



DISTRICT 29 NEWSLETTER

August 2018

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The eight....

Step: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Concept: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Promise: Self-seeking will slip away.

Correctional Facility Chair Update

One of the most amazing things I have come to know about this program is that sharing that which has been freely given is a big part of what keeps me sober. We have many opportunities to carry the message, sharing how this program saved our life and can save the life of others. Michael G, the District 29 Correctional Facility Chair says that we need volunteers to carry the message behind the walls. Please come share your experience strength and hope, to those who aren't able to get out and about to visit the many meetings, we have available to us. To find all the information you need to help and how to contact Michael go to <http://district29aa.org/district-resources/>, specifically the PREA Volunteer Flyer, Jail Volunteer Rules and Volunteer Application.

Intergroup Chair Update

Howdy, I am Dan and I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the District 29 Intergroup Committee Chair. I thought I would take a little time in this issue to acquaint you with Hill Country Intergroup (HCI).

District 29 is one of seven (7) districts, which are part of the HCI. All of the funding (100%) for HCI comes from group donations. While the donations to HCI from groups has been

increasing, the prudent reserve set by the HCI board has not yet been met. HCI is directed by a board made up of eleven (11) members from the AA community in and around Austin.

The HCI office is open M-F 8 to 5 p.m. Staff are available to help folks who walk in or call the hotline. Most calls result in helping some find a meeting but can also result in getting a meeting to them, if they need help where they are in the form or a 12th Step call.

These services are made available 24 hours a day every day by AA members volunteering to cover the times outside normal office hours. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the HCI Office Manager, Gary H. (phone 512-444-0071 or e-mail austinaa@gmail.com), if you or your group is interested in one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- Answer phones after hours during the week,
- Groups willing to answer phones on the weekends,
- People to work the office on Saturdays from 10:00 – 2:00 PM (Training is the 1st Saturday of the month), or
- Serving on the HCI Board

Additionally, information on area [conferences](#), events and meetings in our area via HCI's website <https://austinaa.org/>.

Debbie M, DCM District 29, Panel 68

Hi Everyone! I have been reflecting lately on how much we (District 29 fellowship) have grown as a District, Area and AA as a whole. In the 9 plus years I have been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in District 29, I have watched us go through devastating fires, floods, hurricanes and so on ; and we still continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic as we have been taught

Bill W. wrote in the pamphlet AA's Legacy of Service, page 3 "Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principles aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action." We take those actions in many different ways and forms. I have watched District 29 take those actions and we continue to take those actions today. Whether in a meeting, a speaker meeting, a workshop or even a picnic the action of service is alive and well in District 29.

I have been to several groups' speaker meetings and they have been well attended. By the time you read this I will be getting back from the SWTA 68 Summer Workshop and will information for everyone to share. I cannot wait for our District 29 Picnic happening Saturday, August 11 at Lost Pines. Our Alternate DCM, Sunny T. has been an amazing job with the picnic. September the SWTA68 PICPC Workshop will be happening in San Antonio. So much going on and we have not even hit fall yet.

It is a honor and privilege to be your District 29 DCM. I have grown so much and still have so much more growing to do. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to serve you and our District 29. In closing I must say, "I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."

The last step to sanity is letting G-d.

Thank you G-d for in life the Wonderful Gift!
 When searching last bit of the puzzle you give me a lift.
 Thank you for constant reminders to always seek guidance from you
 Not only in desperation but in the normal and wonderful times, too.
 Balancing acceptance and change will come from within,
 The more often I ask, You provide wisdom, again and again.
 You've shown not to worry for future or past,
 Living today by my beliefs is a way that will last.
 When something is not working give new ways a shot,
 Act on my principles, if they use theirs' or not
 Guide my actions with kindness and love,
 Leave the future to Your care from above.
 Thanks for the sanity you've returned now to me,
 I'll live out today with Your new freedom, I see.

Theol J

**Events In and Around
District 29****August 1 through August 31, 2018****Aug 4 - Speaker Meeting at 8pm at
On The Colorado (OTC),
Smithville****Aug 10-12 – Capitol Area
Conference in Austin at Doubletree
Hotel****Aug 11– District Meeting at
2:30pm at Lost Pines Group****Aug 11 – District 29 Picnics at 4pm
at Lost Pines with SWTA 68
Chairperson Cathy H speaking and
hosting.****Aug 11 - Speaker Meeting at 7pm
the Lost Pines Group, Bastrop****Aug 17 - Speaker Meeting at Elgin
Group, Hot Dogs at 6pm Speaker at
7pm, Elgin****Aug17- 19 – Hill Country Roundup
in Kerrville at Inn of the Hills****Aug 21 - Service Study Meeting at
7:30pm at Timberline Church,
Bastrop****Aug 25 - Area Birthday hosted by
Colorado Valley Study Grp, La
Grange****Aug 27 – Speaker Meeting at 7:30
at Hope Floats****Aug 28 - Speaker Mtg at 7pm at A
Way Out Group (AWOG), Bastrop**

Open District Committee Chair Descriptions

These positions are open as of July 31, 2018. Some may be filled at the district meeting, but it is always good to have a description of the District Committee Chairs and what they do. 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.

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

Coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an A.A. group in the individual's community.

Area Birthday Locations By Month

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

District Committee

DCM Debbie M

Alt DCM Sunny T

Secretary Kathleen P

Treasurer David M

Webmaster Jorde M

Intergroup Dan C

Newsletter Theol J

Literature Katie H

Grapevine Holly H

CFC Mike G

Treatment **Open**

PICPC **Open**

Archives **Open**

Need to Share a special event or meeting going on at your Home Group?

Never fear your District Website is here!!!

If you have a flyer or event that you would like to add to our District calendar, please send the information or flyer to our Newsletter Chair

Theol J. at Theol_Jackman@hotmail.com

Also if you have some spare time check out our District 29 website. It is very user friendly and informative.

Fellowship in the Pines

Meet us August 4th at 9a.m. in Bob Bryant Park (**NEW Location**), Bastrop! There is still time to volunteer come out and see how. Donations are needed to the raffle and hospitality, too. Send all inquiries and fund raising ideas to Kim crazyaboutlife2@gmail.com and Brooke brookeginsberg@yahoo.com.

To Register on-line click here [Fellowship in the Pines Registration](#) or use the registration form later in this newsletter.

Reserve your camping berth space early by contacting River Bend Park at 512-237-3282 Ext. 2322.

District 29 Picnic

Come out to the District 29th picnic and you will see what the book means when it says

"We are not a glum lot"! Bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Family and guests August 11th where the Lost pines Group meets, 1199 Highway 21 East, Paige, TX 78659. Cathy H. will give a presentation and host for AA Family Feud.

The District 29 Committee Meeting will be held at the same location starting at 3 p.m.

If you have questions about the event or would like to volunteer to be of service contact (Sunnynoah@hotmail.com) who is the Chairperson for the District Picnic/Alternate District Committee Member or Debbie M (dmcdaniel17@austin.rr.com) our District Committee Member.

Grapevine Humor Snippets

November 2016

Ham on Wry (by Kent D.)

My sponsor says I can't do His will my way.



"The Higher Power is like electricity - you don't have to understand in order for it to work."—Mike S., South Bend, IN



Come join us for the District 29 Picnic

As we celebrate that
"We are not a Glum Lot"

When: Saturday, August 11, 2018

Time: 4:00pm

Where: Lost Pines Group
1199 East Hwy. , Bastrop
(Timberline Fellowship Church)

Our Speaker and Host for the 1st ever District 29 AA



SWTA 68 Chairperson Cathy HI!!!!

We will also have a Big Book Buy Back for CFC

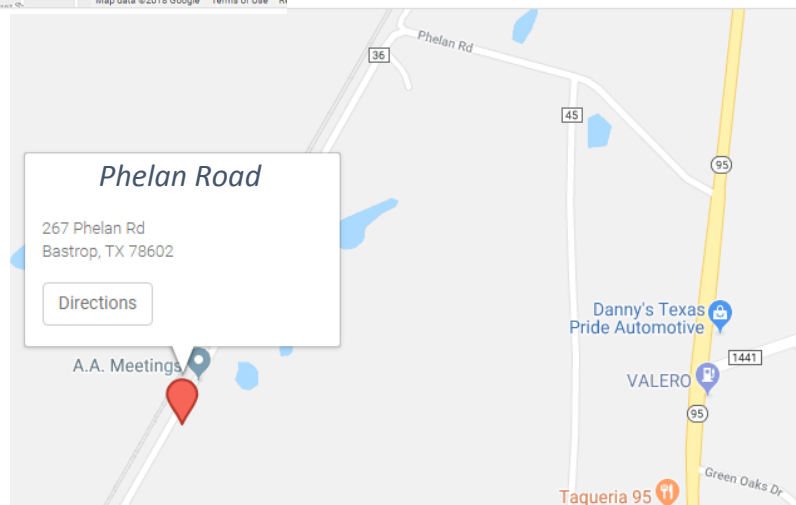


**We will be grilling hot dogs,
Please bring sides and
desserts. Come join us for the
3 F's... FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!!!!**



Some of the meeting places in Bastrop

Group Name						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
A Way Out - Bastrop 1204 Water Street Bastrop, TX 78602						
		7:00 PM O BG Last Tues SP				
Bastrop Friday Night Group Heritage Hall 1020 Main Street Bastrop, TX 78602						
					8:00 PM OD	
Phelan Road Group Pioneer Building 267 Phelan Road Bastrop, TX 78602						
9:30 AM OD S Last Sunday BD No Smoking	12:00 PM OD S 6:00 PM O 12x12 S 7:30 PM CD W S	8:30 AM OD S 12:00 PM OD S 6:00 PM OD S	12:00 PM OD 6:00 PM O BB S	8:30 AM OD S 12:00 PM OD S 6:00 PM OD S	12:00 PM OD S 6:00 PM OD S	12:00 PM OD
12x12=Step/Trad BB=Big Book BD=Birthdays BG=Beginner C=Closed CL=Candlelight D=Discussion ES=Espanol GLBT=GLBT GV=Grapevine M=Men's O=Open S=Smoking SP=Speaker STEP=Step TRAD=Traditions W=Women's WA=Wheelchair Accessible						



Confidential Documents for AA members only



OCTOBER 5TH - 7TH 2018

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

8:00 PM JOE L. AA EDMONDS, OK
CALL-UP MEETING (DIRECTLY FOLLOWING 8 P.M. SPEAKER MTG.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

10:00 AM BRAD B. AA SHAWNEE, OK
1:00 PM KATE M-H AL-ANON BASTROP, TX

3:00 PM BRANDY M. SERVICE BROWNWOOD, TX
5:30PM BBQ DINNER
6:45PM RAFFLE
7:00PM HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
PRESENTATION
7:00PM SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

8:00 PM KENT. C. AA SANDUSKY, OH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

10:00 AM LEANNE P. AA AUSTIN, TX

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

For More Information contact:

Kim R. 512-808-3873/fellowshipinthePines2018@gmail.com

www.fellowshipinthePines.org

PARK CAMPING IS AVAILABLE ON A RESERVATION ONLY BASIS - CALL EARLY
512 237-3282 ext. 2322 | 107 Hwy. 71 W., Smithville, TX 78957 (Park Physical Address)

We Pay Our Own Way

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

34TH ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE PINES



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

NAME: _____	MAIL TO:
ADDRESS: _____	REGISTRAR
CITY: _____	P.O. Box 718
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____	Bastrop, TX 78602
NAME DESIRED ON NAME BADGE: _____	CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS
CITY DESIRED ON NAME BADGE: _____	PAYABLE TO:
Contact Info: E-Mail or Phone #: _____	FELLOWSHIP IN THE PINES
	Pre-registration opens
	July 15, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults (Ages 17 & Over) - Pre-Registration \$20.00 (\$30.00 at Door) \$	Scholarship Fund \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 12 - 16 Registration \$5.00 (BBQ) \$	Coffee Fund \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 11 & Under - FREE JJJJ Only service dogs allowed in conference area.	GRAND TOTAL \$



2018 National AA Technology Workshop

Join us at the 2018 NAATW technology workshop to learn from your peers' experience on how to further the AA message through modern technological mediums while ensuring adherence to the traditions.

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide a venue to encourage the sharing of experience, strength, and hope regarding technology as it relates to AA.



WHEN

September 14th-16th, 2018

WHERE

Wingate by Wyndham Round Rock Hotel
Williamson Conference Center
1209 Interstate 35
Round Rock , TX 78664

WEBSITE

<http://www.naatw.org>

REGISTRATION

Registration: \$85

HOTEL

Room Rate \$99*

Reserve by Aug 30th

*Please use the following code #CGAATW when contacting the hotel (512) 341-7000 to register to help us ensure we meet our minimum room count for the discount.

Hosted in District 22 with help from surrounding districts in Southwest Texas Area 68.
Host committee website: <http://2018.naatw.org>

For any inquiries regarding the event and also for special transportation needs, please email: info-2018-RoundRock@naatw.org