

# *The Central Texas* **MESSENGER**

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## ***From the Editor***

Greetings and Happy Summer! It's been a while since the newsletter was published, so there are many changes to the meeting schedule. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, meetings moved mostly online for the past year, but most have resumed face-to-face meetings. Meeting schedules are now updated (as currently as possible) and are available for group dissemination.

It's been an interesting time in that there have been so many changes, with new groups sprouting, other groups folding, and several who have kept up the Zoom meetings. While we may not know all the changes, this is a roundup of some of the bigger ones:

- ✚ The Heart of Texas has resumed its meetings at its former location on at the Central Christian Church, 4901 Lakeshore Drive in Waco. Meetings are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m., with a book study on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (Social Distancing and Masks required.)
- ✚ A new group, 226 Group, has formed and meets at the Crestview Church of Christ, 7129 Delhi Rd., in Woodway. Meetings are held Monday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- ✚ The Bellmead Group now meets in a new location at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1301 Hogan Ln., in Bellmead. They meet at 7 p.m. five times a week on Monday and Tuesday and Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There is no meeting on Wednesdays or Sundays.
- ✚ The Experience, Strength and Hope Group is now meeting in person three days at week at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. ESH also has meetings available on Zoom.
- ✚ The Triangle Group no longer has Zoom meetings. All meetings are in person.
- ✚ The 6:30 a.m. meeting of the On Awakening Group is online on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ✚ The Turning Point Group, now located at the First Methodist Church downtown (formerly the Austin Ave. Methodist Church), has a new website. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/turningpointgrouptx> to explore it.
- ✚ There are numerous changes to outlying areas. Some meetings, such as the Belton Group and Camino a La Recuperacion, have been suspended as of this update. A number of other meetings, such as the Fellowship of the Spirit, is online only (Zoom ID: 820 9847 5188), as is the Serenity Seekers (Zoom ID: 842 580 212). To find out more about meetings in the Temple, Copperas Cove and the Harker Heights region, contact District 5 at its 24-hour hotline, 254-213-2529.
- ✚ And finally, the Central Texas AA Intergroup office is now open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3201 Franklin Ave., Suite 9, in Waco. The office is also open Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop on by!

If you know of any more changes and have additional information about your group to share, please email [centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com). We'd be happy to help you get the word out!

Respectfully,

Mary D.

## What's Happening

### Texas State Convention

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

JUNE 11-13, 2021  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Co-host: Midland/Odessa



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## 6th Annual Unity & Service Conference

July 9-11, 2021 | Virtual on Zoom

### Current Speaker Lineup:

Sister Judith Ann Kumar, Class A Trustee - "Loving Our Three Legacies"  
Katie H., Fair Oaks CA - "Never Too Young For General Service"  
Speaker TBA - "The Three Legacies In Relationships"  
Tim C., Hayward CA - "Our Primary Aim"  
Jimmy D., Dallas TX - "My Favorite Traditions"  
Kesho S., Grinnell IA - "Why Stay? Overcoming Racial Barriers"  
Ashley J. The Beacon Group, Boston - "The Twelve Concepts"  
Steve L., Nashville TN - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Foundation"

"Applying the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts of AA in All of Our Affairs"

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### **Other Upcoming Events**

- **Founder's Day 2021**, a virtual event **June 12 and 13**. For registration and details, go to [Foundersday.org](http://Foundersday.org)
- **74<sup>th</sup> annual Tyler AA Anniversary, July 16-18**, at a new location, the University of Texas Patriot Center, 3900 University Dr., in Tyle. To pre-register, go to [tyleranniversary.com](http://tyleranniversary.com).
- **46<sup>th</sup> annual Lubbock Caprock Convention, July 15-18**, CenterPointe Event Center, 4925 Marsha Sharp Frwy., in Lubbock. A registration form is available at [nwt66.org/events](http://nwt66.org/events) or email [lubcapcon@gmail.com](mailto:lubcapcon@gmail.com).
- **25<sup>th</sup> annual Woman to Woman Conference, Aug. 20-21**, Virtual Event from Virginia. Registration is free but required at [www.sewomantowoman.org](http://www.sewomantowoman.org).

Get more information for events at [www.aagrapevine.org/calendar](http://www.aagrapevine.org/calendar) or check out Box 4-5-9 at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). To post an event, contact the Central Texas Intergroup Office @ 254.754.3336 or send it to [centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com)

### **What's New?**

# Central Texas AA Intergroup Saturdays



Intergroup will be open on Saturdays  
from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. beginning  
**May 1, 2021**

We sell literature and chips as well as in  
person contact for information and up to  
date details on meetings and AA events.

Come see us - we will be of service.

Thank you

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## FYI

- ✓ **Trustees** of the **Central Texas Intergroup meet** every second Monday of the month at 5 p.m. in the Intergroup office, 3201 Franklin Ave., Suite 9. Anyone with questions or who wants to learn more is invited to drop by.
- ✓ The monthly **meeting of Intergroup representatives** is held **every third Monday** at 6:30 p.m. in the building across from St. Mary's Catholic Church., 1401 Washington Ave. All are welcome!
- ✓ **District 91 meetings** are held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the **second Saturday of the month** upstairs at the Triangle Group. All are welcome. Find out what's up in your district by calling DCM Ben S. at 254.265.5098.
- ✓ The Outreach Chair for the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension Young People's Group of AA (aka 5D) informs us they hold open zoom meetings every day at 9:30 p.m. Meeting format varies from Newcomer meetings to Literature meetings. An ASL Interpretation is available on Wednesdays. All are welcome. Email [5D.meetinginfo@gmail.com](mailto:5D.meetinginfo@gmail.com) and they will reply to you on how to join via Zoom or call in.
- ✓ The Central Texas AA Intergroup now has for sale, "Meeting in a Pocket," for just \$1. It is filled with tidbits of the program, along with prayers, the preamble, How It Works, and even a Big Book index. Check it out!

Do you have information to share? Email [centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com) or call 254.754.3336.

## Food for Thought

**"I**t is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition."

--- AA Big Book, Page 85---

**"T**o get over drinking will require a transformation of thought and attitude."

--- AA Big Book, Page 143---

Got a favorite quote? Email it to [centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com).

## Happy Birthday!

**Justin D. of the Texas Group is celebrating five years of sobriety. Congratulations, Justin!**



If you'd like to celebrate your birthday with us, email the information to [centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasintergroup@gmail.com).

## Bonus Feature

*The Doctor's Nightmare, from the 1st edition of the AA Big Book.*

I WAS born in a small New England village of about seven thousand souls. The general moral standard was, as I recall it, far above the average. No beer or liquor was sold in the neighborhood, except at the State liquor agency where perhaps one might procure a pint if he could convince the agent that he really needed it. Without this proof the expectant purchaser would be forced to depart empty handed with none of what I later came to believe was the great panacea for all human ills. Men who had liquor shipped in from Boston or New York by express were looked upon with great distrust and disfavor by most of the good townspeople. The town was well supplied with churches and schools in which I pursued my early educational activities.

My father was a professional man of recognized ability and both my father and mother were most active in church affairs. Both father and mother were considerably above the average in intelligence.

Unfortunately for me I was the only child, which perhaps engendered the selfishness which played such an important part in bringing on my alcoholism.

From childhood through high school I was more or less forced to go to church, Sunday School and evening service, Monday night Christian Endeavor and sometimes to Wednesday evening prayer meeting. This had the effect of making me resolve that when I was free from parental domination, I would never again darken the doors of a church. This resolution I kept steadfastly for the next forty years, except when circumstances made it seem unwise to absent myself.

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