



# DISTRICT 81

## AUGUST 2024



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### **Step 8:**

***Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.***

### **Tradition 8:**

***Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.***

### **Concept 8:**

***The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.***

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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

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

**August 14: 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.

**August 14: Literature Committee meeting** 7:30pm in Room E at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

**August 20: Grapevine Committee meeting** 5:30pm via Google Meets  
<https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

**August 26: Newsletter Committee meeting** 5pm in the cafe area of the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

**August 29: PI/CPC Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/csw-pwgf-gyp>

**August 30: Archives Committee meeting 6pm [new time!]** at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

**August 28: Finance & Budget meeting** 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City, 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

**August 28: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

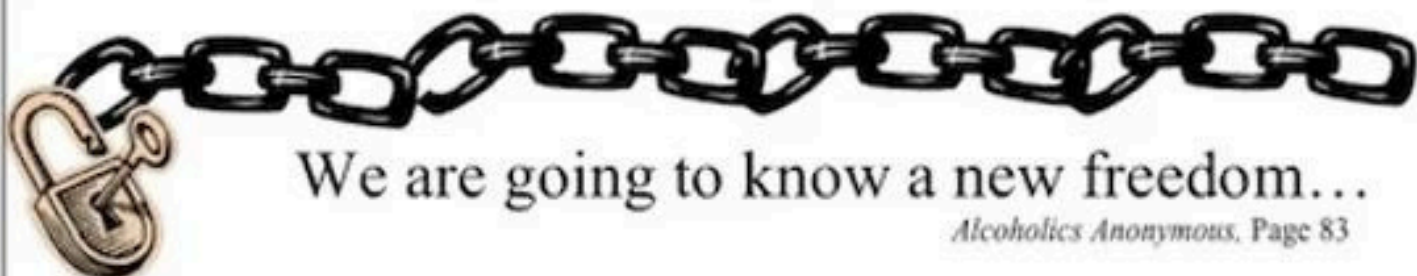
**September 6-8: Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference** 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032; see flyer!

**October 5: SETA Assembly** In Person & Online San Jacinto College North 5800 Uvalde Rd, Houston, Texas 77049

**October 11-13: SWRAARSA** at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, 900 E Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX 75082; see flyer!

**January 3-5, 2025: SETA Convention** at the Royal Sonesta Hotel 2222 W Loop S, Houston, TX 77027; see flyer!





We are going to know a new freedom...

*Alcoholics Anonymous, Page 83*

## Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference September 6, 7, and 8, 2024

TDCJ Orientation

CF Professional Panel

Volunteer Panel

**INSIDE  
SPEAKER**

English & Spanish

### Speakers:

Lisa L. Friendswood, TX

Darryl H. League City, TX.

Adrian M. Houston Tx

Jose R. San Antonio

Inside Speaker TDCJ

Registration \$10.00

Friday & Saturday Night  
Ice Cream Socials

Saturday Night Banquet

Hospitality Room and Great  
Fellowship



HOTEL

**Sheraton North Houston at IAH, 15700 JFK Boulevard, Houston, TX 77032**

Limited rooms are available, so please reserve your rooms early.

Mention you are attending the SETA CFC 2024 to receive the \$89 per night

All reservations must be made by **August 16<sup>th</sup>** through the reservations department by calling  
(281) 442-5100

Link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1706723674118&key=GRP>

Mail the form and make check payable to:

SETA CFC 2024 CONFERENCE

PO Box 925241 Houston, TX 77292-5241

Link: <https://www.setacfconference.net>



Registration

For Further Info:

call-(713) 435-9553 Sarah

[cfc@aa-seta.org](mailto:cfc@aa-seta.org)

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional:  State  County  Other

Volunteers:  AA  Alanon  Other

# People \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my donation of = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \_\_\_\_\_**





Join us for a

# NEW OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 12045 15th St,  
8:30-9:30 AM | Santa Fe, TX 77510

# NEW DOOR

At Open Meetings, ALL ARE WELCOME. Including newcomers, existing members, and visitors who are seeking information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

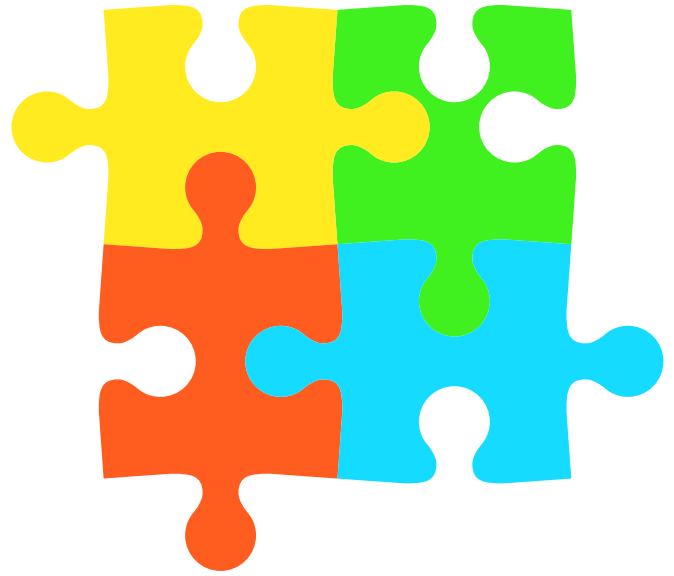


Tuesday Meetings - Literature  
Thursday Meetings - Discussion



2nd Thursday of the Month - Speaker

Last Thursday of the Month - Birthday Meeting



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Southwest Region



Southwest Region

Hosted by  
*Northeast Texas, Area 65*  
*October 11th, 12th, 13th*  
\$20 Registration

Visit us at:

[www.swraasa2024.org](http://www.swraasa2024.org)

For Questions: [Registration@swraasa2024.org](mailto:Registration@swraasa2024.org)

REGISTER HERE



SCAN ME

### RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel  
900 E Lookout Drive  
Richardson, TX 75082  
(972) 367.2000  
Hotel block opens November 2023

Registration Cut Off Date: 09/27/2024

Mail to: PO Box 863582, Plano, TX 75086

Print Neatly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: Northeast TX Area SWRAASA 2024



SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA 67  
presents

# HAPPY 2025 JOLLOUS & Free

JANUARY 3-5, 2025

AT THE ROYAL SONESTA HOTEL - HOUSTON

FEATURING:

RICK W - GRAPEVINE TX	TERESA J - ALBUQUERQUE NM	JUDITH R - BISMARCK ND	SHAWN G - DES MOINES IA
JIM W - CANCUN, QR, MX	KARINA C - PHOENICIA NY	MAGDA D - RICHMOND TX	SEVI M - HUMBLE TX
MATT C - HUTTO TX	DEBORAH D - HOUSTON TX	ROSIE M - HUMBLE TX	ELIZABETH H - LEAGUE CITY TX

AGENDA TO INCLUDE MULTIPLE STAGES

SPAN & ENG WORKSHOPS	YPAA SPEAKERS	80'S DANCE PARTY
ASK THE OLD-TIMERS	AL-ANON	MARATHON MEETINGS
AA HISTORIAN	COMMITTEE SHOWCASE	ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
REGISTRATION, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS VISIT:

[SETACONVENTION.ORG](http://SETACONVENTION.ORG)

TICKETS:

\$30 - PRESALE (ENDS 12/13/24)  
\$35 - AT THE DOOR

# "LET'S TALK RECOVERY" WITH KATHLEEN H. AND GUEST, ANN K.

*What is your Sobriety Date?*  
November 14, 2016

*What is your Home Group?*  
Live at 5 at the Bay Area Club that meets every day at 5:00 pm

*You relapsed many times before getting sober. What got your attention?*  
I thought I had been trying that last year and not succeeding. I saw my powerlessness. It never occurred to me that I might not be able to stay sober. I realized that I would not die, but I would continue for twenty years and that scared the sh\*t out of me.

*What is your advice for the newcomer?*  
Less "think"; more "do". Follow all instructions every day. By God's grace, we stay sober, but I am responsible for action.

*You were president of Bay Area Club, among other forms of service. What role does service play in your recovery?*  
Service taught me to think of others and not myself. When I was "all in" recovery, I did what others did to stay sober. I found joy in service.

*What was the biggest challenge as BAC president during Covid?*  
Trying to unite people in a divisive time for a common purpose. I wanted to keep BAC open and running for meetings. I had to make choices that were unpopular. Overall, I was grateful for the opportunity.

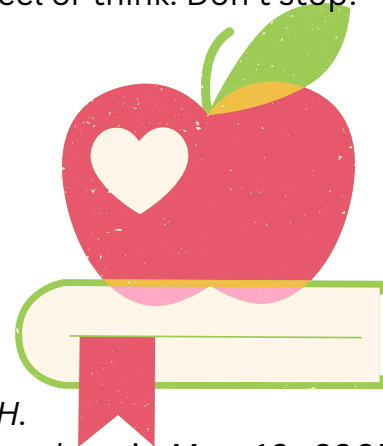
*What role does sponsorship play in your recovery?*  
Through sponsorship, I've learned more about myself. If you haven't sponsored, you haven't worked Step 12.

*As a single Mom in Recovery, how do you work, raise a daughter, and work your program?*  
To be a good mom and worker, I must attend meetings, sponsor and keep in touch with friends. Zoom is a game changer for single parents. No excuse for not making meetings with Zoom.

*What do you do every day to stay sober?*  
I read a devotional like "Daily Reflections." I pray. I connect with sober women. I attend multiple meetings a week. To be honest, I don't read p. 86 every day. I'm usually directed back to p.86 when I'm not feeling good.

*What is your favorite promise in the Big Book?*  
"We will know a new freedom and a new happiness." I couldn't imagine a concept of sobriety as freedom through sobriety as punishment. I never thought I could be happy.

*What do you say to the newcomer struggling to stay sober?*  
If you're struggling, take action, regardless of what you feel or think. Don't stop!



*-Kathleen H.*  
*My sobriety date is May 19, 2005. My home group is Live at Five that meets at 5:00 pm at the Bay Area Club. I am a writer and have published articles in the AA Grapevine. "Let's talk Recovery" will be a regular column in the Newsletter, where I will interview men and women with long-term sobriety about their experience, strength, and hope to inspire the newcomer and other alcoholics.*



# WHERE AND HOW DID EBBY T. GET THE MESSAGE THAT HE TOOK TO BILL W.?

Most of us know about the meeting of Ebby T. and Bill W. However, I, like others, have always been curious about how Ebby T. got involved with the Oxford Groups. The following is from a book by Joe Mc Q (Of Joe & Charlie's Big Book Studies) that gives a history of what happened to a certain American businessman that had ability, good sense, and high character, but could not stay sober. His name was Rowland Hazard. The following is a chain of events to lead up to the meeting of Roland H., Ebby T., and then Bill W.

Roland Hazard was a New York investment banker suffering from alcoholism and sought help from the well-known psychologist Dr. Carl Jung. (See pages 26 and 27 of AA Big Book). Dr. Jung told Rowland there might be hope he could stay sober – if he could have a personality change through a spiritual experience. Rowland returned to New York and found an Oxford Group, where he sought a spiritual experience. The Oxford Groups were informal fellowships of people from any and all religions who were not satisfied with their spiritual progress. Anyone could join and work through the tenets of the Group to get some spiritual growth and change their lives. The groups weren't particularly focused on the problem of alcoholism.

Frank Buchman, a Lutheran minister, was the originator of the Oxford Groups. After having an argument with board members of a boy's school in Philadelphia, Frank got mad, resigned, and left the USA to travel in Europe. In England in 1908, he went to a church meeting one night and heard a woman, Jessie Penn–Lewis, preach on resentments and forgiveness. And he was greatly moved by what he had heard.

Frank, having resentment against the six board members of the Philadelphia boy's school, went back to his room that night and wrote the board members a letter asking for their forgiveness. He later said that this action produced a sudden change in his life, an instant change.

Frank never heard back from the board members, but he began to reflect on how his life was tremendously improved. He asked himself, how did that happen? What did I do to bring that about? If I can understand what I did, I can renew myself in any way I want to. Better than that, I can show someone else how to do it.

As he sought to understand his experience, Frank listed the things he had done: (1) he had surrendered, (2) he had admitted his sins, (3) he had shared and confessed, (4) he had made restitution, and (5) he had asked for God's guidance.

Frank Buchman was immediately successful. People who followed the procedure were changed. The Oxford Groups grew and spread. Realizing that these five basic principles were the foundation of Christianity (and of other religions worldwide), Frank called his movement "First-Century Christian Fellowship".

So, when Rowland Hazard returned to New York after consulting Dr. Jung in Switzerland, he joined the Oxford Groups and started practicing these principles. Doing so produced in him

the change and the spiritual experience he sought- and as a result he stayed sober until he died.

As Rowland found sobriety, he heard that an old friend, Ebby Thatcher, was about to be committed to a mental institution for his alcoholism. Rowland and a couple of his Oxford Group members rescued Ebby from court and passed on the basic principles to Ebby in the next couple of weeks. Rowland also took Ebby to Reverend Sam Shoemaker's Calvary Mission in New York City, where they worked with people suffering from alcoholism. This became a very important part of Ebby's recovery.

Most of us pretty much know what happened from here. Ebby took the message to Bill, Bill took the message to Dr. Bob, and Bill W. and Dr. Bob took the message to Bill D., who became AA member no 3.

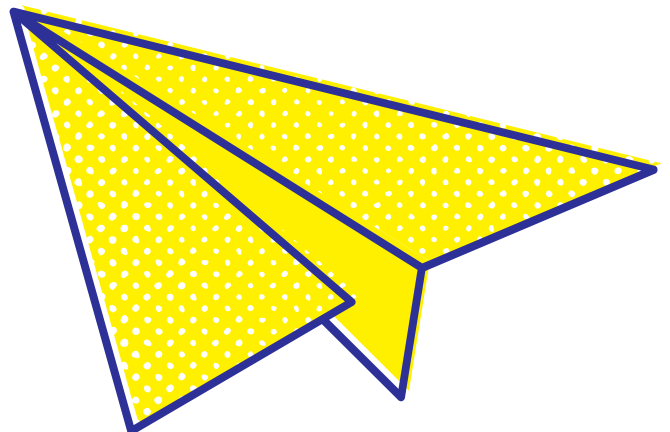
I found the above information very interesting because I had heard of the Oxford Groups but had never heard about Frank Buchman and how the Oxford Groups were founded.

I hope you find this as interesting as I have.

Yours in service,

**-Tom B.**

**District 81**





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## JULY F&B REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,318.70
Group Contributions	\$ 750.00
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 813.36
Net Income	\$ (63.36)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,097.39
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (11,183.13)
Available Funds	\$ (1,085.74)

**God delivered Daniel** from the lion's den. Nowhere is it written that Dan went back for his hat.

Ed S., Brooklyn, New York, August 1988

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