



# DISTRICT 81

## SEPTEMBER 2024



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### **Step 9:**

***Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.***

### **Tradition 9:**

***A. A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.***

### **Concept 9:**

***Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.***

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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

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

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

**September 11: Website Committee meeting** 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.

**September 11: Literature Committee meeting** 7:30pm in Room E at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

**September 17: Grapevine Committee meeting** 5:30pm via Google Meets  
<https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

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

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

**September 26: PI/CPC Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Google Meets  
<https://meet.google.com/csw-pwgf-gyp>

**September 27: Archives Committee meeting** 6pm at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

**September 30: Newsletter Committee meeting** 5pm in the cafe area of the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

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

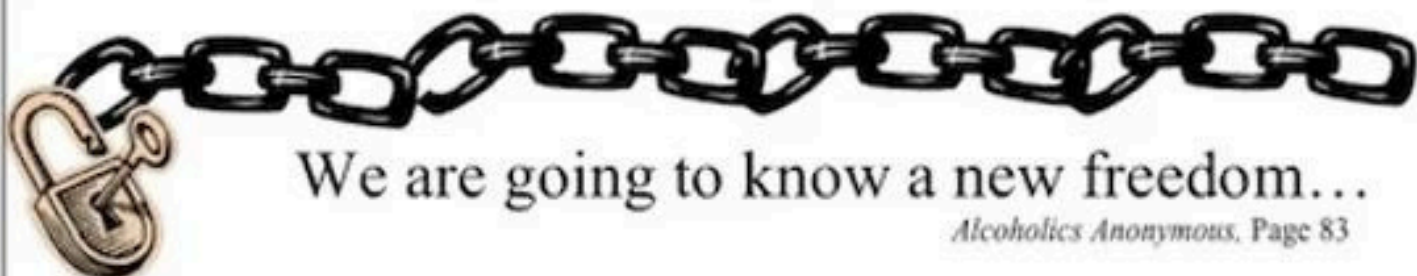
**October 6: Treatment Facilities Committee Fall Workshop** 1-4pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573; see flyer!

**October 6: Alvin Group's 58th Anniversary** 2-5pm at the Alvin Club, 204 S Taylor St, Alvin, TX 77511; see flyer!

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

**October 25-27: TXSCYPAA 43** at the Radisson Hotel Ft Worth North-Fossil Creek; 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)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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



The poster is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations. At the top left, there are large orange and red leaves. Next to them are smaller yellow-green leaves. To the right, there are two acorns on a branch and a cluster of orange berries. On the far right, there is a cluster of purple berries. Below the top row, there is a single yellow leaf on the left and a large orange and red maple leaf on the right. In the middle section, there is a single yellow leaf on the left and a cluster of purple berries on the right. Below that, there is a single yellow leaf on the left and a cluster of yellow and red berries on the right. At the bottom, there are several more autumn leaves and berry clusters in various colors and sizes, including a large orange leaf, a yellow leaf, a purple berry cluster, and a yellow leaf with a red berry.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES  
COMMITTEE**

**FALL WORKSHOP 2024**

**OCTOBER 6TH**

1:00pm- 4:00pm

**A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF SERVICE IN AA!  
JOIN US!!**

**SPEAKERS:**

**SERVICE: DJ M.**

**TRADITIONS: CHRISTINA S. & TIFFANY S.**

**TREATMENT CENTER: PAUL D.**

BAY AREA CLUB  
2111 WEBSTER ST  
LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573





October 6, 2024

# 58TH ANNIVERSARY

## ALVIN GROUP AA

204 S. Taylor St., Alvin, TX 77511

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Alanon Speaker - David T. 2:15

3/28/23 Men's Recovery - UTS club - Webster, TX

**B-B-Q 3:15**

History and sobriety countdown 3:45

**50/50 Raffle**

AA Speaker - Jamie S. 4:00

DOS 6/28/13 Beginners group - Clute, TX

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make Checks Payable To: Northeast TX Area SWRAASA 2024

## TXSCYPAA 43

OCTOBER 25 - 27, 2024  
FORT WORTH, TX



REGISTER NOW

# THIS DREAM WORLD

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek

ASL Interpretation/Spanish Translation

LEARN MORE AT: [txscypaa43.org](http://txscypaa43.org)



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
KATIE B - ABERDEEN SD	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:

TICKETS:

\$30 - PRESALE (ENDS 12/13/24)

\$35 - AT THE DOOR

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



# "LET'S TALK RECOVERY"

## WITH KATHLEEN H. AND GUEST, JULIE D.

1. *Sobriety Date*

12/29/2008

2. *Home Group*

Early Morning On-line Group (EMOLG)

3. *You are a trained school psychologist, How has psychology affected your recovery?*

I studied psychology because my life sucked and I want to know why. Through psychology, I gained a career as a school psychologist but my life still sucked. In AA I found the answer. I did not have a spiritual existence. I had no connection with a Higher Power. When I , connected with a Higher Power through AA, I found peace, joy and love.

4. *How did AA influenced your approach to school counseling?*

I began to see patterns of behavior in the parents of the students I was counseling. I could recognize that the parents may be alcoholic or addicts and that changed my approach to the student. I understood that the student might be dealing with an absent or unavailable parent.

5. *You came into AA as an atheist. How did you come to believe in God?*

As I was working the steps, I had one last amends to make to the father/son that had been seated next to me at the Texans football games. Because of my bad behavior, they moved their seats. I tried to reach out to them, but they refused to return my calls.

I was at the football game when I told my partner that I was afraid I would drink if I didn't make this amends. Suddenly I saw the father. I chased after him and hugged him and made my amends. Only God could put someone in my path like that.

In my first five years of recovery, I used a romantic relationship as my Higher Power. When the romantic relationship ended, I wanted to drink, but I literally couldn't get out of my chair. God then told me that I didn't really want to drink. God removed the desire to drink from me completely.

I thought about what I needed to do to grow spiritually and realized I had never done 90 meetings in 90 days, so I committed to 90/90. I attended different meetings and clubs, including women's meetings and meditation meetings. My spirituality grew exponentially.

6. *You attend both zoom and in-person meetings. How do you view zoom?*

Zoom is great for people who otherwise can't make meetings such as single moms and disabled people. Seeing the person is important, though. Just a phone call wouldn't work. However, poor internet connections are problematic. Relationship is important. We attend events together outside the meeting. However, zoom in no substitute for holding hands and praying the Our Father at the end of a meeting or giving hugs. I have taken a zoom sponsee through all 12 steps, but we did meet in person as well.

7. *What do you do every day to stay sober?*

Attend meetings 5 days a week, Pray, Meditate, Read "Jesus Calling", Work with others, Talk to my husband who is in recovery, Stay connected to AA friends

8. *What is your favorite sentence in our literature and why?*

"Progress not perfection"

It allows me to take baby steps in my recovery and feel good about it.

-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.*



"I'm going to miss the peace and quiet once she takes that first drink."

Submitted by Robert H.

taken with permission from the Grapevine

## AUGUST F&B REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,097.39
Group Contributions	\$ 1,297.38
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,550.78
Net Income	\$ (253.40)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,843.99
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (9,632.35)
Available Funds	\$ 211.64



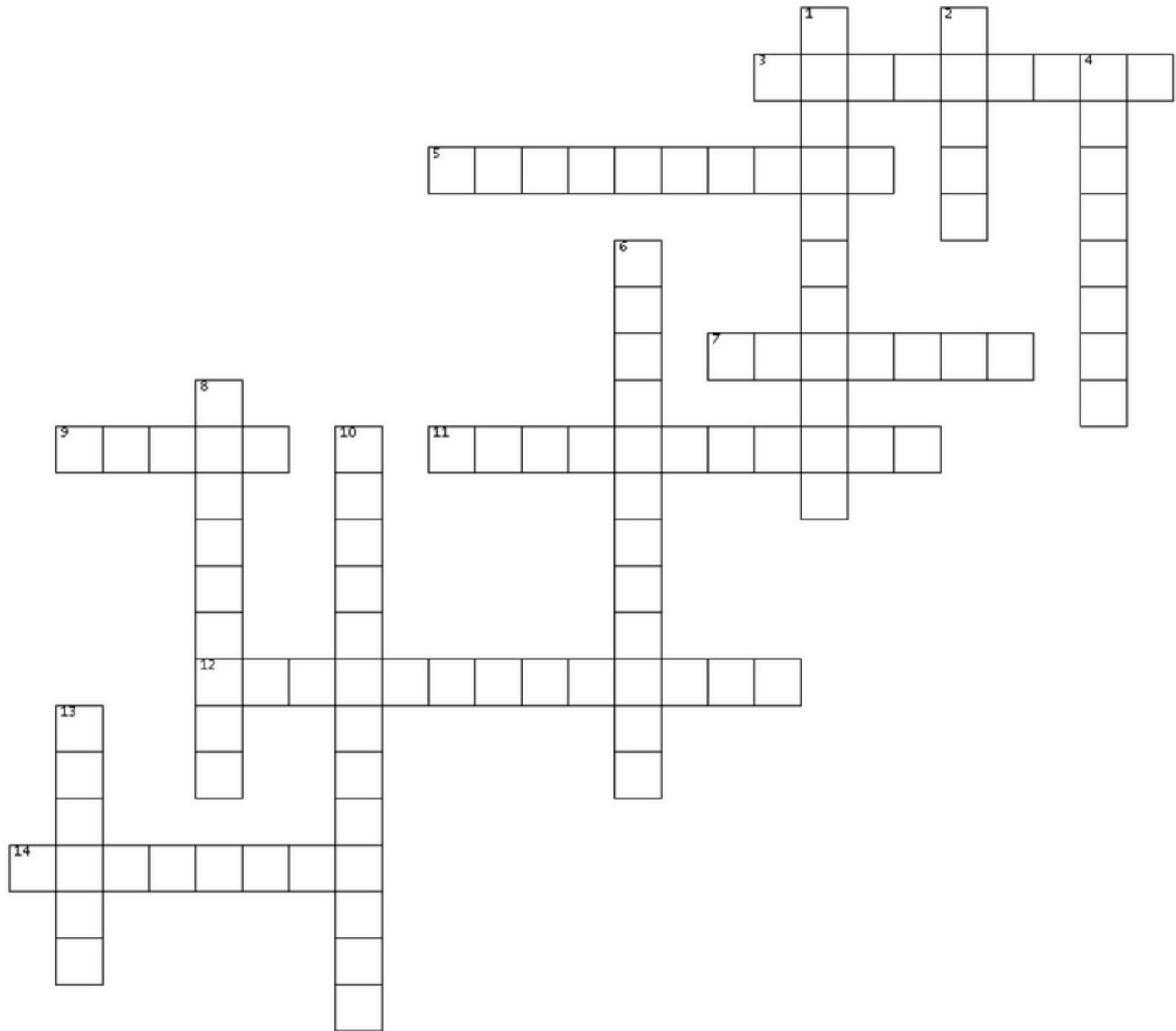
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# 12 CONCEPTS CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

3. Service responsibilities should be matched by an equal service \_\_\_\_.
5. The ultimate authority for AA world services should reside in the collective \_\_\_\_ of the Fellowship.
7. The best possible committees, corporate service directors, and staffs should always be a matter of serious \_\_\_\_.
9. The chief responsibility for world service matters lies with the General Service \_\_\_\_.
11. The General Service Board's Charter and Bylaws are legal \_\_\_\_ for managing world service affairs.
12. The "Right of \_\_\_\_" allows representation in proportion to responsibility at all levels.
14. Each element of AA should be endowed with a traditional "Right of \_\_\_\_."

## DOWN

1. Good service leadership is essential for AA's future \_\_\_\_ and safety.
2. The Conference must observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, avoiding perilous wealth or \_\_\_\_.
4. Primary world service leadership must be assumed by the \_\_\_\_ after the founders.
6. The trustees oversee the services through their ability to elect the directors of these \_\_\_\_ entities.
8. The Conference should ensure sufficient operating funds and a prudent financial \_\_\_\_.
10. The Conference Charter relies on tradition and the A.A. purse for final \_\_\_\_.
13. A traditional "Right of \_\_\_\_" ensures that minority opinions are considered.