

# Coffee Break, JUNE 2020



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### ~Central Office Meetings~

The Central Office Steering and COR meetings will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of EVERY Month at 7pm, for now, until further notice. Both meetings will be held together as 1 meeting.

If you would like the ZOOM information so you can attend this meeting, please email [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org)

### ~ COMBINED DISTRICT SIX ~

I will send out more info for CD6 as it comes in

CD6 virtual committee meeting June 13th 11am using the Go To Meeting format.

The meeting ID will be 602-350-397

Contact Mark L 817-980-2840

CD6 CPC/PI committee resumes 4:30 pm, 3rd Sunday every month. All welcome.

Contact: Jan D. for location info due to Covid-19 uncertainty.

817-793-2640

[dfwdarwin@gmail.com](mailto:dfwdarwin@gmail.com)

CD6 Corrections will be meeting via Zoom on Sunday, June 7th, at 2:00 PM.

To get the link contact Mary C 817 262-8178

### ~ District Meetings ~

#### District 64

District 64 is meeting Virtually June 13th 9am using the Go To Meeting format, meeting ID 608-781-045

Contact Mark L for meeting invite link at 817-980-2840 or email [markapollo33@att.net](mailto:markapollo33@att.net)

Please watch for updates for all Districts and Committees. We will post on Our website as we receive the information.

Thank you!

## **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.”

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## **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 Used with permission by the AAWS, Inc.

## 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 Pamphlet”. (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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*“ 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 come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe ” .* Alcoholics Anonymous

## ***We have some great news!!***

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

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](mailto: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!



*Our 7th tradition is in my thoughts in this time of angst. Our meetings are getting smaller size wise if our local city governments haven't outright shut them down. This will obviously affect the basket. What it doesn't affect in many cases is rent for the home group that will still need paid, literature for the prisons and treatment centers that our trusted servants take with them to pass out when they carry meetings into our local facilities, and most importantly our Central Office and inter groups. We will definitely come out of this downturn in time, but if we all don't figure out a way to support the 7th tradition will our home groups and Central Office survive. Imagine all the restrictions lifted and we finally get to go back to our groups only to find the landlord locked the doors for failure to pay. Worse yet when that still suffering alcoholic calls the Central Office at 10 pm to get the famous "sorry this number is no longer in service". I would hate to see the day either of these becomes a reality. So, all I ask is that each of us try and find an extra \$5 or \$10 bucks to send to the home group and your local Central Office/Intergroup to keep things up and running. Talk to your sponsees about the importance of self-supporting and how we are the financial relief these folks need. I know things are about to get tight, but just consider it and pray on it.*

Anyone can send money to the Central Office with Zelle to [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org) or call with a cc over the phone! (check with your groups about possible ways to contribute online or through the mail as well)

We thank you ALWAYS for your continued support and are grateful for each of you!

**"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

## Frequently Asked Questions....

- 1. Are groups still meeting in person?** Yes some group are still meeting in person. I have spoken with several groups in the area and they have voted to continue with their regular meeting schedule and are following specific restrictions. You can find the group closures on our website under the MEETING APP tab. The ones not marked with 'closure' should be open with regular schedule, although we cannot guarantee they will be meeting. If you know of a group closure that is not listed on the site, please call us and let us know.  
**UPDATE: More groups are opening back up on a weekly basis. Please call or check our site for updated info.**
- 2. Are there online meetings?** Yes many groups and individuals have created an online platform to hold meetings. Some have the same meeting schedule, and some have a new temporary schedule. You may find this info on [www.fortworthaa.org](http://www.fortworthaa.org) and click the link to right that's titled Fort Worth Online Meetings
- 3. Is the Central Office still open?** In a way, yes. We are very limited on our "in office" hours but continue to work remotely from home and answering the phones 24/7. Groups can schedule a day and time to come purchase literature with Erin. Just call the office 817-332-3533 or cell (Erin) 817-420-3866
- 4. Can we make online contributions?** Yes, you may send money through Zelle to email [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org) or you may pay with a CC over the phone by calling either of the numbers above.
- 5. Does the Central Office need volunteers right now?** At this point we have frozen all of our volunteers and volunteer needs for the office EXCEPT answering after hour phones. If you have at least 1yr of continuous sobriety and would be interested in helping with our hotline, just call the office anytime and we will give you information about that. As far as help in the office, we will post on our website when the office opens back up and at that time, we will defiantly need volunteers 😊
- 6. How do we find out updated information on AA related events, assemblies etc (closures, cancellations reschedules, etc)** We will post all updates, as we get, them on our website.(instructions to get info from our site, see #1) If you don't find what you're looking for, You can also check the area website for NETA65 updates as well [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org)  
As always, call us anytime with questions and we will be happy to help in any way!

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy! Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns, anytime!

This too shall pass! Hang in there folks!

We will get through this!

### **Responsibility Statement**

**I am responsible,  
when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there,  
and for that  
I am responsible**