

CoffeeBreak June 2019

FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

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~Central Office Meetings

Tuesday, June 11th.

Steering Committee Meeting - 6pm

Central Office Reps - 7pm

**Both meetings take place at the Harbor Club
3000 W 5th St, Fort Worth 76107*

~ COMBINED DISTRICT SIX ~

Saturday, June 22. – Meadowbrook Group – 11am

~ Committee Meetings ~

Special Needs - TBA

Corrections – June 2nd. @ Primary Purpose – 2pm

C.P.C./P.I. – June 22nd. @ Primary Purpose – 2:15pm

Grapevine – TBA

Treatment - Sunday, June 2nd – Meadowbrook

District 61 -- TBA

District 62 -- TBA

District 64 -- Saturday, June 22nd - @ Meadowbrook - 9am

District 74 -- Sunday, July 21st @ Decatur Group – 2pm



Step VI

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

“This is the Step that separates the men from the boys. So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.’s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults *without any reservations whatever*---has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his Creator. Of course, the often disputed question of whether God can---and will, under certain conditions---remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this: “Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn’t work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn’t stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and then ask a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished. It was lifted right out of me.” In A.A. meetings all over the world, statements just like this are heard daily. It is plain for everybody to see that each sober A.A. member has been granted a release from this very obstinate and potentially fatal obsession. So in a very complete and literal way, all A.A.’s have “become entirely ready” to have God remove the mania for alcohol from their lives. And God has proceeded to do all exactly that Having been granted a perfect release from alcoholism why then shouldn’t we be able to achieve by the same means a perfect release from every other difficulty or defect? This is a riddle of our existence, the full answer to which may be only in the mind of God. Nevertheless, at least a part of the answer to it is apparent to us.”

Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions pg. 63-64

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Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel nearness of our Creator. We have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience. The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will of come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the *Sprit of the Universe*. Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 75 Used with permission of AAWS

Tradition VI

"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."

"The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause. Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn't like alcoholics, so we thought we'd build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we'd educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We'd gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement. Maybe these places would make large sums of money to carry on our other good works. We seriously thought of rewriting the laws of the land, and having it declared that alcoholics are sick people. No more would they be jailed; judges would parole them in our custody. We'd spill A.A. into the dark regions of dope addiction and criminality. We'd form groups of depressive and paranoid folks; the deeper the neurosis, the better we'd like it. It stood to reason that if alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem. It occurred to us that we could take what we had into the factories and cause laborers and capitalists to love each other. Our uncompromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm around the shoulder of medicine, we'd resolve their differences. Having learned to live so happily, we'd show everybody else how. Why, we thought, our Society of Alcoholics Anonymous might prove to be the spearhead of a new spiritual advance! We might transform the world. Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great ideals. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout. Providence, through A.A., had brought us within reach of our highest expectations. So why shouldn't we share our way of life with everyone? Whereupon we tried A.A. hospitals—they all bogged down because you cannot put an A.A. group into business; too many busybody cooks spoil the broth. A.A. groups had their fling at education, and when they began to publicly whoop up the merits of this or that brand, people became confused. Did A.A. fix drunks or was it an educational project? Was A.A. spiritual or was it medical? Was it a reform movement? In consternation, we saw ourselves getting married to all kinds of enterprises, some good and some not so good. Watching alcoholics committed will-nilly to prisons or asylums, we began to cry, 'There ought be a law!'

A.A.'s commenced to thump tables in legislative committee rooms and agitated

for legal reform. That made good newspaper copy, but little else. We saw we'd soon be mired in politics. Even inside A.A. we found it imperative to remove the A.A. name from clubs and Twelfth Step houses." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg 155-156

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Concept VI

"On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Concepts Checklist

"Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office.

While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our co-founder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience. Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual /Twelve Concepts for World Service and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated"amphlet. (The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

Concept VI: 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.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?

- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we

see a direct link to our home group?"

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Tarrant County Wide

June 1st. Unity Forth Worth
Tarrantcountywide.org,
Dessert & Coffee

Meadowbrook Group

54th Anniversary

Sunday, June 2nd.

Southwest Group

57th. Anniversary

Sunday, June 2nd.

How To Chair A Meeting

Hosted by Town North (Dist. 21)
Dallas

73rd Texas State Convention

June 7th – 9th
The Westin Galleria
5060 West Alabama, Houston, TX
www.txaaconvention.org

2019 NETA 65

Summer Assembly

June 14th. – 16th.
Cleburne Convention Center
501 Henderson St., Cleburne, TX
76033
*HTTPS://neta65.org

Glass House Group

36th. Anniversary

June 21st. & 22nd.

2019 Summer Area Committee

Meeting (ACM)

July 14, Ray of Hope Group
Seven Points, TX

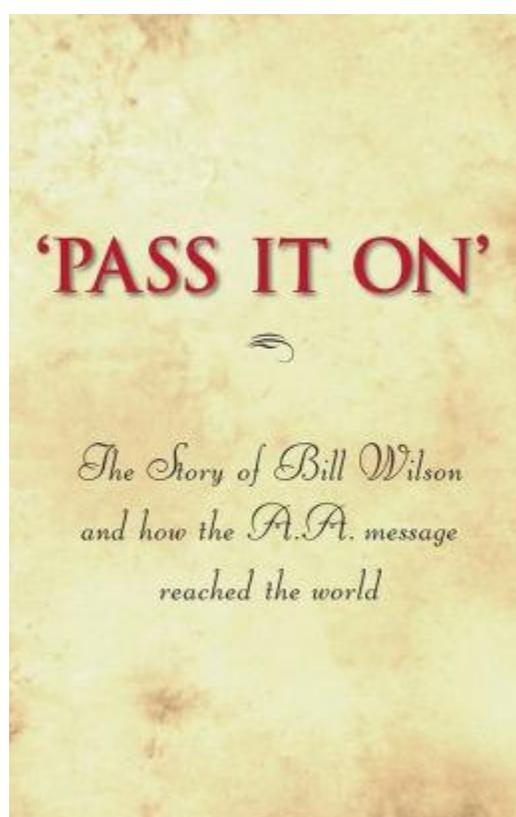
National AA

Technology Workshop

September 20 – 22
Bowling Green, KY

ON SALE \$6.00

Get one before they are all gone!!!



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