

The Lighthouse

BILL W. ON LEADERSHIP

GRAPEVINE ARTICLE

STEP, TRADITION, & CONCEPT

DISTRICT 82

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 82 MEETING SCHEDULE

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Bill W. on Leadership

No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. But once we have created a basically sound structure, that job is finished, except for occasional refinements.

With leadership we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity. It is therefore a problem that in its very nature cannot be permanently solved. We must continuously find the right people for our many service tasks. Since our future effectiveness must thus depend upon ever-new generations of leaders, it seems desirable that we now proceed to define what a good service leader should be; that we carefully indicate in each level of service, especially in our Board of Trustees, what special skills will always be required; and that we review our present methods of finding and choosing that leadership.

First let's remember that the base for our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of several thousand General Service Representatives (GSRs), several hundred area Committee Members, and nearly a hundred Delegates. These are the direct agents of the A.A. groups; these are the indispensable linkage between our Fellowship and its world service; these are the primary representatives of A.A.'s group conscience. Without their support and activity we could not operate permanently at all.

When making their choices of GSRs, the A.A. groups should therefore have such facts well in mind. It ought to be remembered that it is only the GSRs who, in Group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name Committee Members and finally name the Delegates. Hence great care needs to be taken by the groups as they choose these Representatives. Hit-or-miss methods should be avoided. Groups who name no GSRs should be encouraged to do so. In this area a degree of weakness tends to persist. The needed improvement seems to be a matter of increased care, responsibility and education.

As the GSRs meet in their Assemblies to name Delegates, an even greater degree of care and dedication will be required. Personal ambitions will have to be cast aside, feuds and controversy forgotten. "Who are the best qualified people that we can name?" This should be the thought of all.

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Grapevine Article

Showing What We Do

When I joined my new home group, I got an opportunity to see how leadership in AA can work in unexpected ways. My group elected representatives for most of the local AA service committees, but I noticed one of them was missing. We had never sent a rep to our local CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) committee, which provides information about AA to professional people such as clergy, lawyers and doctors. The committee lets them know what AA does, and just as important, what AA doesn't do. So I volunteered to represent my group, and I was elected.

I went to the monthly committee meetings and reported back to our group. Probably my main contribution was to encourage our group to talk about the work of the CPC committee. When my one-year term was done, I didn't feel like I had accomplished very much, but one thing had changed. From that time on, our home group routinely filled the position.

After my term ended, our group elected a really energetic and determined person. She came up with an idea that had never occurred to me. She worked with our CPC committee to develop a new program to cooperate with a local university's school of nursing to have their students attend open AA meetings. The CPC committee provided AA volunteers to welcome them and to answer any questions they might have.

From the early days of AA, health care professionals have referred people with a drinking problem to us, but that won't happen if they don't know about us. Those of us in AA are so familiar with Alcoholics Anonymous that we tend to forget how many people really don't know much about what we actually do. They see the problems alcoholic drinking causes, but they don't necessarily know what kind of solution AA offers. Nurses certainly encounter a lot of alcoholics in the course of their careers. I believe it can be important for the students to see with their own eyes that recovery is possible.

When I get involved in our home group, I may not see all the results at the time. It's only later—sometimes much later—that the unintended effects of small beginnings start to become clear. Sometimes, leadership in AA is just doing the next thing in front of me.

Bob P, Tucson, Arizona

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STEP 9

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

The Action Continues

What can I surrender in this step?

My hesitation to take action, and
Fear they won't accept my amends, and
Fear of the outcome.

TRADITION 9

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Organization and Service Aren't Mutually Exclusive

CONCEPT 9

"Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees."

We Lead to Serve Rather Than Leading to Govern

Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?

Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election?

Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them"?

Do I set a positive leadership example?



"ABOVE ALL, WE SHOULD TRY TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT WE ARE NOT DELAYING BECAUSE WE ARE AFRAID. FOR THE READINESS TO TAKE THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF OUR PAST ACTS, AND TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS AT THE SAME TIME, IS THE VERY SPIRIT OF STEP NINE."

Pg 87 of the 12 & 12

WE DO SET UP COMMITTEES AND BOARDS . . .

But whether they make coffee . . . or help organize



"A.A.'S TWELVE TRADITIONS APPLY TO THE LIFE OF THE FELLOWSHIP ITSELF. THEY OUTLINE THE MEANS BY WHICH A.A. MAINTAINS ITS UNITY AND RELATES ITSELF TO THE WORLD ABOUT IT, THE WAY IT LIVES AND GROWS."

From the Foreword of the 12 & 12

They lead us by example. They don't boss!



NINTH STEP PRAYER

God, give me the strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the consequences may be. Help me to consider others and not harm them in any way. Help me to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. Help me to not repeat such behaviors. Show me the way of patience, tolerance, kindness, and love, and help me live the spiritual life.

AMEN

D i s t r i c t 8 2

NEXT DISTRICT 82 MEETING

SEPT 7TH 1:30

100 OAK DR S, STE E, LAKE JACKSON
GOOGLE MEETS

TREASURER'S REPORT

District 82 Treasurers' Summary - Jul 2025

Opening Balance	\$5,459.60
Contributions	
Clean Air \$100	\$155.00
Individuals \$55	
Expenses	
CFC \$34.13	- \$34.13
Ending Balance	\$5,580.47
Prudent Reserves	\$2,800.00

GSR REPORTS

GSRs share what is going on in each group in the district. Do you have something to share about your group? Do you have questions on how the District Committee could help your group? Join us, we are here to help, not govern.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Chairs of the different service committees in the district keep us informed on what is happening in their service arm. Would you like to get involved? Do you have questions? How can you be of service?

CONCEPT 9 REVIEW

A member will present their understanding of concept 9. Do we understand this concept? How does this concept apply to the District? Does the District follow this concept?

AREA COMMITTEE

Treatment Facilities Committee will join the district meeting this month. They will give a short presentation on what they do and how they can offer assistance to our district.



FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Following the last District Inventory, more events were requested to promote unity and service to the fellowship. Do you have an idea? Is there something you'd like to see happen? Come share your ideas.

S.E.T.A. ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY, OCT 11TH

AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

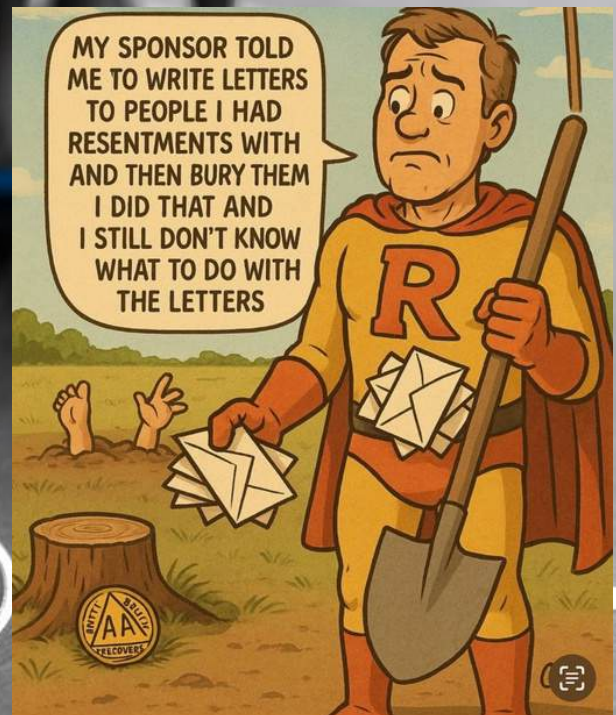
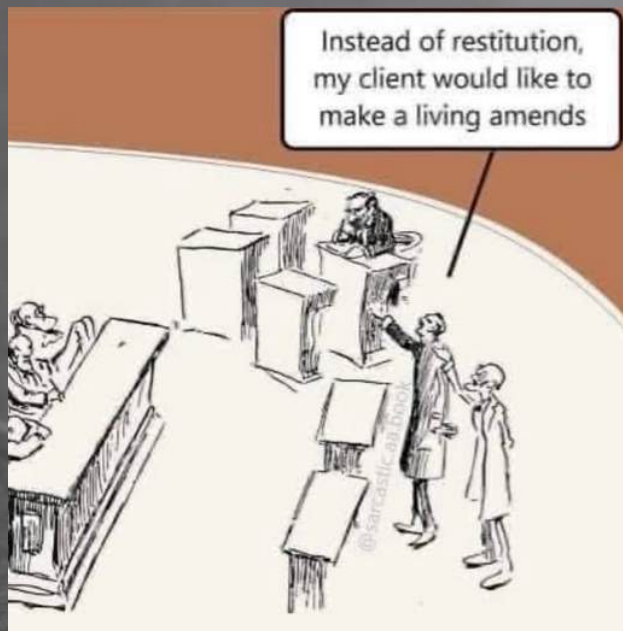
The DCM will give a report on Area 67's most recent Committee Meeting and Area Assembly. What are the hot topics in Area 67? How do they affect us in District 82?

Navigation

humor in the solution

"BUT WE AREN'T A GLUM LOT. IF NEWCOMERS COULD SEE NO JOY OR FUN IN OUR EXISTENCE, THEY WOULDN'T WANT IT. WE ABSOLUTELY INSIST ON ENJOYING LIFE."

Pg 132 of the Big Book



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Navigation

how they found the solution

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP ARE DISPLAYING DISCIPLINE, SPIRIT OF SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP BY SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE THIS MONTH.

"...he is but a small part of a great whole..." Pg 130 of the 12 & 12

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CONFERENCE

MARK P IS SHARING HIS STORY!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 8:00 PM
15700 JOHN F KENNEDY BLVD
HOUSTON, TX 77032

25TH HOUR GROUP FALL ALCATHON

DAN M IS SHARING HIS STORY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:00 PM
87 LYERLY
HOUSTON, TX 77022

ANGLETON GROUP SPEAKER MEETING

KELLIE M IS SHARING HER STORY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 6:00 PM
1224 E MULBERRY ST
ANGLETON, TX 77515

AUTUMN IN THE OZARKS SPEAKER MEETING

JIM M IS SHARING HIS STORY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 7:30 PM
1127 NE 62 B
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

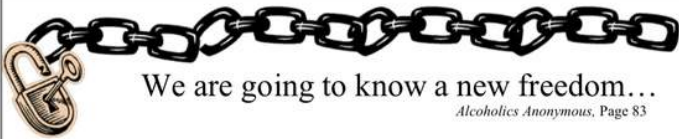
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LESLIE P IS FEATURED IN SEASON 9 EPISODE 6

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Keeper Sightings in Area



We are going to know a new freedom...

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Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference

September 5, 6, and 7, 2025

TDCJ Orientation

CF Professional Panel

Volunteer Panel

INSIDE

SPEAKER

English & Spanish

Speakers:

Bahiyah W. Spring, TX

Mark P. Lake Jackson TX.

Mickey P. Ft Worth Tx

Eduardo Houston TX

Inside Speaker TDCJ

Registration \$10.00

Friday & Saturday Night
Ice Cream Socials

Saturday Night Banquet

Hospitality Room and Great
Fellowship



HOTEL

Sheraton North Houston at George Bush IAH, 15700 JFK Boulevard, Houston, TX 77032

Limited rooms are available, so please reserve your rooms early.

Mention you are attending the SETA CFC 2025 to receive the \$89 per night

All reservations must be made by **August 15th** through the reservations department by calling
(281) 442-5100

Link: [Book your group rate for SETA CFC 2025](https://www.setacfcconference.net)

Mail the form and make check payable to:
SETA CFC 2025 CONFERENCE
PO Box 920612 Houston, TX 77292-0612
Link: <https://www.setacfcconference.net>



Registration

For Further Info:
call (832) 744-1963 Tilly
cfc@aa-seta.org



**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN AA CLUB
AND AN AA GROUP.**

**DISTRICT 32 IS SPONSORING A WORKSHOP ALONG
WITH LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP**

Sunday September 7 from 3 to 6

Location is 6643 West Montgomery 77091

Sign up at heightsclubhouston@gmail.com

**Bring your questions and leave with
answers.**

No cost but please sign up.

WORKSHOP LEADER IS ALICE B.

ALWAYS FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.



ANGLETON AA SPEAKER MEETING

KELLIE M.

BEGINNERS GROUP

Sobriety Date: 01/15/2022

Saturday, September 13th

6PM



1224 East Mulberry Street

**ShoeMaker
17 Year
Anniversary!!!**

1p Susan Old Rive 36yrs

2p Food & Fellowship

3p Katie P. Dallas 27yrs

Sept. 20, 2025

@ Methodist Church
Deer Park, Tx.



**DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT?
SUBMIT FLYERS TO [D82NEWSLETTER.COM](https://d82newsletter.com)**

Nautical Mile events further out

25TH HOUR GROUP
Fall Alcañon
NORTHSIDE 24 HOUR CLUB ANNIVERSARY

NORTHSIDE 24-HOUR CLUB
87 LYERLY HOUSTON, TX 77022
713-691-8310

Friday Sep 12th
6:30 PM SPEAKER TERRELL B. TEXAS HOUSE 21 VRS.
8:00 PM SPEAKER JESSICA N. 3RD TRADITION 17 VRS.
9:30 PM CANDLELIGHT MARIE D./ALONZO D. 25TH HOUR GROUP 22/3VRS.

Saturday Sep 13th
10:00 AM DAILY REFLECTIONS MIKE W. 25 TH HOUR GROUP 17 VRS.
NOON SPEAKER HEN M. DELTA CLUB 20 VRS.
2:00 PM SPEAKER TOM L. SERENITY GROUP 29 VRS.
3:30 PM SPEAKER CALVIN W. SPRING GROUP 3 VRS.
5:00 PM SPEAKER BIG DAM PLANTATION GROUP 7 VRS.
7:00 PM SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 14th
10:00 AM ASH IT BASKET KELLY G. WILLIS PPG 8 VRS.
NOON SPEAKER JEFF C. WILLIS PPG 10 VRS.
2:00 PM SPEAKER DARRYL W. 25 TH HOUR GROUP 32 VRS.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - THE CLUB WILL BE SELLING FOOD BEFORE & AFTER EACH MEETING.
SUNDAY - THE CLUB WILL HOST A FREE "GRATITUDE MEAL" SERVED AFTER 2:00 PM SPEAKER MEETING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
DARRYL W. 832-235-3961 / MARIE D. 346-424-4779 / RICHY D. 832-469-7039

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

DISTRICT 81
SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP

WHY SPONSORSHIP? WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP?
DO I NEED A SPONSOR? HOW DO I GET A SPONSOR

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4613 STATE HWY 3 · DICKINSON, TX 77539

AA News September 2025

The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of Non-Trustee Director following the General Service Conference in April 2026. The Board of Trustees has requested that the AA Grapevine Board's recommendation be presented for this position to the trustees' Nominating Committee for review by its January 2026 meeting. We therefore ask that completed resumes be submitted by Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

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Meeting Schedule

City	Location	Group	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Angleton	124C E Mulberry St (across from H-E-B)	Angleton Group	12p O 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p C 6P O	12p O 6P O
Clute	147 N Brazosport Blvd	Grupo Fe y Esperanza	7:30p			7:30p			
Clute	147 N Brazosport Blvd	Free to Live	10a O						10a O
Clute	147 N Brazosport Blvd	Brockman Group		12p O	12p C	12p C	12p C	12p O	
Clute	147 N Brazosport Blvd	Beginners Group	6p C	6p O	6p C	6p C	6p C	6p C	6p O
Lake Jackson	100 Oak Dr South	New Beginnings for Women		12p C					
Lake Jackson	100 Oak Dr South	Clean Air			12p C		12p C		
Lake Jackson	200 Oyster Creek (St Timothy's)	Plantation Group		6:30p C			6:30p C		6:30p O
Bay City	2701 Avenue H (Trailer by Railroad)	Bay City Group	7p O	7p O	12p O	7p O	7p O	12p O	7p O
El Campo	708 E First St (Bible Truth Church)	Easy Does It Group		7p O			7p O		
Needville	16628 Hwy 36 (Creeside Christian Church)	Needville Group	6:30p O						
Sweeny	205 N Oak St (Sweeny Senior Citizen's Center)	Sweeny-Old Ocean Group		8p O		8p C			8p O
West Columbia	117 E Clay St (St Mary's Episcopal Church)	West Columbia Group						8p O	



This District 82 schedule is intended to help you locate meetings within the District 82 boundaries of Area 67. It is subject to change without notice. For more information and schedule updates, contact Houston Intergroup at (713) 686-6300 or online at <http://www.aahouston.org> or download Meeting Guide app on your phone.

