



DISTRICT 81

JUNE 2026

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STEP 6:

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

TRADITION 6:

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

CONCEPT 6:

"The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help;
I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for THAT: I am responsible.**

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 3: District 81 meeting - 7pm at Kelley's in La Marque, 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568 (1st Wednesday)

June 13: Live at 5 speaker meeting - 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

June 7: Happy Hour speaker meeting - 6:30 pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (1st Sunday)

June 7: Newsletter Committee meeting - 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

June 10: Accessibility Committee meeting - 6:30pm online via Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

June 10: Correctional Facilities meeting - 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

June 15: Workshop Committee meeting - 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Monday)

June 17: Website Committee meeting - 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Wednesday)

June 17: Literature Committee meeting - 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Wednesday)
<https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

June 17: Treatment Facilities Committee meeting - 7:00pm at the Bay Area Club RM E & F 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 and via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935 (3rd Wednesday)

June 18: Grapevine Committee meeting - 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Thursday)

June 21: Archives Committee meeting - 1:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Sunday)

June 24: Finance & Budget meeting - 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (last Wednesday)

June 25: PI/CPC Committee meeting - 6:30pm via Zoom meeting ID 868-5564-9879; PW 06101935 (last Thursday)

July 24-26: 79th Annual Texas State AA Convention: 815 Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76102 The Hilton Ft Worth; see flyer!

October 9-11: SWRAASA - Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston 100 Convention Center Way, Baytown, TX 77520

October 30-Nov 1: TXSCYPAA 45 Convention: "The Acid Test" Hilton Austin Southpark Hotel

January 8-10, 2027: 64th Annual SETA Convention - South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX 77573 (See flyer on next page for QR code link to pre-registration)



Live at 5 Group

SPEAKER MEETING

Speaker:
John C.

Sobriety Date: 09/30/2017

Saturday, Jun 13 2026
5pm

(2nd Saturday of each month)

Bay Area Club
Room B
2111 Webster St., League City, 77573



THE HAPPY HOUR GROUP
SPEAKER MEETING
ANNOUNCES THE
JUNE 7TH, 2026
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

WILL W.
SOBRIETY DATE
7/10/2023

MEETING ADDRESS:
BAY AREA CLUB
2111 WEBSTER ST.
LEAGUE CITY TX 77573



A.A. A SOCIETY OF RECOVERED ALCOHOLICS IN ACTION



HYATT REGENCY BAYTOWN-HOUSTON
100 CONVENTION CENTER WAY
BAYTOWN, TX 77520



PRE-REGISTER BY 9/25/2026

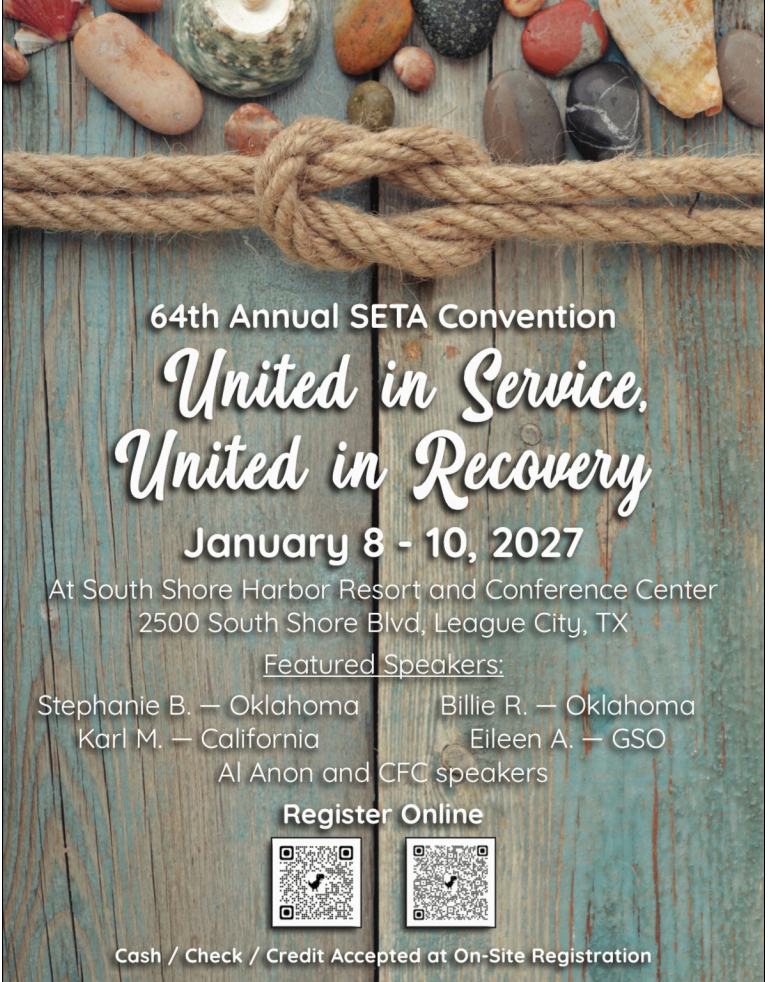
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64th Annual SETA Convention

United in Service, United in Recovery

January 8 - 10, 2027

At South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center
2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX

Featured Speakers:

- Stephanie B. — Oklahoma
- Billie R. — Oklahoma
- Karl M. — California
- Eileen A. — GSO
- Al Anon and CFC speakers

Register Online



Cash / Check / Credit Accepted at On-Site Registration

Defects On Display

At first glance, steps 6 & 7 sounded simple to me. After all, it is ONLY one paragraph in the Big Book. In reality, it became one of the most honest and uncomfortable parts of my recovery. I discovered that ALL of my defects were not just bad habits – they were survival tools I had leaned on for years when I was running on self-will. They were the tools I used when fear and alcohol ran my life.

My third time around through the steps, my sponsor gave me an inventory-style assignment that helped bring step 6 to life for me. For each defect, I answered four questions:

1. What does this defect do for me?
2. What does this defect cost me?
3. What are my thoughts, physical feelings, and emotions when I am practicing this defect?
4. What is my plan when I catch myself practicing this defect? (Step 7 - Humbly ask God to redirect my thinking)

This exercise forced me to see that every defect had a payoff. Resentment made me feel justified. Control made me feel safe. People-pleasing helped me avoid conflict (it also helped me see that it is a form of manipulation). But the second question revealed the truth: these same defects cost me peace, relationships, emotional sobriety, and connection with God. As someone with a very analytical mind – this assignment felt very similar to a pros and cons list. It put in black and white EXACTLY what I lose when my defects are on full display for all the world to see. Some prime examples were my relationships with the people I love, trust, jobs, sobriety, credibility, connection to God, spiritual growth, peace of mind... I could increase the list ad infinitum!

The third question helped me recognize how defects show up physically and emotionally. I noticed tight shoulders, racing thoughts, fear, irritability, and exhaustion. My defects were not abstract ideas – they affected my body, mind, and spirit. As someone with chronic health conditions this assignment also allowed me to see how my defects affect my physical health as well. The mind and body are so deeply intertwined, and I also recognized in this assignment when I am not feeling well how that can come out sideways in my behaviors and actions.

The final question gave me a practical spiritual solution. Instead of shaming myself when defects appeared, I could pause and humbly ask God to redirect my thinking. Step 6 is not about becoming perfect overnight. It is about becoming willing. For me, willingness grows each time I stop defending my defects and start trusting God to change me. Steps 6 and 7 will always be a work in progress. There will always be room for Jell-O!

-Melissa F (Keep On Steppin')

Growing Through It

I've never been someone who loves cheesy one-liners, so when I got to AA and heard "one day at a time," I was not totally sold. However, since working the steps and coming head-to-head with living life on life's terms, I've reconciled with how true the saying really is.

During active alcoholism, I was always "future tripping," or "borrowing trouble," as my family so lovingly puts it. I am prone to worrying and worrying about tomorrow and asking, "But what if this happens?" I gave myself too much credit that I could control every outcome of my life: finances, romances, familial relationships...the list goes on and on. Rarely did I rely on my Higher Power's will and plans for my life, and I would meddle in everything trying to fix what may or may not happen tomorrow, rather than living and rejoicing in today.

What helps me stay in the present moment and not worry about the "what ifs" is knowing that one good day-one good moment-matters. Every morning I choose to turn my will and my life over today. I choose not to drink today. I choose to carry the message today. There is no such thing as perfect recovery; successful recovery happens with consistency in our routines. Progress happens one day at a time.

-Kelsey F. (Happy Hour Group)



August 21-23, 2026 ♦ Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX

Started in 1975, this year's Roundup marks the 50th anniversary of a time-honored event...

For 50 years, the Roundup has provided a place for folks in recovery to fellowship, reconnect, listen to speakers, and enjoy food and fun. This year we will have four raffles, with fabulous prizes and many wonderful items to bid on for our Silent Auction. We will also be offering 4 workshops to choose from!

Book Reservation at Inn of the Hills



830.895.5000
1001 Junction Hwy
Kerrville, TX 78028

Ask for Hill Country Roundup Rates before July 26, 2026!

2026 Speakers

- Serenity L.-L. - Voice of the Conference
- Josh B. - AA Speaker
- Julie C. - AA Speaker
- Stephanie B. - Al-Anon Speaker
- Ron T. - AA Speaker
- Dwayne B. - NA Speaker



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An Experience You Must Not Miss

Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 83

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FULL NAME _____
 AA ___ AL-ANON ___ ALATEEN ___ SPECIAL NEEDS ___
 NAME ON BADGE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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 HOME GROUP _____

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AL-ANON REGISTRATION QTY	_____ @ \$30 EA = \$ _____	TOTAL
ALATEEN REGISTRATION QTY	_____ @ \$5 EA = \$ _____	TOTAL
BANQUET DINNER QTY	_____ @ \$40 EA = \$ _____	TOTAL
AL-ANON LUNCHEON QTY	_____ @ \$40 EA = \$ _____	TOTAL
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (\$5 INCREMENTS)	\$ _____	TOTAL
		TOTAL



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TEXAS STATE CONVENTION OF AA
PO BOX 150145
FORT WORTH, TX 76108

BANQUET SPACE IS LIMITED TO 250 GUESTS

PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THEIR BADGES, LUNCHEON TICKETS, BANQUET TICKETS & PROGRAMS WAITING AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

BADGES REQUIRED FOR ALL FUNCTIONS; SPANISH TRANSLATION, ASL INTERPRETER, ARCHIVES, SPEAKER CDS/DIGITAL COPIES AVAILABLE; ALL MEETINGS ARE NON-SMOKING, HOSPITALITY ROOM CLOSED DURING ALL SPEAKER MEETINGS.

79th TRADITION STATEMENT: ONE OF THE MOST COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS OF THESE GATHERINGS IS THAT THEY ARE AA MEETINGS, AND THAT SINCE "THERE ARE NO FEES OR FEES FOR AN MEMBERSHIP" THERE SHOULD BE NO FEES TO ATTEND. CONVENTIONS ARE SPECIAL EVENTS, NOT REGULAR MEETINGS. THE REQUIREMENTS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION ARE MONEY TO PRESENT. THIS CONVENTION IS SELF-SUPPORTING. THE COST OF THE CONVENTION IS PAID THROUGH REGISTRATION FEES, AND AS RESPONSIBLE AA MEMBERS WE MUST PAY OUR OWN WAY! THESE SHOULD BE NO FEES TO ATTEND. CONVENTIONS ARE SPECIAL EVENTS, NOT REGULAR MEETINGS. THEY REQUIRE MONTHS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION AND MONEY TO PRESENT. THIS CONVENTION IS SELF-SUPPORTING. THE COST OF THE CONVENTION IS PAID THROUGH REGISTRATION FEES, AND AS RESPONSIBLE AA MEMBERS WE MUST PAY OUR OWN WAY! THESE SHOULD BE NO FEES TO ATTEND.

FORT WORTH
JULY 24-26, 2026

SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY JULY 24
 2:00 PM REGISTRATION OPENS
 5:00 PM HOSPITALITY OPENS
 6:00 PM LONG TIMERS MEETING
 7:30 PM AA SPEAKER JOHN A., RENO, NV
 9:00 PM ALATEEN MEETING
 9:00 PM YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING
 10:00 PM YOUNG PEOPLE NIGHT
- SATURDAY JULY 25
 7:00 AM HOSPITALITY OPENS
 8:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS
 9:30 AM AA SPEAKER ANDY D., NORMAN, OK
 11:00 AM AL-ANON SPEAKER ANGIE B., DESTIN, FL
 12:15 PM AL-ANON LUNCHEON
 12:15 PM ALATEEN SPKR MARLEY B., PORT O'CONNOR, TX
 2:00 PM TEXAS AREA DELEGATES
 3:30 PM GSO SPEAKER IRENE D., NYC, NY
 3:30 PM AL-ANON WORKSHOP KAY M., HURST, TX
 4:30 PM BREAK
 5:00 PM HISTORY OF TEXAS AA GREG L., DALLAS, TX
 5:30 PM BANQUET DINNER
 7:30 PM AA SPEAKER CARLA R., TUJUNGA, CA
 9:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT
 10:00 PM ALATEEN GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY JULY 26
 9:30 AM AA SPEAKER MIKE S., RIVERSIDE, CA
 *SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOTEL INFO

HILTON FORT WORTH
 815 MAIN ST. FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102
 PHONE: 1-800-445-8667
 GROUP RATE DISCOUNT IS \$149/ROOM
 GROUP ID (FOR RATE): TEXAS STATE CONVENTION OF AA

Yeah, you're just like everyone else on the f---ing planet, I'm so sorry



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I CALLED MY SPONSOR TO TALK ABOUT MY PROBLEMS



HE SAID THEY ARE ALL OF MY OWN MAKING

Alcoholism when abstinent & untreated...

Rethink Your Weekend

Approximate values

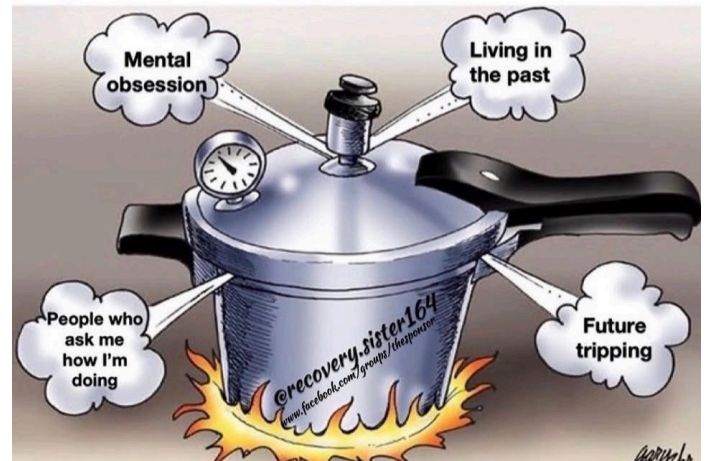
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Fried foods & beer
1500 Calories

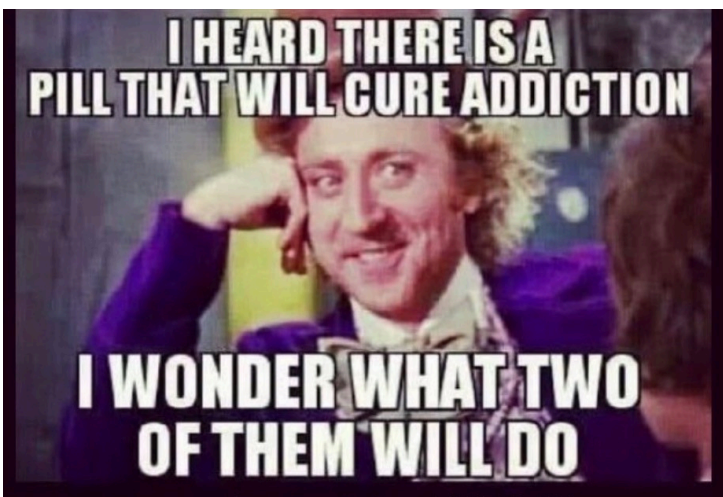


Milk, whiskey, club sandwich
610 Calories



I HEARD THERE IS A PILL THAT WILL CURE ADDICTION

I WONDER WHAT TWO OF THEM WILL DO



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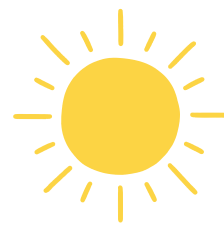
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 UNITY, AMENDS, SUNSHINE, BEACH, WAVES, LEMONADE, BONFIRE, MOCKTAIL,
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D81 – FINANCE & BUDGET REPORT FOR MAY

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 10,281.95
Group Contributions	\$ 992.47
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 370.18
Net Income	\$ 622.29
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 10,904.24
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (9,352.77)
Available Funds	\$ (448.53)