

Coffee Break November

FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

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~Central Office Meetings~

Tuesday, December 10th..

Steering Committee Meeting - 6pm

Central Office Reps - 7pm

**Both meetings take place at the Harbor Club
3000 W 5th St, Fort Worth 76107*

~COMBINED DISTRICT SIX~

Saturday, December 14 – Meadowbrook Group – 11am

~Committee Meetings~

Special Needs - TBA

Corrections – Sunday, Sunday, December 1 @ Primary Purpose – 2pm

C.P.C./P.I. - Sunday, December 15 @ Southwest Grp. – 4:30pm

Grapevine – Saturday, November @ Primary Purpose – 2:00pm

Treatment - Sunday, December 1 – Meadowbrook – 2pm

Saturday District 61 --Nov 9 @ Foundation – 9am

District 62 - Saturday, November 9 - @ Harbor Group – 10:00am

District 64 - Saturday, December 14 - @ Meadowbrook - 9am

District 74 - Sunday, November 3- @ A Wayward Group – 2pm



STEP ELEVEN

“*Step Eleven* suggests prayer and meditation. We shouldn’t be shy on this matter of prayer. Better men than we are using it constantly. It works, if we have the proper attitude and work at it. It would be easy to vague about this matter. Yet, we believe we can make some definite and valuable suggestions.”

“When we retire at night, we constructively review our day. Were we resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid? Do we owe an apology? Have we kept something to ourselves which should be discussed with another person at once? Were we kind and loving toward all? What could we have done better? Were we thinking of ourselves most of the time? Or were we thinking of what we could do for others, of what we could pack into the stream of life? But we must be careful not to drift into worry, remorse or morbid reflection, for that would diminish our usefulness to others. After making our review we ask God’s forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken.

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

In thinking about our day, we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don’t struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while. What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind. Being still inexperienced and having just made conscious contact with God, it is not probable that we are going to be inspired at all times. We might pay for this presumption in all sorts of absurd actions and ideas. Nevertheless, we find that our thinking will, as time passes, be more and more on the plane of inspiration. We come to rely upon it.

We usually conclude the period of meditation with a prayer that we be shown all through the day what our next step is to be, that we be given whatever we need to take care of such problems. We ask especially for freedom from self-will and are careful to make no request for ourselves only. We may ask for ourselves, never to pray for our own selfish ends. Many of us have wasted a lot of time doing that and it doesn’t work. You can easily see why.”

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Tradition Eleven

Editorial:

On the 11th Tradition

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“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.”

“Providence has been looking after the public relations of Alcoholics Anonymous. It can scarcely have been otherwise. Though more than a dozen years old, hardly a syllable of criticism or ridicule has ever been spoken of A.A. Somehow we have been spared all the pains of medical or religious controversy and we have good friends both wet and dry, right and left. Like most societies, we are sometimes scandalous--but never yet in public. From all over the world, naught comes but keen sympathy and downright admiration. Our friends of the press and radio have outdone themselves. Anyone can see that we are in a fair way to be spoiled. Our reputation is already so much better than our actual character!

Surely these phenomenal blessings must have a deep purpose. Who doubts that this purpose wishes to let every alcoholic in the world know that A.A. is truly for him, can he only want his liberation enough. Hence, our messages through public channels have never been seriously discolored, nor has the searing breath of prejudice ever issued from anywhere.

Good public relations are A.A. lifelines reaching out to the brother alcoholic who still does not know us. For years to come, our growth is sure to depend upon the strength and number of these lifelines. One serious public relations calamity could always turn thousands away from us to perish--a matter of life and death indeed!

The future poses no greater problem or challenge to A.A. than how best to preserve a friendly and vital relation to all the world about us. Success will heavily rest upon right principles, a wise vigilance and the deepest personal responsibility on the part of every man jack of us. Nothing less will do. Else our brother may again turn his face to the wall because we did not care enough. So, the 11th Tradition stands sentinel over the lifelines, announcing that there is no need for self-praise, that it is better to let our friends recommend us, and that our whole public relations policy, contrary to usual customs, should be based upon the principle of *attraction* rather than promotion. Shot in the arm methods are not for us--no press agents, no promotional devices, no big names. The hazards are too great. Immediate results will always be illusive because easy shortcuts to notoriety can generate permanent and smothering liabilities.

More and more, therefore, are we emphasizing the principle of personal anonymity as it applies to our public relations. We ask of each other the highest degree of personal responsibility in this respect. As a movement, we have been, before now, tempted to exploit the names of our well known public characters. We have rationalized that other societies, even the best, do the same. As individuals, we have sometimes believed that the public use of our names could demonstrate our personal courage in the face of stigma; so lending power and conviction to news stories and magazine articles. But these are not the allures they once were. Vividly, we are becoming aware that no member ought to describe himself in full view of the general public as an A.A., even for the most worthy purpose, lest a perilous precedent be set which would tempt others to do likewise for purposes not so worthy.

We see that on breaking anonymity by press, radio or pictures, anyone of us could easily transfer the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous over onto any enterprise or into the midst of any controversy.

So, it is becoming our code that there are things that no A.A. ever does, lest he divert A.A. from its sole purpose and injure our public relations. And thereby the chances of those sick ones yet to come.

To the million alcoholics who have not yet heard our A.A. story we should ever say, "Greetings and welcome. Be assured that we shall never weaken the lifelines which we float out to you. In our public relations, we shall, God willing, keep the faith." Bill W.

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CONCEPT ELEVEN

“While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matter for serious care and concern.”

“The longtime success of our General Service Board will rest not only on the capabilities of Trustees themselves; it will depend quite as much upon the competent leadership and harmonious association of those non-Trustee committee members, corporate service directors, executives and staff members who must actively carry on A.A.’s world services. Their quality and dedication, or their lack of these characteristics, will make or break our service structure of service. Our final dependency on them will always be great indeed. Far more than most of the Trustees, these servants will be in direct contact with A.A. world-wide, and their performance will be constantly on view. They will perform most of the routine labor. They will carry on most of our services. They will travel widely and will receive most visitors at the Headquarters. They will often originate new plans and policies. Some of them will eventually become Trustees. Because this group will form the visible image of world service, most A.A.’s will measure our service values by what they see and feel in them. Members of this group will not only *support* the world leadership of the Trustees; in the nature of the case they will be bound to *share* world leadership with them.

Fortunately, we already have a sound internal structure of service in which a very competent group of non-Trustee servants are now working. Only a few refinements and changes will still be needed in A.A. World Services, Inc. and at The A.A. Grapevine, Inc, the latter being a comparatively recent comer to our service scene. The main outlines of this underlying structure are now defined, and the effectiveness of this arrangement has been well proven. Of what, then, does our underlying structure of service consist?”

It is composed of the following elements: the five standing committees of the General Service Board, plus our two active service corporations, A.A. World Service, Inc. (including its A.A. publishing division) and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. (cont. pg. 48 Twelve Concepts *for* World Service by Bill W.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

National Corrections Conference

November 1 @ 7:00pm – November
3 @ 12:00 pm
DoubleTree at the Intercontinental
5747 John F Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, TX 77032 \$40.00

Tarrant CountyWide Unity Fort Worth

November 2
5051 Trail Lake Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76113
6:30pm Dessert
7:00pm Speaker

47th Anniversary Decatur Group

November 2, 2019, 11:00am
602 N. Business 287 Decatur, TX
76234

Safety in AA Workshop

Hosted by Lewisville Group
November 3 @ 1:00pm – 3:00pm
419 S. Mill St., Lewisville, TX 75057

Area Inventory

Sunday, November 10, 2019
1:30pm-5:00pm
Arlington Group, 1266 South Bowen
Rd., Arlington, TX 76013

3 Legacy Sponsorship Workshop

Hosted by New Life Group
November 16 @ 1:00pm – 3:pm
1406 Beverly Dr. Wichita Falls, TX
76301

Sponsoring Newcomers into Service

Hosted by ODAAT Group
November 17 @ 1:00pm – 3:00pm
2109 W. Parker Road, Ste. 728
Plano, TX 75023

"Expect A Miracle"

36th Red River Valley Rally

Friday, November 22-24, 2019
Lake Murray Lodge & Resort,
Ardmore, Oklahoma
INTERSTATE 35, EXIT 24,

2020 GSR/DCM

Orientations

January 2020
Dates & Location TBA

Winter ACM

February 9, 2020, 1:30pm –
4:30pm

Primary Purpose Gr

Save the Date

AA Central Office Chili Cook Off
& Open House
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

2020 Spring Area Assembly

March 27 – 29, 2020 Mesquite
Convention & Expo Center
1700 Rodeo Dr., Mesquite, TX
75149

75th Texas State Convention

June 12-14, 2020
Hilton Forth Worth
815 Main St.
Ft. Worth Texas, 76102
**Convention Sign Up To Be A
Volunteer**

<http://txaaconvention.org/volunteer> or visit
www.txaaconvention.org

2020 International Convention of Alcoholics

Anonymous
July 2 – 5, 2020
Ford Field, 2000 Brush St.
Detroit, MI 48226

2020 Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA)

October 9 – 11, 2020
Embassy Suites Amarillo, 550
S. Buchanan St. Amarillo, TX
79101





Would you like to be a Central Office Supporting Member?

Central Office Supporting Membership

AA's know the many vital contributions made by the Central Office and are often willing to contribute directly to its support. The Fort Worth Central Office is designed to be fully self-supporting through the contributions of the A.A. members and groups it serves; and through its own activities, such as literature sales. It does not accept contributions from any non-A.A. member or organization. Contributions from groups and members as well as literature sales vary significantly each month. The combined income does not provide a predictable operating budget.

The Office is now inviting AA's to contribute affordable amounts directly and regularly as **Supporting Members**. You are a **Supporting Member** if you are an A.A. member and you say you are a supporting member. The amount that is affordable to you is your decision; a dollar a day, a dollar a week, ten dollars a month or any other amount. The goal is to establish a predictable added base of income to support office work. Supporting Member contributions will not affect existing Home Group contributions.

Simply call the Central Office at 817-332-3533 during regular working hours, and offer your name, contact information, and the amount you choose to contribute monthly. Donor names will not be published. The only requirement is that you be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. The method of payment may be check by mail, "Bill-Pay" service or cash at the office (do not mail cash). **Online payments are being investigated and we will let you know when that is available.** At the end of the year, or when requested, a statement of contributions can be sent. Supporting Member contributions are tax deductible.

Contact the Central Office for more information about becoming a Supporting Member. Many banks offer free bill pay services through their websites. Your bank will provide the information needed to get started. our Seventh Tradition states that:

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for EVERYTHING you do for us! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at 817-332-3533.

In Service,

Erin and EJ
Your Fort Worth Central Office