

Coffee Break December.



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, December 1 @ Primary Purpose – 2:00pm

C.P.C./P.I. - Sunday, January 19 @ Southwest Grp. – 4:30pm

Grapevine – Saturday, January 11 @ Primary Purpose – 9:00am

Treatment - Sunday, December 1 @ Meadowbrook – 2pm

Saturday District 61 – Saturday, Jan 11 @ Barr St. – 9:00 am

District 62 - Saturday, January 4th. @ Golden Triangle Grp. – 9:00am

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

District 74 - Sunday, January 12 @ Weatherford Group – 2pm

Step XII

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

“ONE may say that anonymity is the spiritual base, the sure key to all the rest of our Traditions. It has come to stand for prudence and, most importantly, for self-effacement. True consideration for the newcomer if he desires to be nameless; vital protection against misuse of the name Alcoholics Anonymous at the public level; and to each of us a constant reminder that principles come before personal interest--such is the wide scope of this all-embracing principle. In it we see the cornerstone of our security as a movement; at a deeper spiritual level it points us to still greater self-renunciation. A GLANCE at the 12 Traditions will instantly assure anyone that "giving up" is the essential idea of them all. In each Tradition, the individual or the group is asked to give up something for our general welfare. Tradition One asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire. Tradition Two asks us to listen to God as He may speak in the Group Conscience. Tradition Three requires that we exclude no alcoholic from A.A. membership. Tradition Four implies that we abandon all idea of centralized human authority or government. But each group is enjoined to consult widely in matters affecting us all. Tradition Five restricts the A.A. group to a single purpose, i.e. carrying our message to other alcoholics. Tradition Six points at the corroding influence of money, property and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our special services. It also warns against the natural temptation to make alliances or give endorsements. Tradition Seven states that we had best pay our own bills; that large contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public solicitation using the name Alcoholics Anonymous is positively dangerous. Tradition Eight forswears professionalizing our Twelfth Step work but it does guarantee our few paid service workers an unquestioned amateur status. Tradition Nine asks that we give up all idea of expensive organization; enough is needed to permit effective work by our special services--and no more. This Tradition breathes democracy; our leadership is one of service and it is rotating; our few titles never clothe their holders with arbitrary personal authority; they hold authorizations to serve, never to govern. Tradition Ten is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy; it implores each of us to take care against committing A.A. to the fires of reform, political or religious dissension. Tradition Eleven asks, in our public relations, that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never a need to praise press, radio and ourselves. Personal anonymity at the level of film is urgently required, thus avoiding the pitfall of vanity, and the temptation through broken anonymity to link A.A. to other causes. Tradition Twelve, in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven. The "Twelve Points of Tradition" are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the "Twelve Steps of Recovery" to our group life and to our relations with society in general. The Recovery Steps would make each individual A.A. whole and one with God; the Twelve Points of Tradition would make us one with each other and whole with the world about us. Unity is our aim. Our A.A. Traditions are, we trust, securely anchored in those wise precepts: charity, gratitude and humility. Nor have we forgotten prudence. May these virtues ever stand clear before us in our meditations; may Alcoholics Anonymous serve God in happy unison for so long as He may need us.” Bill W

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Tradition VII

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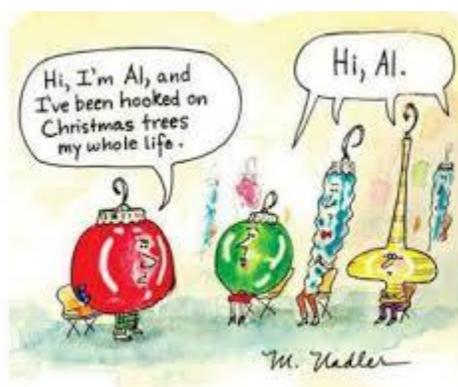
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“We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of Anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him Who presides over us all.” “ONE may say that anonymity is the spiritual base, the sure key to all the rest of our Traditions. It has come to stand for prudence and, most importantly, for self-effacement. True consideration for the newcomer if he desires to be nameless; vital protection against misuse of the name Alcoholics Anonymous at the public level; and to each of us a constant reminder that principles come before personal interest--such is the wide scope of this all-embracing principle. In it we see the cornerstone of our security as a movement; at a deeper spiritual level it points us to still greater self-renunciation.

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CONCEPT VII

“General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.”

The AA Service Manual Pg. 60
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Big Book Quote of the Month:

“Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you – until then.”

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 164
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Jimmy D, SW Regional Trustee, Past NETA65 Delegate

Saturday, December 14, 2019
Christmas Celebration
Dinner – Raffle – Speaker
5:30 PM – (Potluck)
6:30 PM - Raffle
7:30 PM – Speaker
Longview Senior Citizen Center
814 S. Green St., Longview TX

2020 GSR/DCM Orientations

January 2020
(Central) 1/12/20 – Venue TBD
(East) 1/19/20 – Venue TBD
(West) 1/26/20) – Venue TBD

Winter ACM

February 9, 2020, 1:30pm –
4:30pm
Primary Purpose Grp.

Save the Date

AA Central Office Chili Cook Off
& Open House
Saturday, February 15, 2020
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

2020 Spring Area Assembly

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

Spring ACM

April 19, 2020 – 1:30pm-
4:30pm
Downtown Suburban Grp.
1034 East Lake St., Tyler, TX
75701

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 Summer Assembly (Post Conference)

June 19-21, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn
(PENDING)
Longview, TX

2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

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

2020 Fall Election Assembly & Convention

September 18-20, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn
(PENDING), Arlington, TX

2020 Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA)

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

We have some great news!!

You can now make contributions and payments **online!**

Yes, finally!!

You can send money directly to your Fort Worth Central Office from your (or your group's) bank account using **Zelle!** You can set this up from your online banking website and send payments straight to the CO bank account. All you need is the email which is officemgr@fortworthaa.org and make sure to write in the memo section who it's from and what it's for (and any contact info in you wish) I can then email you a receipt. Please feel free to call me anytime with questions, I will be happy to help!

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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, cash at the office (do not mail cash), debit card (over phone or at the office) or online through Zelle! (which is free for us!)* 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. 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.

**Thank you!
Erin & EJ**