



# DISTRICT 29 NEWSLETTER

September 2019

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## **The Ninth!**

**Step** — Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**Tradition** — A.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

**9th Step Promise** — Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

**Concept** — Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

**Come One, Come All!**

**History in the Making!**

**Don't Miss Your Chance!**

**District 29 Panel 70 Elections**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM - 601 Main Street, Bastrop, TX**

Make sure your Groups voice is heard! Be a part of keeping AA strong for you and countless others!

All Members come to see firsthand and be a part of the event that will help to form the committee for

Panel 70. Group Representatives come ready to vote!

Get the low-down on the voting procedures and service positions being elected for Panel 70 in the pages that follow!

**Oh and, the rest of the District 29 happenings and few other things are in this edition of the Newsletter, too!**

**Alternate DCM Update September 2019**  
**Jan S., Alternate DCM District 29, Panel 68**

Alt. DCM Report- from the August 11, 2019 District 29 Meeting held at the Giddings Group

**Notes from Summer Workshop Host Committee**

I had the honor of Chairing the Host Committee for the SWTA68 Summer Workshop in Bastrop, along with Kathy M. who graciously accepted the job of co-chair. On Friday night, Kathy and I had the pleasure of presenting our theme; later I got to chair the speaker meeting. What a treat to hear from one of our very own who was instrumental initiating our District 29. There were over 200 people from our area in attendance, and it was a great spiritual weekend with a little business thrown in.

The workshop was a huge success thanks to the efforts of all the groups from District 29. The District absolutely rocked it! From registration to decoration and hospitality, hotel liaison, to entertainment. The entire assembly went smoothly. (I'm aware of the quick decisions and fast execution in the background that you all did to make it happen).

Even though we had some rather confined areas at times, the feedback I heard was positive. Goes to show that food triumphs over space and boy you guys fed 'em well. I wanted to make sure to thank our fundraisers and treasurer; raising funds and keeping up with the details of contributions are critical to our success.

Kudos to all of District 29 for contributions of every kind; all of us had an important role to play. Thank you all for planning and executing so well; from beginning to end your every thought was of the guests to our District and it showed.

Please pass on to your committees and groups the thanks of District 29 and Area 68 for a wonderful job. I enjoyed working with each of you and I look forward to any feedback you may have.

**Windshield Time Rocks!**

On Saturday I traveled to Brady Texas with friends from my home group to participate in Brady Group's 72<sup>nd</sup> AA Birthday celebration. Their theme was from page 180 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous - Dr. Bob's nightmare ...*he talked my language*. What a great weekend of fellowship with folks who talk my language. To borrow a phrase, The Language of the Heart. A.A. is alive and well in Texas and I thank God for that. It is a great benefit for me to travel outside of my home area and meet with other people in our fellowship to find our common solution.

In gratitude and love for you and our wonderful fellowship, thank you District for allowing me the privilege of being part of something so wonderful.

A grateful servant,

Jan S., Alternate DCM, District 29, Panel 68.

<p><b>Area Birthday Locations</b></p> <p><b>Jan.-</b>Phelan Road Group  <b>Feb.-</b>LaGrange Gratitude Group  <b>Mar.-</b>Friday Night Group  <b>April-</b>Lost Pines Group  <b>May-</b>Smithville Group  <b>June-</b>Giddings  <b>July-</b>On The Colorado (OTC)  <b>Aug.-</b>LaGrange Colorado Valley  <b>Sept.-</b>Sunday Morning Sidewalk  <b>Oct.-</b>The Elgin Group  <b>Nov.-</b>Smithville Group  <b>Dec. -</b> Legacies Group</p>	<p><b>What's Happening in District 29 September 2019</b></p> <p><b>September 1-</b> Speaker Meeting, Sunday Morning Sidewalk - 10:30 am  <b>September 7-</b> Speaker Meeting, On The Colorado (OTC), Smithville 8pm  <b>September 8-</b> District 29 Meeting/Elections – Sunday Morning Sidewalk - 1pm  <b>September 14 -</b> Speaker Meeting Lost Pines - 7 pm  <b>September 20 -</b>Speaker Meeting, Elgin Group -- 7pm  <b>September 26 -</b> Speaker Meeting at A Way Out Group - 7:00pm  <b>September 28 -</b> Sunday Morning Sidewalk - Potluck at 7pm Meeting at 8pm</p>	<p><b>District Committee</b></p> <p>DCM Debbie M          Alt DCM Jan S          Secretary <b>Open</b>          PICPC Craig D.          Treasurer David M          Literature Morgan P          Intergroup <b>Open</b>          Webmaster Michael B          Grapevine Holly H          CFC Mike G          Newsletter Theol J          Treatment <b>Open</b>          Archives <b>Open</b></p>
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**Correctional  
Facilities  
Committee Needs  
Volunteers**

Help with bring the message to the correctional facilities here in the Bastrop Area. New and improved process reduces the cumbersome paperwork to get started! The new application is available from Michael G. and once completed and be turned in along with the PREA completion certificate to the Bastrop County Jailer.

**New from Grapevine: Cartoon Book "Take Me To Your Sponsor"**



**TAKE  
ME  
TO  
YOUR  
SPONSOR**  
 Best Jokes & Cartoons  
 from AA Grapevine

Sobriety can be tough sometimes, which is why recovering alcoholics can always use a good laugh. In AA, members learn to not take themselves too seriously, to be happy, joyous and free. Luckily, sobriety can be pretty darn amusing. Two of the most beloved departments of Grapevine are the “At Wit’s End” jokes and the cartoons, all contributed and drawn by AA members. This book contains some of the best laughs of the last few years, dealing with meetings, sponsorship, dating and marriage, friends and coworkers, character defects and more. We hope this book brightens your day and gives you some hearty, well-earned laughs.

**Group Meeting Schedule Updates**

The Manor Group has a new 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Study Meeting Thursdays at 6 p.m. This is in addition to the existing Tuesday 6 p.m. Open Discussion meeting. Meetings are held at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 12800 Lexington St Manor, TX 78621

We are sad to announce that the Fearless and Sister of Serenity Groups are no longer meeting in La Grange. Fortunately, the following meetings and groups are still available in La Grange.

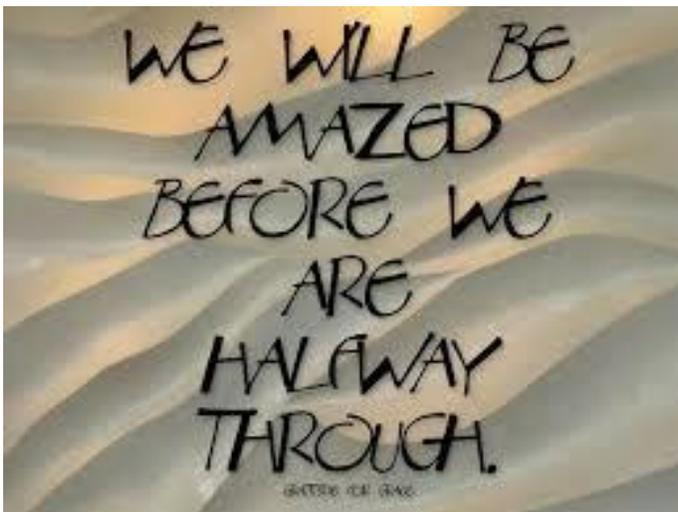
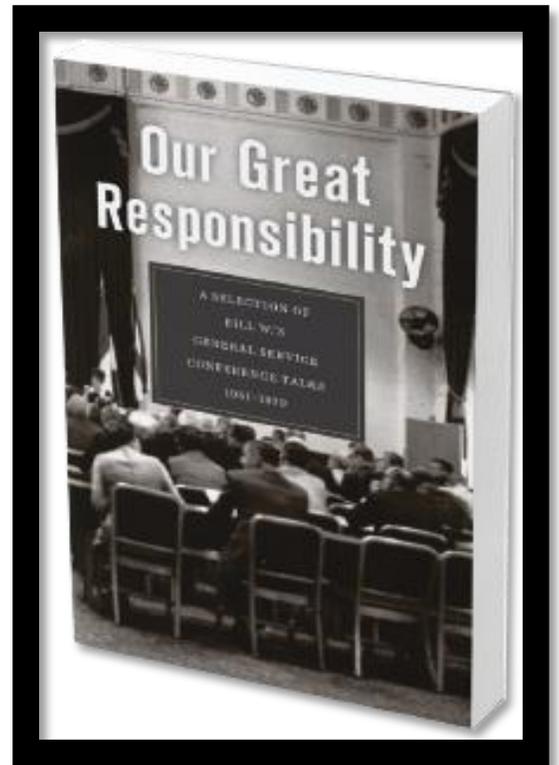
- The Colorado Valley Study Group holds a Closed Big Book Study at 8 pm on Wednesdays. They meet at St. James Episcopal Church, 156 Monroe, LaGrange, TX 78945
- The Gratitude Group meets on the backside of MHMR Bldg. at 275 Ellinger Road, LaGrange, TX 78945. They have an Open Step/Tradition Discussion Meeting on Mondays at 8 pm and an Open Discussion meeting on Fridays at 8 pm.

The Elgin Group now has a Women’s Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 4 p.m. The meeting is at the same location as all the others for this Group, 124 Fisher Street, Elgin, TX 78621

**Our Great Responsibility**

A selection of Bill W’s General Service Conference talks, 1951 – 1970. Timeless and timely, these 16 selected talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder’s own words.

This book is now available for sale. Please get with our District 29 Literature Chairperson Morgan P for more information. She will be able to help you with your AA literature needs.



**The Elections are here!**

On September 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. the Sunday Morning Sidewalk Group will host the District 29 meeting! The primary focus will be to elect District 29 Panel 70 Officers and Chairs!

The primary purpose of District 29 is to assist all the groups in the District in their effort of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The District also helps Group Service representatives (GSR'S) in any way possible to carry out our primary purpose through cooperation of the committee's that serve the District.

**Voting**

According to the **District 29 Polies and Guidelines** these are the voting procedures. We have included the description of the Third Legacy Procedure later in this edition of the newsletter.

1. District Business

- a. For all business of the District, except the election of DCM and Alternate DCM, only current GSRs or Alternate GSRs and all District Committee Chairpersons, including the District Secretary, District Treasurer, and Alternate DCM may vote. The DCM may vote in the event of a tie.
- b. Alternate GSRs may vote only in the absence of the corresponding GSR.
- c. A 2/3 majority is required for passage of a motion.

2. Election of DCM/Alt DCM

- a. For the election of the DCM and Alternate DCM all District 29 Committee voting members, GSRs, Alternate GSRs, the current DCM and Alternate DCM may vote. Refer to the current General Service Manual for qualifications for DCM and Alternate DCM.
- b. Voting is done by a 2/3 majority vote by written ballot and if there is no a 2/3's majority after the first vote, then Third Legacy Procedures are to be followed as outlined in the current General Service Manual.

**DISTRICT 29 DISTRICT POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

The DCM and Alternate DCM are described in the **District 29 Polies and Guidelines.**

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)**

- 1. Refer to and perform all duties outlined in the current General Service Manual for District Committee Members (DCM).
- 2. Provides a copy (via mail or email) of the most recent District Minutes to the SWTA 68 Area Committee: i.e., Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairman, and Area Alternate Chairman.
- 3. The current DCM will appoint the District 29 Webmaster. The Webmaster is a non-voting position. The position can be reappointed by a newly elected DCM.

**ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (Alternate DCM)**

Refer to and perform all duties of the DCM in their absence as described in the current General Service Manual and the above paragraph for District Committee Member (DCM).

### **DISTRICT 29 OFFICERS**

The following position descriptions were borrowed from the District 29 **District Positions** document which, along with **District 29 Polies and Guidelines** the can be found on the resources page of the District 29 Website at <http://district29aa.org/district-resources/>.

#### **Secretary**

1. Attends all District monthly meetings and takes and transcribes minutes. Provides a copy of minutes for members attending District meetings and provides a copy of approved district minutes to each District 29 Group in a timely manner by mail or email.
2. Maintains a current list of the names and contact information of all GSR's and Alternate GSR's, District Committee Chairpersons, and District 29 Officers and provides copies as needed.
3. Informs District 29 Groups of all upcoming monthly meetings. The reminders should also be emailed to the Webmaster for input on the website.

#### **TREASURER**

1. Maintains financial records included all monetary contributions. Attends all district meetings and provides a written financial report at each District meeting of Income and Expenses and Current Bank Balance. Keeps separate ledger on earmarked contributions.
2. Make District aware of upcoming expenses and needs by coordination with DCM and Committee Chairpersons.

### **DISTRICT 29 COMMITTEES DESCRIPTIONS**

All Committee Chairs attend District 29 monthly meetings and are encouraged to attend SWTA 68 Area Assemblies and other General Service activities to learn what other Service Committee Chairs are doing in their Districts and Groups.

#### **Archives**

Maintains the repository of A.A. related materials primarily relating to the origin and development of A.A. in District 29. Duties include but are not limited to: receives, sorts, indexes and preserves all A.A. related materials pertaining to District 29. Maintains and updates District 29 Group Histories for inclusion in the Archives. Conducts and maintains Oral Interviews of "Old-timers" in District 29.

#### **Correctional Facilities Coordinates**

Bastrop County Jail meetings, Bastrop County Jail Officials and maintains updated list of volunteers. Coordinates with Federal Prison Officials to take meetings into the federal facility. Schedules regular meetings of the CFC Committee made up of District 29 Group CFC Representatives. Provides A.A. literature to correctional facilities.

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### **Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)**

Distributes A.A. literature/information to the general public and professionals who are in contact with alcoholics. Should be thoroughly familiar with the A.A. program and able to provide consistent and accurate information about the Fellowship. Visits might include schools, local businesses, church and civic groups, clergy, health care providers, lawyers and teachers.

### **Treatment Facilities**

Coordinates the work of individual AA Members and Groups interested in carrying the message of recovery to alcoholics in Treatment facilities in District 29. Coordinates with Area 68 Treatment Chair a means of "bridging the gap" from a treatment facility to an AA Group in District 29. 2

### **Grapevine**

Responsible for disseminating information about the Grapevine Magazine and LaVina, and other Grapevine materials that are available. Visits District Groups and encourages the Group and individual members to subscribe to the Grapevine in helping to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers.

### **Literature**

Facilitates purchase of GSO literature for all District 29 Committees and District 29 Groups if requested. May attend other District Group functions and provides a literature display, as well as purchase of available literature.

### **Newsletter**

Prepares and edits monthly District 29 Newsletter as outlined in detail in the current District 29 Procedures and Guidelines. Chair should have computer software capable of the compilation of the Newsletter. Coordinates with all District Committees on input and deadlines for the Newsletter.

### **Hill Country Intergroup Representative**

Hill Country Intergroup (HCI) Representative represents District 29 by attendance at monthly HCI meetings. Provides information to the District about local A.A. community events and other events of interest including volunteer opportunities. It is suggested the HCI Representative have a minimum of one year of sobriety.

## **A Note from Dean D.**

I want to thank District 29 for the wonderful hospitality, while hosting the SWTA 68 Summer Workshop! I really enjoy coming up to the Bastrop area.

District 2 is working hard on the upcoming Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Conference that will be held in New Braunfels on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a professional's luncheon and the conference will begin Friday afternoon. The conference will

be geared toward helping District 2 enhance their PI/CPC work and will also be helpful for anyone in attendance. You will be able to learn how to address our PI/CPC work in your own Districts.

We had a great turnout at the PI/CPC Workshop in Bastrop on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. Lennon and Charlie from District 4 shared their experience on hosting a luncheon on Public Information and Cooperating with the Professional Community for professionals in their area. They had a nice turnout of local professionals and A.A. members.

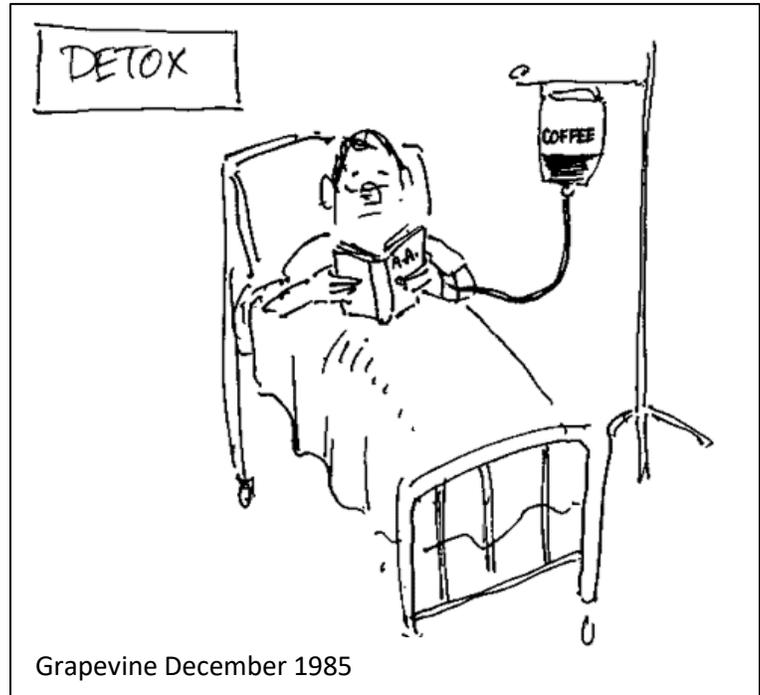
Janice W. from District 29 shared her experience in working with law enforcement and the correctional facilities and how we can all work together amongst our separate service committees.

We also watched a short video available from General Service Office that can be shown to professionals as it pertains to the healthcare, law enforcement, Human Resources, Employee Assistance Program, and other entities. There was great feedback and interaction during our workshop.

Thank you District 29 for another wonderful weekend spent with my fellow service members.

Dean DuBal

SWTA68 PI/CPC Chairperson – Panel 68



### **THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE**

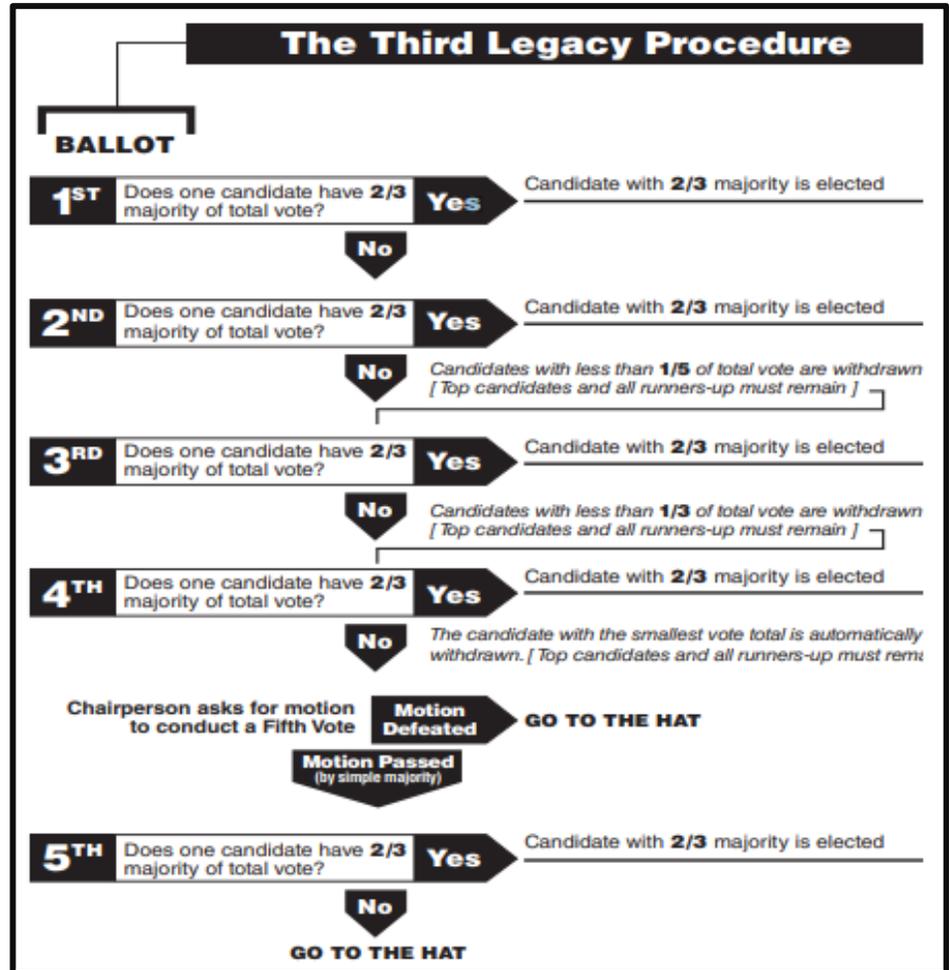
This excerpt from **The A.A. SERVICE MANUAL Combined With TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE** by Bill W. 2018-2020 Edition reflecting actions of the 2018 general service conference Page S21, describes the Third Legacy Procedure. The full publication can be found at [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_bm-31.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf).

A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to A.A., and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.

Third Legacy Procedure is as follows:

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- The names of eligible candidates are posted on a board. All voting members (of the area or Conference body) cast written ballots, one choice to a ballot. The tally for each candidate is posted on the board.
- The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected. • Withdrawals start after the second ballot. If any candidate has less than one-fifth of the total vote, his or her name is automatically withdrawn<sup>1</sup> — except that the top two candidates must remain. (In case of ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
- After the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically, except the two top candidates remain. (In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
- After the fourth ballot, if no candidate has two-thirds of the total vote, the candidate with the smallest total is automatically withdrawn, except that the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied second place candidates remain. At this point, the chairperson asks for a motion, second, and a simple majority of hands on conducting a fifth and final ballot. If this motion is defeated, balloting is over and the choice is made by lot — “going to the hat” — immediately. If the motion carries, a fifth and final ballot is conducted.
- If after the fifth ballot no election occurs, the chairperson announces that the choice will be made by lot (from the hat). At this point, the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for first place, all tied first place candidates remain. In case there are no ties for first place, the top candidate and any tied second-place candidates remain.
- Lots are then drawn by the teller, and the first one “out of the hat” is the delegate (or trustee or other officer).



1 The 1969 General Service Conference approved the change from optional to automatic withdrawal of candidates.

## The AA Traditions and Concepts Series 2019

This Month we hear from Janice W. on Concept IX and Tradition 9. As we approach the autumnal equinox and close out summer, we are approaching the last quarter of the year and your last few chance to get an article into this series. So sharpen your pen or keyboard and hurry up and snag your change to write one of the last three articles in this series!

### Concept IX

#### **Concept IX (short form)**

*“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”*

#### **Concept IX (long form)**

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

### LEADERSHIP

It's almost Election time (September every other year, odd year elections for an even year panel) in our Home Groups, District 29 and SWTA 68. It would be appropriate at this time and I would strongly encourage all members of Alcoholics Anonymous to read closely **“Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need”** written by Bill W., AA Grapevine, April 1959 and printed on page S51, **“The A.A. Service Manual Combined With the Twelve Concepts”** as it sums up “Leadership in AA” then and now. I would further encourage members to read Concept 9 prior to casting votes.

Leadership began for me, like most of us, by choosing a sponsor, then working the Steps and learning how to “live the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous”. Then came choosing a Home Group, sharing and chairing meetings and serving on the Group Steering Committee or as a Group Officer. My next involvement in service was with the fun Service Events, i.e., chairing Conventions & Conferences. But my greatest service and leadership experience has been serving as a Sponsor.

Leadership has meant (after long time sobriety) becoming involved in the General Service Structure as a G.S.R., CFC Chair for District 29, and then Alternate D.C.M. and D.C.M. I was also honored and privileged to serve SWTA 68 as the Area Correctional Facilities Chairperson, Panel 62.

However, in the beginning of my sobriety, my primary Leadership was my commitment to my Home Group by attending meetings and doing simple tasks like making coffee and attending Group Conscious/Business Meetings and serving my Group with whatever needs to be done. I

still serve my Home Group as the Secretary, but will be rotating off at the end of the year and “on” to where God would have me to be to of maximum service to Him and my fellow man.

Leadership also means never rotating “off” and always rotating “on”. Leadership has expanded my Sponsorship to a new level by serving as a Service Sponsor. I still attend District, Area, and Regional Events and stay abreast of Service throughout the U.S. and Canada.

It has been my experience in General Service that our Leaders should be elected, **not based on popularity**, instead our Leaders should be that person willing to serve, one who has the time and energy to perform **all** the duties that go with that position.

**Our Leaders need the attributes of: tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision at all levels of A.A. (Twelve Concepts for World Service, p. 39)**

We, as responsible members of A.A., have a vote beginning in our Home Group. I have the responsibility to listen to each person’s background in service, their willingness to serve and consider their leadership attributes so that I can make an informed decision on who can be the best Leader. Many times we make the assumption that the person serving in the Alternate role for any position is the apparent person who “should be elected automatically to fill the vacant position” at our Group, District and Area (i.e. the Alternate G.S.R. should be elected G.S.R., Alternate D.C.M. should be elected D.C.M., Alternate Area Chairperson should be elected Area Chairperson and Alternate Delegate should be elected Delegate). I believe members at all levels have the duty and obligation to vote for the best person; the one who has all the Leadership qualities we seek in our trusted servants.

All of the above mentioned things involve **Commitment and Responsibility**. Jim Estelle, a Past Class A Trustee, once said “It behooves each of us who are in service that we assume the responsibility and the legacy of our founders. Whether we thought about it or were conscious of it when you and I raised our hand to volunteer ... we were volunteering to carry the message ... in our communities and throughout our Fellowship - We have a responsibility to extend the vision of our founders and those that have gone before us and to give to other people what we have been given so freely.”

Over the years, I learned an invaluable lesson and it was close to home. I felt a certain person would be a great Leader in our District and Area, but was reminded that a good Leader leads by example. Good Leadership does not mean “Holding a Position” just so someone can have **“the Title”**. An excellent leader can “lead from where they are sitting”. It means that a leader can personally put principles, plans and policies into action and excite others to want to help them do their service positions. We don’t have to have a title to be a Leader. Our leaders are but trusted servants.

In closing - my favorite quote from a Long-Timer, **“LOVE IS SERVICE IN ACTION”**

## Tradition 9

### *Tradition 9 (short form)*

“AA as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards directly responsible to those they serve.”

### *Tradition 9 (long form)*

“Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.”

As we approach this time of year, in our Groups, Districts and Area, we will be conducting elections soon. Once we elect our new G.S.R.'s, Group Officers and Committee Representatives and our District elects a new D.C.M., Alternate D.C.M., they all become “responsible to their Groups on any action taken”. Many other trusted servants serve our Groups in other ways, such as: make coffee; open the doors; purchase supplies and keep literature in stock; greet people at the door. These members are also responsible to their Groups on actions taken to perform simple tasks as a trusted servant. The following is a short version of Tradition 9:

**Organization:** Least possible organization. Power to direct or govern is the essence of organizations everywhere.

**Trusted Servants:** Groups elect G.S.R.'s, Group Officers and Committee Representatives and District 29 elects a new D.C.M., Alternate D.C.M., Officers, and Committee Chairs; SWTA 68 elects a Delegate and Alternate Delegate and other Officers. They all become responsible to their Groups, Districts, and persons they represent on any action taken. Our General Service Board is responsible to the membership of Alcoholics Anonymous on all actions taken. Trusted servants “assume responsibility - not take on authority”.

**Spirit of Rotation** - Rotating Leadership at the Group, District, Area or General Service Office with A.A. World Services and the A.A. Grapevine publication.

**Question:** Can A.A. General Service Office give us orders?

**Answer:** No - They can do no more than than make suggestions and very mild ones at that. They might suggest we are at liberty to handle our situations in any way that a member or a Group please, but the majority experience in A.A. does seem to suggest...

**The individual member:** *"Unless each A.A. member follows to the best of his ability our suggested Twelve Steps of recovery, he almost certainly signs his own death warrant."*

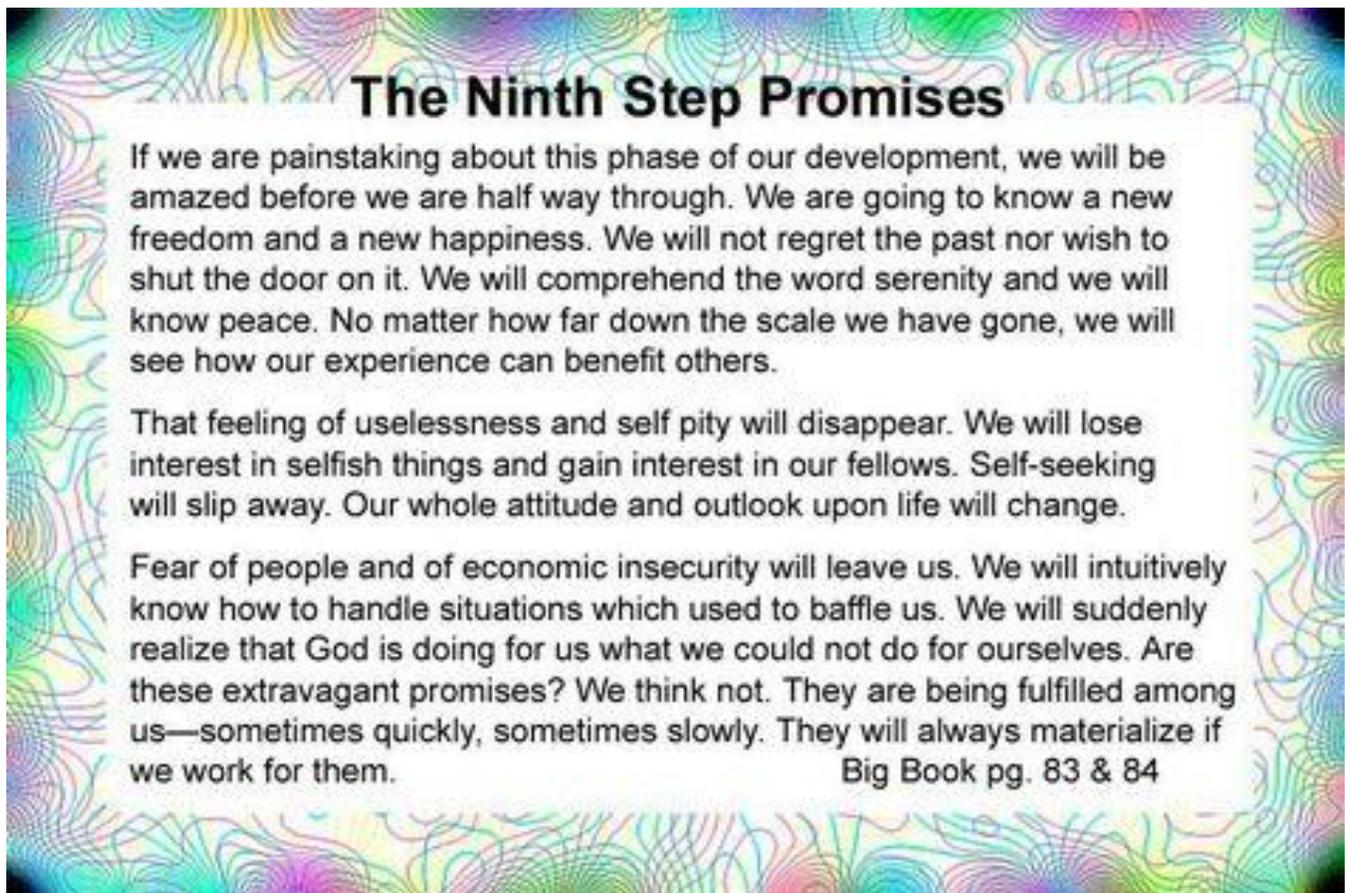
**The Group:** The same stern threat applies to the group itself. *"Unless there is **approximate conformity** to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group too can deteriorate and die."*

**General Service Office:** *"All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from title; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."*

All of us as members of Alcoholics Anonymous will serve in some capacity and together we can better carry **The Message**. We can safeguard, through our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, that Alcoholics Anonymous remains in total unity and continue to improve our vital services. Together, God willing, we can guarantee Alcoholics Anonymous has a long life.

Janice W.

Home Group – Lost Pines



## The Ninth Step Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

Big Book pg. 83 & 84



# OCTOBER 4TH - 6TH 2019

"WE HAVE BEEN ROCKETED INTO A FOURTH DIMENSION OF EXISTENCE..."

## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE PINES



**FAMILY ACTIVITIES WITH THE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, AND MORE TO COME!**

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

8:00 PM VICTOR V. AA SPRINGDALE, AR

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

10:00 AM BRIAN M. AA NM

1:00 PM STEPHANIE B. AL-ANON MARBLE FALLS, TX

3:00 PM TBA SERVICE

5:30PM BBQ DINNER

6:45PM RAFFLE

7:00PM HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

PRESENTATION

7:00PM SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

8:00 PM NELSON S. AA HOUSTON, TX

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:00 AM SOLIS R. AA AUSTIN, TX

Hospitality: Will Be OPEN Before & After All Meetings --- CLOSED During Meetings

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### We Pay Our Own Way

Conventions and conferences are Special Events, the cost of these events are paid through Registration Fees.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ NAME DESIRED ON NAME BADGE: _____ CITY DESIRED ON NAME BADGE: _____ Contact Info: E-Mail or Phone #: _____	MAIL TO: REGISTRAR P.O. Box 718 Bastrop, TX 78602 CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: FELLOWSHIP IN THE PINES Pre-registration opens August 1, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults (Ages 17 & Over) - Pre-Registration \$20.00 (\$30.00 at Door) \$	Scholarship Fund \$
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