



DISTRICT 81

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Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept 7: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

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

July 9: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568 (2nd Wednesday)

July 9: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30pm online via Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

July 9: Correctional Facilities meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

July 12: Live at 5 speaker meeting - 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

July 13: Newsletter Committee meeting 5pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

July 20: Finance & Budget meeting 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Sunday)

July 20: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Sunday)

July 20: Workshop Committee meeting 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Sunday)

July 21: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Monday)

July 16: Literature Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Wednesday) <https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

July 16: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 7:00pm at Red River BBQ in League City, and via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935 (3rd Wednesday)

July 18: Archives Committee meeting 6:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Friday)

July 31: PI/CPC Committee meeting 6:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/csw-pwgf-gyp> (Last Thursday)

July 13: TFC Committee Workshop 1-4pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573; see flyer!

August 15-17: Texas State AA Convention at Royal Sonesta Hotel, Houston Galleria Area 2222 W Loop S, Houston, TX 77027

August 16: Santa Fe Group Anniversary at 12043 15th St, Santa Fe, TX

October 24-26: TXSCYPAA 44 at Marriott South at Hobby Airport; see flyer!



78th Annual TexAs State Convention

August 15-17, 2025 – Houston, TX

"Service is Love in Action"

AA Speakers

Aaron Z., Molalla, OR
Donny M., Winnipeg, CA
Tammy Z., Spruce Pine, NC
Racy J. (GSO), NYC, NY
Wayne H., Frisco, TX
Hector H. (Spanish) El Salvador

Al-Anon

Magdalena E., Seattle, WA



Royal Sonesta Hotel

Houston Galleria Area
2222 W. Loop South
Houston, TX 77027
713-627-7600 (Direct)
800-766-3782 (Reservations)

\$149 Room Rate

Convention Code 081525TXSAA
Cut-off for \$149 rate is 7/18/2025
Self-Parking: \$22.50/day

Convention Attractions

- 1st Timer Contest
 - AA Meetings
 - Archives Room
 - Hospitality Suite
 - Workshops
 - Spanish Speakers
 - Spanish Translation (Bring your own earbuds)
- The famous Houston Galleria and numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel!*

Website: txaaconvention.org | Email: info.houstontsc@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS 8/1/2025

Full name: _____ Use this form and send payment to:
Texas State Convention
P.O. Box 7503, Houston TX 77270
OR register online at www.txaaconvention.org

Home Group: _____ Badge name: [] AA [] Al-Anon [] Alateen

Full name: _____ Badge name: [] AA [] Al-Anon [] Alateen

Home Group: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

_____ AA @ \$25 thru 8/1/25 (\$30 onsite) \$ _____

_____ Al-Anon @ \$25 thru 8/1/25 (\$30 onsite) \$ _____

_____ Alateen @ \$5 \$ _____

Scholarship donation \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Please indicate any special needs on pre-registration form.

Opt out of future USPS mailings: ☐ Special needs: _____

Alateens must have signed permission forms!



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APRIL 15
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A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Join your friends in Vancouver,
British Columbia, Canada
July 3-6

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- ▶ Thursday night block party
- ▶ Flag Ceremony
- ▶ Stadium meetings
- ▶ Old Timers Meeting

AND MORE...including 250+ meetings,
hospitality suites, and a full slate of
panels and workshops

HOUSING IS
STILL
AVAILABLE!

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

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DO I NEED A SPONSOR?
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1 PM – 4 PM



August 15-17 at Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX

Started in 1975, this year's Roundup
marks the 49th anniversary of a time-
honored event...

For 49 years, the Roundup has provided a place
for folks in recovery to fellowship, reconnect,
listen to speakers, and enjoy food and fun. This
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our Silent Auction!

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830.895.5000
1001 Junction Hwy
Kerrville, TX 78028

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before July 13, 2025!

2025 SPEAKERS

Lawrence N. - Voice of the Conference
Leanne P. - AA Speaker
Greg B. - AA Speaker
Beverly B. - Al-Anon Speaker
Chris R. - AA Speaker
Claudia S. - DAA Speaker

Hosting 800-1,000 persons in recovery
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DISTRICT

What is an AA District?

An Alcoholics Anonymous District is a cluster of (2-20) Groups within an Area, which have chosen to share together, supporting one another, and working closely and cooperatively to carry the AA message more effectively: to do 12th Step Service Work. Usually there is a common bond between the groups such as a shared geographical location, a common minority language or a community-based newspaper.

The District is part of the AA General Service Structure. Service is a means through which Members can pass on the AA message and support the AA Fellowship as a whole. Service work helps the alcoholic stay sober, and helps develop personal confidence and skills. This then enables the Member to serve the Fellowship with increasing understanding. AA Service is not accurately described as 'getting into AA politics'.

Why have Districts?

Experience has shown that the answer to growth rests in setting up more Districts rather than more Areas. Small numbers of Groups with convenient regular meetings, make it possible for more personal contact and knowledge of the locality than would be possible with larger areas. AA has a unique, 'bottom-up' leadership and decision-making structure, known as 'servant leadership'. The 'leaders' in AA are 'trusted servants', not bosses. They lead by example: by 'walking the talk' and by their commitment. The whole AA service structure is ultimately and directly devoted to reaching out the hand of AA, offering a healing fellowship to alcoholics everywhere. The District meets the Groups' need to be informed about AA and Conference issues, in order for the AA democratic process to take place, enabling the Groups to make the decisions.

from Alcoholics Anonymous District Pamphlet

Interview with Paul D. (Early Morning Online Group)

Q. Sobriety date

A. 6/19/99

Q. Home Group

A. Early Morning On-line Group

Q. When I think of you, I think of meditation. How do you meditate?

A. First I kneel and thank God. I ask Him to guide my thoughts. I read a devotional "Jesus Calling" I use the "insight timer" app which plays water sounds. I meditate for 23 minutes. I use "Centering" meditation where I empty my mind, relax my mind, using the mantra "Jesus."

Q. The Twelve and Twelve describes essentially as reflecting on a prayer, like the Prayer of St. Francis. How did you make the leap to a more Eastern form of Meditation like Centering?

A. Ten years before AA, I saw a psychologist, who was an ex-Carmelite nun who taught me meditation to deal with stress and anxiety.

Q. You attend a lot of zoom meetings, what are the challenges and benefits of zoom?

A. The challenge for me is to not multi-task and staying present. The benefits is the convenience. It saves me an hour of travel. I meet people outside of the area. It brings meetings to people who can't go to meetings, like single parents, people in hospitals or people ordered to stay home by the courts.

Q. How has AA evolved over the year.

A. AA is the same. Zoom is new and is the only good thing to come out of Co-vid.

Q. You used to attend a group AA meditation, what is the benefit of group meditation?

A. Group meditation gives people the opportunity to learn about meditation. Buddha said that the best gift to give anyone is meditation.

Q. Are there any plans to bring back group AA meditation?

A. I would bring it back if there was a desire to start it up.

Q. How has the way you sponsor men changed over the years?

A. As I have learned about my character defects, which block me from God, I help other men to do the same.

Q. What is your advice for the newcomer?

A. Come back to the next meeting.

Q. Final thoughts?

A. I came to AA because life was unbearable. I stay because God has given me a life that is indescribable. If I stay sane, I won't drink. I come to AA to stay sane.

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GOES BOTH WAYS

In April 2020, I shared with my home group that if the city shuts down over Covid, I would be on the porch the next day at 11:00 AM for a meeting. If I ended up in jail, then I would be on the porch the next day.

Some days during the Covid pandemic, I would be sitting on the porch at 11:20 AM and hear the phone ring and ring. I would sadly wonder how many of us would die from untreated alcoholism. We had months of fantastic little outdoor meetings, small groups of less than 10 people. We had people with 3 weeks of sobriety chairing because we honored the “spirit of rotation”. During this time, some of the A.A.s had started zoom meetings online. (Virtual meetings on the internet).

One day we got the notice that the Bay Area Club would be opening back up, and that our groups would resume as before, but with restrictions. We were so happy about being inside together again that we were overcome with camaraderie. I was approached by a member with a laptop who told me that other A.A. members (who I had not seen or heard from in months) wanted to attend our Group Conscience meeting via zoom on the internet. I said, “Of course! We love them!” Well, this is where the shit show started. I personally made the decision based on personalities over principles. We had in our format “No cameras or recording devices in our meeting.”

Within a few months, the “in person” members of our group were overwhelmed and outvoted by the “online” members, some were strangers we had not ever met. Our Group Conscience meetings became battles. In the end though, a loving God expressed Himself.

It is my hope that zoom meetings are here to stay. Anything that will save us from this deadly disease has purpose. Also, I strongly feel that there is no purpose for a camera or a listening device in an A.A. meeting.

I know this is still a bit controversial, but I believe if you have an opinion of Traditions matters, you should be encouraged to speak up.

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. My acceptance of the laptops being used in our meetings was based on my love for my friends, rather than the good of my group when I agreed to "laptop zoomers" being allowed in our Group Conscience meeting. People from other cities and countries began writing our procedures for Group Conscious. Eventually zoom and in person meetings separated. Thank goodness we helped zoom get its start.

I love A.A. It's the only place I've ever been where an unpopular dissenting opinion is given such great consideration.

Submitted by: Rebellious Alcoholic, Scott C. (Serenity Group)

Heard in an AA Meeting....

Act as if - This too shall pass - How free do you want to be? - Let go and let God - Act as if - More will be revealed - Be part of the solution not the problem - Some are sicker than others - HOW honesty, open-mindedness, willingness

"You'll calm down and become less weird in sobriety."

Me in sobriety:

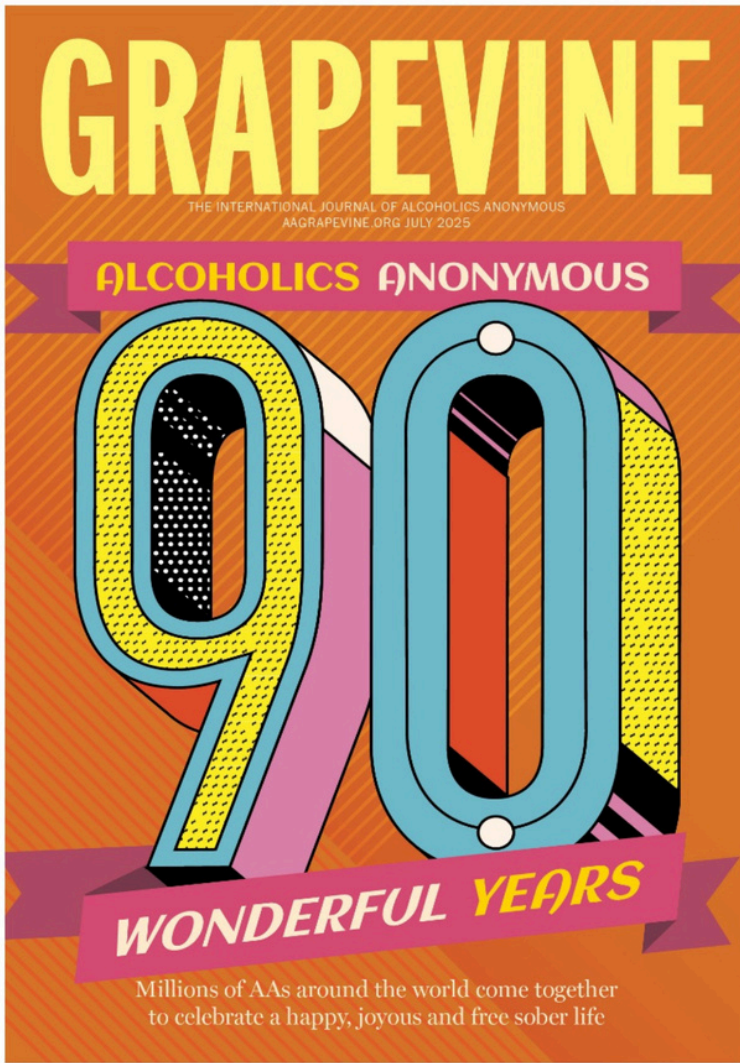


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Me, 5 years sober on a Friday night, living a life beyond my wildest dreams



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JUNE F&B REPORT D81



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D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,507.86
Group Contributions	\$ 936.27
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 484.02
Net Income	\$ 452.25
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,960.11
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (9,768.13)
Available Funds	\$ 191.98