

Coffee Break, March 2020



FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

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~Central Office Meetings~

Tuesday, April 14th.

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, February 8th. – Meadowbrook Group – 11am

~Committee Meetings~

Special Needs - TBA

Corrections – Sunday, April 5th. @ Primary Purpose – 2:00pm

C.P.C./P.I. - Sunday, March 15th. @ Southwest Grp. – 4:30pm

Grapevine TBA

Treatment - Workshop, Saturday, 3/7 @ Glass House 2:00pm – 5pm

Saturday District 61 – Saturday, March 14th. @ Mid Cities – 9:00 am

District 62 - Saturday, March 7th. @ Stewart Street Group – 9:00am

District 64 - Saturday, April 11. - @ Meadowbrook - 9am

District 74 - Sunday, March 8th. @ North Weatherford Group – 2pm

Step III

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

“Selfishness, self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate. Sometimes they hurt us, seemingly without provocation, but we invariably find that at some time in the past we have made decisions based on self which later placed us in a position to be hurt.

So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so. Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kill us! God makes that possible. And there often seems no way of entirely getting rid of self without His aid. Many of us had moral and philosophical convictions galore, but we could not live up to them even though we would have liked to. Neither could we reduce our self-centeredness much by wishing or trying on our own power. We had to have God's help.

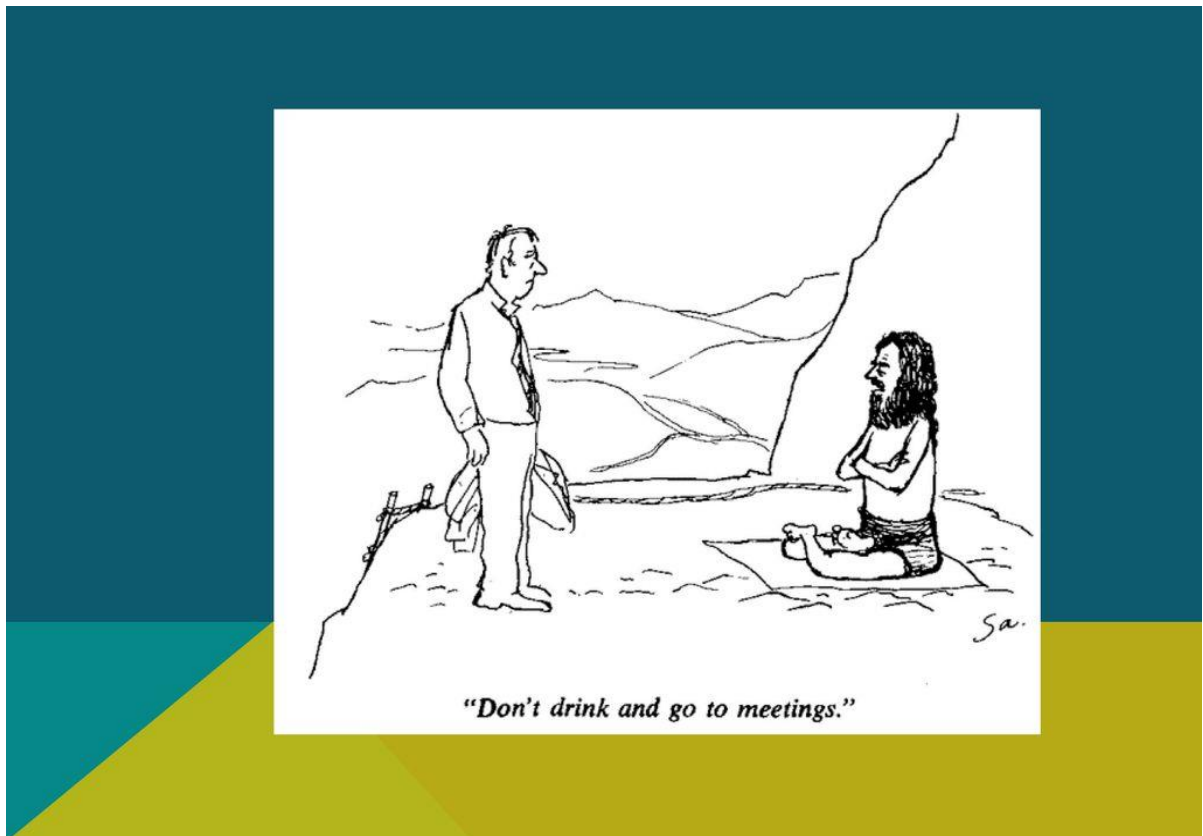
This is the how and the why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most Good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our own little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him: ‘God, I offer myself to Thee--to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!’ We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.”

Alcoholics Anonymous pgs. 62,63

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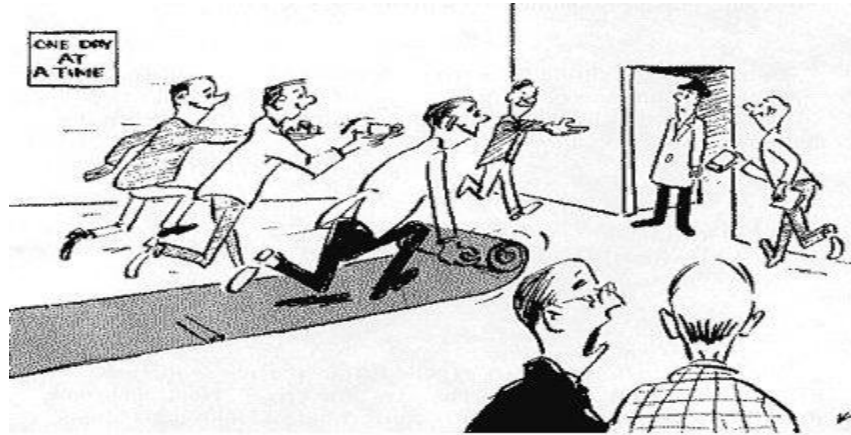
Tradition III

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

“This Tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, “You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you A.A. We don't want to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So, you're an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself.”

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early time, nothing seemed so fragile, so easily breakable as an A.A. group. Hardly an alcoholic we approached paid any attention; most of those who did join us were like flickering candles in a windstorm. Time after time, their uncertain flames blew out and couldn't be relighted. Our unspoken, constant thought was “Which of us may be the next?”

A member gives us a vivid glimpse of those days. “At one time,” he says, “every A.A. group had many membership rules. Everybody was scared witless that something or somebody would capsize the boat and dump us all back into the drink. Our Foundation office* asked each group to send in its list of 'protective' regulations. The total list was a mile long. If all those rules had been in effect everywhere, nobody could have possibly joined A.A. at all, so great was the sum of our anxiety and fear.”



"You give him unrealistic expectations. I'll start working on tearing his ego apart."

CONCEPT III

“As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of the world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

“Within the framework of their general responsibilities, whether these be defined by charter, by resolution, or by custom, it should be the traditional right of all world service boards, committees, and executives to decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions. We ought to trust our world servants with these discretions, because otherwise no effective leadership can be possible. Let us consider in detail, therefore, why the need for a “right of decision” in our leadership is imperative, and let us examine how this principle can be applied practically in all levels of our structure of world services.

We have seen how the A.A. groups, under the concept of the of the “group conscience,” are today holding the ultimate authority and the final responsibility for world services. We have also noted how, by the reason of the Conference Charter and the “trusted servant” provision of Tradition Two, the groups have delegated to their General Service Conference full authority to manage and conduct A.A.’s world affairs.

The Conference and General Service Board Charters in broad terms define the responsibility of the Conference to act on behalf of A.A.. In these two documents a necessarily large area of delegated service authority and responsibility has been stacked out. These instruments, in a general way, describe the relation between the groups, the Conference, the trustees and the active service units. These broad definitions and descriptions are indispensable frame of reference, and we could not function without them.

Nevertheless, it has long been evident that these highly important Charter provisions cannot *by themselves* ensure smooth functioning and proper leadership at the several different levels of service which are involved. This has become crystal clear, and we need not seek very far for the reasons.

For example: knowing that theirs is the final authority, the groups are sometimes tempted to instruct their *Delegates exactly* how to vote upon certain matters in the Conference. Because they hold the ultimate authority, there is no doubt that the A.A. groups have the *right* to do this. If they insist, they *can* give directives to their Delegates on any and all matters.”

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SPECIAL EVENTS

2020 NETA Treatment Workshop

Saturday, March 7, 2:00pm –
5:00pm, Glass House, 6713 Hemsell
Pl., Ft. Worth, TX 76116

TARRANT COUNTYWIDE

March 7, 2020
Unity Fort Worth, 5051 Trail Lake
Dr., Ft. Worth, 76133
TOM M. – Speaker
No Hassle Group., Dallas
Potluck (Dessert) 6:30pm-7:00pm
Speaker 7:00pm – 8:00pm
*(Please bring a dessert, Service
Opportunities Available, 7th Tradition)*

How to Chair a Meeting Workshop

Rockwall Big Book Group
March 14 @ 2:00pm – 4:00pm
113 Kenway St., Ste 109, Rockwall,
TX 75087

12 Traditions Workshop

Get In The Car Group
Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-
4:00pm, Center of Unity Church,
Grapevine, TX
Presented by Jimmy D.

How to Chair a Meeting Workshop

Texarkana Downtown Group
Saturday, March 21 @ 7:00pm –
9:00 pm, Serenity Club, 2013 S. Ann
St., Texarkana, TX 75501

2020 Spring Area Assembly

March 27 – 29, 2020
Mesquite Convention Center &
Exhibit Hall, 1700 Rodeo Dr.,
Mesquite, TX 75149
(Registration Is Open)
Get more information at www.neta65.org

49th. Anniversary, Granbury Serenity Group

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 11:00am –
7:15pm
1205 Lipan Hwy., Granbury, TX
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THERE IS A SOLUTION

Spring ACM

April 19, 2020 – 1:30pm-
4:30pm
Downtown Suburban Grp.
1034 East Lake St., Tyler, TX
75701

75th Texas State Convention

June 12-14, 2020
Hilton Forth Worth
815 Main St.
Ft. Worth Texas, 76102
**Convention Sign Up To Be A
Volunteer**

[http://txaaconvention.org/
volunteer](http://txaaconvention.org/volunteer) or visit
www.txaaconvention.org

2020 Summer Assembly (Post Conference)

June 19-21, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn (PENDING)
Longview, TX

2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

July 2 – 5, 2020
Ford Field, 2000 Brush St.
Detroit, MI 48226

2020 Fall Election Assembly & Convention

September 18-20, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn (PENDING),
Arlington, TX

We have some great news!!

You can now make contributions and payments **online!**

Yes, finally!!

You can send money directly to your Fort Worth Central Office from your (or your group's) bank account using **Zelle!** You can set this up from your online banking website and send payments straight to the CO bank account. All you need is the email which is officemgr@fortworthaa.org and make sure to write in the memo section who it's from and what it's for (and any contact info in you wish) I can then email you a receipt. Please feel free to call me anytime with questions, I will be happy to help!

The Zelle logo is displayed in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The letter 'z' is lowercase and has a unique shape with a vertical line extending downwards. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the 'e'.

Would you like to be a Central Office Supporting Member?

Central Office Supporting Membership

AA's know the many vital contributions made by the Central Office and are often willing to contribute directly to its support. The Fort Worth Central Office is designed to be fully self-supporting through the contributions of the A.A. members and groups it serves; and through its own activities, such as literature sales. It does not accept contributions from any non-A.A. member or organization. Contributions from groups and members as well as literature sales vary significantly each month. The combined income does not provide a predictable operating budget.

The Office is now inviting AA's to contribute affordable amounts directly and regularly as Supporting Members. You are a Supporting Member if you are an A.A. member and you say you are a supporting member. The amount that is affordable to you is your decision; a dollar a day, a dollar a week, ten dollars a month or any other amount. The goal is to establish a predictable added base of income to support office work. Supporting Member contributions will not affect existing Home Group contributions.

Simply call the Central Office at 817-332-3533 during regular working hours, and offer your name, contact information, and the amount you choose to contribute monthly. Donor names will not be published. The only requirement is that you be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. *The method of payment may be check by mail, "Bill-Pay" service, cash at the office (do not mail cash), debit card (over phone or at the office) or online through Zelle! (which is free for us!)* At the end of the year, or when requested, a statement of contributions can be sent. Supporting Member contributions are tax deductible.

Contact the Central Office for more information about becoming a Supporting Member. Our Seventh Tradition states that:

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for EVERYTHING you do for us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 817-332-3533.

Thank you!
Erin & EJ