



DISTRICT 29 NEWSLETTER

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The Third

Step — Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

9th Step Promise — We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

Tradition — Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Concept — To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

District 29 Upcoming District Meetings!

Come on out and keep up with what's happening with the Business of District 29! All General Service Representatives, District Officers and District Committee Chairs will gather to get 'er done! All Alcoholics Anonymous members are welcome to attend.

March 8th - Sunday Morning Sidewalk Group
12 noon
601 Main St, Bastrop

April 12th - Elgin Group - 1:30
124 Fisher St, Elgin

May 10th – Legacies Group – 1:30
603 Spring St. Bastrop

June 14th - On the Colorado Group - 1:30
591 West Loop 230, Smithville

July 12th - Phelan Road Group - 1:30
267 Phelan Rd, Bastrop



The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code."

A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020

SWTA 68 - 2020 Pre-General Service Conference Assembly

“A.A.-EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE” “A.A.-EXPERIENCIA, FORTALEZA, Y ESPERANZA”

What: 2020 Pre-General Service Conference Assembly

When: Mar 27-29, 2020

Where:

Doubletree by Hilton San Antonio Airport
 37 NE Loop 410
 San Antonio, TX 78216

Room Rate \$115 plus taxes

Hosted by District 1F

How to Sign up: phone no. 210-366-2424 or [Bit.ly/PreGen2020](https://bit.ly/PreGen2020)

Conference materials accessed using the following links:

[Area Pre-General Service Conference - English](#)

<https://www.aa-swta.org/wp-content/plugins/download-attachments/includes/download.php?id=3082>

[Area Pre-General Service Conference - Spanish](#)

<https://www.aa-swta.org/wp-content/plugins/download-attachments/includes/download.php?id=3081>

[2020 SWTA68 P70 Pre-General Service Conference Agenda](#)

<https://www.aa-swta.org/wp-content/plugins/download-attachments/includes/download.php?id=3121>

District 29 Treasurer’s Report

District 29 Treasurer's Report for		January	2020	Tot Deposits	Tot Expenses	Ending Balance
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>					
From Statement-FNB	\$1,642.86			\$257.98	\$201.14	\$1,699.70
District Funds	\$1,609.30			\$156.00	\$201.14	\$1,564.16
CFC Funds	\$33.56			\$101.98		\$135.54
Totals	\$1,642.86			\$257.98		\$1,699.70
<u>Prudent Reserve</u>						(\$300.00)
						Available Balance
						\$1,399.70
<u>Pending Transactions</u>						
Deposit/Credit Pending	0					
Expenses Pending	0					
District Expenses were:	Jan. Assembly Hotel DCM \$201.14					

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

Hello to all, your committee has been busy this past month distributing meeting schedules. The following locations in Bastrop all received 10 meeting schedules: Days Inn, Super 8 Motel, Ascension Seton Hospital, Comfort Suites Hotel, The Hampton Inn, holiday Inn Express, and the Quality Inn. The Bastrop Co. Adult Probation received 20 schedules and 10 Info on AA, The Bastrop Co. Juvenile Probation office received 20 meeting schedules and 10 Info on AA plus the pamphlets, Too Young, A Message to Teenagers in English, Info on AA and Young People in AA in Spanish.

At The Bastrop Library schedules were replaced with 20 new ones. At the Garner-Reilly Physical Therapy office, located at 623 TX-71 Suite 100, 10 new schedules were placed. Also a member from Lost Pines Group, Charlotte P., has placed schedules at: Open Door Soup Kitchen 987 TX 95, Bastrop, and at Calvary Episcopal Church 603 Spring St. Bastrop.

We have a few more spots to hit in Bastrop and then we will move NW to Elgin and Manor. Thank you to all who have participated.

Yours in Service,

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Help Spread the Message

Want to help spread the message of hope to folks in Bastrop County Jail? One way you can do that is by sending Grapevine Subscriptions to:

Bastrop County Jail
ATTN: Programs Director – Amanda Grayson
1601 Mills Ave.
Bastrop, TX 78602

See the Correctional Facilities Committee article for other ways to help spread the message.



FROM 4 TO 12... IN OTHER WORDS

I search without fear take inventory to make clear,
Those things good and lacking value held dear!
Getting honest with G-d you and me
Holds little glee, yet does set them free!
Leaving the tough to be taken away,
By a higher power who has all the sway!
Knowing I can't by myself, I ask them removed,
Those defects that have me not behooved.
I make out a list of those who were harmed,
While I was with those defects well-armed!
Look to make right with enemies, family and friends,
I bring about change in myself called; amends,
Look daily my side of the street to keep daily clean,
Working spiritually from dull toward a sheen,
Seek to plug my consciousness in,
Asking to knowledge and power time and again.
Spiritually alive and awake as the result,
I share what I've learned, yes the miracles I tout,
Try using what I've learned my whole life throughout

Area Birthday

Celebration Locations

- Jan.-Phelan Road Group
- Feb.-LaGrange Gratitude Group
- Mar.-Friday Night Group
- April-Lost Pines Group
- May-Smithville Group
- June-Giddings
- July-On The Colorado (OTC)
- Aug.-LaGrange Colorado Valley
- Sept.-Sunday Morning Sidewalk
- Oct.-The Elgin Group
- Nov.-Smithville Group
- Dec. - Legacies Group

What's Happening In District 29

January 2020

- Mar 7-** Speaker Meeting, On The Colorado (OTC), Smithville 8pm
- Mar 8 -** District 29 Meeting, Sunday Morning Sidewalk - 12 noon
- Mar 14 -** Speaker Meeting Lost Pines - 7 pm
- Mar 20 -**Speaker Meeting, Elgin Group -- 7pm
- Mar 24 -** Speaker Meeting at A Way Out Group - 7:00pm
- Mar 28-** Area Birthday Meeting
Hosted By: Friday Night Group

District Committee

DCM	Jan S.
Alt DCM	Kathy A.
Secretary	Tasha S.
PICPC	Open
Treasurer	Craig D.
Literature	Morgan P
Intergroup	Open
Webmaster	Michael B
Grapevine	Open
CFC	Mike G
Newsletter	Open
Treatment	Open
Archives	Steve VL

I knew I was
an alcoholic
by the way
I felt sober.

Joe B., Alcoholics Anonymous

The latest update to District 29 schedules are available! A few corrections to be noted:

1. **Published 2019.**
2. **The Let Go Let God group meets each Friday at 7:30 AM.**

Correctional Facilities Committee

The corrections committee assists individuals, groups and districts in carrying the AA message to the alcoholics who are confined in, or recently released from jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities. Committee work includes:

- Providing AA Literature inside correctional facilities
- Serving as a contact for correctional facility administrators to promote cooperation
- Administering a correspondence program focused on sharing the AA message
- Providing AA contacts to help those who are about to be released from their facility
- Increasing awareness of the need for corrections service work

Here in district 29 we desperately need volunteers to help bring the message to Bastrop Count Jail and Giddings School. Michael G., the District 29 Correctional Facility Chair, implores you to come share your experience strength and hope.

The Application

<http://secureservercdn.net/166.62.115.136/2vt.a21.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/Volunteer-Application-v06-2017.pdf>

The Rules

<http://secureservercdn.net/166.62.115.136/2vt.a21.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/Jail-Volunteer-Rules.pdf>

Information on being a volunteer:

<http://secureservercdn.net/166.62.115.136/2vt.a21.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/PREA-Volunteer-Flyer.pdf>

The whole kit and caboodle (all the forms):

<http://district29aa.org/district-resources/>

Meetings at the Bastrop County Jail are: Women's Fridays are 7:30; Men's Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30.

Meetings at the Giddings School usually on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., however in the past meeting schedules have been adjusted to meet the schedules of certified volunteers.

Daily Reflection for MARCH 15 THE GOD IDEA

When we saw others solve their problems by a simple reliance upon the Spirit of the Universe, we had to stop doubting the power of God. Our ideas did not work. But the God idea did.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 52

Like a blind man gradually being restored to sight, I slowly groped my way to the Third Step. Having realized that only a Power greater than myself could rescue me from the hopeless abyss I was in, I knew that this was a Power that I had to grasp, and that it would be my anchor in the midst of a sea of woes. Even though my faith at that time was minuscule, it was big enough to make me see that it was time for me to discard my reliance on my prideful ego and replace it with the steadying strength that could only come from a Power far greater than myself.

From the book *Daily Reflections*

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For additional information and to gain “..a clear understanding of what A.A. can and cannot do to help alcoholics — in correctional facilities and after they are released” read A.A. in Correctional Facilities available at:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-26_AAinCF.pdf.