



# District 81 January 2023!!



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## Step 1:

*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.*

## Tradition 1:

*Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.*

## Concept 1:

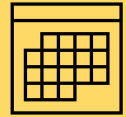
*The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.*



*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



**January 4** District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

**January 11** Correctional Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club

**January 13-15** 60<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention at the MCM Elegante Hotel; 2355 I-10, Beaumont, TX 77705; hope to see you there!!

**January 14** 1<sup>st</sup> Step 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition Workshop hosted by the Tri-Cities Group 3-4pm; 2425 FM 1092 Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459; see flyer!

**January 18** Literature Committee meeting 7pm at the Bay Area Club, room E/F

**January 21** "Beyond the Big Book" Workshop hosted by the District 81 Literature Committee, 3-5pm; Dickinson First United Methodist Church, 200 FM 517 Rd W, Dickinson, TX 77539

**January 25** Finance & Budget meeting 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

**January 25** Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

**January 26** PI/CPC Committee meeting 5pm at the Bay Area Club

**January 26** Webmaster meeting 5pm at the Bay Area Club

**January 27** Archives Committee meeting 2pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

**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 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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## **Letter from your DCM**



Fellow Servants in District 81,

As we turn the page on another year and welcome a new one, I want to take a moment and thank everyone in District 81 and AA. 1st, for saving my life and 2nd, for showing me a way to live where I can be happy, joyous, and free.

We are so lucky to be in an Area and District that has so much to offer. We have a wide variety of meetings that start at 6am and go to midnight in some areas. We have a fellowship that is focused on the 3 legacies of service and carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. Whether you are sitting in a meeting sharing your experience, strength and hope, or area Delegate, we all have our part in doing what AA is really good at... and that's helping the next person get sober.

I cannot wait to see what god has in store for us as we trudge this road in 2023. And I am so grateful to be able to share it with all of you.

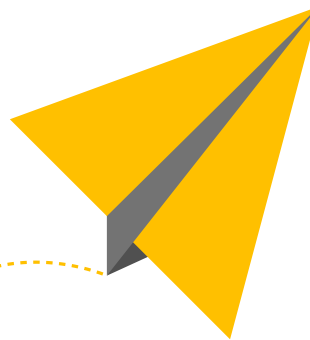
"Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer — ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service." AA's Legacy of Service by Bill W

Happy New Year!!!

**Keith M.**

**District 81 DCM**

**713-859-2133**



# District 81 January 2023

## Flyers



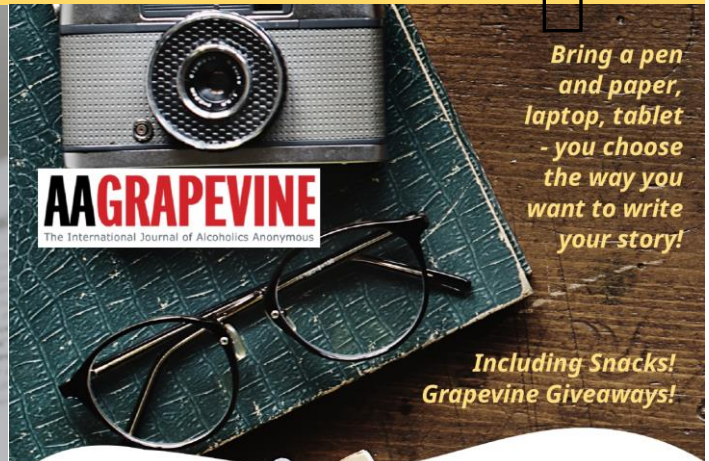
Bring a pen and paper, laptop, tablet - you choose the way you want to write your story!

Including Snacks!  
Grapevine Giveaways!

### Tri-Cities Group **WORKSHOP** **1st Step** **1st Tradition**

January 14, 2023 | 3 pm - 4:30pm

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



**AA GRAPEVINE**  
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

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](mailto: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

#### Events & Presentations

- 50/50 Raffle
- AA Workshop
- Wheel of Sobriety
- AA Skit
- Brazos Valley Intergroup
- District 33 Archives
- Big Book Cover Raffle

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Features



### AA History for Galveston Island

As most of you know, AA was founded in Akron Ohio on June 10 th , 1935. As Alcoholics Anonymous grew, a newspaperman named Larry J. from Cleveland Ohio moved to Houston and wrote series of six articles for the Houston Press about alcoholism and the new solution. Among the readers was Roy Y., who would be the first Texan to get sober and stay sober. AA began in Galveston in 1942 through the combined efforts of three non-alcoholics and two alcoholics who attended meetings at the Travis Group in Houston. The two AA members were Bill P. and Lawrence M. One of the non-alcoholics was Willie Coltzer, who worked for Family Services in Galveston. Mrs. Coltzer saw that many of her clients were affected from alcoholism and voiced her concern to her supervisor, Mr. Henry Renfert. Henry introduced Mrs. Coltzer to AA member Bill P. who brought a Big Book to her, which she promptly read.

The first AA meeting was established through the efforts of Mrs. Coltzer, Carl Wise of the YMCA, and Judge Dibrell. The meeting was held in a cottage at 2519 Sealy, one block behind a gas station which was owned by AA member Lawrence M. There was a closed meeting on Monday night and an open meeting on Wednesday night, which Mrs. Coltzer attended. In 1945, Lawrence M. had other needs for the building so the group met for a short time at Family Services. Then the group split into two factions. One group, Galveston Group #1, met at the First Methodist Church on 19th and Sealy until 1961, then the Hawkins Hotel on 15th and Seawall until 1963. After Hurricane Carla claimed the Hawkins Hotel in its wake, this group folded. The other group, which is 33rd Street Group today, moved to an unnamed location on 8th and Seawall for awhile and became The Goodwill Group. In 1946, it relocated to a bakery on 52nd and Broadway. In 1958, it relocated to 1505 39th Street and was named the 39th St. Group.

The 39th Street Group was a very interesting location. On one side was a TV repair shop owned by AA member Jimmy D. and on the other was a bar. The walls of the building were paper thin and who-

ever was speaking usually had some background music from the bar. The roof of the building leaked and when it rained, there was always a need for furniture re-arrangement.

In May of 1975, the 39th St. Group moved to 2001 O ½ to a two-story building owned by Mrs. Albert Niccolai. There were meetings six days a week and the group eventually outgrew this location and moved to 1823 33rd St. in 1980. The Galveston Club (non-AA) is still there today and rents the building to four different AA groups which are: The New Day Group which meets seven days a week at 7:30 am, 33rd St. Group which meets 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm seven days a week. The New Leaf Group meets on Friday night at 7:00 pm. The Galveston Club building was heavily damaged during Hurricane Ike but has been rebuilt and all the groups were back in business, holding meetings again starting on January 6th, 2009.

There have been several other AA groups that have been part of Galveston Island history and they are the West Isle Group, Jamaica Beach Group, Phoenix Group, What's the Point Group, and Islander Group. A couple of meetings that closed down during Covid and haven't resumed are the 164 Group and Down But Not Out Group.

Please keep in mind that the above is a very short, condensed version of AA on Galveston Island. Anyone interested in the complete version, please contact Dana H., Wes S., Tiffany S. or Tom B. of the D81 Archives Committee.

**Tom B.**

**Dist. 81 Archives Committee Member**



## Features



### Contributing to GSO Directly

#### Welcome to Alcoholics Anonymous Member Contributions

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members.

We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise.

- from the Long Form of Tradition Seven

The screenshot shows two main sections: 'Returning contributor' (green background) and 'New contributor' (blue background). The 'Returning contributor' section includes a checkbox for 'I am a member of A.A.' and a 'Log In' button. The 'New contributor' section includes a 'Contribute as a Guest' button and a 'Create Account' button. Below these sections, there is contact information for contributions via mail and online.

**Returning contributor**

In keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self-support, we accept contributions only from A.A. members.

I am a member of A.A.

In the spirit of maintaining your anonymity, the contribution will not be shared, tracked or associated with your personal information in any way. It only serves to credit your membership before issuing a receipt.

Valid Email is required

[Forgot password?](#)

**New contributor**

Contribute as a guest and you will have an opportunity to create an account when you are finished.

**Contributions may also be sent by mail to:**

General Service Office  
Post Office Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

**For questions or problems with Contributions Online:**

Call: (212)870-3023  
Email: [memberservices@aa.org](mailto:memberservices@aa.org)  
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout#/frequently-asked-questions>

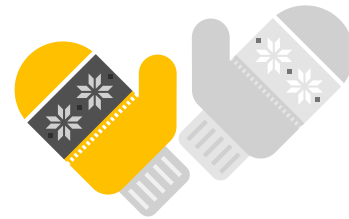
The above link discusses who and how contributions can be made by individuals. For example, I have auto pay on a monthly basis to GSO. I started this as the % retained by 'clubs' has become so high I wanted to know that I was supporting GSO. In the past I only made an annual contribution to GSO on the month my AA sobriety birthday.

-Catherine G.  
Area 67 Treasurer



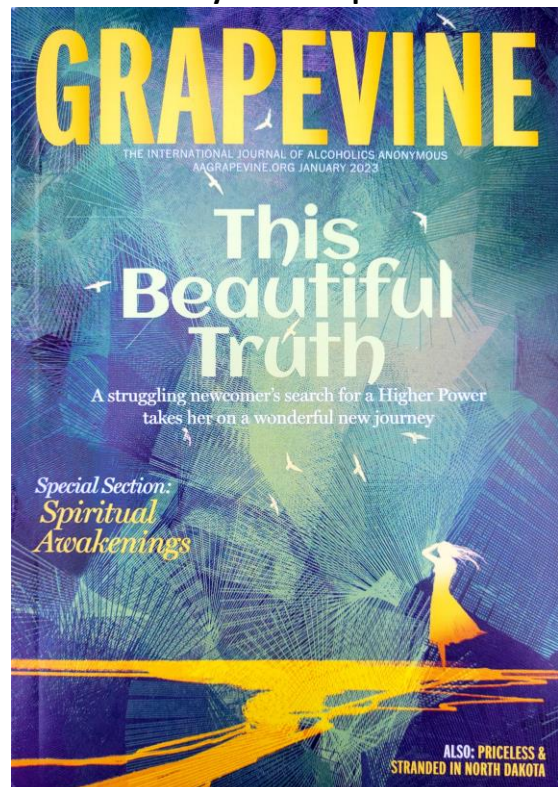
### Featured Prayer: The Resentment Prayer

We realized that the people who wronged us were perhaps spiritually sick. Though we did not like their symptoms and the way these disturbed us, they, like ourselves, were sick too. We asked God to help us show them the same tolerance, pity, and patience that we would cheerfully grant a sick friend. When a person offended we said to ourselves, ***"This is a sick man. How can I be helpful to him? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done."***



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### January 2023 Grapevine:



## Features

### DISTRICT 81 LITERATURE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

#### 'BEYOND THE BIG BOOK...'

#### FIRST THINGS FIRST

Learn what 'Conference Approved Literature' is and is not.

DISCUSS recent changes to AA literature.

BE INFORMED on January 2023 SETA business.

DISCOVER how your voice can be heard.

FEATURING · Door Prizes · Refreshments · Fellowship

#### FREE WORKSHOP

AA CONFERENCE  
APPROVED  
LITERATURE 

RSVP  
(ENCOURAGED)



Or text name and #  
attending to:  
346-234-9996

WHEN  
Saturday  
January 21st, 2023  
3pm - 5pm

WHERE  
Dickinson First United  
Methodist Church  
200 FM 517 Rd W  
Dickinson, TX 77539



### Letter from Kris H.

Hey SETA,

This is my last communication as Delegate, and I'd like to thank you for giving me the experience. The Panel 71, 72 and 73 Delegates all met via Zoom with Jimmy D, our SW Regional Trustee on Thursday night for his October Board Report. He provided us all with 112 pages of draft minutes, and asked us not to forward them until they are finalized, so you can expect that from Rick early next year. You should all have received the proposed agenda item inventory that I forwarded last week, and it contains a good sense of what the Boards accomplished in October. Things I took away from Jimmy's report include:

1. 73rd GSC will have the first five chapters of draft plain language Big Book to review at Conference-eyes only with no recording devices allowed in the room (Literature Conf. Committee will have it in advance of the Conference, but leakage risk is considered less among 9 people than 93-and is fully in line with previous literature review practices).

2. Preamble change will not be on the agenda. When I sent the email about the Non-Trustee Director opening on the Grapevine Board, I received a couple of serious queries about it, and a comment that I should "Do us all a favor and change the preamble back to its original way and stop the controversy it has caused and clearly goes against the entire meaning of our preamble". Maybe we as an Area have not spent enough time on exactly how the Conference process works-hopefully Rick will spend more time communicating that than I did...Keep Coming Back.

3. Contract for 74th GSC was signed with the same hotel in Brooklyn (ugggh-I hope Rick likes chicken).

4. Current A.A.W.S. Budget calls for about a \$1 million deficit. Expect draws on the prudent reserve. Although I'm not overly concerned, Jimmy did state that both A.A.W.S. and Grapevine are technically insolvent-and I think the work of the "Location Plus" ad hoc Committee couldn't be happening at a better time. I expect Rick will have much to report on this and Finances in general in his rotation. More will be revealed. Personally, I think SETA should consider

## 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](http://aagrapevine.org/get-involved/become-grapevine-rep)



# December in Review

allocating some of the funds we have typically sent to “fully fund the Delegate” on gift subscriptions to the Grapevine and La Vina for committees to use and distribute-

5. Per Advisory action, fully translated background material in all 3 languages (English, Spanish and French) will be released at the same time. Thanks primarily to the diligence of the newly appointed Conference Coordinator, Diana L, a February release date is currently anticipated, which is right in line with historical delivery timing. I asked Jimmy to give Diana a big hug from me- Panels 71 and 72 did a lot of good work, but I believe that establishing parity in Conference Background translation was the most meaningful.

Unlike many things in life, being Delegate is one thing that I will have no problem letting go of. My family celebrated 20 years of my sobriety with me this month, and I’ve been spending a lot of time reflecting. Although a lot of that reflection was about how bad it got to get me to that point of surrender that I could no longer postpone or evade, much of it has been about how good it is now. It was such a gift to be shown that A.A. wasn’t the punishment for my drinking that I thought it was. Instead, A.A. showed me that the life I was living was the punishment for drinking the way I drank.

My thoughts and prayers go out to those who also experienced very difficult losses in 2022. It has been a tough year for a lot of us. I will miss seeing my friend Betsy, but celebrate the time, encouragement and guidance she always shared.

I’m confident that AA will be here to help suffering alcoholics for years to come regardless of any fear mongering conspiracy theories to the contrary. I truly love this stuff and I am very grateful to be a part of something wonderful that is so much bigger than me.

I hope to see all y’all along the road to happy destiny.

**In service,**

**Kris Hartmann**

**Panel 71, Area 67 Southeast Texas**

**Just another alcoholic and has been...**

December 31, 2022



*Thank you for your Service, Kris!!*



## December Finance & Budget Report

Opening Checkbook Balance:

\$14,752.95

Group Contributions:

\$400.00

Other Contributions:

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Less Expenses:

\$145.89

Net Income:

\$254.11

**Ending Checkbook Balance:**

**\$15,007.06**

Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds:

(\$2,000.00)

Restricted Budget Deficit:

(\$3,092.68)

**Available Funds:**

**\$9,914.38**

For more information on the Finance & Budget Report, contact

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Houston AA intergroup: **aahouston.org**

Houston Al-Anon intergroup:

**houstonalanon.org**

AA Grapevine: **aagrapevine.org**

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**

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