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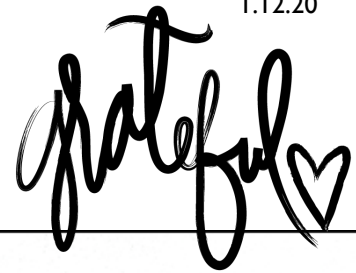
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*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol,
...that our lives had become unmanageable.*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and plant seeds wherever I can.



On New Years Eve, 2017, I sat alone drinking and scrolling through Facebook events to find something to do on New Years Day. As the next day was Sunday there were many churches posting for their New Year service. One in particular kept speaking to me, "The Church in the Wild".

I am not clear why but I kept going back to their posting and somewhere between the couch, passing out drunk, and waking up Sunday morning I decided to go there. I got dressed, left the kids (don't worry, they were nearly adults), entered the address in my Google Maps and headed toward downtown Houston.

Nearing my destination, behind the BBVA Stadium, I felt as though I had made some huge mistake. I passed the location as I saw very few vehicles around, only a painted butterfly on a small warehouse type building. When I circled back and slowly crept by I saw a small sign welcoming me to the service. I parked my car and prayed out loud, as if only to inhale some courage, God, please remove my judgements and let me hear the message.

After sitting through all of my judgements and not really hearing any message the service was over and I made a beeline to the car as to not interact with anyone. The pastor's wife, one of the most beautiful people I had ever seen, came to me near the front entrance and asked me if she could pray for me. I don't really know how it happened but I gave her my hands and she prayed. The tears streamed down my face but I didn't hear a single word. I felt awkward, panicked, and relieved all at the same time.

Of course I went home and quickly began drinking which I continued to do for the next few days as was my daily ritual. But something incredible happened to me on Wednesday morning! As I started my day with the usual routine of counting the beer cans in the sink, I heard a voice speak to me "This is where you start". What I heard was so powerful that I knew immediately that I needed Alcoholics Anonymous! I got on Google and found the closest meeting to me and appeared at my very first meeting ever at noon that day.

After the meeting, after bawling through my share, Melissa walked up to me and hugged me. The ice broke and I knew I was exactly where I was supposed to be. For the first time in 37 years I knew that I was powerless over alcohol and that my life had become unmanageable. (Teri V.)

THE TWELVE STEPS

1. I can't
2. God can
3. Let God
4. Look within
5. Admit wrongs
6. Ready self for change
7. Seek God's help
8. Become willing
9. Make amends
10. Daily inventory
11. Pray and meditate
12. Give it away

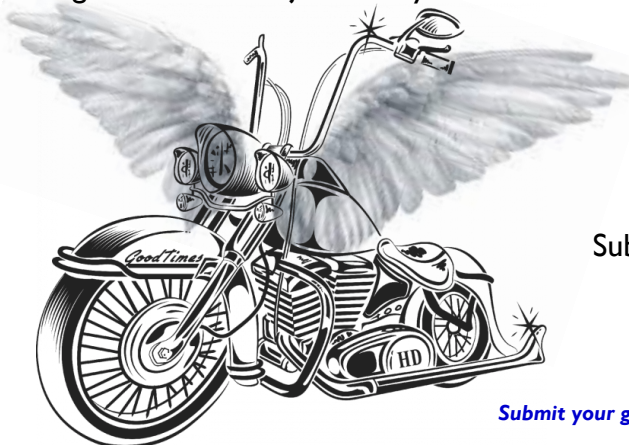
GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

The **New Freedom Riders** group is a spin off from another group. Some of the members of the previous group wanted to move to a different location, the rest did not. Hence, a new group was born.

We are a solution based group and all who seek recovery are welcome. Most of our meetings are open discussion with a few exceptions. On the third Sunday of each month we have a speaker meeting.

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. we hold a big book study meeting based on the Primary Purpose Big Book study guide. The remainder of our meetings are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.. We are also currently meeting at 10:00 on major holidays.

There is a coffee pot, plenty of good fellowship, and we do have a limited amount of literature for sale at our cost.



We're located at :
818 Angel Wing
Surfside Beach, Texas 77541
We hope to see you

Submitted in His Loving Service,
Frank B.

[Submit your group highlights to ats-gsr@hotmail.com](mailto:ats-gsr@hotmail.com)

DISTRICT 82 NEWS

Our district is on the rotation for hosting the April Area Assembly. That means that we will need volunteers to man the registration tables, the literature table and the hospitality suite. Beth R. has committed to present the New GSR Workshop and Ron C. has agreed to present the Advanced GSR Workshop. We are working on securing someone to present the Spanish GSR Workshop en espanol.

If your group would like to participate in the April Area Assembly service work we welcome you! The hospitality suite can be set up as a simple coffee service, that is our requirement, or should you choose to serve food you will garner many new friends as we all love to eat!!

D82 EVENTS

Alvin Group—Chili Cook Off w/ Silent Auction, Cake Auction and 50/50 Raffle! Robert L. will share his Feb 22nd double winner story and Hugh J. will share his 51 years of experience, strength and hope!!
204 S. Taylor St., Alvin, TX 77511

Plantation Group—35th Annual Founders Day Chili Cook Off & Bake Off, there will be door prizes!!
Feb 15th
501 Willow Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Our next district meeting will be held at the BAC in Clute on 2/2/2020 @ 1:30pm. Tag along with your GSR or just come curiously to see for yourself how much fun we have!! Best district in Area 67!!

Brazosport Area Club is located @ 147 Brazosport Blvd N, Clute, TX 77531

We would love to publish your story in an upcoming newsletter! It is a great opportunity for service and practice for sharing your story on stage and in Grapevine!! Submit your story to ats-gsr@hotmail.com