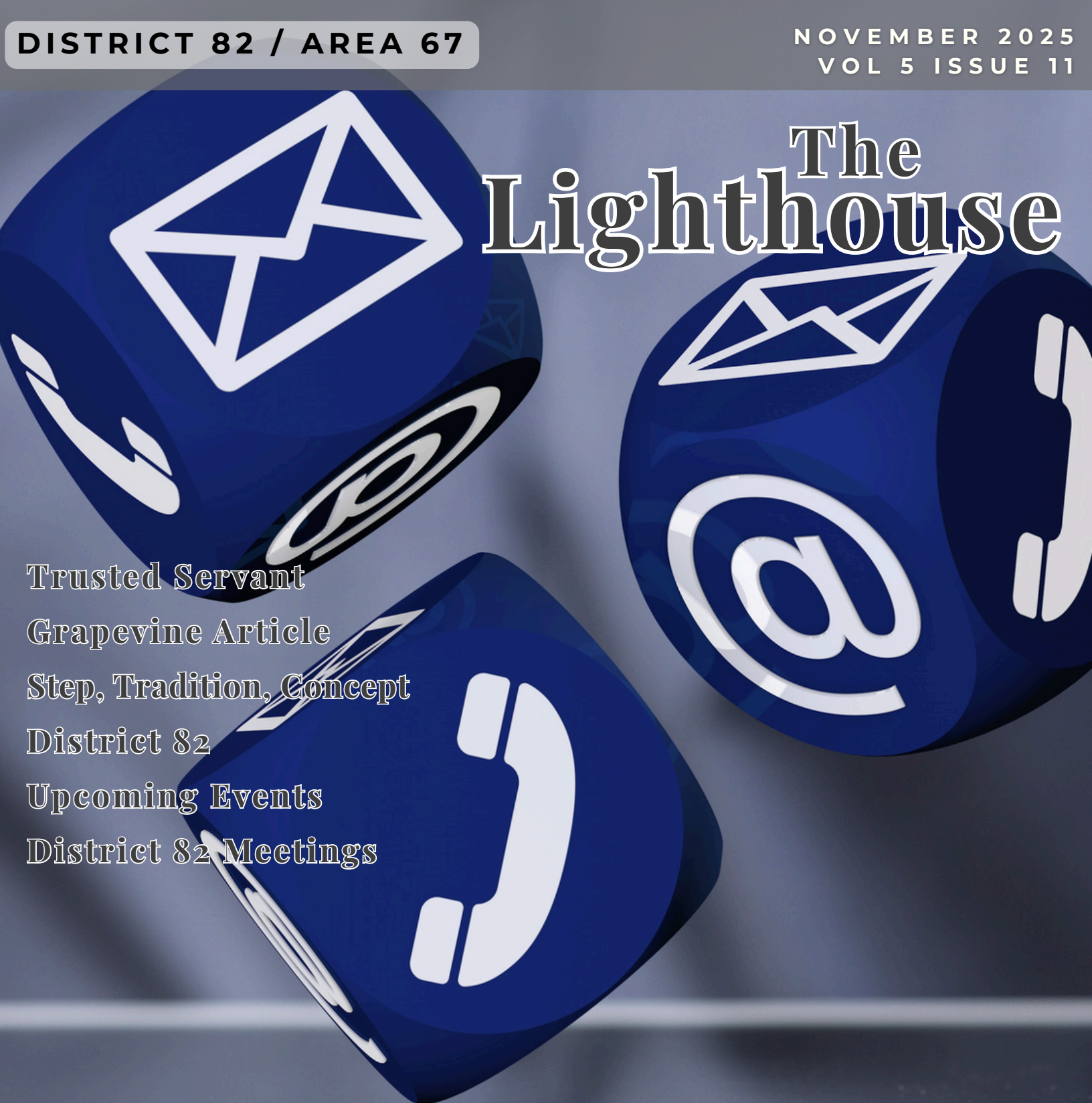


The Lighthouse



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

Area 67 Chair Shares

So... The Advisory Action I wanted didn't pass. Now What?

Let's be honest. When something we've worked hard for in AA doesn't pass- Whether it's at the General Service Conference, our Area, District, or even our Home Group-it can sting. I might feel disappointed, frustrated, or even a little mad...ok, maybe a lot mad!

So, how should I handle it?

AA's Traditions and Concepts give some pretty clear guidance:

Tradition 1- Tells us the Common Welfare -our Unity-comes first

Tradition 2- Says our Group Conscience is how a loving God speaks to us, and that our leaders are but Trusted Servants, they are not our rulers.

This means even if the outcome isn't what I wanted; the Group Conscience is still our final voice of authority. It's not about me winning. It's about US staying unified.

When we look at the AA Concepts of World Service, we're reminded of a few important things:

- The General Service Conference isn't a boss- It's a service body that reflects our collective conscience
- Concept 4- Says we all have a right to take part in the discussion and decision.
- Concept 5- Gives us the Right to Appeal if we're in the minority, so our voice is heard. If I think the process wasn't thorough or fair, I can go through the process to bring the idea up again.
- Concept 12- Reminds us that all our decisions should follow the spirit of the Traditions-talk things through, get all the appropriate information needed (Informed group conscience) aim for broad agreement (substantial unanimity 2/3), and avoid punishing anyone or creating unnecessary conflict.

At the end of the day, if I really believe something is important for AA, I can work within the process to bring it up again later. But I need to do it respectfully, keeping principles before personalities.

And yes - feelings are real. It's okay to be disappointed and even upset. When that happens, I can pause, ask God for guidance, CALL MY SPONSOR, and be of service to the suffering alcoholic. This too will pass and I will learn from each experience.

Our Traditions and Concepts remind me that AA works best when we treat each other with humility, respect, kindness, and patience. Unity comes first, ALWAYS.

Love and Blessings,

Patty H

Area 67 Chair

Panel 75

Grapevine Article

Our Eleventh Step

AROUND THE TABLES, I have now listened to thousands of discussions related to the new concepts of God which are part of the recovery process. The change from an angry, vengeful, punishing God to a loving, forgiving, generous God is the normal course for the newcomer as time passes without the first drink. It was a joyful experience when I went through it, and it is a joy to feel this growth in others as they come to believe in a Power greater than themselves.

But as our years in AA go by, how much effort is given to obtaining a still better understanding of God? Recently, hoping to enrich my own experience, I began to question others. In day-to-day living, what portion of the day was being given over to studying God? Our Eleventh Step directs itself to Improving our conscious contact with God. Isn't that a suggestion to exert effort?

I don't think I can increase my understanding of God by immersing myself in lofty books filled with doctrine and dogma and deep theories. Prayer and meditation seem the best way, but some books dealing with spiritual matters do help to keep me working on a better understanding, not only of God, but of myself.

If reading the Big Book, the "Twelve and Twelve," the Grapevine, and other AA literature was so good for me in the beginning of my sobriety, it should be even more beneficial now, as the program continues to change my personality. I find life giving more and more to me. So I must give more and more of myself to the AA Fellowship, or I won't have any understanding of God. If I want to understand God better, I must use the program to even greater advantage. AROUND THE TABLES, I have now listened to thousands of discussions related to the new concepts of God which are part of the recovery process.

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Grapevine Article

FOUR PARADOXES OF AA

By: JOHN P. DECEMBER 1953

A PARADOX, YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, IS A STATEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO BE FALSE, A STATEMENT WHICH IS SELF-CONTRADICTORY, BUT WHICH UPON CAREFUL EXAMINATION PROVES TO BE TRUE.

1. WE SURRENDER TO WIN. ON THE FACE OF IT, SURRENDERING CERTAINLY DOES NOT SEEM LIKE WINNING. BUT IT IS, IN AA. ONLY AFTER WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF OUR ROPE, HIT A STONE WALL IN SOME ASPECT OF OUR LIVES BEYOND WHICH WE CAN GO NO FURTHER, ONLY WHEN WE HIT "BOTTOM" IN DESPAIR AND SURRENDER, CAN WE ACCOMPLISH SOBRIETY. . . WHICH WE COULD NEVER ACCOMPLISH BEFORE. WE MUST, AND WE DO, SURRENDER TO WIN.
2. WE MUST GIVE AWAY TO KEEP. THAT SEEMS ABSURD AND UNTRUE. HOW CAN YOU KEEP ANYTHING IF YOU GIVE IT AWAY? BUT IN ORDER TO KEEP WHATEVER IT IS WE GET IN AA, WE MUST GO ABOUT GIVING IT AWAY TO OTHERS, FOR NO FEES OR REWARDS OF ANY KIND. WHEN WE CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE AWAY WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FREELY IN AA, WE HAD BETTER GET READY FOR OUR NEXT "DRUNK." IT WILL HAPPEN EVERY TIME. WE'VE GOT TO CONTINUE TO GIVE IT AWAY IN ORDER TO KEEP IT.
3. WE HAVE TO SUFFER TO GET WELL. THERE IS NO WAY TO ESCAPE THE CRISIS, THE TERRIBLE SUFFERING OF REMORSE AND SHAME AND EMBARRASSMENT WHICH STARTS US ON THE ROAD TO GETTING WELL FROM OUR AFFLICTION. THERE IS NO NEW WAY TO SHAKE OUT A HANGOVER. IT'S PAINFUL, AND FOR US, NECESSARILY SO. I TOLD THIS TO A FRIEND OF MINE AS HE SAT WEAVING TO AND FRO ON THE SIDE OF THE BED, IN TERRIBLE SHAPE, ABOUT TO DIE FOR SOME PARALDEHYDE. I SAID, "LOST JOHN (THAT'S HIS NICKNAME) LOST JOHN, YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SHAKING SOONER OR LATER." "WELL," HE SAID, "FOR GOD'S SAKE LET'S MAKE IT LATER!" WE SUFFER TO GET WELL.
4. WE HAVE TO DIE TO LIVE. THAT IS A BEAUTIFUL PARADOX STRAIGHT OUT OF THE BIBLICAL IDEA, OF BEING "BORN AGAIN" OR IN LOSING ONE'S LIFE ONE SHALL FIND IT. WHEN WE MAKE OUT OUR TWELVE STEPS, THE OLD LIFE OF GUZZLING AND FUZZY THINKING AND ALL THAT GOES WITH IT GRADUALLY DIES, AND WE ACQUIRE A DIFFERENT AND BETTER WAY OF LIFE. AS OUR SHORTCOMINGS ARE REMOVED, ONE LIFE OF US DIES, AND ANOTHER LIFE OF US LIVES. WE IN AA DIE TO LIVE.

STEP 11

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

Talking & Listening to God

What can I surrender in this step?

My belief that meditation is hard and only for those more spiritual than myself.

TRADITION 11

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

Attraction Rather Than Promotion

CONCEPT 11

"The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

The Trustees Cannot Do It Alone

Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?

How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation"?

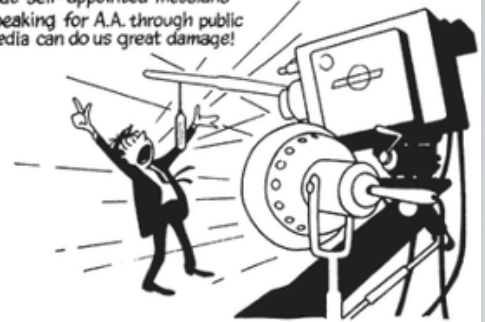
Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

BUT FIRST OF ALL WE SHALL WANT
SUNLIGHT; NOTHING MUCH CAN GROW IN
THE DARK. MEDITATION IS OUR STEP OUT
INTO THE SUN.

TWELVE AND TWELVE PG 98



But we must ever be aware
that self-appointed messiahs
speaking for A.A. through public
media can do us great damage!



We can't have
two heads.



ELEVENTH STEP PRAYER

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace--that where there is hatred, I may bring love--that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness--that where there is discord, I may bring harmony--that where there is error, I may bring truth--that where there is doubt, I may bring faith--that where there is despair, I may bring hope--that where there are shadows, I may bring light--that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted--to understand, than to be understood--to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen

District 82

NEXT DISTRICT 82 MEETING

Nov 2ND 1:30

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

District 82 Treasurers' Summary - Sep 2025

Opening Balance	\$5,839.60
Contributions	
Beginners \$60	\$160.00
Brockman Rd \$100	
Expenses	
CFC \$34.13	- \$34.13
Ending Balance	\$5,688.62
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 11 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.

AREA COMMITTEE

Intergroup 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.



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORUM

Nov 14-16

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?

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



REVIEW OF THE 2025 FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT



Working Together, Increasing Trust

THE 75TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Sundays @ 7 pm EDT

Date	Presentations	Presenters	Position
10.12.25	International Conventions and Regional Forums	Tom H ... Robert J	Southeast Regional ExTrustee ... Delegate Area 19 Panel 75
	2025 Int'l Convention Vancouver	Trish L	Welcome Committee ExTrustee At Large Canada
10.19.25	A.A. World Services (AAWS) Board Report	Carolyn W	Chair, AAWS
10.26.25	TBA	TBA	TBA

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ANGLETON AA SPEAKER MEETING

SYDNEY M

BEGINNERS GROUP

Sobriety Date: 07/02/2024

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

6:00 PM



1224 East Mulberry Street

Angleton, TX 77515

147 N. Brazosport Blvd, Clute, TX 77531
Hosted by the Brockman Road Group at the BAC

3 Meetings – One Day
10am – Free to Live
12pm – Brockman Road
6pm – Beginner's Group

**THANKS
GIVING**
DINNER | 1:30

NOVEMBER

27

Thursday

Monetary contributions for the meat can be made to Sue Miller or Pam Dancy.
If you would like, please sign up to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
Please bring your dishes after 11:15 until Noon, or after 1:15.

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Keeper Sightings in Area

Join us for a spicy showdown!
Conroe Club

CHILI

Cook-Off

\$25 Entry



\$10 All you can eat chili

Saturday, NOV 8 2025
1:30PM - 3:30PM

For registration at the coffee bar. Get your Teams together !!! Judging at 2pm

Conroe Club
2030 FM 2854 Rd
Conroe, TX

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SAVE THE DATE
Hosted by Area 46

2025

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORUM

November 14th-16th, 2025
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Marriott Uptown
2101 Louisiana Blvd. N.E.,
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Contact: 2025SWRegionalForum@nm-aa.org



SCAN ME



THE PATH TO FREEDOM

AA STEPS 4 & 5 WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 8TH
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

FREE Event/ Lunch Provided / Door Prizes
Panel: Patty H. & Friends



Katy 12 & 12 Group
5108 E 5th St Katy, TX 77493

HOW TO CHAIR

PRESENTED BY:
DISTRICT 31
FACILITATED BY:
JENNIFER W.

a MEETING WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 6TH, 2025
12 PM TO 3 PM

FELLOWSHIP



FUN



FOOD POTLUCK
Bring a Dish

Skits

THE KINGWOOD GROUP
810 A RUSSELL PALMER
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

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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 (Creskide 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 boundries 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.

