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!

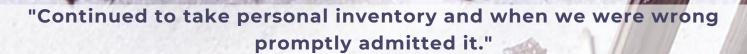
At the end of the day, what I often have to share with these groups comes back to Concept X, if you have not clearly defined the scope (expectations for a workshop and the costs associated) and responsivities (not including fundraising from outside AA), then the group is ultimately to blame.

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



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 selfreckoning 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**

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

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

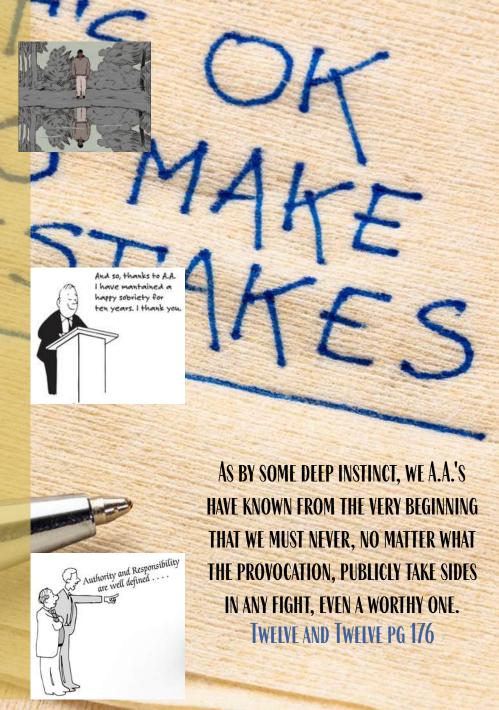
"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

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"?



### 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

#### Distrit 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 11<sup>th</sup>

### 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 RETURNED THEMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

#### PAMPHIETS

"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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#### 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."

### Updates in Progress

#### 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

### 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

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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### Meeting Schedule

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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 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	100					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	1				
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	1		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	X	<b>7</b> p O	IX		7p O	d	
Needville	16628 Hwy 36 (Creekside Christian Church)	Needville Group	6:30p O		V.		1		
Sweeny	205 N Oak St (Sweeny Senior Citizen's Center)	Sweeny-Old Ocean Group		8p O		8p C	70	W	8p O
West Columbia	117 E Clay St (St Mary's Episcopal Church)	West Columbia Group			1		Tileson-	8p O	1.1



This District 82 schedule is intended to help you locate meetings within the District 82 boundries of Area 67. It is subject to change without notice. For more information and schedule updates, contact Houston Intergroup at

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Meeting Guide app on your phone.