

# LAST CALL

## District 70 Newsletter

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

District 70 meets at 7:00 pm on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at  
Kelley's Country Cooking  
7011 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena, TX

Any AA member may attend and we hope you will  
join us! Come early for food & fellowship!

### MEETINGS ARE HYBRID

ZOOM ID 876 982 5767 Password 842598



## 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 information about any service positions  
please email our DCM at [deborah.t@aa-seta.org](mailto:deborah.t@aa-seta.org)

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



## CROSSTALK AND ITS IMPACT ON A MEETING

Crosstalk can mean different things to different people. Until the 1990s the word wasn't even in A.A. vocabulary. Some groups define any comments, negative or positive, about another person's sharing beyond "Thank you for your share" as crosstalk. Some outline crosstalk as engaging directly in conversation with another alcoholic during the meeting or providing commentary or feedback on what another has shared. Some definitions include making "you" or "we" statements about what someone should do or not do, giving advice, speaking to an individual directly instead of speaking to the group as a whole, interrupting the person who is speaking or asking them a follow-up question.

In general, when it comes to crosstalk, giving advice or disruptive sharing in meetings, a useful guideline is to keep the focus on A.A. unity — and on our own personal experiences as they may be helpful to another recovering alcoholic — to keep sharing on track and resentments from creeping in.

Of course, there can be a fine line between sharing and intrusion, as many groups have discovered, and what works in one location may not work in another. Whether an individual A.A. group chooses to include crosstalk guidelines in its meeting format is entirely up to its group conscience to determine, of course. GSO has no such guidelines or even definitions about crosstalk. The main thing most groups can agree on, however, is that all sharing needs to be non-judgmental.

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*"From the very beginning, one drunk talking to another has made the A.A. program go round,"... "When someone shares in response to something I've said, that's okay, but only so long as there's not even a hint of censure, belittlement, scolding or preaching, all under the guise of sharing. Knowing there's no risk of judgement makes me feel safe."*

—Anne T., Rome, NY

From [aacl.org](http://aacl.org) "Keeping Crosstalk at Bay"

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Groups should be cautious about setting up too many rules and regulations in response to what and how people share in meetings: There are no rules in A.A. We are guided by our Twelve Traditions and the customs and conscience of each autonomous group. Experience shows that for most groups attempts to control don't work very well. On the other hand, the non-judgmental sharing we receive at meetings in response to something we have said can be beneficial to our recovery. It's how we learn to live sober, productive lives, and that's what sharing our experience, strength and hope is about.

## Group Headlines & Happenings



### NOON AT THE CREEK

2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY SPEAK & EAT

June 12, 2021

Lasagna Dinner @ 6:30pm

Speaker Lynne S. (24 years) @ 7:00pm

Location: Clear Creek Club

1310 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Seabrook, TX

Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert

Meeting is hybrid: Zoom ID 7557720257 PW 687870

Send your group news and special events to  
[sara.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:sara.b@aa-seta.org)



**June 11-13** *Texas State Convention, Fort Worth, TX*

<https://txaaconvention.org>

**July 10-11** *SETA Assembly  
Doubletree Hotel Houston  
Intercontinental Airport*

**July 24** *District 70 Workshop  
Make & Keep Your AA Group Strong  
Camel Lodge*

*2211-B Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX*

**August 26-29** *62<sup>nd</sup> ICYPAA – New Orleans, LA*

[www.icypaa.org](http://www.icypaa.org)



### A.A.W.S. Test Pilot Program: Reduced Shipping Charges

As part of our ongoing efforts to make the lifesaving message of Alcoholics Anonymous easily accessible, from May 17 through October 18, 2021 A.A.W.S. is offering a 5-month test of reduced shipping charges on its entire catalog of books, pamphlets, audiovisual material and more.

## RECOVERY TOOLKIT



## AA GRAPEVINE

## LA VIÑA

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous and La Vina is its Spanish counterpart. Often referred to as our “meeting in print”, both magazines reflect a broad spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity and service.

Grapevine and La Vina have a lot to offer newcomers, old-timers, middle-timers and others in recovery. With their emphasis on the principles of AA, they can enrich a member’s understanding of AA Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and be powerful tools of spiritual growth as well. The stories and articles are direct and personal and as varied as the Fellowship itself. Grapevine writers come from all walks of life and every generation and geographic area.

Having a copy of The Grapevine or La Vina on hand makes time waiting for an appointment pass quicker, ensures you have a meeting topic readily available, connects you to AAs around the globe, and is a way to get some quick inspiration. Subscriptions are very affordable, offered in print or digital, and they make great gifts for your friends, sponsor or sponsees!

Visit [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) for more information and to start your subscription.

*We have recovered, and have  
been given the power to help  
others.*

*Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 132*



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