



# DISTRICT 81

## DECEMBER 2025

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### STEP 12:

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

### TRADITION 12:

Amonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

### CONCEPT 12:

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A tradition taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions nver be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy ; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Socitey it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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**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

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

**December 7: TFC Committee Winter Wonderland Workshop** 1-4pm Bay Area Club; 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

**December 7: Happy Hour speaker meeting** - 6:30pm Bay Area Club; 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

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

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

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

**December 14: Newsletter Committee meeting** 4:30pm at Dawn F.'s house. (every Sunday)

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

**December 31: Finance & Budget meeting** 7pm via Google Meets, send email to F & B committee chair to receive meeting info (last Wednesday)

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

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

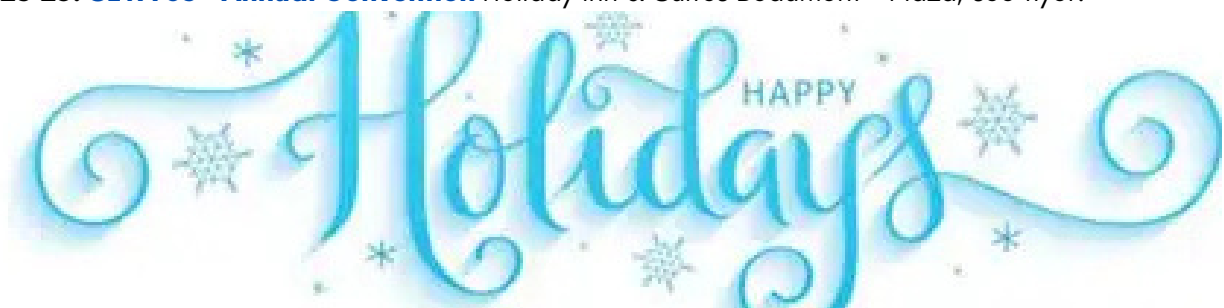
**December 31: Treatment Facilities Committee** meeting 7:00pm at the Bay Area Club RM E & F 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 and via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935 (last Wednesday)

**December 17: Workshop Committee meeting** 6:30pm Jason's Deli in League City (3rd Wednesday)

**No Committee Meeting in December: PI/CPC Committee meeting** 6:30pm via Zoom meeting ID 868-5564-9879; PW 06101935 (3rd Thursday)

**December 19: Archives Committee meeting** 6:00pm at the Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573 Rm E or F (3rd Friday)

**January 23-25: SETA 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention** Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont - Plaza; see flyer!





# SETA 63rd Annual Convention

## The Broad Highway

January 23-25, 2026

At the Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont-Plaza

### Featured Speakers

- Todd T. of Idyllwild CA
- Roland R. of Houston TX
- Terri E. of Baton Rouge LA
- Stacey S. of San Antonio TX
- Nick S. from GSO New York
- Frank S. from Mexico and more!



Program will include Marathon meetings Dance party & DJ

Literature sales Al-anon Archives Workshops & more!

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Ticket Prices - In amount please include coffee, lunch, and contributions.  
 Alateen \$5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 AA \$30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coffee \$5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch Nacho Bar \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 SETA  
 PO Box 983 Silsbee TX 77656

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OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

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Live at 5 Group

# SPEAKER MEETING

Speaker:  
 Erin H.

Sobriety Date: 03/30/2022

Saturday, Dec 13 2025

5pm

(2nd Saturday of each month)

Bay Area Club

Room B

2111 Webster St., League City, 77573

## TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE DISTRICT 81 PRESENTS

# Winter Wonderland workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

BAY AREA CLUB, ROOM A

2111 WEBSTER ST,

LEAGUE CITY, TX

Speakers include:

Tabatha S (Treatment Facilities)

Robert H (Service)

Trina F (Traditions)

Lots of fun, good way to  
 get involved in service, and  
 snacks!





# "CLOWNING AROUND!"

The other day, I was fuming in traffic—again. Every slow turn, every brake light felt like a personal attack. Then I remembered what sponsor gave me and suggested I try next time I found myself in this exact situation. So, in a moment of inspiration (or insanity), I grabbed a red clown nose from my glove box and popped it on.

Instant attitude adjustment.

Suddenly, the other drivers didn't look like enemies—they looked like people probably dealing with the same frustrations I was. A couple of folks even laughed when they saw me. I laughed, too. The tension melted. It's hard to take yourself seriously driving with a red clown nose on.

Sometimes my biggest problem isn't the traffic—it's me taking life too personally. A.A. has taught me that a sense of humor can be a spiritual tool. That silly red nose reminds me that humility doesn't always have to hurt—it can make me laugh instead.

**Rule #62:** Don't take yourself too damn seriously.

— Contributed by Seth M. from the Happy Hour Group



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## *"Candle in the Wind"*

"MAY WE SHARE THE LIGHT WE HAVE FOUND WITH THOSE WHO ARE IN DARKNESS. MAY WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL FOR US AND THE POWER TO CARRY IT OUT. WE CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE AND A SOLUTION TO THOSE WHO SUFFER. MAY GOD SHOW US HOW TO BE SOLUTION ORIENTED."

SUMBITTED BY KEN S. FROM THE SANTE FE GROUP

# Getting Sober with Santa

When I think back on the holidays of my childhood, I remember laughter, warmth, and the buzz of buzzed family members at my grandparents' house. My grandpa would be snoring on his La-Z-Boy recliner in front of a football game. The air smelled like Grandpa's scotch, cedar chests, mothballs, pine-scented candles, and yeast rolls browning in the oven. My aunts and uncles would be laughing and shouting over card games, bottles of George Killian's or Bartles & James clinking between them. It was loud, happy, and safe. In our family, alcohol was part of the ritual of celebration: how adults signaled joy and expressed their affection for one another.

Back then, I thought the holidays were fueled by the same magic that powered Santa's sleigh — comfort, joy, and endless generosity, free from expectation, no matter what had happened the rest of the year. As I got older, those feelings of safety and connection became more elusive. It seemed to take more alcohol each year to recreate them, and even then, the warmth never lasted.

When I became a father, I wanted to give my children the magic I remembered. Being Santa was my job now. Of course, that meant buying presents, instilling a sense of wonder, offering acceptance and affection. But in my self-centered hubris, I began to believe I was responsible for the entirety of everyone else's happiness. In my own Scotch-soaked fantasies, I imagined I could protect my family from disappointment with another round. The results were predictable: grand plans, big gifts, late nights, and the quiet sadness that comes when you know the feelings of joy are superficial and manufactured.

Sobriety stripped away my illusions. On my first sober Christmas, I had a plan: limited hours, my own non-alcoholic drinks, an exit strategy. What I found surprised me. I could listen. I could laugh. I could keep up with the conversation. I remembered which aunt gave which gift. I also noticed some things I hadn't seen before. A fog that fell over the room as the bottles emptied, the way laughter shifted to petty bickering as the night progressed, the exhaustion that followed for everyone but me.

That's when pride crept in. I thought I'd solved it, but I bet you can guess how that story ends. Within a few months, I had fooled myself into thinking I could drink again, and the following holiday season brought nothing but coal in my stocking, desperate ultimatums from my wife, and my children's disappointment.

This year, I've had to accept that I cannot do this on my own, and I'm entering my second sober holiday season — a season of humility, and hopefully, of serenity. I've learned I'm not Santa. But I believe the spirit of Santa resides in all of us — the impulse to give without expectation, to offer grace where it's not deserved. This December, I'm not chasing the raucous cheer of Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer. Instead, I'm hoping for the peace expressed in Silent Night, the kind you feel when your holiday isn't built on excess, but on gratitude for the gift of another clear morning.

— Martin P. (Certain Steps)

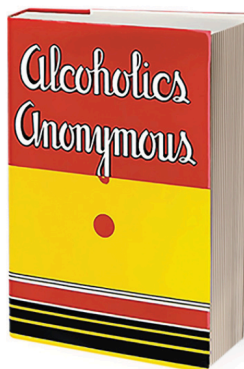
### A note from the Literature Committee:

We sometimes hear members in District 81 ask, “Is that conference-approved?” as if there’s a sharp line between the “real” AA material and everything else. But conference-approved simply means the piece went through the large group-conscience process at the General Service Conference. It doesn’t require that you personally endorse it, and it doesn’t make other literature off-limits or less valuable. Our own District 81 Literature Committee reviews and recommends additional pamphlets, books, and resources to serve our members’ needs. Beyond that, there is a world of religious and secular, professional and personal writing that can support recovery.

AA reminds us to stay open-minded. Step Eleven in the Twelve and Twelve notes that seekers across the ages have left behind prayers, meditations, and tools that enrich spiritual growth. The world’s libraries remain “a treasure trove for all seekers,” and we’re encouraged to draw from anything that deepens prayer, meditation, and honesty. So maybe the label isn’t the point. The real question is simpler: Could it help someone stay sober, stay humble, and stay connected? If so, it’s probably worth consideration.

— Mike A., Literature Committee Chair (Keep on Steppin’ Group)

### ANNOUNCING A reduced list price for the collectible Facsimile First Edition Big Book!



We are delighted to announce a reduction in the list price for the beautifully produced facsimile First Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, originally created in celebration of the Big Book’s 75th anniversary in 2014. Since its release, hundreds of thousands of A.A. members have enjoyed owning this commemorative edition.

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### *“The Centering Prayer”*

*God, please take from me my false pride  
and my grandiosity, all my phoniness  
and self-importance, and help me find  
my courage that shows itself in  
simplicity, and the true power that shows  
itself in modesty and humility.*

*Submitted by Lucky M.*



*There is a light within each of us  
that can never be diminished or  
extinguished. It can only be  
obscured by forgetting who we are.*

*—Deepak Chopra*





# Word Search

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| Open mindedness | Serenity prayer | Higher power |
| Willingness     | Twelve steps    | Fellowship   |
| Acceptance      | Meditation      | Connection   |
| Home group      | Surrender       | Traditions   |
| Humility        | Progress        | Honesty      |
| Inventory       | Service         | Sponsor      |
| Big book        | Amends          | Unity        |



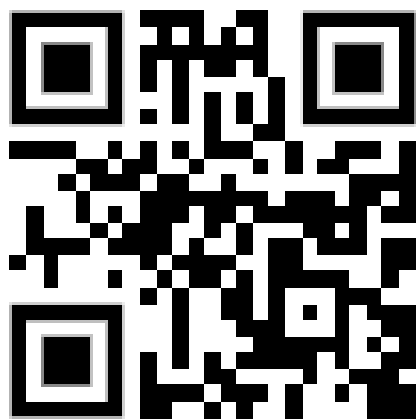
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## NOV F&B REPORT D81



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| D81 Budget Summary                 |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Opening Checkbook Balance          | \$ 11,709.55  |
| Group Contributions                | \$ 569.55     |
| Other Contributions                |               |
| Less Expenses                      | \$ 659.45     |
| Net Income                         | \$ (89.90)    |
| Ending Checkbook Balance           | \$ 11,619.65  |
| Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds    | \$ (2,000.00) |
| Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit) | \$ (6,140.54) |
| Available Funds                    | \$ 3,479.11   |