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South East Texas Area 61

# District 81 Newsletter

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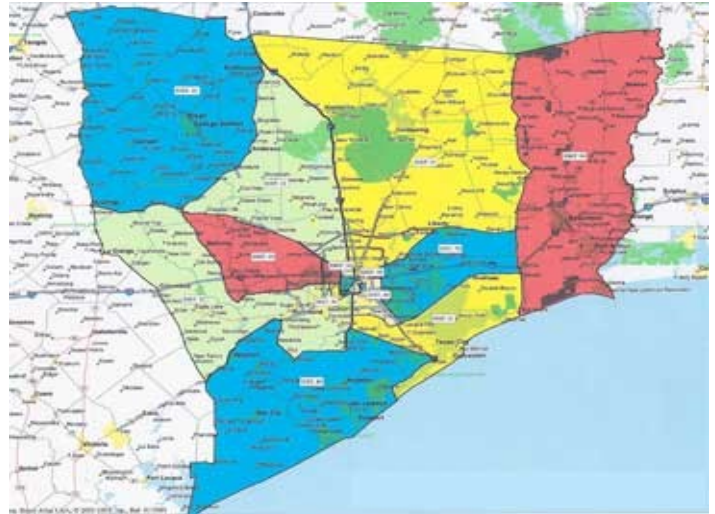
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## Hello From Your District 81 DCM

.There is a lot of exciting news and several upcoming events for our District and Area, as follows:  
Regional Forum is coming to Houston! What is the



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Forum you may ask? Briefly, Regional Forums are weekend-long informational gatherings that bring A.A. members, representatives from the General Service Board, A.A. World services, and GrapeVine/LaVina together. Regional Forums originated in 1975 because of the belief that the burgeoning growth of A.A. may result in loss of communication between A.A. services entities and the members themselves, despite the annual General Service Conference. There are eight regions that make up the U.S./Canada service structure; four Regional Forums are held each year on national basis. **It has been 22 years since Houston last held the Forum.** The states that comprise the Southwest Regional Area are:

**Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah**

Use the link below to reserve your room at a very reasonable rate. You don't want to miss this event in our backyard. Where will you be in 22 years?

<https://www.aa-swta.org/event/1019-swraasa/>

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## Upcoming Events for 2019

### District 81 Workshop-Sponsorship

9/14/2019 2-5 p.m. Santa Fe Council

### Southwest Regional Forum

10/11-10/13 2019

<https://fortworthaa.org/?p=6629>

### National Correctional Conference

11/1-11/3 2019

<https://www.nationalcorrectionsconference>

### TSCYPPA

10/25-10/27 2019

<https://www.txscypaa39.org/>

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Third Annual National Corrections Conference



The 2019 National Corrections Conference Committee and South East Texas Area 67 CFC is excited about hosting the Third Annual National Corrections Conference coming up on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Houston Texas at the DoubleTree by Intercontinental Airport.

All of the Area's in North America and Canada are invited and we have people from all over the world attending. If you've already registered then we look forward to seeing you. We would love if your District or Groups could participate with Hospitality. You could offer a meal or dessert or sweet things or side dishes. Or could just offer your service.

***We are asking that you pass the word to everyone interested and to register as soon as we can.***

***Scholarships are available.***

## SETA Convention 2020



*"Give freely of what you find and join us" AA p.164*

### January 24th-26th

Hotel Information: Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Boulevard, Galveston, (888)388-8484, Room Rate \$129 per night. Deadline 12/31/19

[www.setaconvention.org](http://www.setaconvention.org) Email: [2020@aa-seta.org](mailto:2020@aa-seta.org)

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Mail: SETA 2020 Convention, PO BOX 301, Pearland TX 77588

## Public Information

What is Public Information work and Why Should A.A.s Do It? Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote: Public Information takes many forms — the simple sign outside a meeting place that says "A.A. meeting to-night;" listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to "one drunk carrying the message to another drunk," whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media.

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Presents

### **"Who is Sponsoring Who?"**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019  
2:00pm – 5:00pm**

Workshop based on the A.A. Pamphlet:

**"Questions & Answers on Sponsorship"**

Looking to find a sponsor? Looking to sponsor someone? What is a service sponsor?

All are welcomed!

Refreshments will be served & Door Prize!

**Don't miss this informative, fun workshop!**

Location: Santa Fe Council

On Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

12043 15th St.  
Santa Fe, TX 77510

# RESOURCES

## Cooperation with the Professional Community



Cooperating with nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where A.A. is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-A.A.s. Here is a list of jobs

and professions that C.P.C. committees have approached. Your committee may think of others: alcoholism or substance abuse counselors; armed forces officers, unit commanders or military chaplains; athletic coaches; corrections officers; court officials; educators; employers or employee assistance professionals; health care professionals (doctor, nurse, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.); clergypersons; judges; juvenile services professionals; law enforcement officers; lawyers (prosecutor, defense attorney); probation or parole professionals; professional students; public health officials; senior services professionals; social workers; union officials. A professional can be a family doctor or other health care professional, a member of the clergy, a law enforcement or court official, an educator, a social worker, an alcoholism or other counselor, or anyone who deals with problem drinkers in the course of their work. Many of these people often encounter the suffering alcoholic, and in spite of public awareness, many of them simply don't know what to do with a drunk.

## LET LITERATURE CARRY THE MESSAGE, TOO

Today, as in the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous, the A.A. message of recovery from alcoholism is carried by one alcoholic talking to another. However, since the publication of the first edition of the Big Book in 1939, literature has played an important role in spreading the A.A. message and imparting information about the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery. A.A. co-founder Bill W., who often called the influence of A.A. literature "incalculable," wrote in the May 1964 issue of the Grapevine, "Suppose, for instance, that during the last twenty-five years A.A. had never published any standard literature...no books, no pamphlets. We need little imagination to see that by now our message would be hopelessly garbled. Our relations with medicine and religion would have become a shambles. To alcoholics

generally we would today be a joke and the public would have thought us a riddle. Without its literature, A.A. would certainly have bogged down in a welter of controversy and disunity."

(The Language of the Heart, p. 348) Bill's words ring just as true today. The newcomer, walking into an A.A. group for the first time, may be given a meeting list, basic recovery pamphlets and, depending on the individual group conscience, perhaps a copy of Living Sober or the Big Book. In 1992, the Conference Literature Committee suggested that the trustees' Literature Committee develop literature committee guidelines comprised of shared experience from the Fellowship. These guidelines provide a summary of shared experience of A.A.s in the groups, central and intergroup offices, general service areas and districts who have formed literature committees and shared how they "Let Literature Carry the Message, Too."

## AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

A Meeting in print. Does your home group have their own subscription? I ask your group to consider subscribing for Grapevine's monthly publication.

**Grapevine** is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism, Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. Often referred to as our "meeting in print," Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, unity, and service. Founded in 1944, Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through magazine and web subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of subscriptions and related items. The awareness that every A.A. member has an individual way of working the program permeates the pages of Grapevine, and throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of A.A.s around the world. As such, articles are not intended to be statements of A.A. policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either A.A. or AA Grapevine, Inc. As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to the A.A. movement as a whole.... Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, Grapevine will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholic Anonymous.... Like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement it is to mirror, there will be but one central purpose: The Grapevine will try to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics and practice the A.A. principles in all its affairs

# SERVICE WORK

## District 81 Standing Committees

<b>Archives</b> <b>Susie A.</b> <b>Dana H</b>	<b>Last Monday of month 5:15</b> <b>Alvin Taylor Street</b> <b>Archives.District81@aol.com</b>
<b>Correctional Facilities (CFC)</b> <b>Darryl H.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 6:30pm @ Bay Area Cl</b> <b>CORRECTIONS81@gmail.com</b>
<b>Grapevine</b> <b>Kimberly L</b>	<b>District81.grapevine@yahoo.com</b>
<b>Literature</b> <b>Ann R.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:30 pm @ Bay Area Club</b> <b>Literaturecommittee81@yahoo.com</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Budget</b>	<b>Last Wednesday 7:00pm Panera @646</b> <b>financebudgetD81@gmail.com</b>
<b>Treatment Facilities (TFC)</b> <b>Sandy M.</b>	<b>Last Wed 6:30pm @ Bay Area Club</b> <b>tfc.committee@gmail.com</b>
<b>Public Info/ Coop w Prof Community (PI/CPC)</b>	<b>Last Wed 6:30pm @ Bay Area Club</b> <b>pi.cpc.committee@gmail.com</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> <b>Please send Articles due 2 weeks prior District Meeting</b>	<b>DCM-81@aa-seta.org</b>

**Contact the Chairpersons listed for further information to join!**

### Spotlight on Committees (Cont.)

The committee meets the second Monday of every month a.)t the Bay Area Club at 6:30 p.m. in Room F.

### Archive Committee

Our focus of this committee is to collect and preserve group histories in our district and A.A. history in general. It is my ambition to make Archives more captivating, as well as to create an insatiably interesting environment for current and future members.  
Susie A.

## Spotlight on Committees

### Treatment Facilities Committee

We go into three treatment facilities in the area once a month each. There are 11 facilities, but we do not have the manpower to cover them all.

We give a one-hour presentation that covers two brief personal stories, a brief history of A.A., what A.A. is and is not, types of meetings, literature, and the fun quiz "are you an alcoholic?"

To make the residents' transfer out of the facility easier, we offer a service called Bridge the Gap, where we take the newly released individual(s) to up to six meetings, show them around, introduce them to people, and answer questions.

We hold a monthly meeting on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bay Area Club, Room E. All are welcome.

### Literature Committee

The Literature Committee's purpose is to inform people about A.A.-approved literature. We discuss new literature coming out, changes being made to current literature, and pamphlets that are available. The Literature Committee may also plan and hold workshops; however, at the moment there are none there are coming up.