

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept Ten

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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The Domino Effect

“So long as we don’t argue these matters privately, it’s a cinch we never shall publicly.”

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 176

Understanding the 10th Tradition at the public level was something I comprehended right away. An AA meeting is no place for outside issues and I’m never to link the AA issue with outside issues. Got it! But what about privately? What about when I’m working with a sponsee? This was different; or so I thought! Having sponsored a woman for quite some time, we both would engage in political and/or religious discussions on occasion. Somewhere along the way, it became an issue. We didn’t agree on several of these issues and it seemed to cause a bit of strife. On a private level, I had broken the 10th Tradition while doing AA work. This also violated the 1st and 5th Traditions; our unity was jeopardized and our primary purpose was pushed aside. It’s like a domino effect; when one tradition is broken, they all start to fall. Shame on me! But at the same time, I have grown from the experience. I now know how to handle the situation different should it ever happen again. Further, I understand how important the Traditions protect myself, as well as, others that I continue this journey with.

In Service,

Deborah G.

District 40 DCM



This month's Pamphlet Challenge is; *Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community*.

This pamphlet was created in 1966 but was revised per a 2003 Advisory Action. This extremely informative pamphlet can be useful in many ways. Such as clearing up any misconceptions one might have when attending A.A. meetings. I say that because when I don't read A.A. literature, like this pamphlet for example, I tend to just believe what other people say and do which may or may not be exactly an A.A. responsibility. We are A.A. members and individuals. Therefore some things we can do as an A.A. member and other things would have to be done as individuals. There are several examples mentioned in this pamphlet. What other uses can you think of?

Jackie S.

District 40 Literature Rep

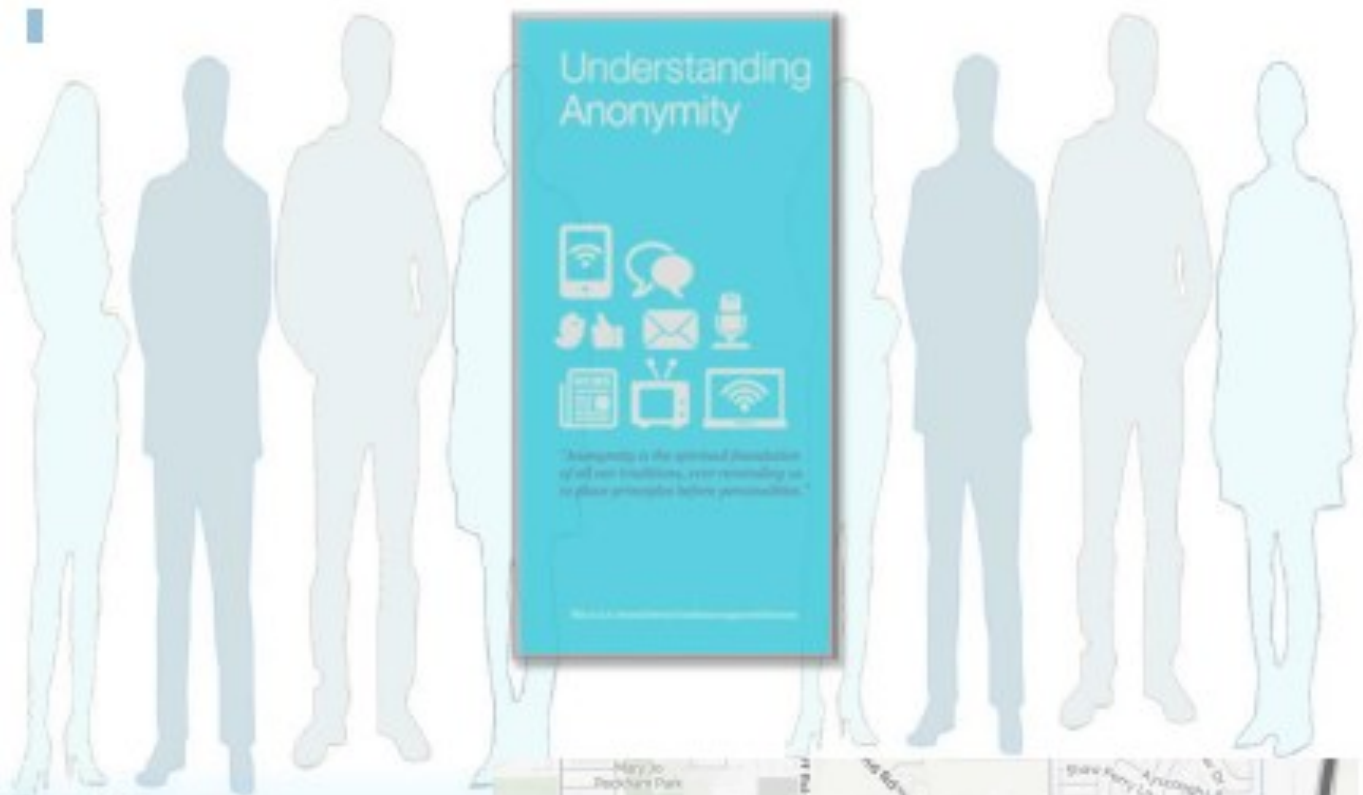
Wild West Group History

The Wild West Group was started in June 2011 by Mark H. and Bob T. The group meets Monday night at 6:30pm at the Church of the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Room 103, on West Grand Parkway South in Katy. The meeting is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wild West started from very humble beginnings. During its first year it was not uncommon to only have two or three attendees at the meeting. As the Big Book states, any two or three alcoholics gathered for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, and with the primary purpose as its guide, the group continued on. During 2012, several newcomers and those with longer sobriety began to regularly attend the meeting, including Doug N., Dan K., Joel M. and Jeff K. Around this time the group registered with GSO and also began to hold group conscience meetings and to elect servants for the group. Bit by bit, the group became more consistent, usually having 5-10 attendees. Over the years, the group has grown even more, attracting individuals from other meetings around Katy, as well as consistently attracting newcomers, who often share that they enjoy the welcoming vibe of the group and the realness of the sharing during the meetings. Today it is not uncommon to have 15-20 attendees! The group hopes to continue to grow and establish itself as an active group in Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 40 Workshop Presenters
Betsy G. (Fund 50 Past Delegate) and Christina S. (Area Treasurer)

ANONYMITY

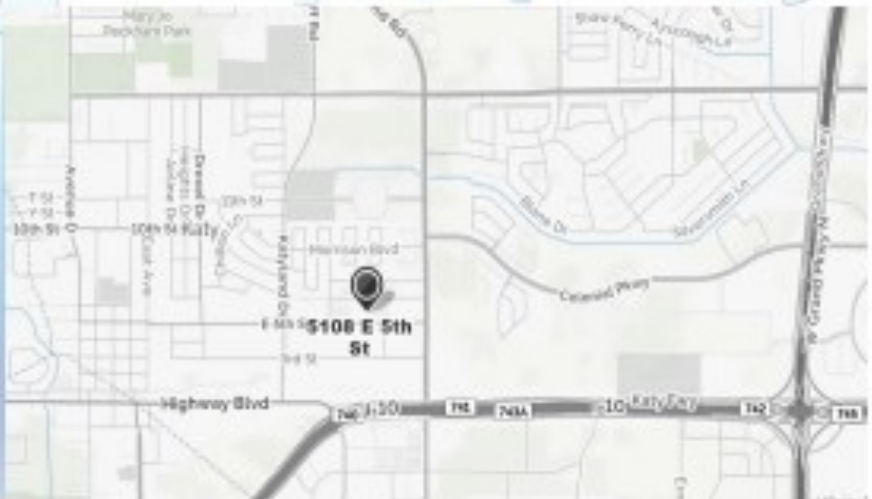
"Why we need it and how the heck do you pronounce it!?"



Hosted by

The Katy 12 & 12

When: December 2, 2017
Where: 5th Street Club
5108 East 5th St,
Katy, TX
Time: 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm



Food, Fun and Fellowship. Come Join Us!!!

RULE 62 SECTION

NOT TO BRAG

**BUT I DON'T EVEN NEED ALCOHOL
TO MAKE REALLY BAD DECISIONS**

WORKSHOP UPDATE

Mark your calendars for December 2, 2017 for the “Anonymity” workshop. I’ve attached the flyer for the details. It’s so exciting to see our District show such enthusiasm and special thanks to the Katy 12 & 12 group for volunteering to host this event. I love seeing the seeking of spiritual growth and understanding of this program that has saved so many souls. We are fortunate to have so many members that are on “fire”.

If your group would like to host a workshop, please come to the District and let’s talk about it.

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Upcoming Events

October Assembly

October 13-15, 2017

Sheraton N. Houston

15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd

Houston, TX 77032

South West Regional Forum

October 20-22, 2017

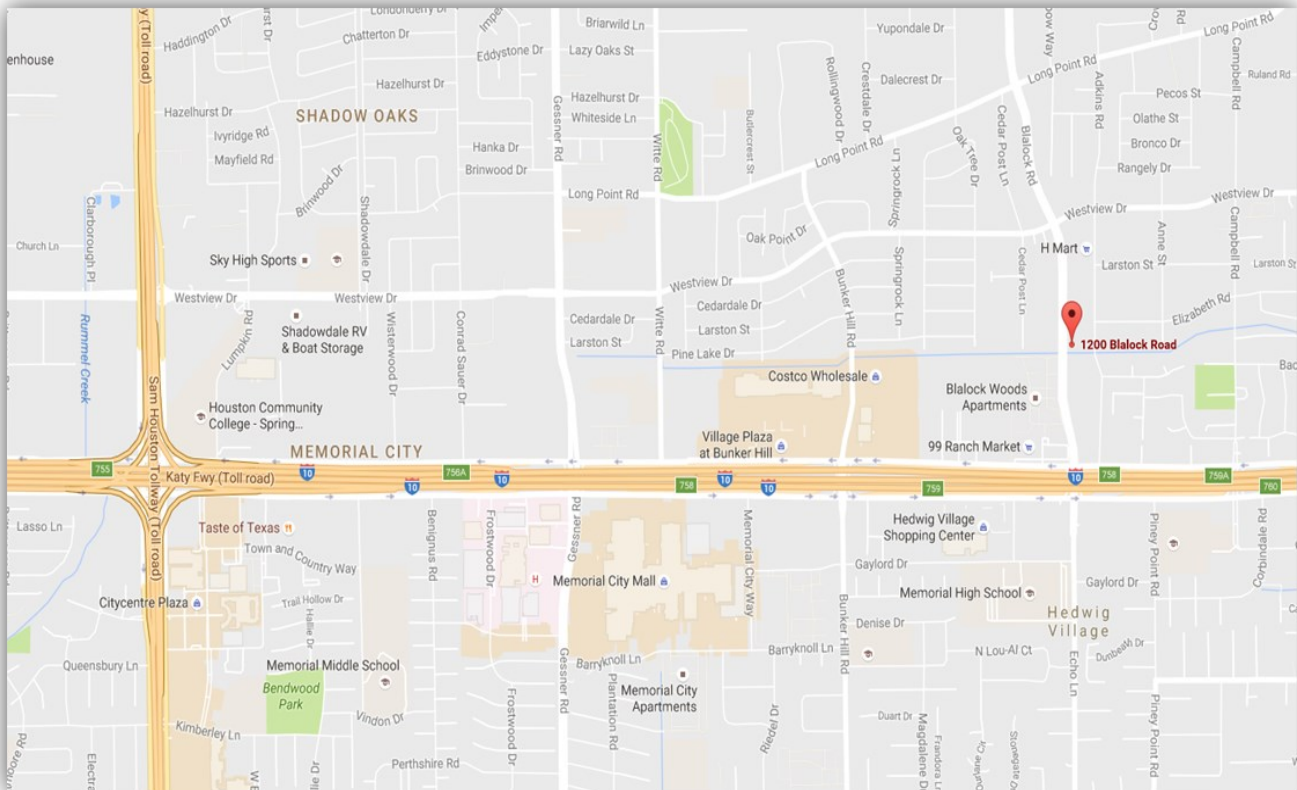
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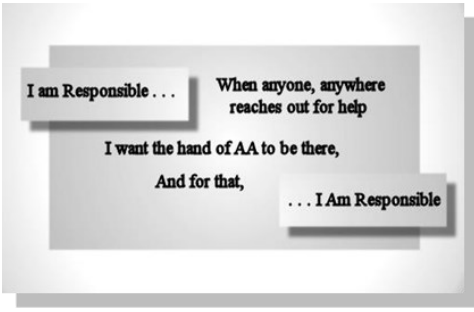
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THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS

OCTOBER 10, 2017

@ 7:00 PM

District 40 meets on the
2nd Tuesday
of every month from
7:00 PM—9:00 PM at the
Spring Branch Memorial Club
1200 Blalock Rd. #378
Houston, TX 77055

Committee	Meeting Time	Location
Archives	1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, TX 77060
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9:00 PM	The Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355 Houston, TX 77057
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355 Houston, TX 77057
Intergroup	3rd Thursday of every other month at 8:00 PM	4140 Directors Row, Suites D & E, Houston, Texas, 77092
Internet Technologies (IT)	4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C
Literature	–	–
Mult-Lingual	1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	District 63 4800 West 34th St. Suite B-8 Houston, TX 77092
Public Information (PI)	3rd Monday of the month at 7:15 PM (Except on Assembly months)	Houston Council On Alcohol And Drugs 303 Jackson Hill Houston, TX 77007

Just Starting a group in District 40 and wish to add it to this newsletter?