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Hill Country Intergroup

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Intergroup's 1st Group Inventory

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help groups and individual AA members to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic that still suffers within the framework of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

How well are we doing in achieving our mission? What can we do better? Are there things we need to do differently? Is there something we need to do, but aren't?

The survey questions were sent out to the groups via mail, email, Intergroup Reps (IGRs), and via the website, and a meeting held on September 26th with all invited to discuss the results.

Responses were received from 20 groups with groups from 5 of

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Step Twelve

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 of the steps that is essential to obtaining and maintaining recovery from alcoholism is the Step 4 inventory. In fact, this principal is so vital that to our personal recovery, that many groups also do inventory on a regular basis to insure the health of the group. In fact, at the General Service Conference in New York this past April, it was recommended by the Conference that they

do an inventory. In this spirit, the Board of Directors of Hill Country Intergroup (HCI) decided that this principal should also apply to our organization.

HCI's mission as outlined in our bylaws is to maintain a service office for our local groups and to provide services that support the aims of Alcoholics Anonymous by providing services that

In the words of Doris Carter...

Let's Get Gussied up and Celebrate

the 64th Anniversary of AA in Austin

Thursday, December 10th at the Double Tree Hotel 7:00pm-Midnight

6505 IH-35 North Austin, Texas 78752

Pan Seared Chicken with demi-glaze, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Lorna K., New York

Dance to follow

Sold Out Last Year! Don't Wait! Get Your Tickets Early! Deadline Dec. 4

Tickets: \$25 See the person in your club or meeting to purchase tickets or go to Intergroup.

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Tradition Twelve

And finally, 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.

the 6 districts we serve responding. Based on the feedback, a number of ideas were floated in the discussion which occurred in September. These ideas are detailed below, and the tally appears at the end of this article.

- Putting a solicitation on website and in newsletter for people to subscribe to email version of newsletter
- Putting a solicitation on website and in newsletter for members to submit articles.
- Advertising SWTA68 events in newsletter
- Putting a request on website for groups to remit their correct mailing address (if they have one) or a valid email address
- Put a FAQ section on website
- Unsubscribe button on the website
- “Ask-It-Basket” Type feature on the Website and in the newsletter
- Intergroup Rep job description on the website
- Newsletter article about new web-site features, how it works, etc.
- Improve description of website search capabilities
- Speak with DCMs from outlying Districts about possibly sending a District rep to the IGR meeting
- Rotate a workshop around outlying districts
- Explore the need/feasibility of an Intergroup Archive
- Consider expanded hours
- Consider accepting other forms of payment
- Explore what would make the newsletter more useful to our membership
- Explore whether there is a need to explore ways to make literature/chips available north of the river on a monthly basis.

Bottom line, Hill Country Intergroup serves you – the individual AA members and AA groups. Through your Intergroup Representative working with the other IGRs we can continue to improve the services provided and to help you carry the message more effectively. We are always glad to have your feedback whether through a formal inventory, or on the fly if you see a need that isn't being met or a problem that needs to be resolved.

In love and service,

Hill Country Intergroup Board of Directors

Maggie B., Jimmy F., Phyllis M., Michael S., Darrin A., Norma A., Marty C., Katy Q., Brent D., Clint R., Charlie P.

Results		Average
Please rate the importance of the following services provided by Intergroup	24 Hour Help Line	4.8
	Sale of Chips & Medallions	4.4
	Sale of AA literature	4.6
	Intergroup Newsletter	3.5
	The website www.austinaa.org	4.9
	Meeting Information	4.7
	Event Calendar	4.4
	Information about AA events	4.5
	Local/Intergroup Service Area	4.5
	Area/State	4.4
	National	4.1
	Meeting Directories	4.8
Please rate the quality of the following services provided by Intergroup	24 Hour Help Line	4.5
	Sale of Chips & Medallions	4.5
	Sale of AA literature	4.6
	Intergroup Newsletter	4.0
	The website www.austinaa.org	4.3
	Meeting Information	4.5
	Event Calendar	4.3
	Information about AA events	4.5
	Local/Intergroup Service Area	4.5
	Area/State	4.4
	National	4.4
	Meeting Directories	4.3
Please rate Intergroup's performance on the following services	Intergroup adequately meets the needs of area home groups	4.5
	Intergroup adequately meets the needs of AA members	4.4
	Intergroup adequately complies with the AA Guidelines on Intergroups	4.5
	Intergroup adequately complies with AA Traditions	4.6
Please rate your group on the following	Our group has an Intergroup Representative (IGR)	2.7
	Our IGR attends the monthly IGR meeting on a regular basis	2.2
	If our group's IGR is unable to attend, the Rep makes an effort to send an alternative	2.1
	Our IGR provides information about Intergroup to our group	2.5
	Our IGR brings event fliers provided by Intergroup to our group	2.3
	A home group should have an IGR that regularly attends the monthly IGR meeting and provides information about Intergroup to the home group	3.1

November Volunteers

Thank You!

NOTE: Apology from the Editor:

NANCY H. worked the office in October and was not included in the newsletter last month. Sorry Nance! Won't happen again. (I hope.)

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November Donations from Groups

Thank You!

Allandale - \$65
 Bluebonnet - \$121
 Bouldin - \$175
 Bridge to Shore - \$1,102
 Dry Creek - \$26
 Four Points - \$100
 Friday Night (Bastrop) - \$39
 Lakeway Emmaus - \$75
 Lighthouse - \$100
 Llano - \$100

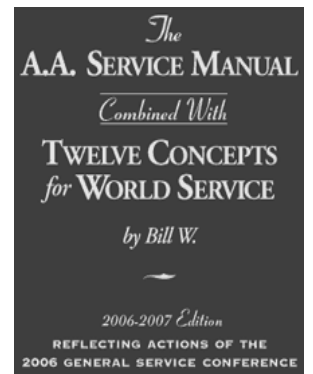
Northland - \$820
 Phelan Rd. - \$10
 Primary Purpose (Cedar Park) - \$30
 Rainbow Room - \$10
 Seniors - \$20
 Simply AA - \$10
 Started in Service - \$11
 Tarrytown - \$279
 Westlake - \$250

 Total \$ 3343



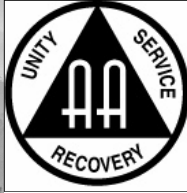
Concept Twelve

The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.



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*If you want to drink,
that's your business.
If you want to stop
And can't
that's our business.*



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Attention AA Members !

Join the Hill Country Intergroup's BIRTHDAY CLUB !

Bring in a suggested donation of
\$1 *or more* per year of sobriety to:

HCI, 1825 Fortview Rd. #104, Austin, TX 78704

HCI will acknowledge you as a member of our **BIRTHDAY CLUB** by sending you an **ID Card** and by listing your name (1st name, last initial)

In this publication.

HCIA Birthday Club – New Members November, 2009

Fred D. – Primary Purpose – 29 years

Charlie W. – North Austin 24 – 29 years

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.



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