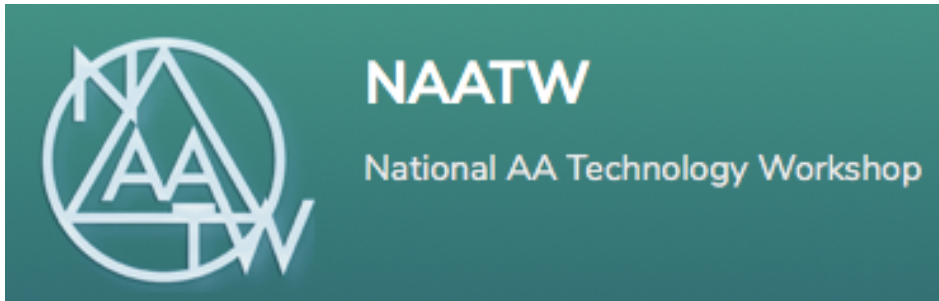


District Dispatch



NAATW -- Q: What is it ? A: NAATW is made up of people from varying backgrounds in service and varying geographic regions. There seems to be a growing realization that Alcoholics Anonymous is somehow moving into a technological age, but we are not sure what form that we might, or ought to take. We are here to communicate our experiences and to "INFORM" ourselves about our needs and our experiences when using technology in our service work. All forms of service are involved; Intergroup, General Service, or at the Home Group level. NAATW is a forum for learning to frame the right questions, and sharing the groups current answers as well as past and current experience. It gives opportunity for group collaboration and new ideas to spark.

NAATW -- Q: Why might we want to care ?

A: NAATW's Workshop is to assist in creating technologically informed members. NAATW tries to move the annual Workshop around geographically. For 2021, our District has passed a motion to have our WebChair Sheryl R. to present a bid to have Tampa host the event. Our District Dispatch in October will announce if we get it !!!

Previous workshops have been held in :

2014 & 2015 – St Louis, MO 2016 – Raleigh Durham, NC
 2017 – Sacramento, CA 2018 – Round Rock, TX
 2019 – Bowling Green, KY (Dates September 20-22)

NAATW -- Q: Want to get involved in service within NAATW?

A: If your planning on attending the 2020 International AA Conference this year in Detroit look for this to have a big stage. At the 2015 International Conference in Atlanta, NAATW was only one year old. NAATW is now six years old, have more years of experience, and plan to have a hospitality room. 2020 should be their biggest Workshop ever and they need your help. Plus if we win the bid to host the NAATW Conference in 2021 we will need your help here locally !!

NAATW -- Q: Interested in seeing the program for the upcoming NAATW in Kentucky this year ?

A: Click below ..

https://naatw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/v3_NAATW-2019-Printed-Program-no-app-9-19.pdf

A.A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR DISTRICT TWO (2)

GENERAL SERVICE

Meetings 1st Sunday of the month @ The Club ; 3333 W Columbus Drive

*Mar 1st /Mar 29th/May 3

GSR Orientation / DCM Sharing
 2-3 pm // Business Meeting 3-5pm

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Meetings 11:00 am / 1st Saturday of the month @ Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 N. Himes, Suite 104 ; Tampa, FL 33614 -- Contact Betsy B

PI/CPC COMMITTEE

Meetings 9:15 am / 3rd Saturday of the month @ Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 N. Himes, Suite 104 ; Tampa, FL 33614 -- Contact Suzanne B

ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

Meetings 9:00am / 1st Sunday of the month @ 301 House - 8601 Bowles Rd ; Tampa, FL 33637 - Contact Larry B

GRATITUDE DINNER COMMITTEE

Interested in volunteering ?

We can use your service.

**Contact GARY R to participate !
 Event is 3Q2020 Meetings currently
 TBD at 3333 Club from TBD**

TBAIC CORRECTIONS

Meetings 9:30 am / 2nd Saturday of the month @ Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 N. Himes, Suite 104 ; Tampa, FL 33614 -- Contact Alan D

Tradition of the Month

Tradition Three: Long Form: 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.

Practice These Principles... **

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

****** These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

A.A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR DISTRICT TWO (2)

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ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

For more info reach out to your DCM !

CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY

Interested in volunteering ?

We can use your service.

Contact ROB R to participate !

Event is TBD!

CURRENT PRACTICE

No monthly meeting, however, if wondering what we do come join us at our monthly District meeting :)

DELEGATE LUNCHEON

Interested in volunteering ?

We can use your service.

Contact ROB R to participate !

Event is August 2nd at 3333 Club from 1 to 5 pm

More will be revealed

This year Districts 1, 2 & 15 will be combined !! Whoot Whoot !

DISTRICT DISPATCH

Please send any feedback or articles from your District for inclusion. If you'd like to help please reach out to your DCM

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

Meetings 11am /4th Saturday of the month @ Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 N. Himes, Suite 104 ; Tampa, FL 33614

INTERGROUP LIASION

Meetings 6 pm /2nd Tuesday of the month @ Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 N. Himes, Suite 104 ; Tampa, FL 33614

Editorial for Tradition 3 .

This is a sweeping statement indeed; it takes in a lot of territory. Some people might think it too idealistic to be practical. It tells every alcoholic in the world that he may become, and remain, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous *so long as he says so*. In short, Alcoholics Anonymous has no membership rule.

Why is this so? Our answer is simple and practical. Even in self protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the brother alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform either to the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that; every member of Alcoholics Anonymous was once a rebel himself. Hence we cannot offer to meet him at any half-way mark. We must enter the dark cave where he is and show him that we understand. We realize that he is altogether too weak and confused to jump hurdles. If we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied his priceless opportunity.

So when he asks, "Are there any conditions?" we joyfully reply, "No, not a one." When skeptically he comes back saying, "But certainly there must be things that I have to do and believe," we quickly answer, "In Alcoholics Anonymous there are no *musts*." Cynically, perhaps, he then inquires, "What is this all going to cost me?" We are able to laugh and say, "Nothing at all, there are no fees and dues." Thus, in a brief hour, is our friend disarmed of his suspicion and rebellion. His eyes begin to open on a new world of friendship and understanding. Bankrupt idealist that he has been, his ideal is no longer a dream. After years of lonely search it now stands revealed. The reality of Alcoholics Anonymous bursts upon him. For Alcoholics is saying, "We have something priceless to give, if only you will receive." That is all. But to our new friend, it is everything. Without more ado, he becomes one of us.

A.A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR DISTRICT TWO (2)

===== **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE** **OPEN DCM POSITIONS**

SUBDISTRICT C (DOVER/PLANT CITY)

SUBDISTRICT G (CARROLWOOD)

SUBDISTRICT I (TEMPLE TERRACE)

SUBDISTRICT M (SEMINOLE HEIGHTS)

SUBDISTRICT R (LITHIA/VALRICO)

SUBDISTRICT T (NEW TAMPA/USF)

SUBDISTRICT U (DREW PARK/NE
W TAMPA)

SUBDISTRICT V (CITRUS PARK,
NORTHDAL)

SUBDISTRICT W (EN ESPANOL)

**WANT TO DO SOME
SERVICE WORK ?
VOLUNTEER TO BE A DCM
WE HAVE
9 OPEN DCM SLOTS
(11 FILLED) !**

Editorial for Tradition 3 (cont'd)

Our membership tradition does contain, however, one vitally important qualification. That qualification relates to the use of our name, Alcoholics Anonymous. We believe that any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call them- selves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. Here our purpose is clear and unequivocal. For obvious reasons we wish the name Alcoholics Anonymous to be used only in connection with straight A.A. activities. One can think of no A.A. member who would like, for example, to see the formation of "dry" A.A. groups, "wet" A.A. groups, Republican A.A. groups, Communist A.A. groups. Few, if any, would wish our groups to be designated by religious denominations. We cannot lend the A.A. name, even indirectly to other activities, however worthy. If we do so we shall become hopelessly compromised and divided. We think that A.A. should offer its experience to the whole world for whatever use can be made of it. But not its name. Nothing could be more certain.

Let us of A.A. therefore resolve that we shall always be inclusive, and never exclusive, offering all we have to all men save our title. May all barriers be thus leveled, may our unity thus

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**** This editorial was submitted by District Member Tom F. (THANK YOU !). It was originally published in the February 1948 AA Grapevine by Bill W.**

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===== **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

OPEN ACM POSITIONS

SUBDISTRICT A (CENTRAL BRANDON)
SUBDISTRICT B (ZEPHYRHILLS/WESLEY
CHAPEL/DADE CITY)
SUBDISTRICT C (DOVER/PLANT CITY)
SUBDISTRICT D (LUTZ/ LAND O' LAKES /
ODESSA)
SUBDISTRICT E (WEST COLUMBUS)
SUBDISTRICT G (CARROLWOOD)
SUBDISTRICT H (APOLLO BEACH/RUSKIN/
SUN CITY)
SUBDISTRICT I (TEMPLE TERRACE)
SUBDISTRICT J (TOWN N COUNTRY)
SUBDISTRICT M (SEMINOLE HEIGHTS)
SUBDISTRICT N (RIVERVIEW)
SUBDISTRICT O (INTERBAY/GANDY/BAY
TO BAY)
SUBDISTRICT Q (S. BRANDON/CLAIR MEL)
SUBDISTRICT R (LITHIA/VALRICO)
SUBDISTRICT U (DREW PARK/NW TAMPA)
SUBDISTRICT V (CITRUS PARK,
NORTHDALÉ)
SUBDISTRICT W (EN ESPANOL)

WELCOME NEW ACMS:

SUBDISTRICT T (NEW TAMPA / USF)

THANK YOU TO SOPHIA C. FOR
VOLUNTEERING AND STEPPING UP TO
HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE ...

17 OPEN ACM SLOTS

(ONLY 3 FILLED) !

Pamphlet of the Month

Did you know ?

There are over 70+ pamphlets out there !!! These pamphlets and all our AA Conferenced Approved Literature undergo a rigorous approval and vetting process in order to ensure that 'our common welfare come first' ! Please defer to the literature as much as possible.

Did you know ?

All A.A. pamphlets are available in <https://www.aa.org> and they can be printed or saved in PDF format ?

Month	Featured Pamphlet	Link to Pamphlet
January	"The Twelve Concepts for World Service" Illustrated. Link below:	https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-8_the-twelveconcepts.pdf
February	The AA Group pamphlet.	https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf

Interested in learning more ? Let your DCM know

This month's featured pamphlet is:

MANY PATHS TO SPIRITUALITY

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-84_manypathstospirituality.pdf

(A misconception about Alcoholics Anonymous is that it is a religious organization. Since A.A. groups often rent space in churches, attending an A.A. meeting in a church basement can reinforce that impression, and the possibility of hearing a prayer at the end of a meeting can further cement the idea for some.

Yet A.A.'s pioneering members realized from the beginning that their sole purpose was to help people gain sobriety, and they went to great lengths to ensure the broadest membership among all who suffer from alcoholism. A.A. is a Fellowship, a community of like-minded sufferers who have found a way out of a hopeless condition.

We came to A.A. out of desperation to stop drinking, or reeling from the consequences of our actions while drunk. A.A.'s sense of community and partnership is strong because of our shared suffering and our shared solution. In our meetings people from all walks of life come together with a common purpose. Some members return to their religious roots, others find different spiritual paths. Some may find this "God of their understanding," yet never become involved with organized religion. Still others make the A.A. group itself their higher power.

But one thing was sure — whatever our backgrounds, our beliefs or our lack of belief — our drinking had gotten out of hand.

A.A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR DISTRICT TWO (2)

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SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

QUARTERLY SOUTH FL AREA 15

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

APRIL 3 - 5, 2020

REGISTRATION

FRI 4-8:30 PM

SAT 8-8:30 PM

SUN 7AM-9AM

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY CHAIR

WELCOME NEW GSRS !!

THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP
TO THE PLATE AND SERVING

YOUR GROUPS !!!

- **RICK R** - SOBER @ 6 / PLANT CITY/ HULL HOUSE FRIDAY / MONDAY 6PM
- **LORINDA W.** 10:30 BAYSHORE PRESBYTERIAN - WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
- **JOHN V.** LIVING IN THE SOLUTION / SUN CITY CENTER METHODIST CHURCH / MON, WED, SAT

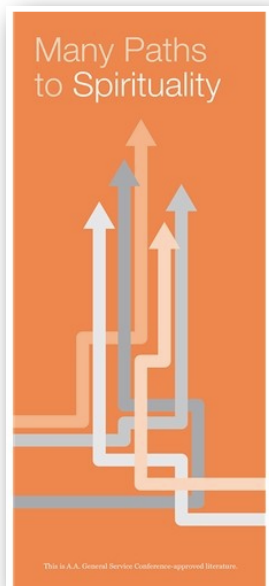
Pamphlet of the Month

(cont'd /with excerpt from pamphlet)

A.A. — a kinship of common suffering

“Newcomers are approaching A.A. at the rate of tens of thousands yearly. They represent almost every belief and attitude imaginable. We have atheists and agnostics. We have people of nearly every race, culture and religion. In A.A. we are supposed to be bound together in the kinship of a common suffering. Consequently, the full individual liberty to practice any creed or principle or therapy whatever should be a first consideration for us all. Let us not, therefore, pressure anyone with our individual or even our collective views. Let us instead accord each other the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tries to make his way toward the light. Let us always try to be inclusive rather than exclusive; let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of A.A., so long as he or she so declares.”

—Bill W. (A.A. Grapevine, July 1965)



So that's it folks,
until next month !
Love & Service,
Sophia C.

A.A. HIGHLIGHTS FOR DISTRICT TWO (2)

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THANK YOU TO THOSE GROUPS WHO HAVE GIVEN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR DISTRICT. AT OUR LAST DISTRICT MEETING WE GAVE OUT THANK YOU LETTERS. IF YOU DID NOT GET YOUR THANK YOU LETTER PLEASE SEE YOUR GSR/ACM OR DCM.

STAY TUNED // MORE WILL BE REVEALED IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS !!!

UPDATES FROM OUR AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING

UPDATES FROM OUR DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS