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"WE HAVE EMPHASIZED WILLINGNESS AS BEING INDISPENSABLE."
(BIG BOOK, PAGE 76 INTO ACTION)

DISTRICT 2



NEWSLETTER

AREA 68 AA-SWTA



Greetings, District 2!

May was a productive month for our district. During our District meeting, we had a great discussion with Randy R., our Area Treatment Chair, regarding the possibility of providing literature and books to support the work of our District Committee Treatment Chair. Carrying the message into treatment facilities remains an important part of our Twelfth Step work, and we look forward to continuing this conversation during our June meeting.

June promises to be an exciting month of service and fellowship. District 13 will be hosting a workshop in Marble Falls, Texas, on June 20. This workshop is a wonderful opportunity for AA members, GSRs, and committee chairs to learn more about Accessibility, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC), Corrections, and Treatment. Whether you are currently serving or simply interested in learning more about these vital service committees, I encourage you to attend.

Looking ahead to July, we are honored to welcome Amanda B., our Area 68 Delegate, who will present her Delegate's Report on July 12 at 2:00 PM during our District 2 meeting at the 24 Club. This is a valuable opportunity to hear directly about the actions and discussions from the General Service Conference and how they affect AA as a whole.

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the fathers in Alcoholics Anonymous. Through your example, service, and commitment to recovery, you help strengthen families, inspire newcomers, and carry hope to those who still suffer. Your presence in AA makes a difference, and we appreciate all that you do.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Committee Member. I look forward to seeing many of you at the district meetings, and upcoming service events as we continue to carry the message of recovery together.

In love and service.

David Pexa



WILLINGNESS IS THE KEY!

STEP 6



What Can I Surrender in this Step?

The desire to hold onto my defects of character no matter how familiar or comfortable they are.

"WERE ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE ALL THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER"

Step Summary:



Principle
WILLINGNESS



Let us start off with a really bold statement....

"All 12 Steps are important – but Six & Seven ARE the meat and substance of our program! We must have an extremely healthy and personal relationship with them, else we are likely to drink again."

Let me ask you a question – have you ever been driving a car and saw a light come on your dashboard, have the car start spitting and sputtering, then die, then you coast over to the side of the road, put the car in park, get out and walk around to the front of the car, open the hood – **and realize you have absolutely no friggin' idea what to do with what you see in front of you?!?!?!?!?**

That was much the experience many members had when they finished their first official 5th Step and realized just exactly the mess that had been laid before them which they had built their whole entire lives upon. Up to the point that they'd walked through their 4th Step, they thought they'd lived fairly successful lives (one of the 100 forms of self-delusion). In walking through the inventory process, we uncover a plethora of shortcomings; faults and imperfections that we finally had to begin looking at that for years, had created the outline to our thoughts, feelings, emotions, and finally – our actions. **What do we do with what we uncovered?** Little did we know that a good hard look at, and a letting go of those things were going to eventually give us a life beyond our wildest dreams.

We were so ill-prepared and highly untrained to not only see, but understand how our pride, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth (our P.A.G.G.L.E.S.), all founded in fear (fear of not getting something we demand or of losing something we possess), were the components that kept leading us to the only solution that seemingly worked every time – alcohol.

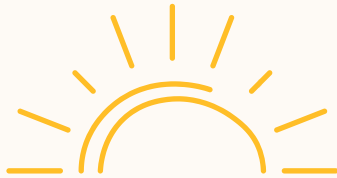
The purpose of Step 6 is to become fully prepared to rid ourselves of the flaws we listed in Step 4, to become willing to let our Higher Power remove our defects, and to stop pursuing whatever our idea of perfection is. The sixth step is a call to perfection. It separates those who are working the program and those who drift through the program. "The difference between 'the boys and the men' is the difference between striving for a self determined objective and for the perfect objective which is of God." ("12 & 12," p. 68).

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MYTH ABOUT STEP 6

We can do this on our own.

One of the biggest misconceptions about this Step is that we have the ability to become less of these things on our own. We do not have the skill set to become less of the flaws in our character that have caused our failure. It is way above our pay grade. We strengthen our faith in a Power greater than ourselves and allow God to remove them from us.



LIST OF DEFECTS / ASSETS

While this is by no means a complete list of defects of character, it is a great place to start for us to begin to see the things in our lives that have caused our failure.

List of Character Defects

Character Defects	Opposite Character Asset	Character Defects	Opposite Character Asset
Selfish	Unselfish/Giving/Sharing	Jealous	Secure/Trusting
Dishonest	Honest	Procrastination	Timely
Resentful	Forgiving	Self-Seeking	Charity/Helpful to Others
Arrogant	Humble	Self-Centered	Selfless/Thoughtful
Afraid/Fear	Faith	Self-Righteous	Gracious
Egotistical	Modest	Self-Pity	Positive
Cocky	Mild Mannered	Self-Justification	Accepting
Envious	Grateful	Self-Important	Considerate of Others
Slothful	Hard Working	Hateful	Forgiving
Gluttonous	Sharing	Inconsiderate	Considerate
Impatient	Patient	Greedy	Content
Vengeful	Loving	Thieving	Honest
Hurtful	Kind	Lustful	Content
Sarcastic	Complimentary	Angry	Happy

What is the corrective measure (action) we can take today to become MORE of these things?

What Is AA's Primary Purpose?



"Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying it's message to the alcoholic who still suffers."



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TRADITION 6

Short Form:

“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

Long Form:

“Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.”

Tradition Summary:

WE KEEP IT IN-HOUSE AND REMEMBER T5

Would you be surprised if I told you that I found the solution to my worries about financial problems by working the sixth tradition in my life? When I was drinking my primary purpose was pursuing sex and finances. In my early sobriety I did the same thing by devoting my energy to acquiring “money, property, and prestige.”

I was a bankrupt idealist. “We are all perfectionists who failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout.” (“12 & 12”, Sixth Tradition, p. 156). The areas that affected my “money, property and prestige” and sex were the areas I gave all my perfectionist energy.

Without realizing it, I was losing my dedication to sobriety from my primary purpose: carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

It never occurred to me that God would take care of financial and relationship concerns a day at a time if I would let go of them and trust his plan with the same patience he had waited for me to come to him for sobriety. By devoting time and efforts to pursuing relationships and finances I was endorsing these things as my primary purpose by lending my name to their pursuit.

The first half of Tradition Six will likely never occur if I stay focused on Tradition Five. The more I stick to carrying the message, the less worries I have – a wonderful paradox. Bill Wilson comments in “A.A., Comes of Age”, (p. 109) on a similar paradox concerning the fellowship, “The more A.A. sticks to its primary purpose, the greater will be its helpful influence everywhere.”

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Step-Tradition Parallel:

The sixth step poses the question, how can I become entirely ready to have my defects of character removed? The answer is in the sixth tradition. In fact the sixth tradition describes my main character defects: the problems involved from seeking money, property, and prestige. The sixth tradition contains the solution to my problems of money, property and prestige: the more primary in my life carrying the message becomes, the less problems of any kind I have! Therefore, observing the sixth tradition in my life by placing my primary purpose of carrying the message first, and not problems of my property, prestige or worthy outside interests, keeps me sober.

(Excerpts from the text above come from the Traditions Study developed by the Unity Insures Recovery Through Service A.A. Group, Los Angeles, CA.)

The Sixth Tradition
An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

We found that there are all kinds of goals, motives and ambitions...
 ...and the good name of A.A. could be smeared!

AA members employed by outside agencies "wear two hats"—but Tradition Six cautions any such members against wearing both at once! On the job, they may be alcoholism counselors; they are not "AA. counselors." At meetings they're just AA's, not alcoholism experts.

There are two major danger areas. But our course has been charted and the hazards clearly marked. If we steer clear of them, we should have smooth sailing...

The "related facility" may be an outside group combating alcoholism—or an enterprise that AA's want to start. It was the latter that most often confronted the young Fellowship. Outside agencies were pretty scarce in those days, and some members thought AA should cover the whole alcoholism field. Led by a "super-promoter" (as the "Twelve and Twelve" describes him), one group built an all-purpose center, including a section for drying-out treatment. Picture any group tackling such a project! Arguments over cost, architecture, staff, fees, medication, and rules might even make the local paper. (And pity the poor newcomer straying into the group—"We'll get around to you in a minute.")

Though that ambitious center failed, some individual members have since founded successful clubhouses, rest farms, halfway houses, etc. The enterprises are run by these AA's and patronized by other members or prospective members. But money and property are involved. Therefore, it has proved wise to keep the operation of the facility completely separate from that of any A.A. group, and to keep "A.A." or terms like "Twelfth Step" out of the name.

Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is "cooperation but not affiliation." A group cooperates, for example, by welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. But in one area, money for a rehab was solicited *at an A.A. meeting*—implying affiliation. In another, AA was listed among beneficiaries of a United Fund drive....

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"A.A.'S TWELVE TRADITIONS APPLY TO THE LIFE OF THE FELLOWSHIP ITSELF. THEY OUTLINE THE MEANS BY WHICH A.A. MAINTAINS ITS UNITY AND RELATES ITSELF TO THE WORLD ABOUT IT, THE WAY IT LIVES AND GROWS."
 (FROM THE FOREWORD OF THE 12 & 12)

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CONCEPT 6



Principle ACCOUNTABILITY

Short Form:

“The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.”

Long Form:

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

simplify:



The Conference Allows the Board to Do Its Job

As we learned in Concept 2, the Conference knows its duty, but in the end, knows it only meets once a year while the General Service Board (GSB) meets more frequently to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference.

Giving the Board a liberal authority to get its job done is crucial. Why?

The Conference does not micro-manage the Board throughout the year and experience has shown that a “wide latitude of administrative freedom” allows the Board to effectively manage the world affairs of A.A.



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LOCAL EVENTS



Blanco Spiritual Retreat

Oct 9th - 11th 2026

OUR 38TH RECOVERY FAMILY EVENT

COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, CAMPING, SWIMMING, FISHING, MEETINGS, AA & ALANON SPEAKERS, RAFFLE, FOOD AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

\$20 Registration fee per person (pay @ time of entrance) 3 meals included. Daily Entrance Fee to Blanco State Park-Adult \$5, Child 12 and under free

Speakers

AA - Fri 7p.m. Billy D. / Sat 7p.m. TBD
Al-anon - Sat 2p.m. TBD

Meetings

Campfire meetings Fri & Sat 9p.m. ish
Saturday - 10a.m. Men's and Women's morning meetings

Meals

Friday Evening - 5:30p.m. Chili Dogs
Saturday Morning - 8:30a.m. Breakfast Tacos
Saturday Evening - 5:30p.m. BB Dinner

Bake Sale

Bring your finest baked goods to help us raise money to keep bringing the BSR back each year!! Saturday at noon.

Raffle

Raffle items will be on display all day Saturday w drawing to be held after Speaker Meeting (8p.m. ish). To donate NEW items, gift cards or cash donations please contact a BSR Committee Person.

Blanco State Park

Reserve by phone...
(512)-389-8900

101 Park Road Blanco,
TX 78606

For Camping or Shelter Reservations contact Park directly. Reservations open MAY 9th

Make Reservations online @ texasreservamerica.com

Dogs Welcome on Leash w/ Proof of Vaccination

RETREAT INFO & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Beverly H 713-417-6534
Yicki M 956-450-3492

So many reactions to the 76th General Service Conference

It might be helpful to understand the Conference process regarding Committee agendas, Committee Advisory Actions, and Floor Actions, before having an opinion.

Wednesday June 24, 2026

9PM Eastern	8PM Central	7PM Mountain	6PM Pacific
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Meeting ID: 892 0719 0887

Passcode: 936292

Will also cover the following about the Conference Charter

- ☆ What literature does it protect?
- ☆ How can it be changed?

We spend very little time educating the top of the Triangle in the actual process and nuances of the General Service Conference. This workshop is intended to dedicate the proper time and respect to the top of the triangle.

Jimmy D. Past GSR / Past Delegate / Past Trustee
Billy N. Past GSR / Past Delegate / Past Trustee



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AUSTIN CITYWIDE POTLUCK SPEAKER MEETING

JUNE 20TH, 2026
GARRETT S.

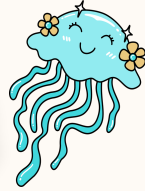
THE MONDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MEETING
ROUND ROCK, TX.

INVITE A FRIEND!
SPEAKER AT 7 P.M.

LOCATION RIVERBEND CHURCH,
4214 N. OF CAPITAL TEXAS HWY.
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR DESSERTS!
PLEASE BRING ALL FOOD BY 5:30

CHILD CARE STARTING AT 6:45 P.M.
SEVERAL SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

LOCAL EVENTS



NEW MEETING

NEW BRAUNFELS GROUP

TOPIC MEETING

6:15 a.m.

*Mondays
&
Wednesdays*
in the

RECOVERY ROOM

Behind the 2-4 Club

Beginning May 4

**Club 12
77th Anniversary**
August 7-9, 2026



We are not Saints!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Club 12 History Presentation with Jim W.
8:00 pm A.A. Speaker: **Greg L.** (Dallas, TX)
9:15 pm **\$500 Raffle Drawing**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am Guided Meditation
11:00 am Al-Anon Speaker: **Catherine K.** (Dallas, TX)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm BINGO
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm A.A.'s Founders Play
8:00 pm A.A. Speaker: **Thomas H.** (Austin, TX)
9:15 pm **\$500 Raffle Drawing**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am Guided Meditation
10:00 am **Raffle Baskets Drawing**
10:30 am Sobriety Countdown
11:00 am A.A. Speaker: **Shelley G.** (Rockwall, TX)
12:15 pm **New Member Raffle, Split-the-Pot & \$1000 Raffle Drawing**

**Meals
Included!**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Club 12 History Presentation

Guided Meditations

BINGO

Founders Play

Sobriety Countdown

Raffles

Speakers will be
livestreamed
on Zoom
ID: 157 501 938
PW: 1212

CLUB 12

102 Thames, SA TX
club12.org



Welcome A.A. and Al-Anon Members, Family & Friends

BACK TO BASICS WORKSHOP

COMPLETE 11 STEPS IN ONE MONTH

Registration open for August and September!

Don't just study the steps—live them. Join us for an intensive, action-oriented journey through the 12-step program.

WHEN: Every Tuesday for one month.

TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

WHERE: 24 CLUB | 1142 Eikel St., New Braunfels

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring your 4th Edition Big Book. All other materials will be provided.

SPONSORSHIP: All attendees must be accompanied by a sponsor who has previously completed the workshop.

Don't have a sponsor? No problem! We have plenty of willing 12-Steppers ready to take you through the process the Back-to-Basics way.

BACK TO BASICS WORKSHOP
COMPLETE 11 STEPS IN ONE MONTH

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SCAN TO REGISTER:

