



DISTRICT 29 NEWSLETTER

September 2018
www.district29aa.org



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.

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: Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Pines, Pines, Pines!

Some significant events are coming to different Pines in October to District 29!

First, there is Fellowship in the Pines taking off October 5-7 in Smithville! Chock full of great fellowship, good speakers and lots of service opportunities! The theme this year, "...we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence..." is from Page 25 of the Big Book! Committee Meetings coming up are Saturday and September 8 and 22 all at Fishermen's Park in Bastrop and start 9 am. Contact Bess I @ 512.497.9174 with Basket Raffle ideas. Register and find other information at www.fellowshipinthepines.org/.

Mark your calendars to come out October 13th, the following week, to help the Lost Pines Group in Bastrop celebrate its 14th Anniversary! The same location as the recent District 29 Picnic – 1199 Highway 21 East, Paige (Bastrop), TX 78659 – will again be the beehive or fun and fellowship! The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m., potluck at 6, History at 7 and wrap up with Garrett S. from Leander Speaking at 7:30! This will be a BIG – in the words of our perfectly pint-

sized Janice W. – night! Look for the history to be published here in the District 29 Newsletter!

Covered when it comes to books!

Katie, wears three (3) hats when it comes to AA Literature in addition to being reader she also spreads the word, quite literally distributes, as both District 29 and On The Colorado Group Literature Chair. She can obtain for you and your group any AA Conference Approved Literature. If you are not sure what you want or would like to see what is available, go to the GSO website, you will find all available literature at this link <https://b2c.aaws.org/default.aspx?lang=en>. Once you know what you want contact your Group's Literature Chair (or GSR if your group doesn't have one and they can contact Katie. She carries a few of the more popular titles with her in her vehicle and may have what you need on hand. If not she will be able to check both with Hill Country Intergroup (usually around 1 week to get) and AA General Services Office (usually around 3 weeks to get). Thanks Katie for helping by bringing us reading material!

Debbie M, DCM District 29, Panel 68

Hope everyone is having a wonderful day! I am getting ready for a great weekend of fellowship at the Hill Country Roundup in Kerrville, TX so I am keeping this a little short.

I wanted to Thank everyone who worked on and came to the District 29 Picnic. It was so much fun. Even with the rain (which was of course much needed) you could see the sunshine beaming through that day. When we all get together there is always so much fun, food, and fellowship. The theme of the picnic was "We are not a glum lot" and at the picnic that statement rang true. So again thank you to everyone. The first ever District 29 Family Feud was a blast. The survey question answers definitely threw some of the contestants. There is no wrong survey answer because it is your answer.

The calendars of events for September are listed in our newsletter. Coming up in October is Fellowship in the Pines. Followed by the 2018 SWTA Fall Voting Assembly in Austin November 2-4. So much is happening in and around our area.

I always end my article this way because I feel this way. It is a honor and privilege to serve as 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."

Stompin' Grounds

by Sam M.

Here I go again,
down a road I've long since been.
This time to meet and pray,
I'm not here to stay.

Thirty years ago,
it seems so long.
How could things,
have went so wrong?

Filled with hope,
and good intentions.
I fell through the cracks,
with great dissension.

A young man so big and strong,
what have I to fear?
Try to remember that this all started,
with one little beer.

Little did I know,
that I'd just opened the door.
To a demon,
who would always want more.

I didn't do this,
alone you see.
My co-pilot, satan,
was always with me.

Down these streets,
I remember hurt and pain.
Back then it seemed,
all fun and games.
Today I feel nothing,
but remorse and shame.

Here I go again,
down a road I've long since been.
Holding my head high,
because satan didn't win!

Recording Recovery

Editors Question: Will you write an article to match this title? **"The AA District at work from the Secretary Committee Chair's perspective."**

This is a great topic to write on however, I must point out that the secretary position is neither a "chair" nor part of a committee. The Secretary is an Officer of the district. These distinctions are things I am learning as the Secretary for District 29. But the real fun is seeing how a couple of alcoholics come together and are a part of a greater whole; the Nationwide Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

When I first got sober, I was willing to go to any lengths to learn a new manner of living. I was encouraged, (and voluntold a lot) to do anything I could to truly learn the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Working the 12 steps, I felt that I also had to learn the traditions and incorporate them into my life.

I went as a curiosity (after a strong suggestion) to my first District Meeting. It was so wonderful to see people from all over our district coming together to help each other. There was no secretary, and I was asked if I minded taking notes. I of course agreed, and by the end of the meeting when asked if there were any volunteers for Secretary, my hand went up. I served 6 months on that panel, and stood for the position at our last election. I was pleased to be voted in, even though I had no opposition, to truly learn this position of service.

As for the nitpicky, "not a chair" nor "committee, that is just semantics, but also shows that a bunch of drunks can come together, follow our steps and traditions, keep it simple, and honor our primary purpose: *carry the message to help others who still suffer.*

In service and Gratitude,

Kathleen P.

District 29, Panel 68 Secretary

P.S. I am chairing the Bastrop Service Study held the third Tuesday of the month at Timberline Fellowship Church, Bastrop, TX. Come and join us!

Once working the 12 steps, it is my responsibility to carry the message.

After the 12 steps there are the 12 traditions. Incorporating them into your life.

At district we hear from our fellows the experience strength and hope of our Area, and Nationwide.

ME: commitment I can handle, no traveling...commitment is good. It keeps me in the herd.

What's Happening in and around District 29

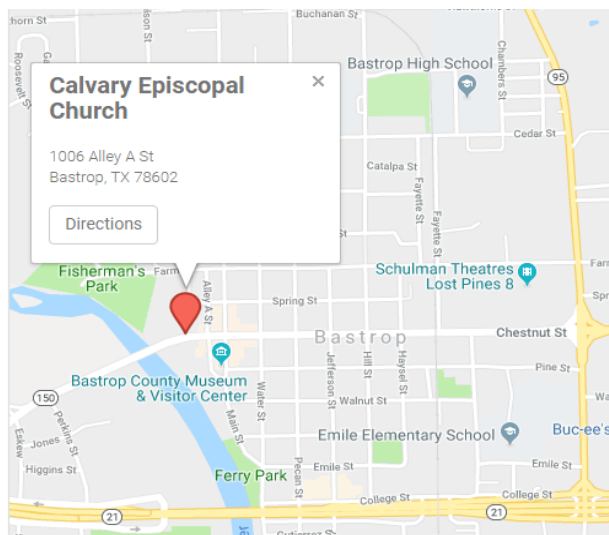
September 1 through 30, 2018

- Sep 1** - Speaker Meeting at 8pm at On The Colorado (OTC), Smithville
- Sep 7-8** – SWTA68 PICPC Conference at St. Francis Episcopal Church in San Antonio
- Sep 8** - Speaker Meeting at 7pm the Lost Pines Group, Bastrop
- Sep 9**– District Meeting at 1:30pm at Phelan Group
- Sep 13-16** – National AA Technology Workshop at Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, Round Rock
- Sep 18** - Service Study Meeting at 7:30pm at Timberline Church, Bastrop
- Sep 25** - Speaker Mtg at 7pm at A Way Out Group (AWOG), Bastrop
- Sep 24** – Speaker Meeting at 7:30 at Hope Floats
- Sep 29** - Area Birthday hosted by Sunday Morning Sidewalk Group

Some of the meeting places in Bastrop

Group Name						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
Lost Minds Men's Group 1006 Alley A Street Bastrop, TX 78602						
						8:00 AM OD M
Legacies Group Calvary Episcopal Church 1006 Alley A Street Bastrop, TX 78602						
	7:30 PM O BG Step		7:30 PM O BB 12x12 Trad			
Lost Pines Group Timberline Fellowship Church 1199 Highway 21 East Paige (Bastrop), TX 78659						
				7:00 PM C Lit		2nd Sat. Only 7:00 PM O SP
Sunday Morning Sidewalk 601 Main St Bastrop, TX 78602						
10:30 AM OD						
12x12=Step/Trad BB=Big Book BD=Birthday 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						

Legacies and Lost Minds Men's Group



Sunday Morning Sidewalk



Lost Pines



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. A Treatment Committee may function within the

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 **Open**

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.



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