



DISTRICT 81

MAY 2024



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Step 5:

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5:

Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5:

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

**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

May 1: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

May 8: Correctional Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

May 8: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30 via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad>

May 15: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.

May 15: Literature Committee meeting 7:30pm in Room E at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

May 18: District 81 Service Fair 11am-2pm at the Bayshore Spillway Park, 5437 FM 646 Rd, Baycliff, TX 77518; see flyer!

May 21: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

May 27: Newsletter Committee meeting 5pm in the cafe area of the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

May 29: Finance & Budget meeting 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City, 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

May 29: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

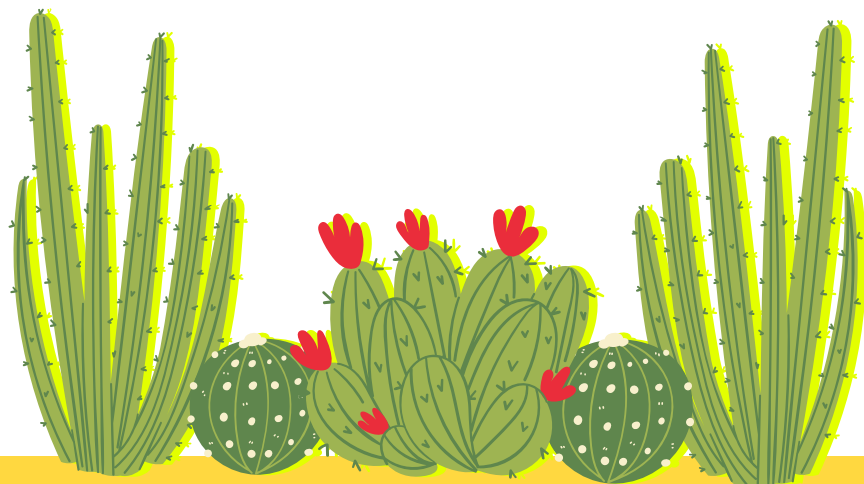
May 30: PI/CPC Committee meeting 4:45pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

May 31: Archives Committee meeting 6pm [new time!] at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

June 5: District 81 meeting 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

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

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





DISTRICT 81 SERVICE FAIR

COME BE A PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP ...

- Hotdogs, Chips & Treats
- Bring the family, hang out at the park and get to know more about ways to be of service in A. A.
- District committees will have booths set up with fun games and prizes

**MAY 18TH 2024
11AM - 2PM**

**SCAVENGER
HUNT**

Bayshore Spillway Park
5437 FM 646 Rd., Bacliff, TX 77518

**GAMES
&
PRIZES**

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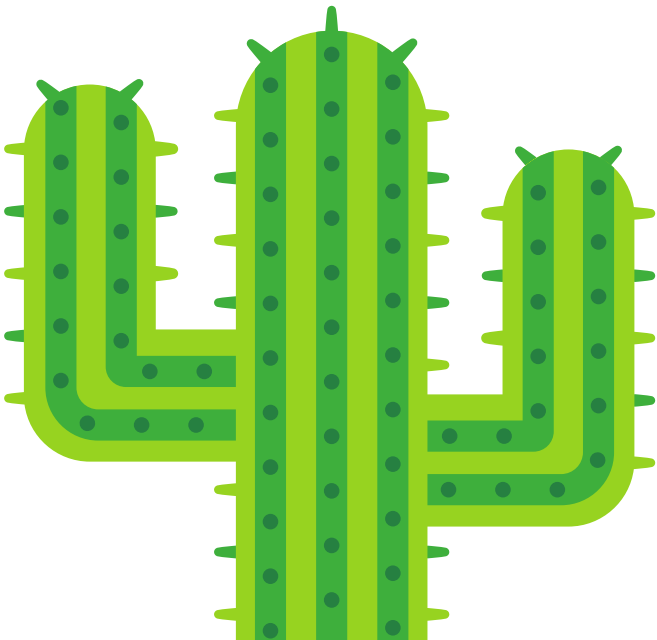
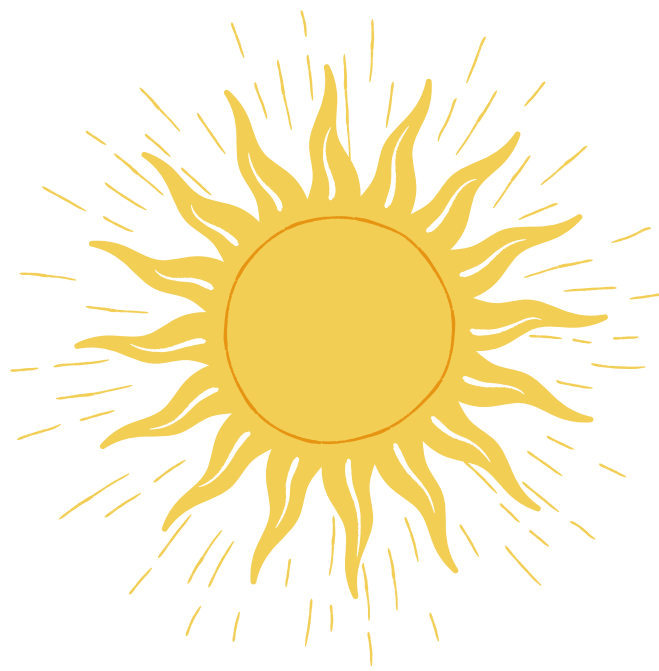
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Registration Cut Off Date: 09/27/2024

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SOME GROUP HISTORIES OF DISTRICT 81

Over the recent years, I have submitted group histories to the SETA Newsletter of Galveston Island, Texas City, and Santa Fe. Below are a few other group histories of some of our groups in District 81.

The West Isle Group of Galveston was started in September of 1973 by Milt S. and K.B.W. Meetings were closed discussion and were held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1804 69 th St. off Heard's Lane at 8:00PM on Fridays. Later, a step study meeting was added to their schedule, and they met at Milt's house at 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. A Big Book study meeting was added to the schedule on Monday night. The group later moved to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 45 th and Ave L, and eventually moved later to its present location, which is Zion Lutheran Church at 6910 Yucca. Zion Lutheran Church was heavily damaged from Hurricane Ike but is back in business and the group meets at 7:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Since the Covid pandemic, they are currently meeting on Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 5127 Ave U.

Jamaica Beach Group was founded in 1977 by Joe and Annie. Other early members were Mitzi, Mike, Tom, and Jack. The group met at Joe and Annie's house in Jamaica Beach for about one year and eventually moved to the present location, which is West Isle Presbyterian Church (Pirates Beach) on Stewart Road. Jamaica Beach meetings are open discussion and are at 7:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. The birthday meeting is last Thursday of the month. Both meetings are non-smoking.

REBOS Group (sober spelled backwards) of Pearland was founded in January of 1985. Founders and early members were Alfred K., Jane K., Mary F., Marty R., Trudy R., Dede W., and Rita K. REBOS group meets at St. Helens Catholic Church at 8:00 pm on Fridays. Meetings are open discussion and there is a tradition of the members going to Kelley's in Pearland for a late dinner after the meeting.

Pearland BB/SNL was founded in October of 1997 by Carlos R. Early members besides Carlos were George M., Jack B., Ronald P., Ron S., Karen, Norma, Johnny B., and Jim. Group meets at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Pearland. The Tuesday night meeting at 7:30 pm is a Big Book Step Study format. The Saturday Night Live is at 7:30 pm on (you guessed it) Saturday night and is an open discussion meeting.

Please note that some of the meeting times and locations have changed due to the Covid pandemic.

-Tom B.

**District 81 Archives Committee
New Day Group - Galveston**

MY EXPERIENCE WITH RULE 62

A group from West Virginia was planning on starting a foundation with a club, a hospital, a rehabilitation center and a research center. They wrote to the General Service Office, specifically Bill W., to ask for his opinion. Bill W. wrote back sharing his experience on the matter, saying that most such endeavors had not worked out well. The group decided to proceed anyway. Shortly after, distressing letters began to arrive from West Virginia regarding the progress of the foundation. One of the alcoholics who started with the idea for the foundation wrote out cards and placed them in small envelopes. He then mailed them to groups around the country. On the outside of the card, "Charleston AA Group Rule # 62" was printed. (He meant to imply that there had been 61 other rules.) Written on the inside of the card was, "Don't take yourself so damn seriously!"

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aa.org/faq/where-did-rule-62-come

The first time I told my story, I was a nervous wreck. On top of being terrified of public speaking, my disease often has me thinking that I am not a "real" alcoholic. I was certain that everyone would judge me as harshly as I judged myself! Surely they would all see me as a lightweight who didn't deserve their camaraderie or the blessings of our program. I went from planning on winging it to writing out every word I needed to say to make sure I didn't come across as a stammering fool in front of a room full of my fellows.

Luckily, my sponsor came to see me speak. Before the meeting started, I sat looking over what I'd written, shaking and praying. She sat with me, her normal cucumber-cool self. Then she said, "Have you heard of rule 62?" I hadn't. She didn't explain any story of where it came from, she simply said, "It means, 'don't take yourself so seriously.'"

I had to laugh at myself. It is one of those bits of wisdom that is easier said than done, sometimes. But it is a notion that has far-reaching benefits. When I remember it, it suddenly becomes a lot easier to stay calm, let go of judgement and expectations, forgive easier, and simply have more fun! Rule 62 is a great tool to help keep me right-sized.

I don't know if I helped anyone by sharing my story that day. But I am glad that I did. If I am to be a vessel for my Higher Power's will, then I need to always be willing to step aside, ego and all.

-Anonymous



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APRIL F&B REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,017.97
Group Contributions	\$ 466.00
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 105.26
Net Income	\$ 360.74
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,483.97
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (14,086.32)
Available Funds	\$ (2,602.35)



Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace!
 That where there is hatred, I may bring love.
 That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness.
 That where there is discord, I may bring harmony.
 That where there is error, I may bring truth.
 That where there is doubt, I may bring faith.
 That where there is despair, I may bring hope.
 That where there are shadows, I may bring light.
 That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
 Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.
 To understand, than to be understood.
 To love, than to be loved.
 For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.
 It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.
 It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

—Saint Francis of Assisi—

DISTRICT COMMITTEE WORDS

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