



DISTRICT 81

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HAPPY EARTH DAY

STEP 4:

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

TRADITION 4:

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

CONCEPT 4:

"At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

*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

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

April 12: Newsletter Committee meeting - 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

April 8: Accessibility Committee meeting - 6:30pm online via Google Meet
<https://meet.google.com/qvk-rjzk-nad> (2nd Wednesday)

April 8: Correctional Facilities meeting - 6:30pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Wednesday)

April 11: Live at 5 speaker meeting - 5pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 (2nd Saturday)

April 20: Workshop Committee meeting - 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Monday)

April 15: Website Committee meeting - 6pm online; send email to john.a@aa-seta.org to be added to the Google Meet invite. (3rd Wednesday)

April 15: Literature Committee meeting - 5:30pm via Google Meets (3rd Wednesday)
<https://meet.google.com/qcp-purn-rvt>

April 16: Grapevine Committee meeting - 5:30pm via Google Meets, send email to Grapevine committee chair to receive meeting info (3rd Thursday)

April 19: Archives Committee meeting - 1:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Sunday)

April 29: 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 (last Wednesday)

April 29: Finance & Budget meeting - 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (last Wednesday)

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

May 16: Bridging the Gap Workshop - 1pm to 4pm - 2670 Ave D, San Leon, TX 77539

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; see flyer!



BRIDGING THE GAP WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY:
D81 WORKSHOP COMMITTEE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TFC AND CFC

MAY 16, 2026

1PM - 4PM
2670 AVENUE D, SAN LEON, TX 77539

- WHAT IS BRIDGING GAP?
- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRIDGING THE GAP?
- HOW CAN I BRIDGE THE GAP?

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE
BRINGING THE GAP

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE DISTRICT 81

SPRING Workshop

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPEAKERS:

John C (Service)
Spencer W (Unity)
Danny G (Traditions)
James M (The Well)

*Snacks, Fellowship, and Learn
what we do and how to help!*

BAY AREA CLUB
ROOM A
2111 WEBSTER ST
LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573

TXSCYPAA 45

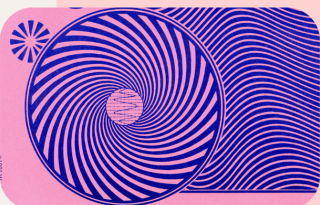
THE ACID TEST

AUSTIN, TX

HILTON
AUSTIN SOUTH PARK HOTEL
OCT 30TH - NOV 1ST

\$109/NIGHT
FREE BREAKFAST & PARKING

CAN
YOU
PASS
THE
ACID
TEST
?



HOTEL

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REGISTRATION



2026

HAPPY HOUR

THE HAPPY HOUR GROUP
SPEAKER MEETING
ANNOUNCES THE
MAY 3RD, 2026
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

KELSEY F.
SOBRIETY DATE
4/17/2025

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

STEP FOUR: "YOU'RE A GROCERY STORE"

My first cycle through the steps, I gave myself the deadline of one step per month, and the first time I found my procrastination winning the battle against time, was at step four. My sponsor was busy being a barista at his job where I'd shown up to sneak some sponsor time in disguised as a coffee transaction. He quickly detected that I wanted more than a cup of coffee from our interaction, and in a graceful flurry of boundary setting a redirecting, he called over a fellow I'd never met who happened to be waiting for his drink order already.

The fellow asked me how he could be helpful now that we were both waiting for our orders together. I started gabbing about all sorts of reservations about time, privacy, dignity and several other non sequiturs that he promptly interrupted by putting his hand on my shoulder saying,

"You're a grocery store. You have some good stuff and some bad stuff. You gotta get rid of the bad stuff cause the customers have told you that your store stinks. Make a list of everything."

I'm not sure what it was he said, I'm not sure how he knew that's what I needed to hear, but I said outloud, "I'm a grocery store." And it was all made easier. Every time I felt any resistance come up the next time I sat down to finish my fourth step, I said to myself, "I'm a grocery store." And proceeded to write some more inventory items onto my list.

Years later I was still sober, employable enough to be the manager of a coffee shop, and baffled at how easy it was to keep my store running with the same inventory methods I started practicing years earlier in my fourth month of practicing the steps.

To be searching and fearless I just needed to be willing, and in my case, willingness came through pretending I was a store manager. Later it paid dividends in muscle memory for my job.



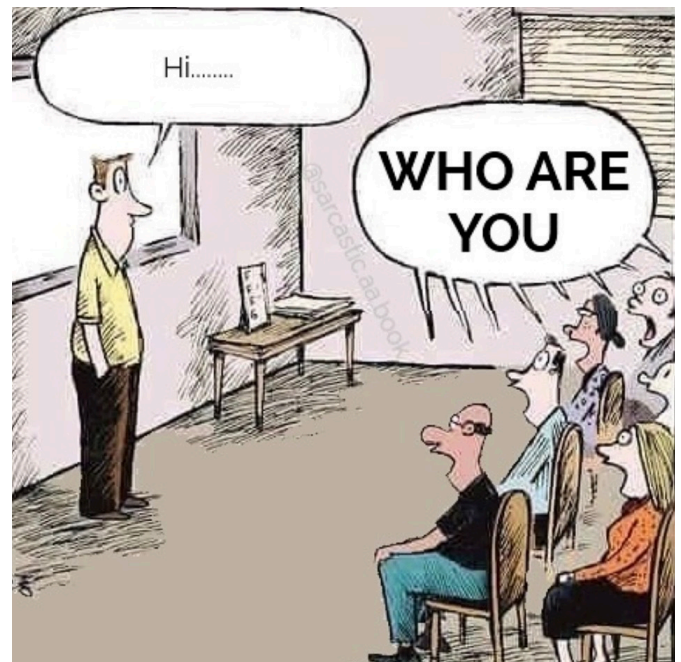
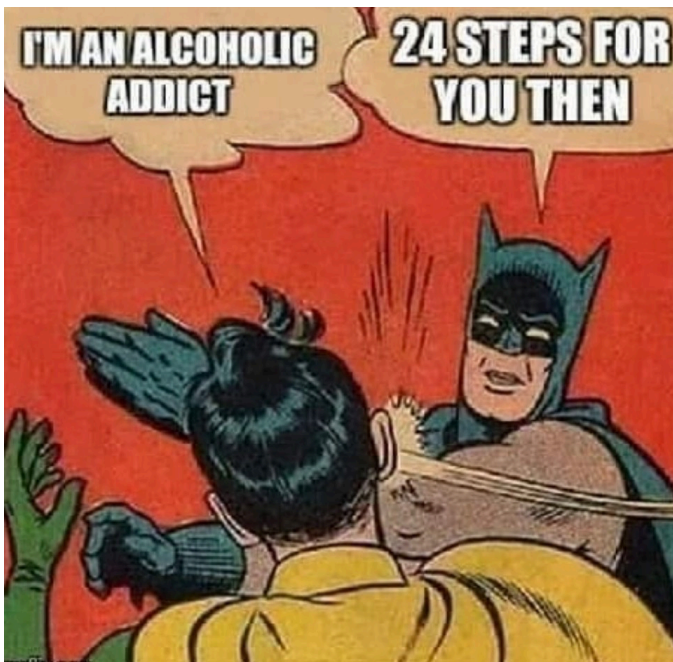
SERVICE: THEY JUST LET ME IN?!?

I didn't expect much the first time I showed up to the newsletter committee. I figured I'd sit in the corner, listen, maybe get a sense of how things worked before saying anything. Instead, I walked into something that felt like a loud, raucous, and welcoming family party for a family I didn't know I had, or needed.

Before I could settle into being a quiet observer, someone asked what I thought about a layout. Another asked if I'd be willing to help write something. Just like that, I was participating. They let me start making decisions right away, weighing in on layout, contributing to articles. There wasn't much ceremony to it. No long proving period.

What struck me later was that this wasn't just friendliness. It was trust. They handed me a piece of the work and, with it, a voice in how that work was done. I've come to see that as part of how AA works at its best. Participation isn't something you earn after the fact. It's something you're given so that you can grow into it. When I was allowed to start helping right away, and even suggest revisions to the cover on my first day, I instantly stopped feeling like a visitor and started feeling like a member.

— Martin P. (Newsletter Committee)



AUTONOMY AND UNITY

Tradition Four of Alcoholics Anonymous states: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole." This principle emerged during the fellowship's rapid expansion in the 1940s, when growing membership created challenges around authority, structure, and consistency.

AA was founded in 1935 by Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith as a small, informal network of groups. As it spread, differences in meeting practices and decision-making led to confusion and conflict. Groups frequently sought guidance from AA's central office on issues such as leadership, finances, and affiliations. In response, Wilson compiled shared experience into guiding principles, first published in 1946 and later formalized as the Twelve Traditions. Tradition Four addressed a key tension: how to maintain unity without imposing centralized control.

Early efforts at strong oversight proved ineffective and often caused resistance. The resulting principle granted each group the freedom to manage its own affairs, including format and local decisions, while establishing a clear boundary. Groups must avoid actions that could harm other groups or the fellowship as a whole.

This balance reflects AA's reliance on "group conscience," a collective form of decision-making rather than hierarchical authority. Tradition Four allowed AA to remain flexible and adaptable across different communities while preserving its shared purpose.

As a result, it became a cornerstone of AA's structure, supporting decentralized growth without fragmentation and helping sustain unity within a global network of independent groups.

Live at 5 Group

SPEAKER MEETING

Speaker:
Melissa F.

Sobriety Date: 01/23/2025

Saturday, May 09 2026
5pm
(2nd Saturday of each month)

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

HOSTED BY SOUTHEAST TEXAS, AREA 67

SWRAASA

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026
HOUSTON, TX

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

MAIL TO: 148 S DOWLEN RD., PMB 21
BEAUMONT, TX 77707

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SWRAASA

NAME: _____	NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
CITY & STATE: _____	CITY & STATE: _____
DISTRICT: _____	DISTRICT: _____
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April Fools AA Word Search!



Find the Following Words:

SOBRIETY

SPONSOR

SERENITY

INVENTORY

AMENDS

FELLOWSHIP

GRATITUDE

HUMILITY

RECOVERY

Happy April Fools! If you couldn't find the words... it's because they aren't there.

Just like sobriety, sometimes the answer isn't in the puzzle — it's in the program. 😊



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D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 11,025.35
Group Contributions	\$ 701.00
Other Contributions	
Less Expenses	\$ 889.14
Net Income	\$ (188.14)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 10,837.21
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (10,278.21)
Available Funds	\$ (1,441.00)