

The Light house

Velasco, TX 1896-1967

**Trusted Servant
Grapevine Article
Step, Tradition, Concept
District 82
Upcoming Events
District 82 Meetings**

PHOTO: VELASCO LIGHT HOUSE - DISASSEMBLED BY DOW WHEN THEY PURCHASED THE PROPERTY

Past Delegate on Concept X

CONCEPT TEN: EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE MATCHED BY AN EQUAL SERVICE AUTHORITY, WITH THE SCOPE OF SUCH AUTHORITY WELL DEFINED.

This principle ensures that while trusted servants and service bodies have the freedom to act within their assigned roles, they are also answerable for how they use that authority. Authority without responsibility leads to abuse, while responsibility without authority leads to frustration and ineffectiveness.

In practice, this means that A.A. service—whether at the group, area, or world level—relies on a balance of trust, clearly defined roles, and accountability. By aligning authority and responsibility, the Fellowship maintains both effectiveness in service and the spirit of humility and mutual trust that underpins all A.A.’s work.

In my experience, some of our groups, most all our districts and certainly our area, have clearly defined roles and responsibilities for their trusted servants. Often, as a delegate and now past delegate, I have been called upon to help a group with “a situation.” Let’s look at a situation that involves a trusted servant, for example a Chair of the Workshop Committee. This Chair spent way more money than anyone in the group had expected and went out and got donations from local businesses for door prizes. CONTROVERSY!

At the end of the day, what I often have to share with these groups comes back to Concept X, if you have not clearly defined the scope (expectations for a workshop and the costs associated) and responsibilities (not including fundraising from outside AA), then the group is ultimately to blame.

In summary, in A.A., when someone is given a job to do, they should also be given the right amount of authority to do it. And at the same time, they’re responsible for how they carry it out. If there’s authority without responsibility, it can be misused. If there’s responsibility without authority, nothing gets done. Keeping authority and responsibility balanced helps A.A. serve well and stay healthy.

Troy B.

Past Delegate Area 67, Panel 69

Grapevine Article

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

THE admission of a wrong compares in its effects to a strong cauterizing agent. When applied promptly it burns away the infection, but the treatment may be painful. How much mental pain an individual incurs by admitting a wrong depends not so much on the degree of the wrong as on how seriously he is afflicted with vanity and false pride. The more vain the person, the more reluctant he is ever to admit a mistake. The more false pride he has, the more imperative it seems to him to perpetuate the illusion of his own perfection.

Since we all know that vanity and false pride are distortions of the mind, perhaps the reason they are so common is the fact that, although we can spot them immediately in others, we have considerable difficulty in detecting them in ourselves.

Here the value of the personal inventory is self-evident. If it is honest and thorough, it will leave no vanities and false pride unrevealed. It is the means by which we can detect in ourselves the faults we note so readily in others and which we know are obstacles to the growth of an effective and happy personality.

The first inventory we take as we begin to apply the A.A. program naturally tends to be the most soul-searching and the most revealing. In most cases, it is the first self-reckoning we have undertaken in many years and most of us are likely to unearth a great accumulation of debris.

This inventory provides the guide for basic, and usually drastic, correction. Subsequent inventories serve to show whether the first efforts toward correction have been effective and what additional correction may be needed. By this method of personal checkup, we can determine for ourselves whether we are actually moving forward or have slipped backward.

Continued personal inventory is also a medium for readjustment to new objectives. As the A.A. moves upward he frequently finds that he is constantly lifting his sights. What satisfied him previously does not do so any longer. When he was learning to crawl he looked ahead to being able to walk. When he could walk he wanted to run. His expanding personality demands larger fields. If the person he wanted to be yesterday has come into being, he now wishes to be a still better person.

The inventory, obviously, is only part of the treatment. The deficiencies it reveals must be made up. Or, in the thought of the 10th Step: When wrong, promptly admit it. That is putting the inventoried knowledge into action.

Haliburton once wrote, "When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry."

Anger, as we well know, is particularly poisonous to us. How foolish and ironical to fall prey to it through vanity!

Editorial

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STEP 10

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This is What a Sober Day Looks Like

What can I surrender in this step?

My belief that I don't need to enhance the inventory I did in Step 4 each and every day and identify "defects du jour."



TRADITION 10

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Outside Issues Can Tear Us Apart



CONCEPT 10

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

Clarity of Roles, Responsibility and Authority is Vital

Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.?

Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority"?



AS BY SOME DEEP INSTINCT, WE A.A.'S
HAVE KNOWN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
THAT WE MUST NEVER, NO MATTER WHAT
THE PROVOCATION, PUBLICLY TAKE SIDES
IN ANY FIGHT, EVEN A WORTHY ONE.

TWELVE AND TWELVE PG 176

TENTH STEP PRAYER

GOD

REMOVE THE SELFISHNESS, DISHONESTY, RESENTMENT AND FEAR THAT HAS CROPPED UP IN MY LIFE RIGHT NOW. HELP ME TO DISCUSS THIS WITH SOMEONE IMMEDIATELY AND MAKE AMENDS QUICKLY IF I HAVE HARMED ANYONE. HELP ME TO CEASE FIGHT ANYTHING AND ANYONE. SHOW ME WHERE I MAY BE HELPFUL TO SOMEONE ELSE. HELP ME REACT SANELY; NOT COCKY OR AFRAID. HOW CAN I BEST SERVE YOU – YOUR WILL, NOT MINE BE DONE.

AMEN

District 82

NEXT DISTRICT 82 MEETING

OCT 5TH 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 10 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?

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 COMMITTEE

Archives 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.



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?

Literature Assignment Activity Update

SEVERAL NEW, REVISED, AND RETITLED ITEMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

PAMPHLETS

"INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN A.A."
"TWELVE STEPS ILLUSTRATED"

BOOKS

M-39 ADVISORY ACTIONS BOOKLET REFLECTS
THE ACTIONS OF THE 75TH GSC
THE BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 YEARS OF
SHARING LOVE AND SERVICE
THERE IS A SPECIAL PRINTING OF THE LANGUAGE
OF THE HEART TO COMMEMORATE A.A.'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY
THE PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A TOOL FOR
READING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS ALSO
AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO INCARCERATED
MEMBERS IN FACILITIES USING TABLETS.

GRAPEVINE

THE A.A. GRAPEVINE IS NOW OFFERING
GREETING CARDS
THE GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA HAS A YOUTUBE
CHANNEL

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UPDATES IN PROGRESS

PAMPHLETS

"DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DIFFERENT"
"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SPONSORSHIP"
DEVELOPING A PAMPHLET FOR THE
TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC IN A.A.
DEVELOPING A PAMPHLET FOR THE ASIAN AND
ASIAN AMERICAN ALCOHOLIC IN A.A."

BOOKS

FIFTH EDITION BIG BOOK (ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS): THE DRAFTS OF EXPANDED
CONTENT IN APPENDIX III:
"THE MEDICAL VIEW ON A.A." AND APPENDIX V:
"THE RELIGIOUS VIEW ON A.A." & PERSONAL
STORIES.
FOURTH EDITION BIG BOOK ALCOHÓLICOS
ANÓNIMOS (SPANISH)

ADVISORY ACTION


THE TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE
FORMED A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ADDRESS AN
ADVISORY ACTION "BEGIN A STUDY TO EXPLORE
THE NEEDS OF SPANISH-SPEAKING MEMBERS
FOR TOOLS TO ACCESS THE BIG BOOK.

VIDEO

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS VIDEO ANIMATION

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

Keeper Sightings in Area




SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!


*"Give freely of what you find and join us"
(The Big Book, Pg. 164)*

**District 82
Open Positions**

Alt DCM
Alt Secretary
Grapevine
Alt Grapevine
Alt Intergroup
Alt IT
Alt Literature
Alt Multilingual
Newsletter
Alt PI
Archives

For info, please join us at our next
District Meeting:
October 5th @ 1:30pm
St. Michael's Church
located at
100 Oak Dr S.
Lake Jackson, Tx 77566 pm





**DISTRICT 70
UNITY DAY PICNIC**

OCTOBER 4, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm
Legacy Club
920 Austin Ave - Pasadena, TX

10am: Workshop - Sponsorship: When, Why, How
11am: Scavenger Hunt, Outdoor Games
11:30am: Fried Chicken & Sides
1pm: Guest Speaker - Donnie B. - 19 yrs
Sobriety Countdown * Recovery Skit * Door Prizes



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**SOUTHEAST
TEXAS AREA 67
October Assembly**

Saturday October 11th
8am GSR Workshop
9am to 5pm Assembly

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
WORKSHOPS!!**
1pm -3pm
COME CHECK OUT SEVERAL COMMITTEES!!!!

TFC CFC ARCHIVES GRAPEVINE
SCAP IT NEWSLETTER MULTILINGUAL
CPC LaVINA LITERATURE FINANCE

San Jacinto College North
5800 Uvalde Rd-Bldg 12
Houston, Tx 77049

**DISTRICT 20
PRESENTS
STEP 1, 2 & 3 WORKSHOP**

October 18, 2025
1:00 PM
Harris County
The Old ReCenter
3809 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002



Step 1: **Cliff F.** of Third Tradition Group
Step 2: **Dathon M.** of Post Oak Group
Step 3: **Cookie S.** of Third Tradition Group

Snacks provided
Games & Prizes



Google Meet link

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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.

