

# Coffee Break JULY 2020



## FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE

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### **~Central Office Meetings~**

The Central Office Steering and COR meetings will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of EVERY month for now, until further notice. Both meetings will be held together as 1 meeting. If you would like the ZOOM information so you can attend this meeting, please email [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org)

### **~COMBINED DISTRICT SIX~**

I will send out more info for CD6 as it comes in  
Or Contact Mark L 817-980-2840

**CD6 CPC/PI committee** resumes 4:30 pm, 3rd Sunday every month. All welcome.

Contact: Jan D. for location info due to Covid-19 uncertainty.

817-793-2640      dfwdarwin@gmail.com

**CD6 Corrections** Will post next meeting soon or contact Mary C 817 262-8178

### **~ District Meetings ~**

**District 64** is meeting Virtually

Contact Mark L for meeting invite link at 817-980-2840 or email [markapollo33@att.net](mailto:markapollo33@att.net)

Please watch for updates for all Districts and Committees.  
We will post on Our website as we receive the information.

Thank you!

## Recovery

### Step VII

#### **“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”**

SINCE this Step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us.

Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency.”

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## Unity

### Tradition VII

#### **TRADITIONS CHECKLIST**

##### **Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

- Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
- Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
- If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
- Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
- Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
- How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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## Service

### Concept VII

#### **CONCEPTS CHECKLIST**

##### **Concept VII: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.**

- Do we act responsibly regarding the “power of the purse”?
- Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the G.S.B.?

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## *We have some great news!!*

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

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](mailto: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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*Our 7th tradition is in my thoughts in this time of angst. Our meetings are getting smaller size wise if our local city governments haven't outright shut them down. This will obviously affect the basket. What it doesn't affect in many cases is rent for the home group that will still need paid, literature for the prisons and treatment centers that our trusted servants take with them to pass out when they carry meetings into our local facilities, and most importantly our Central Office and inter groups. We will definitely come out of this downturn in time, but if we all don't figure out a way to support the 7th tradition will our home groups and Central Office survive. Imagine all the restrictions lifted and we finally get to go back to our groups only to find the landlord locked the doors for failure to pay. Worse yet when that still suffering alcoholic calls the Central Office at 10 pm to get the famous "sorry this number is no longer in service". I would hate to see the day either of these becomes a reality. So, all I ask is that each of us try and find an extra \$5 or \$10 bucks to send to the home group and your local Central Office/Intergroup to keep things up and running. Talk to your sponsees about the importance of self-supporting and how we are the financial relief these folks need. I know things are about to get tight, but just consider it and pray on it.*

Anyone can send money to the Central Office with Zelle to [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org) or call with a cc over the phone! (check with your groups about possible ways to contribute online or through the mail as well)

We thank you ALWAYS for your continued support and are grateful for each of you!

**"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

## Frequently Asked Questions....

- 1. Are groups still meeting in person?** Yes most group are now meeting in person. I have spoke with most groups in the area and they have re-opened and will continue with their regular meeting schedule with certain restrictions. Please contact each group individually for specific guidelines. You can find the group closures on our website under the MEETING APP tab. The ones not marked with 'closure' should be open with regular schedule, although we cannot guarantee they will be meeting. If you know of a group closure that is not listed on the site, please call us and let us know.
- 2. Are there online meetings?** Yes many groups and individuals have created an online platform to hold meetings. Most groups are continuing with online even though they are open for 'in person' meetings too. You may find this info on [www.fortworthaa.org](http://www.fortworthaa.org) and click the tab titled ONLINE MEETINGS.
- 3. Is the Central Office still open?** In a way, yes. We are very limited on our "in office" hours but continue to work remotely from home and answering the phones 24/7. Groups can schedule a day and time to come purchase literature with Erin. Just call the office 817-332-3533 or cell (Erin) 817-420-3866
- 4. Can we make online contributions?** Yes, you may send money through Zelle to email [officemgr@fortworthaa.org](mailto:officemgr@fortworthaa.org) or you may pay with a CC over the phone by calling either of the numbers above.
- 5. Does the Central Office need volunteers right now?** At this point we have frozen all of our volunteers and volunteer needs for the office EXCEPT answering after hour phones. If you have at least 1yr of continuous sobriety and would be interested in helping with our hotline, just call the office anytime and we will give you information about that. As far as help in the office, we will post on our website when the office opens back up and at that time, we will defiantly need volunteers 😊
- 6. How do we find out updated information on AA related events, assemblies etc (closures, cancellations reschedules, etc)** We will post all updates, as we get, them on our website. If you don't find what you're looking for, You can also check the area website for NETA65 updates as well [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org)  
As always, call us anytime with questions and we will be happy to help in any way!

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy! Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns, anytime!

This too shall pass! Hang in there folks!

We will get through this!

### **Responsibility Statement**

**I am responsible,  
when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there,  
and for that  
I am responsible**

# Note From our General Manager from GSO

## Alcoholics Anonymous, COVID-19 and Our Seventh Tradition

June 19, 2020

Dear A.A. friends,

We in A.A. – here at G.S.O., along with the rest of the world – continue to experience an unprecedented situation. Without question, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fellowship, including our organized service structure, is facing enormous challenges, locally and globally. For many of us, the most prominent example is that, for the first time in the 85-year history of our Fellowship, we are navigating the lack of face-to-face meetings. While we have found creative ways to allow for the vital interaction between one alcoholic and another, and welcoming newcomers daily, it is clear that the health crisis has other far-reaching consequences.

As we all adapt to the present reality of digital meetings, the question now is, “How do we responsibly practice self-support, our Seventh Tradition?” As we can no longer pass a physical basket, we are working to find ways to support the Fellowship at all levels, from our groups to Intergroups and Central Offices, from our Districts and Areas to the General Service Office itself.

The reality is that even though meetings, Twelfth Step services and operations have shifted to a virtual environment, expenses continue to accumulate during this crisis, which underscores the importance of practicing the Seventh Tradition. Through this crisis, however, we have witnessed the many ways in which the entire A.A. Fellowship has come together to provide ongoing support. Among them:

- Many home groups are still paying rent even though their meetings cannot convene. They are also providing online meetings on platforms that may have associated costs.
- Intergroup/Central Offices are still stocking needed literature and fielding Twelfth Step calls, redirecting A.A. members and those looking for recovery to online meetings.
- Area-level committees are working to keep channels open between the Fellowship and the delegates and board members that make up our General Service Conference, as well as to do public information, corrections and other service.
- G.S.O. in New York is continuing to support all levels of service. Literature still needs to be published and distributed, calls need to be answered, online platforms still need to be updated, and support operations sustained.

Please feel free to pass this information along to members and groups in your Area to watch on their own time or to play before their online meetings.

We are so grateful for your time and attention, your dedicated service and – always – your generous support.

Yours sincerely, in fellowship,

G. Gregory Tobin  
General Manager