

LAST CALL

District 70 Newsletter

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District 70 meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Kelley's Country Cooking 7011 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena, TX Any AA member may attend and we invite you to join us! Come at 6:00pm for food & fellowship!

MEETINGS ARE HYBRID
ZOOM ID 876 982 5767 Password 842598

*District 70 includes
Clear Lake, Pasadena, Baytown,
Seabrook and part of League City*

**SEND DONATIONS FOR DISTRICT 70 TO
P.O. BOX 1502
DEER PARK, TX 77536**



Service Opportunities

Trusted Servant Open Positions

District Treasurer
Alt Treasurer
Alt Secretary

Committee Chairs Needed

Archives
Correctional Facilities
Finance & Budget
Grapevine
Intergroup Liaison
Literature
Treatment Facilities

For more information about any service positions please email our DCM at deborah.t@aa-seta.org



"My thinking is for my amusement only."

"I drank so much my blood type is AA."

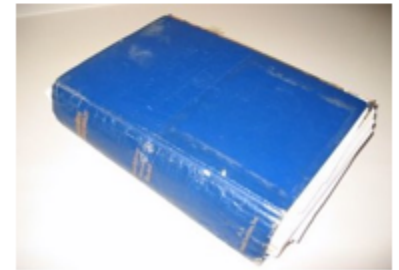
"There are two types of pain: one that hurts you and one that changes you."

"The only thing an alcoholic hates more than change is the way things are."

"I'm not an alcoholic because I drink too much, I'm an alcoholic because I can't drink enough once I start."

"Recovery is not about assembling a sequence of days or months or years where you successfully resisted the urge to drink. Recovery is about not wanting to drink ever again."

"A Big Book that's falling apart is usually owned by someone who isn't."



What would you like to see in this newsletter? Do you have ideas for articles? We want to hear from you!

The newsletter committee meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at the Camel Lodge: 2211-B Spencer Hwy in Pasadena.
For more info email sara.b@aa-seta.org.
Please include your name and contact information in the body of your email

Group Headlines & Happenings



NOON AT THE CREEK

2ND SATURDAY SPEAK & EAT

July 10, 2021

Summer Salad & Shrimp Dishes @ 6:30pm

Speaker "Shrimper" Ray O. 33 years @ 7:00pm

Location: Clear Creek Club

1310 5th Street, Seabrook, TX

Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert

Meeting is hybrid: Zoom ID 7557720257 PW 687870

SUNSET GROUP 26TH ANNIVERSARY

August 7, 2021 4:00-8:00pm

Camel Lodge 2211-B Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX

Bingo-Karaoke-Dinner-Speaker Jeff B. 30 years

Send your group news and special events to
sara.b@aa-seta.org



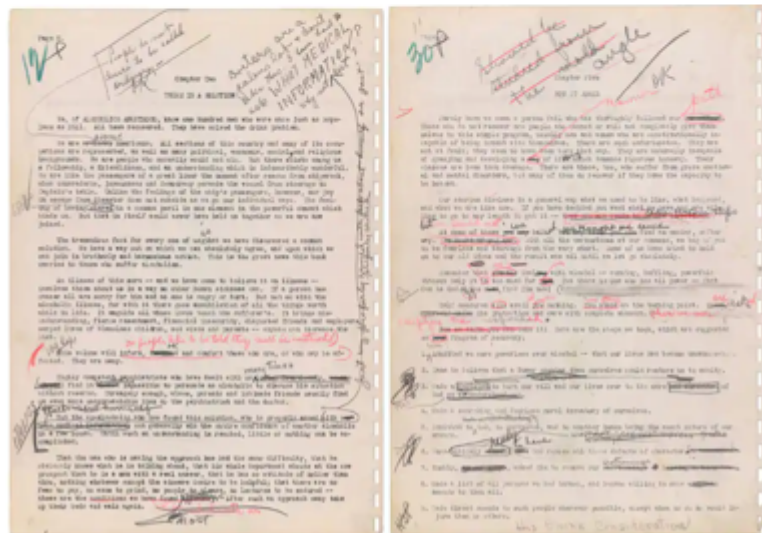
- July 10-11** **SETA Assembly**
Doubletree Hotel Houston
Intercontinental Airport
- July 16-18** **74th Tyler AA Anniversary**
University of Texas Patriot Center
Tyler, TX
aatyleranniversary@gmail.com
- July 24** **District 70 Workshop**
Make & Keep Your AA Group Strong
Camel Lodge
2211-B Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX
- July 24** **Intergroup Summer Open House**
4140 Directors Row, Houston, TX
- August 20-22** **40th Annual District 90 Convention**
MGM Elegante Hotel & Conf Ctr
Beaumont, TX
- August 26-29** **62nd ICYPAA – New Orleans, LA**
www.icypaa.org
- Sep 30-Oct 3** **24th National AA Archives Workshop**
San Antonio, TX
2021ArchivesWorkshop@gmail.com

Our History



The original working draft of the Big Book was distributed to friends and colleagues of AA's founders for input before the First Edition was printed.

The manuscript, with hand-written notes by Bill Wilson and others, remained with Bill Wilson until his death in 1971. In 1978 Wilson's wife Lois gave it to the couple's close friend Barry Leach. According to a 2017 lawsuit, Leach signed a notarized letter in 1979 gifting the manuscript to A.A. World Services. In exchange, Leach asked only to be able to keep it in his possession until his death.



Somewhere between 1979 and Leach's death in 1985, however, everyone at A.A. World Services apparently forgot about this arrangement. Leach's brother, as executor of his estate, declared that Leach had "no tangible personal property of significant value."

The whereabouts of the manuscript remained unknown until it reappeared at an auction house in 2004, sold by a "Joseph B." for \$1.5 million. It was auctioned again in 2007 to Alabama resident Ken Roberts for \$992,000. A few months later, according to court documents, A.A. World Services rediscovered Leach's notarized letter. When Roberts moved to auction the manuscript in 2017, AAWS sued to stop him, claiming it was the rightful owner. Details of the settlement are unclear, but A.A. agreed to waive its right to the manuscript.

In May 2018 the manuscript sold at auction for \$2.4 million to Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay. He periodically loans it to AAWS for display at the NY office several months a year.