

SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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Willingness Is The Key

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Our Mission

**WE WORK
24 HOURS A
DAY
FOR YOU!**

**Information 12th
Step Referrals
Service
Opportunities**

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This program has taught me that without willingness I have no chance of staying sober. I had a small amount of willingness when I came through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous, even if it was only that I was willing to try something different in order to not die a hopeless drunk. That was the first step in the process—the second was to become willing to be open minded to a new higher power, and the third was to muster enough willingness to let something else be in charge of my life. I heard that if you keep wrecking the car as you leave the dealership you should let someone else drive. Once I had begun doing the third step the willingness to complete the steps came as I was ready to clean away the wreckage of my past with the 4th and 5th steps, and I was not afraid of what I might learn because I had become willing to go to any lengths for victory over alcohol. I was told by my sponsor to follow the suggestions of the Big Book and go home and get quiet for an hour and go over the first five proposals and then do steps six and seven. I was very willing to have my higher power remove my defects of character and shortcomings. I am still willing to have them removed as they still crop up from time to time. The eighth step said to go back to the list from the 4th step and add all the persons I had harmed, which required a definition of harm. My sponsor told me to put down any person that I had done something to that I did not want someone to do to me. I became willing to make the amends to them all and I have completed all the amends from my first list. The tenth step tells me to be willing to continue the inventory and right all the wrongs as necessary. The willingness in step eleven is to continue to seek that conscious contact with your higher power. I have to stay willing to live the principles of the first eleven steps and work with fellow alcoholics on a daily bases in order to continue to have spiritual growth and peace.

March History (A.A.'s First Headquarters)

In March, 1940, Works Publishing moves from Newark to a small office at 30 Vesey Street in lower Manhattan. Though something of a financial gamble, the move means that for the first time the fellowship has a headquarters of its own. (AA World Services Archives)

**Hill Country
Intergroup
Representatives
Meeting
2nd Monday
Of the
Month
6:30 PM
Covenant
Presbyterian
Church
Education Bldg.**

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Office -

Billy C., Gordon D., Jim H., John B., Jason M., Marty C., Michael N., James B., Dan H., Jeanne R., Kevin B., Eileen B., Pat F., Lizz R.,

Hotline -

Lake Travis Serenity Group, Western Trails Group, Beth B., Samanta D., Keuth W., Randy R., Hope Group (Cedar Park), Gordon K., Dennis "Pete" P., Mary T., Keystone Group, Brian F., Mark A., Marty C., Jerry T., Keep 1st Things 1st Group,

FEBRUARY DONATIONS

*HCIA Birthday Club
BIRTH DAYS
FEBRUARY*

Julia B. 20 Yrs

Turning Point
Group

Michael G. 13 Yrs
Kyle, TX



Living Faith - \$150

Into Action (Lockhart) - \$10

Northland - \$333

Allandale - \$1,023

Lake Travis Serenity - \$500

What It's Like Now - \$128

Men's Back to Basics - \$53

The River Group - \$25

Thursday Night Men's RR - \$34

Unity - \$171

The Turning Point - \$20

Keep 1st Things 1st - \$430

Lakeview (Lago Vista) - \$497

Llano - \$100

Lampasas - \$73

Bridge to Shore - \$663

Wimberley - \$10

Bluebonnet - \$219

Tarrytown - \$178

Austin Citywide - \$150

On the Colorado - \$10

Westlake AA - \$500

Women's Recovery - \$349

Total - \$5,626

SOBRIETY AND SERVICE

My name is Michael P. and my sobriety date is January 10, 2005. I have been involved in service since my first year of sobriety. It all started with my first home group. When I first got sober I had nowhere else to go so I would get to the meeting two hours before it started. The guy opening up the meeting noticed I was always early and asked if I could open the meeting. Not sure if he was tired of the commitment or if he knew how important it was for a new comer to be involved. Whatever his reason I needed this at the time. To this day it was my favorite service commitment. I started attending the Rule 62 meeting in Devine, TX around the time of my second year of sobriety and I stated to hear the word GSR. Once I celebrated my second year of sobriety I was told I was going to be the GSR of the group—we didn't even have an election. A member of that group John H. told me "Mike you are here early and you stay late, you have the pulse of the group and we trust your judgment." That same day Willard M. told me "to get a calendar and to mark off all my service commitments and plan my life around those events." Today when I look at my calendar I see my life is AA. Everything I have and do is because of AA. After my term as GSR I served as the DCM of District 1E and learned the importance of AA's Twelve Traditions. I currently have the honor and pleasure of serving the SWTA 68 as treasurer. I can't wait until God sees fit for me to make coffee again.

Mike P.

AA Thought For The Month

Self-pity is one of the most unhappy and consuming defects that we know.

It is a bar to all spiritual progress and can cut off all effective communication with our fellows because of its inordinate demands for attention and sympathy. It is a maudlin form of martyrdom, which we can ill afford.

- As Bill Sees It, p.



HCIA DEAF ACCESS

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AA HUMOR SECTION

You Might Be An Alcoholic If:

- You bought your current pick-up truck because it has a cool place to hide a six pack.
- 24 Hours in a day, 24 beers in a case --- coincidence???? I don't think so!!!
- You have a reserved parking space at the liquor store.
- You spent Sunday night in jail for cow-tipping -- with your Oldsmobile.
- Your idea of cutting back is less seltzer.



"I'm here because I drink like a fish."





Capital Of Texas Conference 2014

“Cling to the thought that, in God’s hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have—the key to life and happiness for others. With it you can avert death and misery for them”.
Bill W.

Get ready for Austin’s Conference. The first ever Capital Of Texas Conference will be held in August 15-17, 2014. The conference committee chairs have been elected and are working to put together a great conference right here at home.

If you are interested in serving as a conference Co-Chair of a committee please come to the meeting. If you just want to come see what is going on or join a committee please come and join us.

The Conference Website Address:

<http://www.capitaloftexasconference.org>

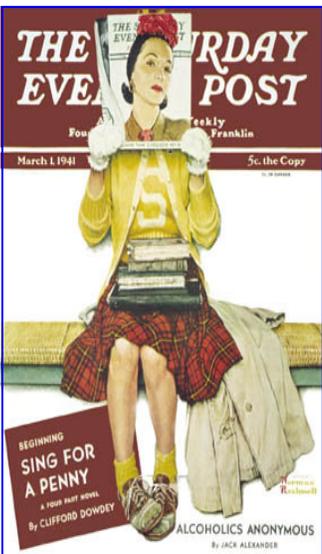
The next committee meeting will be held March 24, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

Come visit our website and if you have any feed back please email the Website Coordinator.

Check the events calendar on the website for location.

webmaster@capitaloftexasconference.org

Below is the winner of the logo contest. Congrats Ricky great design.



Deaf Access Committee Needs Your Help

Help us carry the message!!

In the last two years, more and more Deaf AA members have joined us and are attending meetings!! More and more AA members who know sign language are sharing their experience strength and hope before and after the meeting. More treatment centers are aware of DAC and sending Deaf people to AA. We are growing in number and power!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Special Needs in AA

HCIA DAC needs regular contributions to continue meeting the needs of our Deaf AA members through providing interpreted meetings, who in turn help others!

We need your help now.

Individuals or groups can contribute!! Send ANY amount, no matter how big or how small, to:

The Deaf Access Committee
1825 Fortview Rd. STE #104
Austin, TX 78704

For more information, e-mail Norma A., DAC Chairperson, at austindeafaccess@gmail.com

Bill W. said, "When we are generous when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all who still suffer."



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If you would like to help with the HCI Newsletter or you would like to volunteer at the Intergroup office you can contact us at (512) 444-0071. There are many opportunities for service work. You can also sign up to be on the 12th step list. Volunteering through the intergroup is a great experience. The Sobriety pages is always looking for articles. Tell you story or pick a topic.

The Sobriety Variety pages wants to tell your story. We also want to print your experiences with sobriety and service. Please send in your stories to:
hcieditor@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events For January

March 6th - South Austin Big Book Group Speaker Meeting!

March 8-10 – Houston Intergroup 50th Anniversary!

March 9th - Lost Pines Group (Bastrop) Speaker Meeting!

March 16th - Florence Renaissance Group Speaker Meeting!

March 16th - Austin Citywide Potluck and Speaker Meeting!

March 24th - Northland Group. A Traditions Workshop!

April 5-7—SWTA 68 Pre General Service Assembly!

April 19-21 - 27th Annual Bluebonnet Retreat!

May 4th - 4th Annual District 2 Picnic!

May 11th - 11th Annual Old Timers Banquet!

June 7-9 67th Annual Texas State AA Convention!

July 11-14 - ICYPAA 2013 Phoenix, AZ

July 12-14 - SWTA 68 Summer Workshop!

For more information on these or any upcoming events go to the Hill Country Intergroup Website.

HIC WEBSITE ADDRESS

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You will find flyers with all the pertinent information for the event and a map to the location.

