

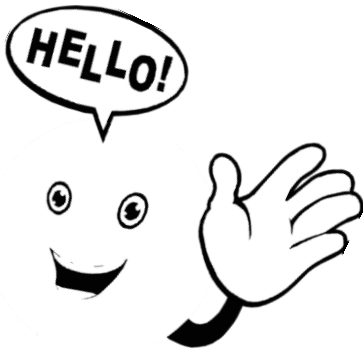


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## DCM Corner



Hello District 2,

Welcome everyone to SWTA 68,  
Panel 62, District 2,

I would first like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve as your DCM, for the next 2 years. I have some large shoes to fill, following John B. our past DCM. I would like to thank John B. for his dedication to service and

especially his dedication to District 2.

I would like to thank the Sequin Oasis for stepping up and hosting 2012 district meetings. I would like to also thank Spring Branch for hosting the district meetings last year.

We are starting a new and exciting 2 years. The first reminder is that we have the SWTA 68 Winter Workshop, in Edinburg, Texas upcoming, January 20-22. All GSR's should attend Area events. This is quite a distance, so may I suggest carpooling and room sharing, to hold down the costs to your Groups. And do not forget in District 2, if funds are available, we have Scholarship money, if any groups cannot afford to fund their GSR to Area Events. Also, the annual SWTA 68 CFC Conference will be held February 17-19 in Kerrville.

Other events happening in our district are; The Canyon Lake Campout, April 13-15. Also, we will begin looking at the District 2 Picnic coming in May. We will be discussing and asking for volunteers for the annual SWTA 68 PI/CPC

Conference, District 2 is hosting, in the fall.

Last month we voted to have 2 workshops, before our regular District meetings, one in June and the other in November. The topics we selected are "Sponsorship" & "The 11<sup>th</sup> Step". More will be revealed about these events.

I take this position with a small fear of the unknown, as a lot of you are also, I am sure. I have received some good words of wisdom: "Just have fun with it". So that is exactly what I hope to achieve in our District. FUN!!!! I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

In closing, please everyone remember the old saying about service work, "We figure out what we are supposed to do about the time we rotate out". So let's have fun and enjoy ourselves!

**Thank you,**

**Respectfully yours in service**

**DCM District 2**

**Theron W.**

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## Roving Reporter Spotlight



Hi everyone;

Welcome to all our new servants of this great district. And welcome to all our returning and new readers, Happy New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am your our Districts 2 Newsletter Committee Chair. This is definitely a new beginning for me, I have no history of public writing, although I do have experience with formal writing, and as for putting together a news letter,

nope no experience there either. If you are new to service weather in your group or in our district you will soon learn that this is the way of service, we definitely learn on the J.O.B. I would also like to thank the outgoing Newsletter Committee Chair. who has already given me so much help.

I will do what is necessary to always follow our traditions and concepts. And as God knows me so well, all newsletters will be reviewed by our DCM and Alt DCM to help ensure our traditions are protected as well as the individuals. It was decided at out last district meeting that our topic for the month of January 2012 is "New Beginnings".

I would like to ask all in our district to help make this next year's newsletters its best ever. This can be done by sending in your stories, sharing your experience strength and hope and if you have any clip art send it as well. I encourage new comers to write in as well, keeping with our traditions, no names will be use so you anonymity **WILL** be **protected**.

If you find a joke and want to send it in please provide the source. It will be my goal at our next district meeting to be able to provide you with suggested topics for each month, so that you may be able to send in related stories that you may come across and again please provide source information. All material that you may wish to send in can be submitted at [Dist2news@yahoo.com](mailto:Dist2news@yahoo.com) all material will be reviewed and when possible will be put into the news letter, any material that cannot be used for any reason will be explained to the sender via email. Also if you or perhaps one of your pidgins is interested in being our new roving reported please let me know. At the end of all newsletters the service members names and contact information can be found, please feel free to contact me with which ever method is most comfortable for you I look forward to serving our great district.

Your District 2 Newsletter  
Committee Chair

And very humble servant

Marie M

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Here are the steps we took:

## STEP 1

**We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become Unmanageable.**

For years I had blithely said "Sure, I'm an alcoholic, but I function". And I did. Friends, lovers, acquaintances -- we all drank a lot, casual social drinker, weren't in my clique.

To give a party, you figured on a quart per guest. I lived in D.C. and the 60`s were wild. we wore miniskirts, bell bottoms, love beads. "Sex, drugs and rock n roll," was the motto for the decade.

And then came the 70`s. The party continued. I decided to marry and move away and I did. He was an alcoholic trying to "slow down." Needless to say, we fed each other and neither of us got sober.

### **I Was Whipped**

When he became abusive, I went back to D.C. and back on the merry-o-around. When the 80`s started, I really was a mess. I wanted to stop drinking; I called a friend in AA and went to my 1st meeting. It was a speaker's meeting and the man had such a horror story that I escaped at half time, vowing to never return.

Two years later, I was whipped. I was ready to try anything to stop the pain. In 1982 I began my AA journey. It would take me five more years to pick up my 1 year chip. I had to let go of a relationship, job, and friends. And this new life in AA has been worth every loss.

The serenity, new friends and joy that are now mine can only

be called a true gift from God. I was Powerless to quit? Yes! My life was out of control? For sure! At the end of my drinking, I could only manage to ask for help. I had given my adult life to drinking.

[http://alcoholism.about.com/od/study/a/step1\\_carol.htm](http://alcoholism.about.com/od/study/a/step1_carol.htm)

## **Tradition 1:**

**Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon**

**A.A. Unity.**

If groups become drawn into controversy, or become dominated by individuals, or for any other reason jeopardize the unity of the group, it will cease to thrive and very easily can fall apart. Individual members may drift away and perhaps even leave the program.

[Alcoholics Anonymous](#) must make certain that the "minority" opinion on any issue is given the opportunity to be heard. As a group prepares to make a decision, all sides of an issue are given consideration.

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But all members of a group must be willing to accept the majority opinion and work together to put the decision into action, for the sake of unity. One stubborn or strong-willed member can destroy the group's ability to work together for the common welfare of all.

[http://alcoholism.about.com/od/study/a/tradition\\_one.htm](http://alcoholism.about.com/od/study/a/tradition_one.htm)



## PROMISE 1

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through

The first promise of AA says, "If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through." That is quite a statement.

But it is true. The key word here is "painstaking." I firmly believe that if someone seems to be breezing through their early recovery then they are either lying or they aren't really an alcoholic.

I have never experience so much pain in my life as I did during early recovery. There was nothing easy about it. I saw how my drinking not only affected my life but also those that were around me.

Which when I drank, didn't really matter. But with sobriety I found a sense of empathy which gave me the ability to put myself in another person's shoes. And by doing that, my early recovery was filled with anger and disgust – for myself.

I had no valid reason for my actions when I drank. And with sobriety, my first thoughts were to somehow defend those actions. But I couldn't. What I did was wrong and I just couldn't explain them away.

The first three steps gave me the belief that if I relied on someone else that I may have a chance, a second chance at life and love, a second chance at hope. A strong foundation with those first three steps gave me the courage to keep moving forward. Maybe at

times, my progress could be measured in baby steps, but I kept moving forward.

Over time I learned to accept my actions as part of my disease. I wasn't a bad person. It was the alcohol that made me evil. It was from this separation of the drunk from me that I could continue to move forward.

It gave me the strength to look at my defects and got me to the point that yes I could admit my wrongs, not only to myself but also to my God and another human being.

Was it easy? No, it was not easy, not at all. Like I said it was extremely painful and something I never want to do again.

It was because of this pain that I was amazed by how much I had change long before I reached the halfway point with the steps. The promises though still didn't mean that much to me, but I did like the path I was on and the direction I was going.

That path and direction was made possible by first surrendering. By surrendering, I came out of hiding. I admitted that I had a problem and I couldn't do it alone.

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After I found my Higher Power, I was then able to deal with my pain. For the first time in my life I dealt with it. In previous attempts when I was close to pain I drank. I drank to the point of self-destruction.

When that option was no longer available, I accepted the pain, the best way I could, through AA, counseling, prayer, and a lot of crying. Then I was able to see the growth in me.

<http://daveharm.blogspot.com/2011/03/pain-brings-growth.html>

Sometimes turning points are **beginnings** as when I decide to start praising, instead of condemning someone, or when I begin to ask for help instead of going it alone. At other times turning points are endings, such as when I see clearly the need to stop festering resentments or crippling self-seeking. Many shortcoming temp me daily; therefore, I also have daily opportunities to become aware of them. In one form or another, many of my character defects appear daily: self-condemnation, anger, running away, being prideful, wanting to get even, or acting out of grandiosity.

Attempting half measures to eliminate these defeats merely paralyzes my efforts to change. It is only when I ask God for help, with complete abandon, that I become willing – and able—to change.”

*“DAILY REFLECTIONS  
Page 15.”*

Seguin Oasis Group for 2012, the second Sunday of every month at 2:00PM

Seguin Oasis Group is located at 2365 Huber Road, Seguin TX 78155 at the Tri Party Clubhouse 830-379-4773

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## Area 68 and Texas A.A. Events:

- January 6 to 8** - SETA 67 Convention, Galveston
- January 6 to 8** - Tyler Anniversary – Tyler
- January 8, 7:52 am** - Fellowship in Sobriety Golf Tournament - Forest Creek Golf Club, Round Rock
- January 8, 2 pm** - **District 2** Meeting - Oasis Group, Seguin
- January 9, 6:30 pm** - Service Manual Study Meeting - Acceptance Group, Rolling Oaks Christian Church, 7150 Rolling Oaks, San Antonio
- January 9, 7:30 pm** - Austin Service Manual Workshop - Cedar Creek United Methodist Church, 5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek

Ever Get Tired Of  
Being Trashed?

Nothing  
Changes If  
Nothing  
Changes!!!



### At the Turning point

*“Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked His protection and care with complete abandon.*

*ALCOHOLIC’s ANONYMOUS, p. 59*

Every day I stand at turning points. My thoughts and actions can propel me toward growth or turn me down the road to old habits and to booze.



### 2012 Schedule for District 2

Hello Area 68, below is a calendar to invite anyone and everyone to come to our district business meetings. District 2 will be meeting at the

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**January 12, 6 pm** - Lampas Group Potluck - Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 4th and Chestnut, Lampasas

**January 13 to 14** - South Padre Island Jamboree - South Padre Island

**January 14, 1 pm** - Texas ICYPAA Bid Committee Meeting - Austin

**January 20 to 22** - SWTA 68 Winter Workshop - Edinburg

**January 21, 5 pm** - Austin Citywide Speaker Meeting - Riverbend Church on Highway 360, Austin

**January 26 to 29** - 15th WACYCAA - Las Vegas, Nevada

**January 27 to 29** - Coastal Bend Jamboree - Corpus Christi

**January 28** - Bid Book Study with Bob D - Saint George's Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, San Antonio

**February 3 to 5** - Austin Roundup - Austin

**February 4, 6 pm** - Highlands Anniversary - Highlands Group, Saint George's Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue, San Antonio

**February 11, 1:30 pm** - Austin Intergroup Workshop - Georgetown White House, 1019 College street, Georgetown

**February 17 to 19** - TQCYPAA on the Frio - Neal's Lodges, Concan

**February 17 to 19** - SWTA 68 CFC Conference - Kerrville

**February 18, 5 pm** - Austin Citywide Speaker Meeting - River Bend Church on Highway 360, Austin

**February 18, 6:30 pm** -

Broadway Anniversary - Christ Lutheran Church, 6720 Broadway, San Antonio

**March 20, 6 pm** - CSO Phone Sharing Session - CSO, 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio

**April 13 to 15** - Canyon Lake Campout - Potter's Creek Park, Canyon Lake

**April 20 to 22** - Spiritual Unity on the Frio - Garner State Park

**April 20 to 22** - Men's 12 Step Weekend - Camp Zephyr, Lake Corpus Christi

**May 4 to 5** - Weekend in SA - La Villita Assembly Hall, San Antonio

**May 24 to 27** - Gathering of Eagles, Dallas

July 27 to 29 - 3rd EURYPAA - Copenhagen, Denmark

**September 13 to 16** - 54th ICYPAA, Saint Louis, Missouri

**October 19 to 21** - SWRAASA - Albuquerque, New Mexico



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**WHERE DO I SEND MY CONTRIBUTION TO AREA AND DISTRICT???**

**Monetary contributions to District 2 may be mailed to our NEW ADDRESS at:**

**SWTA District 2,  
PO Box 1694, Canyon  
Lake, TX 78133.**

**Contributions to Area 68 may be mailed to  
SWTA 68,  
PO Box 755, Rockwood, TX  
76873-0755.**

**THANK YOU!!!**

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**Welcome to all your new  
Area  
Officers and Committee  
Chairs**

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Come join us for a wonderful  
ride with the start of our NEW  
BEGINNINGS in this New Year



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