



# District 29 Newsletter

## July 2017



**Alcoholism is known as a three-part disease which affects the Mind, Body & Spirit.**

**In this July newsletter, the 7<sup>th</sup> month, following are Step 7, Tradition 7, Concept 7 and Promise #7.**

**Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**

**Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

**Concept VII: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.**

**If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half-way through.**

**District**

**The Seventh Promise: Self-seeking\* will slip away.**

*\* **Synonyms for "Self-seeking":***

*As a Noun: the seeking of one's own interest or selfish ends.*

*As an Adjective: self-interested, self-serving, selfish, egocentric, egotistic, egotistical, self-obsessed, self-absorbed; inconsiderate, thoughtless, unthinking*

### District Meeting Dates for 2017

January 8  
February 12  
March 12  
April 2  
May 14 (Mothers' Day)  
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

### Area Birthday Locations for 2017

(on the last Saturday of each month)

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



## Significant Upcoming Events in 2017

### Southwest Texas Area 68 ("SWTA 68") Summer Workshop

July 14-16, 2017

***"There is a solution."***

*at the Branden Keller Community Center  
1410 Amelia Street, Castroville, TX 78009*

*Contact Info: Tegan 830-931-5010*

*Lodging Options:*

*Hotel Alsace (830-538-3200) (\$112.50/night)*

*Regency Inn Hondo (830-426-3031)*

*Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham (South San Antonio)*

### Passing It On Men's Sponsorship Workshop 2017

July 15, 2017

*Adams Street Community Center  
Brownwood, TX 76801*

*For info: [www.passingiton.org](http://www.passingiton.org)*

### District 29 Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

***Discussion: "Safety and AA: Our  
Common Welfare"***

*The Elgin Group, 124 Fisher Street  
Elgin, TX*

### SWTA 68 PICPC Conference Fundraiser

August 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***Car Wash/Bake Sale***

*333 McAllister Road  
Bastrop, TX 78602*

### Sunday Sidewalk's Annual Pancake Breakfast

September 17, 2017,

After 10:30 a.m. Meeting w/ speaker

***Proceeds to provide breakfast tacos  
for Fellowship in the Pines***

*Mina Lodge, 601 Main Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602*

### PICPC 2017 Conference

September 8 – 9, 2017

***"Anonymous, Not Invisible."***

***Hosted by District 29***

*Best Western Bastrop Pines Inn  
107 Hunters Crossing Boulevard  
Bastrop, TX 78602*

*To reserve lodging: 512-321-0900*

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual A Day in Recovery

September 30, 2017

***"The Triangle and the Home Group"***

*St. George Episcopal Church  
6904 West Avenue*

*San Antonio, TX 78213*

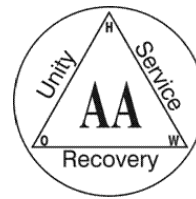
*Online Registration:*

*[http://www.aasanantonio.org/  
day-recovery-2017](http://www.aasanantonio.org/day-recovery-2017)*

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### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fellowship in the Pines

**October 6-8, 2017**

*Activities between 5 speakers*

*Riverbend Park, Smithville, Texas*

### 2017 SWTA 68 Fall Voting Conference

**October 13 - 15, 2017**

*Sequin Columbus Club,*

*1015 S. Guadalupe Street*

*Seguin, TX 78155*

*(210) 377-3900*

### Southwest Regional Forum

**October 20 - 22, 2017**

*Speakers, Workshops & Displays*

*San Antonio Marriott Northwest*

*3233 NW Loop 410*

*San Antonio, TX 78213*

*(210) 377-3900*

## Upcoming District 29 Election

As 2017 draws to a close, the recently-elected officers of our District 29 will have fulfilled their two year commitment to serve. According to the AA Services Manual, it is time for a new election to select new AA's to take over the outgoing officers and committee chairpersons. This year, the election will be held on September 10 at the monthly District meeting at the Legacies meeting space in Bastrop.

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## Our Current District 29 Committee Members

### Officers:

DCM – Stacey VL

Alt DCM – Debbie M

Secretary – Kathleen P

Treasurer – Darrell B

### Committee Chairpersons:

CFC – Tommv D

Archives – Bear T

Literature – Rick G

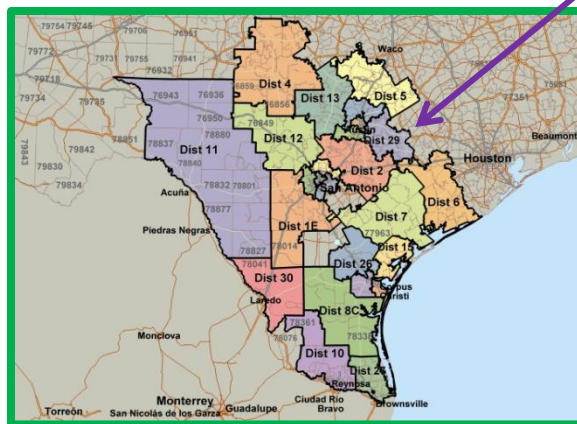
Website – **Open**

Grapevine – Milan K

Hill Country Inter-  
group – **Open**

Newsletter – Holly H

**All of SWTA 68;  
Our election is in District 29.**



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Basically, every elected officer should attend each monthly District 29 meeting (held on the second Sunday of the month). Additionally, he/she is encouraged to go to South West Texas Area 68 ("SWTA 68") Assemblies and Conferences to see what other Service Committee members are doing in their District and Groups, and, of course, for fellowship and fun.

Any interested person -- anyone who would like to step up and give service at the District level -- is eligible for most of these positions.

Following is a list of the additional responsibilities that each new officer must fulfill.

### **Officers**

- **D.C.M. (District Committee Member):** Leads monthly district meetings and attends SWTA 68 functions (usually with the District's financial support). Works closely with G.S.R.'s as well as with the Area 68 Delegate, disseminating information between them. In general, the D.C.M. is the ringmaster of district relations with AA as a whole. Usually the D.C.M. is a G.S.R. veteran, has 4-5 years sobriety, and, most importantly, has the time and energy to serve the District well.

- **Alt. D.C.M.:** Acts as backup for the D.C.M. who, if for any reason is unable to serve, will step in to assume the D.C.M.'s duties. It is also an apprentice opportunity to prepare this officer to take over as D.C.M. at the next election.

- **Secretary:** Takes and transcribes minutes of all District meetings and provides a copy of past minutes to members attending District meetings. Maintains a current list of the names and contact information of all District Committee members. Informs members of all upcoming events and meetings.

- **Treasurer:** Maintains financial records including all monetary contributions; provides written financial report at each District meeting and keeps separate ledger on earmarked contributions. Make District aware of upcoming expenses and needs by coordinating with DCM and Committee Chairpersons.

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### Committee Chairpersons

- **Archives:** Maintains the repository of AA-related materials primarily relating to the origin and development of AA in District 29. Also, maintains and updates District 29 Group Histories as well as Oral Interviews of “old-timers” in District 29.

- **Correctional Facilities:** Coordinates Bastrop County Jail meetings and its officials and maintains updated list of volunteers. Coordinates with Federal Prison Officials to take meetings into the federal facility. Provides AA literature to correctional facilities.

- **Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC):** Distributes AA literature/information to the general public and professionals who are in contact with alcoholics. Should be able to provide consistent and accurate information about the Fellowship. Encouraged to make visits to 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.

- **Grapevine:** Responsible for disseminating information about the Grapevine and LaVina and other Grapevine materials that are available. Encourages groups to subscribe to the Grapevine to further carry the message.

- **Literature:** Facilitates purchase of GSO literature for all District 29 Committees, if requested. May provide literature displays as well as a place to purchase available literature.

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

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- Hill Country Intergroup Representative:**

Represents District 29 by attendance at monthly HCI meetings. Provides information to the District about local AA community events and volunteer opportunities. Minimum of 1 year of sobriety is suggested.



**District 29 is Hosting a PI/CPC Event for all of Area 68 on September 8 & 9. Extensive planning has been ongoing. Here is the latest update from event chair, David M.**



**Best Western Bastrop Pines Inn**

The last planning committee meeting for the upcoming PI/CPC Conference was on June 25 at the Best Western Bastrop Pines Inn. Since we met in the actual hotel where the event will be held, we got a tour --- the meeting room, a guest room and the facilities available to the participants. Also, we met the staff who are anxious to meet our needs and are as interested as we are in making this a successful event.

Weeks ago we signed a contract with the hotel; we have a caterer lined up and there is an astounding team of committee chairs on hand.\* One position we still need to fill is Secretary. To those who may be interested, please contact me at [dmohrjunk@gmail.com](mailto:dmohrjunk@gmail.com).

**My Experience:** Sometimes I feel that I need to reinvent the wheel. But no, this kind of event has been done many times before and there are some awesome experienced people who want this to be as big a success as I do and are willing to help. When in doubt, all I need to do is keep the faith.

There is a ton of literature to rely upon. Guidelines, pamphlets, checklists and workbooks too are in abundance. Such conferences have been done many times over and the preparatory work has been well documented and is readily available to us.

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It's important to involve as many people as possible to help us. Everyone who wants to volunteer is welcome. There will be something for you to do.

We're about to send out 50 invitations to local professionals for the Friday luncheon and panel discussion. We will have a more accurate count after the Castroville Conference and when the RSVP's are returned.

David Mohr, PICPC Chair

**\*Committee Chairs:**

Host Conference Chair: David M.

Assistant Host Chairperson: Jan S. (also Hotel Liaison)

Program Chairperson: Linda D. (also Art & Decoration Chairperson)

Registration Chairperson: Meagan A.

Treasurer: Darrel B.

Printing Chairperson: Stacey V.

Hospitality Chairperson: Lisa W.

Catering Chairperson: Milan K.

**Balance Sheet For District 29**

**[as of July 9, 2017]**

(Submitted by Darrel B., District Treasurer)

**District 29's Mailing Address:**

Area 68, District 29  
PO Box 1945, Bastrop, TX 78602

**First National Bank Accounts**

District Funds	\$ 744.56
CFC Funds	\$ 318.35
Special Account - Schedules	\$ 88.55
Special Account - PICPC Workshop	\$ 628.43
Prudent Reserve	\$ 250.00

**Cash and Checks**

District Cash	\$ 0.00
CFC Cash	\$ 0.00
Special Schedules	\$ 0.00
PICPC Workshop	\$ 0.00

**Total Bank and Cash \$2,029.89**

**Liabilities**

Total Liabilities \$ 0.00

Starting Balance \$ 2,069.84  
Change for Month **(\$39.95)**  
**Ending Balance \$2,029.89**

