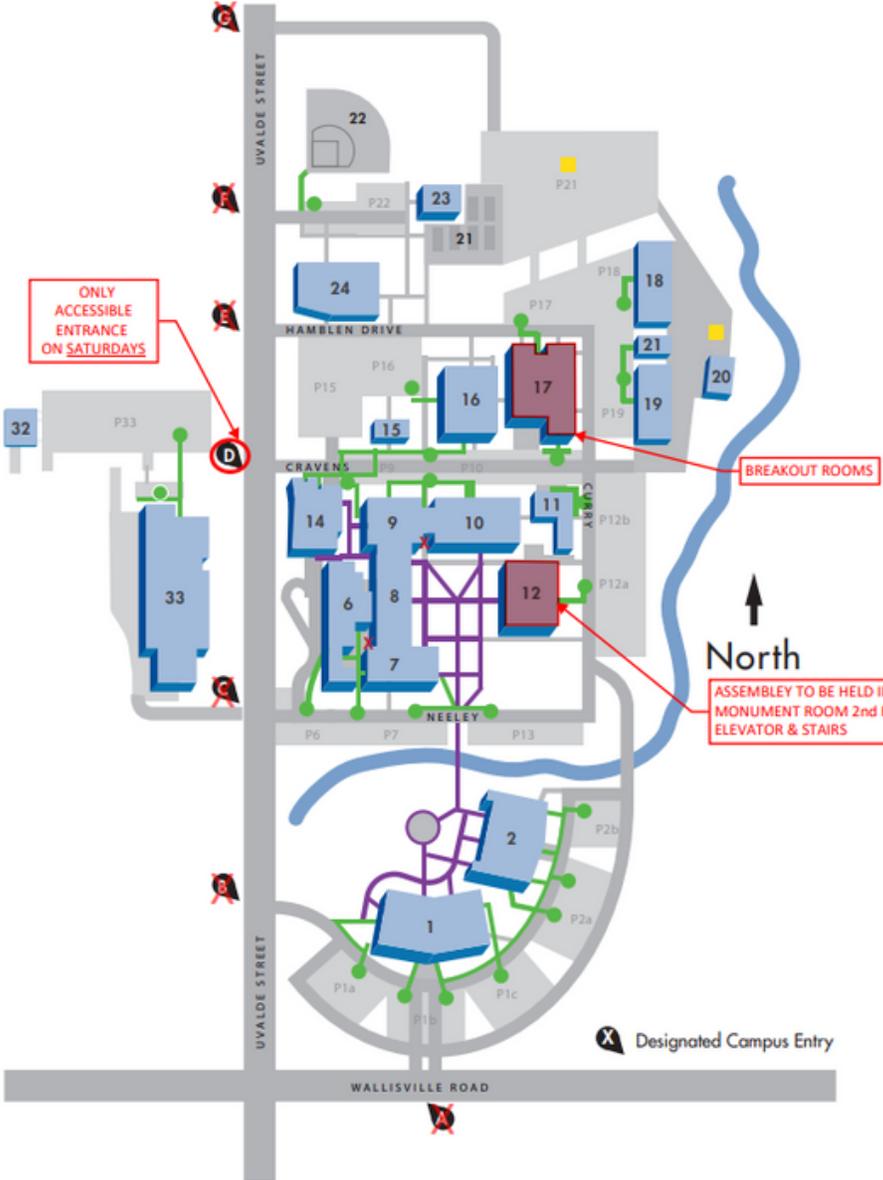


**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 APRIL 2024 ASSEMBLY LOCATION**



**NORTH CAMPUS**

- N1 Fine Arts Center
- N2 Interactive Learning Center
- N6 Welcome Center
- N7 Burluson Classroom Building
- N8 Spencer Building
- N9 Brightwell Building
- N10 Wheeler Building/Police
- N11 Bezos Academy Houston – North Shore
- N12** Student Center/Bookstore ASSEMBLY LOCATION  
MONUMENT ROOM 2nd FLOOR
- N14 Library
- N15 North Chiller Plant-Main Campus
- N16 Gymnasium
- N17** Science and Allied Health Building BREAKOUT ROOMS
- N18 Industrial Technology-Auto Collision
- N19 General Service Building/Deliveries
- N20 Facilities Services/Storage
- N21 Auxiliary Services
- N22 Baseball Field
- N23 Baseball Training Facility
- N24 Cosmetology and Culinary Center
- N32 North Chiller Plant-CIT
- N33 Center for Industrial Technology



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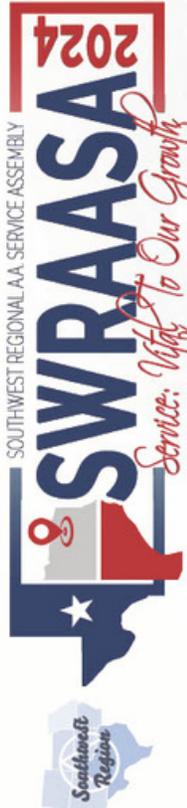
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# “DEFECTS OF CHARACTER” VERSUS “SHORTCOMINGS”

I was recently reading an interesting article from the winter edition of “Box 459” and there was an article titled “Did You Ever Wonder”. The article is as follows:

We are often asked “What is the difference between ‘defects of character’ in Step Six and ‘shortcomings’ in Step 7?”

According to G.S.O.’s archives Bill W. commented about his use of “Defects of Character” and “Shortcomings” interchangeably in the Steps in a personal letter he wrote dated March 7, 1963.

*Thanks for your inquiry, requesting to know the difference between “defects of character” and shortcomings’ – as those words appear in the Steps. Actually I don’t remember any particular significance in these phases. In my mind, the meaning is identical; I guess I just used two ways of expression, rather than to repeat myself. It’s just as simple as that.*

In another letter, dated November 16, 1965, Bill again responded to a similar inquiry. His letter read, in part:

*When these steps were being done, I didn’t want to repeat the phrase ‘character defects’ twice in succession. Therefore in Seven, I substituted ‘shortcomings’, thereby equating ‘shortcomings’ with ‘defects’.*

*When reading most people do equate that way and there seems to be no difficulty. I used them as though they both meant exactly the same thing – which they appear to many people.*

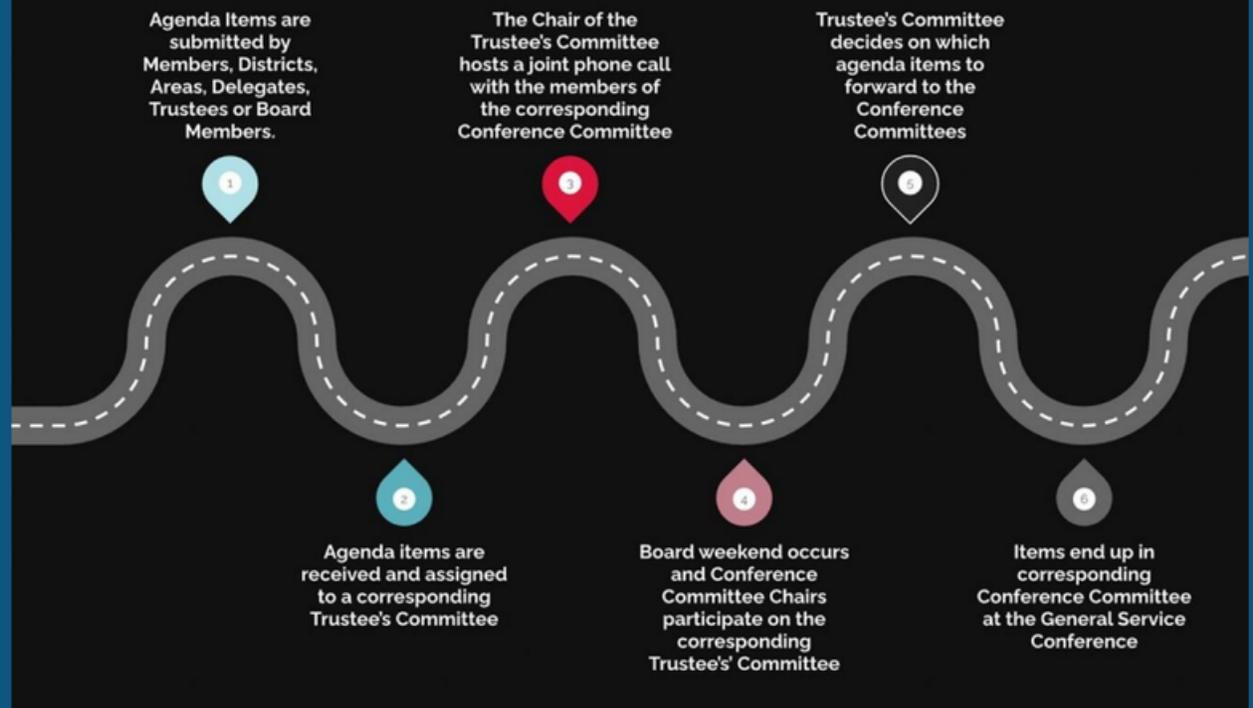
*I guess it’s a problem in semantics, all right. For example, it is possible to say that each time you fall short of an ideal, to that extent is your character defective. Looking at it in the other way, ‘shortcomings’ can be read as a mere failure to do what should have been done, so I guess you have to take your pick.*

I hope you get as much out of this article as I have. I have sat through a lot of AA meetings listening to some of the wildest, craziest, explanations of this and I hope this sets the record straight.

**-Tom B.**  
**District 81 Archives Committee**  
**New Day Group - Galveston**

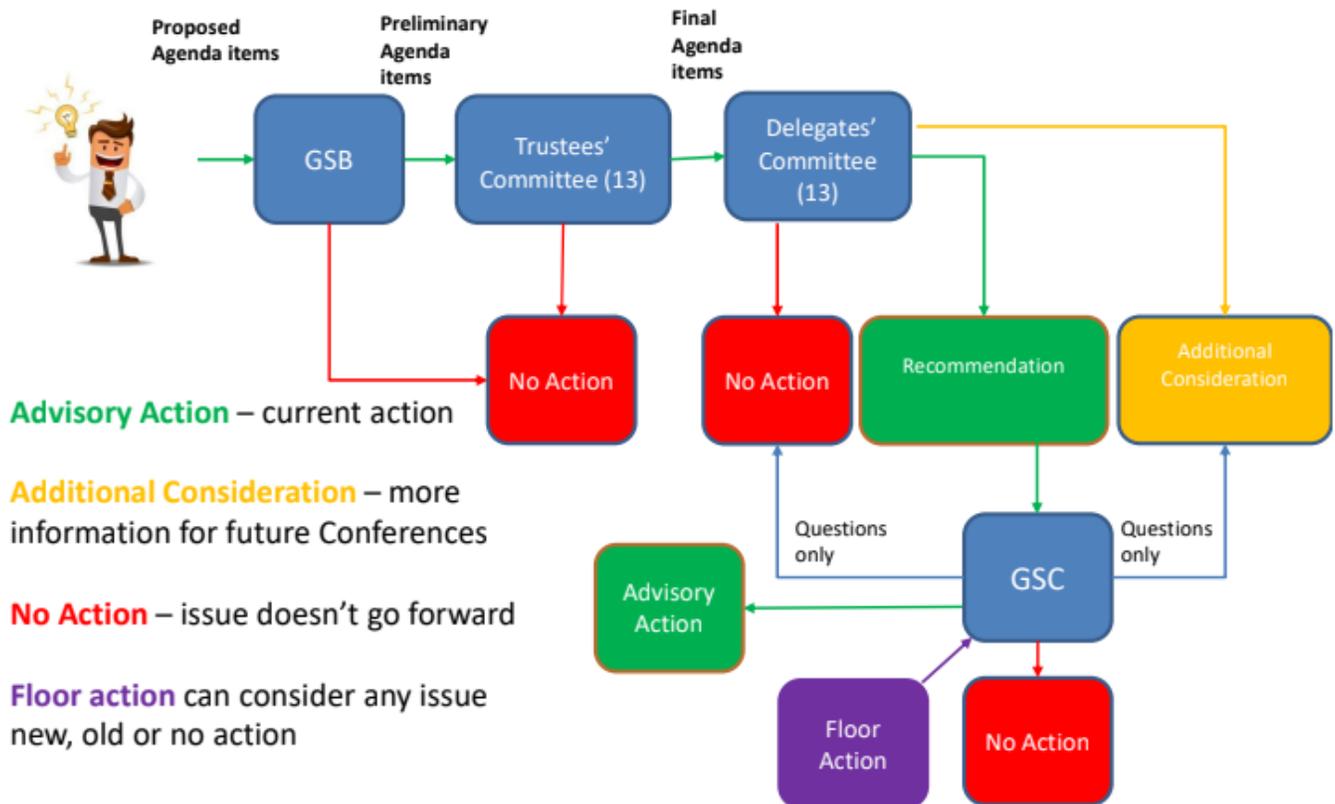


# Agenda Item Roadmap to the Conference



Roadmap designed by Panel 70 Area 41 Delegate

## Committee Process (2020)



# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Since the General Service Conference is right around the corner and this is generally when folks have questions about: **“how the heck did that get on the agenda?”** Here is a Road map to the conference agenda.

Now, if the item reaches **Step 6** we need to look at the Committee Process. This is what happens in the Committee Process.

Some other interesting things to follow when you receive the agenda items:

Agenda items will have 1 of 3 classifications

1. Discuss generally a new agenda item
2. Review an agenda item from a previous conference that needed more information
3. Consider the possibility of this item being voted on

More detailed information about the General Service Conference and the Committees can be found in your Service manual Chapter 6.

Yours in service  
**-Catherine G.**

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## WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!!

Our Area Alt Delegate Christina S. and District 81 Accessibility Chair Lynn S. spotted on TV at a Texans game!

Picture submitted by Keith M, DCM.



# FEBRUARY FINANCE & BUDGET REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,525.38
Group Contributions	\$ 1,235.52
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,550.39
Net Income	\$ (314.87)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,029.02
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (14,197.37)
Available Funds	\$ (3,168.35)

## 8 VIRTUES, 8 DEFECTS

### Across:

- The antidote to self-centeredness, it involves kindness and understanding.
- A feeling of inadequacy that may hinder spiritual progress.
- Often considered the opposite of diligence.
- It's described as "the substance of things hoped for."
- The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
- The opposite of despair.
- The root of many character defects and often precedes a fall.
- An emotion that can be "the dubious luxury of normal men."

### Down:

- Green-eyed monster that can sabotage serenity.
- Our literature describes this as "the root of our troubles."
- A virtue that helps maintain balance and perspective in challenging situations.
- A quality that grows through accomplishment and positive reinforcement.
- A corrosive emotion often fueled by uncertainty.
- This powerful force can paralyze progress.
- A virtue particularly valuable in navigating relationships and recovery.
- The result of working the program, it replaces turmoil with inner calm.

