



DISTRICT 81

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Step 6:

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition 6:

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Concept 6:

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

**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

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

June 12: Correctional Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

June 12: Accessibility Committee meeting 6:30 via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad>

June 13: Alvin Group Eat & Speak 7pm for potluck, 8pm for speaker, at Alvin Taylor St Club, 204 S Taylor St, Alvin, TX, 77511; see flyer!!

June 18: Grapevine Committee meeting 5:30pm via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/ixo-apfs-fdf>

June 19: Website Committee meeting 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite.

June 19: Literature Committee meeting 7:30pm in Room E at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

June 24: Newsletter Committee meeting 5pm in the cafe area of the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

June 26: Finance & Budget meeting 6:30pm at Jason's Deli in League City, 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

June 26: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

June 27: PI/CPC Committee meeting 4:45pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

June 28: Archives Committee meeting 6pm [new time!] at the Alvin Taylor Street Club, 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

July 3: 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!





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.

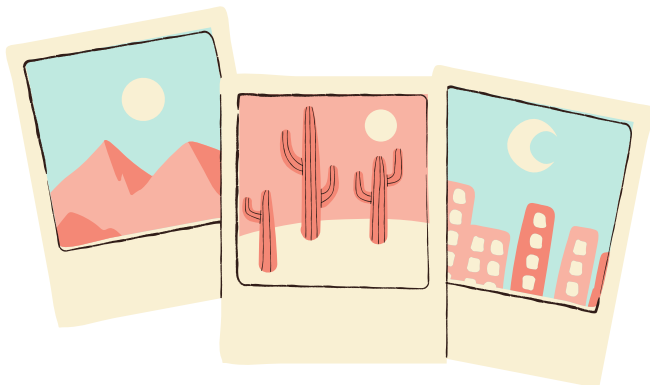
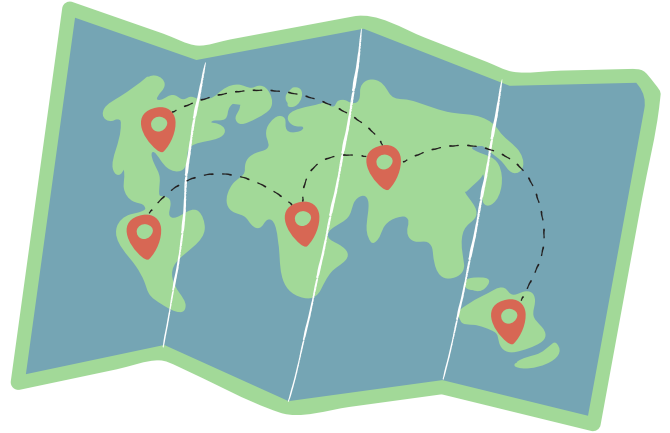


Tuesday Meetings - Literature
Thursday Meetings - Discussion



2nd Thursday of the Month - Speaker

Last Thursday of the Month - Birthday Meeting



ALVIN GROUP EAT & SPEAK

TOMMY H
DOS 6/22/1994
PLANTATION GRP

JUNE 13, 2024
POT LUCK 7PM
SPEAKER 8PM



JUL * 4-7 * 2024

JW MARRIOTT AUSTIN
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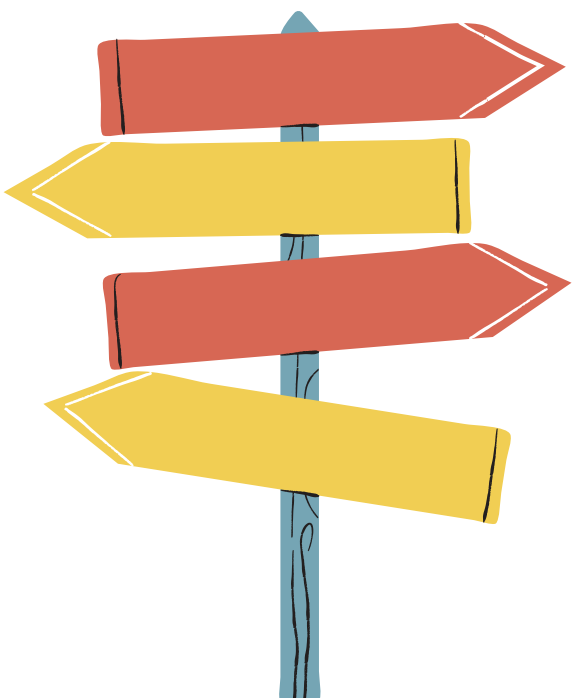
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

PRESENTS:



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Registration Cut Off Date: 09/27/2024

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"LET'S TALK RECOVERY" WITH KATHLEEN H. AND GUEST, DAWN F.

1. Dawn, What is your sobriety date?

June 22, 1997

2. What is your home group?

Happy Hour Group that meets at 6:30 pm at the Bay Area Club

2. Dawn, you identify as being "Blessed by Alcoholism." What do you mean by that?

I am blessed by alcoholism because if it hadn't been for alcohol, I wouldn't have found Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and been gifted with the life I have today. Today I am connected with friends, family, AA, and God that would not have been possible without AA.

3. You are passionate about AA. Why?

I love AA because AA changes people inside out.

4. Getting sober is not easy. What was getting sober like for you?

Getting sober was excruciatingly painful and wonderful. Getting sober stopped the voices in my head. It stopped the demonic dreams. It stopped the yearning for alcohol.

5. AA gives us a program of recovery. What are the keys to your sobriety?

For me the key to sobriety is to "keep coming back." I also pray and meditate daily. Meetings and prayers recharge my batteries.

6. Many newcomers struggle with finding a Higher Power. How has your concept of a Higher Power changed?

My concept of a Higher Power grows as I become more open-minded. Words are inadequate to describe my Higher Power today.

7. What is your advice to the newcomer who is struggling to get sober?

My advice to the newcomer is to lean in. Let us help you and love you.

8. What is your approach to sponsorship?

I commit one hour one week for each sponsee. I ask them to commit as well. We commit to working the twelve steps and twelve traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. I expect them to call and to make meetings as well.

9. What role has service played in your recovery?

I have always had a service commitment. Today, most of my service is through sponsorship. I sponsor one to seven sponsees a week.

10. What do you do every day to stay sober?

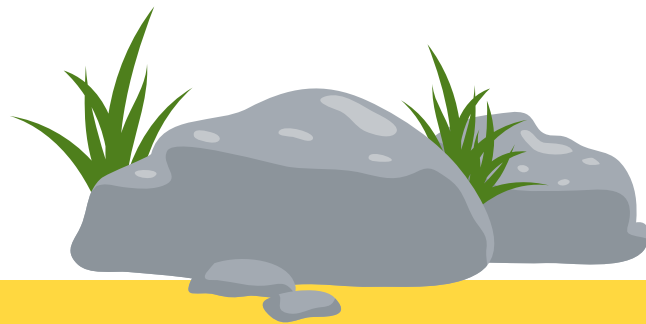
To stay sober, I talk to God. I meditate. I go to meetings regularly. I read other spiritual literature. I talk to sponsees.

11. Alcoholism kills, steals and destroys. What has AA given back to you?

AA has given me my children back. AA has given me relationships. Today I like myself. I love myself. I love everyone and everything. I am deeply grateful.

-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.



THE 12 PROMISES OF DRINKING

1. If we are casual with this phase of our development, we will be drunk before we are half way through.
2. We are going to know a new imprisonment and a new misery.
3. We will relive the past and won't be able to shut the door on it.
4. We will comprehend the word CONFLICT and we will know PAIN.
5. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will sink even lower.
6. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will deepen.
7. We will gain interest in selfish things and lose interest in our fellows.
8. Self esteem will slip away.
9. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will SUCK.
10. Fear our people and of economic insecurity will multiply.
11. We will intuitively know how to run from situations which never used to bother us.
12. We will suddenly realize that God would never have done to us what we are doing to ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not! They are being fulfilled among those of us who are still drinking; sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.....

-Tom B.
District 81

SMASHED DELUSION

Chapter three in our Big Book says: "The idea that somehow, someday he will control and enjoy his drinking is the great obsession of every abnormal drinker", and also: "The delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed."

I was at a meeting recently where a newcomer stated that he was here to learn how to have one or two drinks with family and friends without getting carried away. I was initially taken aback to hear this honest admission spoken out loud. Could he really think he could get that from AA? Didn't I actually believe I could learn that when I first came into the program thirty-something years ago? I hope that his delusion is smashed quicker than mine. I chased the obsession for 17 years in between desire chips. Thankfully, I made it back.

This June I will celebrate 13 years of sobriety. Thank you AA and thank you newcomers.

Keep coming back!

-Janet R.
Alvin Group





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MAY F&B REPORT

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,483.97
Group Contributions	\$ 528.12
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 1,052.94
Net Income	\$ (524.82)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,876.66
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (13,033.39)
Available Funds	\$ (2,156.73)

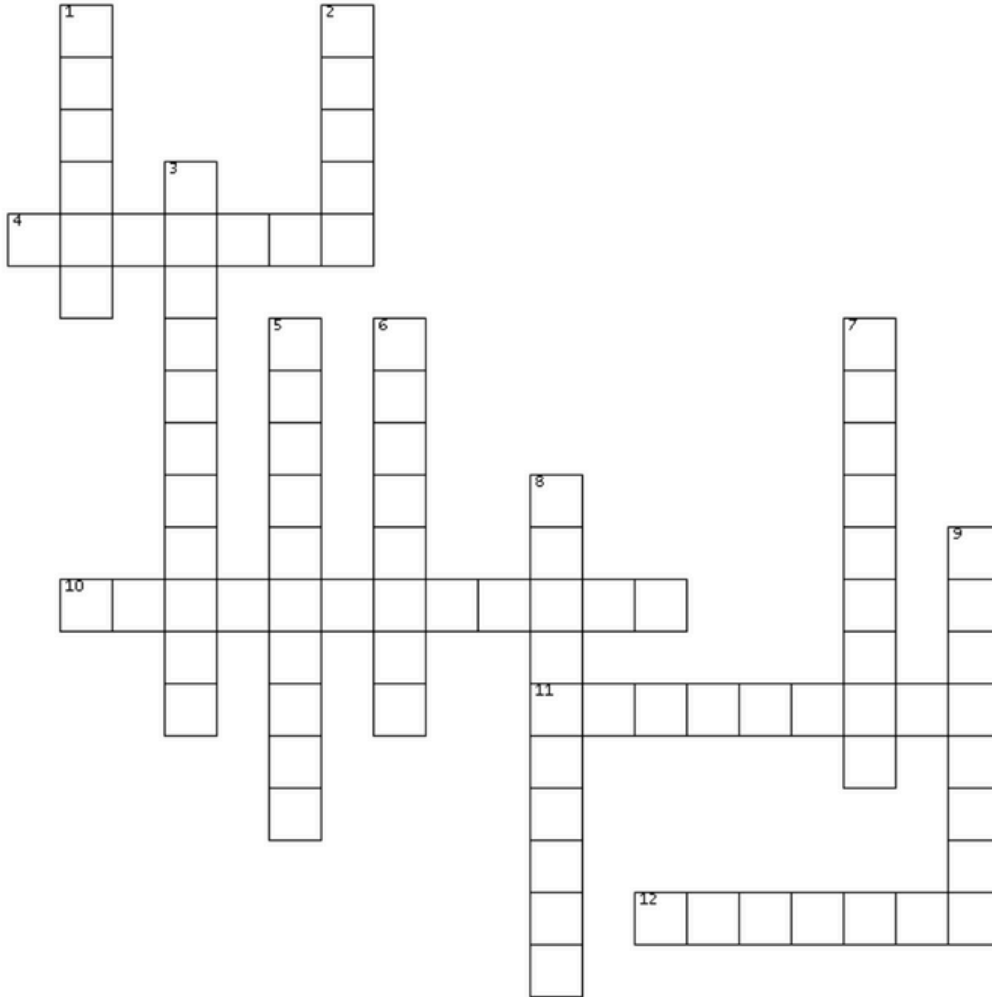
God delivered Daniel from the lion's den. Nowhere is it written that Dan went back for his hat.

Ed S., Brooklyn, New York, August 1988

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ACROSS

4. A warm greeting or reception upon arrival.
10. Paying regularly to receive a service or product, often on a recurring basis.
11. A group of people appointed for a specific task or purpose.
12. What drives you forward; your reason for doing something.

DOWN

1. Captivated or addicted to something, unable to stop or break away.
2. A means of expression or representation.
3. Being responsible or answerable for one's actions or decisions.
5. A link or relationship between people or things.
6. A periodical publication on a particular subject or aimed at a specific audience.
7. A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
8. Fundamental truths or beliefs that guide behavior or decisions
9. Something crucial for survival or support during difficult times.

