

Coffee Break, February 2020



FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

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~Central Office Meetings~

Tuesday, February 11th.

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, February 8th. – Meadowbrook Group – 11am

~Committee Meetings~

Special Needs - TBA

Corrections – Sunday, February 2nd. @ Primary Purpose – 2:00pm

C.P.C./P.I. - Sunday, February 2nd. @ Southwest Grp. – 4:30pm

Grapevine TBA

Treatment - Sunday, February 2nd. @ Meadowbrook – 2:00 pm

Saturday District 61 – Saturday, March 14th. @ Mid Cities – 9:00 am

District 62 - Saturday, March 7th. @ Stewart Street Group – 9:00am

District 64 - Saturday, February 8th. - @ Meadowbrook - 9am

District 74 - Sunday, March 8th. @ North Weatherford Group – 2pm

Step II

“Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

“Here are thousands of men and women, worldly indeed. They flatly declare that since they have come to believe in a Power greater than themselves, to take a certain attitude toward that Power, and to do certain simple things, there has been a revolutionary change in their way of living and thinking.

In the face of collapse and despair, in the face of the total failure of their human resources, they found that a new power, peace, happiness, and sense of direction flowed into them. This happened soon after they wholeheartedly met a few simple requirements. Once confused and baffled by the seeming futility of existence, they show the underlying reasons why they were making heavy going of life. Leaving aside the drink question, they tell why living was so unsatisfactory. They show how the change came over them. When many hundreds of people are able to say that the consciousness of the Presence of God is today the most important fact of their lives, they present a powerful reason why one should have faith.”

From the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, page 50-51
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“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

It was a meeting night. Although none of the alcoholics we boarded seemed to get sober, some others had. With their wives they crowded into our downstairs parlor. At once I burst into the story of my opportunity. Never shall I forget their impassive faces, and the steady gaze they focused upon me. With waning enthusiasm, my tail trailed off to a end. There was a silence.

“Almost timidly, one of my friends began to speak.’ We know how hard up you are, Bill. It bothers us a lot. We’ve often wondered what we might do about it. But I think I speak for everyone here when I say that what you now propose bothers us an awful lot more.’ The speaker’s voice grew more confident. ‘Don’t you realize,’ he went on, ‘that you can never become a professional? As generous as Charlie has been to us, don’t you see that we can’t tie this thing up with his hospital or any other? You tell us that Charlie’s proposal is ethical. Sure, it’s ethical, but what we’ve got won’t run on ethics only; it has to be better. Sure, Charlie’s idea is good. But it isn’t good enough. This is a matter of life and death, Bill, and nothing but the very best will do!’ Challengingly, my friends looked at me as their spokesman continued. ‘Bill, haven’t you often said right here in this meeting that sometimes the good is the enemy of the best? Well, this is a plain case of it. You can’t do this thing to us!’

“ So spoke the group conscience. The group was right and I was wrong; the voice on the subway was not the voice of God. Here was the true voice, welling up out of my friends. I listened, and thanked God.

CONCEPT II

“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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SPECIAL EVENTS

NETA 65 Service Workshop

12n-2:00pm, presented by
Panel 69 Area Service Chair
Ray of Hope, Seven Points, TX

Winter ACM

February 9, 2020, 2:00pm –
5:00pm
Primary Purpose Grp.
Arlington, TX

How to Chair a Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 –
4:00pm, Presented by NETA65,
Hosted by The Show me Group
of AA
Denton, TX 7620

AA Central Office Chili Cook Off & Open House

Saturday, February 15, 2020
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Speakers, chili, fun, cake!

2020 NETA Treatment Workshop

Saturday, March 7, 2:00pm –
5:00pm, Glass House, Ft.
Worth, TX 76116

12 Traditions Workshop

Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-
4:00pm, Center of Unity
Church, Grapevine, TX
Presented by Jimmy D.

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](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

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!

The Zelle logo is displayed in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The letter 'z' is lowercase and has a unique shape with a vertical bar on its left side. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the 'e'.

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