District 82 S.E.T.A. 67

Newsletter

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District Groups

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Angleton Group	1224C E. Mulberry ST.(I	Hwy 35)
		Angleton
Angleton Grupo FE	425 E Erskine	Angleton
Beginneers Group	147 N. Brazosport Blvd.	Clute
Clean Air Group Church	105 Oak Dr. S. St. Micha	eels Catholic Lake Jackson
Bay City Group 2701 A	ve. H	Bay City
Brockman Rd. Group	147 N. Brazosport Blvd.	Clute
Easy Does It Group	708 E. First St.	El Campo
Live To Ride Group	147 N. Brazosport Blvd.	Clute
Luz Y Paz Grupo	201 N. Lazy Ln. St Jeron (next to Parish Hall)	ne Catholic Clute
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Needville Group	16628 TX Hwy.36 Creek	side Christian
Church		Needville
New Beginnings Wome	n's Group 105 Oa	k Dr. S.
St. Michaels Ca	the second s	Lake Jackson
New Freedom Riders G	roup 815 Surf Dr.(enter f	rom Angle Wing
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Plantation Group	501 Willow Dr. St. Mar	k's Lutheran
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Surfside Group 815 Sur	rf Dr.(enter from Angle V	Ving St).
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Center		Sweeny

District Meeting Schedule -

http://aa-seta.org/dcms/82/Meeting_Schedule/D82_Meeting_Schedule_Nov25_2021.pdf

OPEN POSITIONS

District Level

Multilingual Chairperson Alt District Committee Member Alt Treasurer Alt Secretary Alt CPC Chairperson Alt CFC Chairperson Alt TFC Chairperson

1 Group General Service Representatives

Angleton Grupo Fe Bay City Group Brockman Rd. Group Easy Does It Group Live to Ride Group Luz Y Paz Grupo Needville Group New Beginnings Women's Group Sargent Serenity Group Surfside Group Sweeny-Old Ocean Group West Columbia Group

A letter from the Alternate Delegate...

Greetings my District 82 friends,

I am very grateful for everyone who is making this Newsletter possible.

Since we are drawing near to the end of another rotation, I would like to address our Third Legacy, how we practice that Third Legacy and our AA election process. Many of you are no doubt familiar with our Three Legacies, but there may be some who are not. Our Three Legacies are the three sides of our AA triangle. We find our Recovery, the First Legacy, through practicing our Twelve Steps. Our Unity, the Second Legacy, is ensured by honoring our Twelve Traditions. Service is our Third Legacy, and it is guided by the mysterious (to many) Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Our Third Legacy was designed to guide our service structure. It is that service structure which gives us the means as a fellowship to make decisions and conduct necessary business in a principled, spiritual fashion. At a personal level it allows us to learn to work out solutions to those issues by practicing love,

patience, tolerance, and kindness. It teaches us to disagree without being disagreeable. For this alcoholic, I would like to think that this has led to personal growth and enhanced my sobriety in a real and significant fashion. I think if you ask any number of our trusted servants, they will tell you they feel the same way.

As previously mentioned, we are approaching the end of a rotation, which means soon we will be holding our District elections and electing a full panel of new officers and committee chairs. In AA, we don't "run" for office, we

"stand" and make ourselves available for any position for which we meet the qualifications. This can lead us to stand for a position that we have some fear of holding. Maybe we are afraid that it will take too much time or require too much effort. This brings us to our Third Legacy voting procedure. This is a spiritually driven procedure that allows us to pick the right person for the position by relying on our Second Tradition. Our Higher Power can express itself through this procedure and guide us to select the person most suited for the position. So, even if there is fear about holding a certain position, if elected, rest assured that the Higher Power has expressed itself through the group conscience.

When election time comes around, I humbly urge each one of you to stand for any position for which you meet the qualifications. It will be an experience you must not miss. We know that you will not want to miss it.

In love and service, Rick M. Alternate Delegate Area 67/Panel 71 Structure of the Conference U.S. and Canada

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General Service Representative (G.S.R.): Working via the district and area committees, the G.S.R. is the group's link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.'s collective conscience. Sometimes called "the guardians of the Traditions," G.S.R.s become familiar with A.A.'s Third Legacy - our spiritual responsibility to give service freely. Usually elected to serve two-year terms, they:

- Represent the group at district meetings and area assemblies. . Keep group members informed about general service activities in their local areas.
- Receive and share with their groups all mail from the General Service Office, including the newsletter Box 4-5-9, which is G.S.O.'s primary tool for communicating with the Fellowship.

July/August Pamphlet of the Month

Go to the next page to read some highlights and information included in this pamphlet.

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Check Your Pamphlets

If your group has run out or is missing "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins," please contact Jim M. @jimmahon@yahoo.com



The A.A. Group

...where it all begins



Principles Before Personalities

Tradition Two: For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

The Principle of Rotation

Traditionally, rotation ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many groups have alternates to each trusted servant who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an A.A. office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth — a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us "to place principles before personalities."

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise — we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.

What Is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.

A.A. Group Inventory

Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: *to help alcoholics recover through A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery*. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles.

The following questions, compiled from A.A. shared experience, may be useful in arriving at an informed group conscience. Groups will probably wish to add questions of their own: *Continued on the next page*.

1. What is the basic purpose of our group?

2. What more can our group do to carry the message?

3. Is our group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross section of our community, including those with accessibility issues?

4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do to retain members?

5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do it better?

6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other A.A.s outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave what they share at meetings behind?

7. Does our group emphasize to all members the value of keeping up with the kitchen, set-up, clean-up and other housekeeping chores that are essential for our Twelfth Step efforts?

8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?

9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?

10. Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive and accessible meeting place?

11. Does our group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of A.A. — as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service?

12. What has our group done lately to bring the A.A. message to the attention of professionals in the community — the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help? 13. How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?



Events



Winner will be announced in the next newsletter!

CONTACT INFORMATION, AND THE TITLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER TO D82NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

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DISTRICT 82 ELECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

THERE WILL BE A LOT OF OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDING: DCM, ALT. DCM, TREASURER, SECRETARY AND MORE!!

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• Specific openings will be posted

in the next newsletter

history are considered!

There's no reason to be bored

in A.A!!

Need Info?

• Length of sobriety & service

JOIN OUR **TEAM**



Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly



Events

AT Este de To	SETA 2022 Events ASSEMBLY DATES: Jan 22-23, April 9-10, July 9-10, October 1-2 @ DoubleTree Houston Intercontinental All Assemblies will be in person and virtually. <u>MONTHLY SCHEDULE</u>						
OTHER EVENTS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
General Service Conference April 24-30, 2022 Brooklyn, NY	 D82 1:30 PM @ Rotating Location D90 2PM @ 1235 Crockett St Beaumont, TX 	CPC 7:30PM @ Spring Branch Club D60 6:30PM @ Way Out Women's Center	D52 7PM @ Fort Bend Council	D81 7PM @ Kelley's Rest. LaMarque Multi-Lingual 7:30PM @Dist 66			 **Spanish Dist 6PM
75 Texas State Convention June 17-19, 2022 Austin Hilton in downtown Austin	D32 Noon @ Champions Group Archives 1pm @ 5151 Mitchelldale St, Suite 10,	TFC 7:00PM Zoom Mtg	 D10 7PM @ First Unitarian Universalist Church, 3rd Fl D40 7:15 PM @ SBMC 	D70 7 PM Kelly's Rest Pasadena	D208PM@ Montrose Center		***Spanish Dist 6PM D63 6:00 PM 4800 West 34 th St Suite C-52 Houston TX
SWRAASA October 7-9, 2022 Renaissance Convention Center Tulsa, OK 74133	Houston, TX • D31 2PM @ 494 Meeting Hall		 Literature 7PM Zoom Mtg PI 7:30PM @ Spring Branch Club (4th Tues) 	CFC 7:30PM @ D66 Office 5645 Hillcroft	 GV 7:00PM @ Delta Club LaVina last Thurs 8PM@Dist 65 		D33 1PM @ Brazos Club **Spanish Dist 6PM Finance 10:00 AM Zoom Mtg
Convention January 21-23, 2022 1200 Lake Plaza Dr. Spring, TX 77389 International Convention July 2-5, 2025 Vancouver, Canada		**D62-Far SW, D63-NW, D64-NE, D65-SE, D66-SW all meet each Sat 6PM @ own District. Check with each Committee Chair or DCM for other times or places.					• D51 11AM @

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