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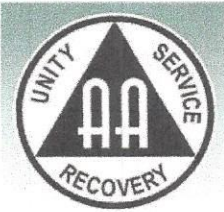
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District 13 Trusted Servants

DCM Cole T.

Alt DCM Ian F.

Secretary Pete W.

Treasurer Bill B.

CFC Open

P.I/C.P.C Christina T.

Grapevine Open

Literature Laura B.

Newsletter By

Committee

Webmaster Stephanie

Treatment Dean

Archives Ian F.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

area68district13.org

District 13 Events

Service Manual Study @

1:30 PM before each

District Meeting monthly!

District meetings held at

2:30 p.m. the first Sunday

of each month.

District will have Zoom option

available each district

meeting- reach out to

Stephanie R at 7343958335 for

the login information

DID YOU KNOW:

- Our Area 68, Panel 74 Delegate drove over 7,000 miles in 2024 to speak at various groups in our area and to present the findings of the 2024 General Service Conference.
- PAIs (Proposed Agenda Items) can be submitted to the General Service Conference for consideration by an individual or a group.
- There are 35 districts in Area 68 and the current count of registered groups is 553.

What's happening in your District 13 for 2024!!

Come join us at our monthly district meeting. Held once a month. Want to be a trusted servant for your district? Carpool to district meetings can be arranged if you struggle to attend due to transportation, contact your DCM. 1st quarter meetings will be held in Burnet. Come one and all and enjoy the fun, fellowship and help carry the message.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KISS GROUP AS THEY CELEBRATED THEIR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY JANUARY 7!

Group Speaker Nights. Please submit your group speaker night for all to see!

Newcomer Group Potluck Speaker Meeting 4th Sunday of the month!

No Reservations Group (women's only) has a potluck every third Tuesday of the month.

Llano Group: Eat-n-Speak Monday February 10 at Grace Episcopal Church, 1200 Oatman St. Eat at 6:00 p.m. with speaker at 7:00 p.m. Speaker is Milo from Kingsland. Bring a dish to share if you can.

Group Updates:

KISS (women only) meets every Tuesday 6PM Packsaddle Fellowship Church 508 RR 2900 Kingsland TX

Big Book Study at His Joshua House- 6:30AM on Wednesdays

Friday Night Alive will have a 12&12 Study 3rd Friday of month

New Burnet Women's Group meeting Mondays at 5:30PM at First Christian Church in Burnet

Panel 74 Event Calendar for this Quarter

Area 68 website: www.aa-swta.org

Check out our delegates updates at this site. Password is Panel74

2025 Pre-General Service Assembly Hosted by District 30
La Posada Hotel; 1000 Zaragoza St.; Laredo, TX
956-722-1701; Room Code 10W3UX



Scan QR code for
website, meeting,
fliers

District News Focus:

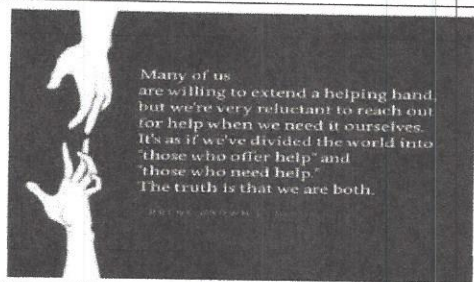
To inform the AA Community of matters pertaining to the service structure of AA I.E the Group, District, Area and the G.S.B

SELF-SUPPORTING;WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX

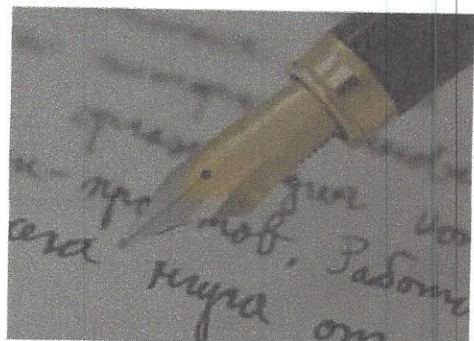
District Level Support P.O Box 972
Burnet Tx 78611

Area Level Support SWTA68 Treasurer
P.O Box 830195 San Antonio Tx 78283

World Service Support the General
Service Office James A Farley
Station P.O. Box 2407 New York, NY
10116-2407



Got something AA related or a short story you want to include in the newsletter, reach out!! Let's put in the newsletter.



If you have any questions/comments about this newsletter please send to:
aadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com

A Member's Contribution:

My Greatest Need - God

The longer I stay sober the more I need God. So grateful to know and accept that today, sure not what I was thinking about my first day in Alcoholics Anonymous. God had spoken to me in a dream and gave me the cold hard facts of exactly where my life was headed. I then said that foxhole prayer, but this time it was different-I was done. I had turned my back on God long ago, religion was not for me. I was bad. My sponsor told me I could have a God of my own understanding and showed me where that was written in the Big Book. Today I know I'm good and very grateful. Thanks to AA and God, today I'm happy, joyous and free.

Judy C (2/28/1991)/Kingsland Group/District 13

Xtra Thoughts: "I used to say, 'I sure hope things will change.' Then I learned that the only way things are going to change for me is when I change."
-Jim Rohn



District Treasury As of 12/31/2024

Expenses for December = \$853.43

Contributions for December = \$134.00

Allocated Funds = \$1,290.73

Prudent Reserve = \$1,289.00

Available Funds = \$2,991.95

See attached December Treasury report for details

Area 68 Treasury Report: See attached for details

District Upcoming Workshop!

Quarter 1: Saturday February 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon GSR Workshop

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Traditions Workshop

Marble Falls Church of Christ

711 Broadway, Marble Falls, Texas



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Literature News:

The Plain Language Big Book is now available to be ordered from GSO.

A Letter from Bill Wilson About the Use Of The Lord's Prayer At A.A. Meetings

April 14, 1959

Dear Russ,

Am right sorry for my delay in answering. Lois and I were a long time out of the country and this was followed by an attack of the marathon type of flu that has been around here in New York. We are okay now, however, but I did want to explain my delay.

Now about the business of adding the Lord's Prayer to each A.A. meeting.

This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in AA. Comes of Age what the connection of these people in A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us.

Of course there will always be those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also, it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the arguments of its Christian origin seems to be a little farfetched. It is also true that most A.A.s believe in some kind of God and that communication and strength is obtainable through His grace. Since this is the general consensus it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding our light under a bushel.

However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress.

So that's the sum of the Lord's Prayer business as I recall it. Your letter made me wonder in just what connection you raise the question.

Meanwhile, please know just how much Lois and I treasure the friendship of you both. May Providence let our paths presently cross one of these days.

Devotedly yours,
Bill Wilson
WGW/ni Mr. Russ

From the A.A. Archives in New York

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AA General Service Structure & Opportunities for Service

Presented January 18, 2025

@ SWTA 68 Winter Workshop

By Kim S., GSR, Fellowship You Crave

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AA Three Legacies

Recovery: 12 Steps

Suggestions for the Individual AA
Action-Based (Daily Spiritual Actions)
Prevents us from committing suicide

Unity: 12 Traditions

Suggestions for the AA Group
Inaction-Based (Each tradition asks us to
pause before harming our common welfare)
Prevents us from committing homicide

Service: 12 Concepts

Suggestions for AA General Service
Interaction- Based (General Service of AA,
voting, delegation of power, facilitation of AA
world services)
Prevents us from committing genocide

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AA Groups (Area 68, Southwest Region (TX, OK, AR, MO, KS, NM, CO))

Group GSRs

District Meetings & Committees GSR votes at District Meetings

Area Assemblies (Area 68 has 4 weekends per year...2 voting assemblies and 2 workshops) **GSR votes at Area Voting Assemblies**

General Service Board: 7
Class A Non Alcoholic Trustees
+ **15** Class B Alcoholic Trustees
(One of these is our Board member)

Conference Charter and Bylaws of AAWS and AA Grapevine Inc. are binding

Groups -> GSRs
(Like the shareholders of AAWS and AA Grapevine)

DCMs -> Area Delegates
(Vote on behalf of District Groups)

Area Delegates -> GSC (w/ Gen Service Board)
(Vote on behalf of Districts in their Area)

GSC -> **AAWS (+GSO)** AND **AA Grapevine**
(Acts like Annual Meeting to Direct Activities of Subsidiaries; **General Service Board** oversees GSC)

Three Boards:
(1) **General Service Board**,
(2) **Board of Directors for AAWS**, and (3) **Board of Directors AA Grapevine**

General Service Board Directs AAWS (GSO included) and AA Grapevine

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**Class A Non-
Alcoholic
Trustees (7)**

Help us with publicity
because no anonymity
principle and offers
different perspectives

Friends of AA often from
medical, religious, and
legal communities

**Class B
Alcoholic
Trustees (15)***

Regional Trustees (8)

Trustees At Large (US &
Canada) (2)

Trustees of AAWS (2) and
AA Grapevine (2)
Chair of Board (1)*

Class B Alcoholic (i.e. Boozer) Trustees (15 total)*

Regional Trustees (8)

(Southeast (US), East Central (US), Eastern Canada, Pacific (US), Northeast (US), Southwest (US), Western Canada, West Central (US))

Current Southwest Region Trustee (Teresa J. from NM)

Trustee At Large US (1)

Outgoing is Marita R.

Trustee At Large Canada (1)

AA World Services Inc. (2)

Grapevine Inc. (2)

Chair of Board Trustee* (1)

**Sometimes Chair of Board is one of the 7 Class A, but currently they are a Class B*

Area Proposals vs. PAIs (Proposed Agenda Items)

Area Proposals

Brought by individuals, groups, or districts

Regard changes to SS&P (Service Structures & Procedures). These are process/procedure changes for Area Only

PAIs

Brought by individuals, groups, districts, or areas; Must be submitted by Sept 30 for the NEXT year's GSC

PAIs are reviewed by Trustee Committees and not all make it to General Service Conference

District 13 Meeting Minutes – January 1, 2025

Opened meeting at 3pm with moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Went around the room with introductions.

Pete read secretaries report, Christina motioned to accept, Bill Y 2nd, all in favor.

Bill B went over treasurer's report, Bill Y motioned to accept, Ian 2nd, all in favor.

GSR UPDATES

Bill B (Kingsland): Still not sending funds to GSO, instead sending funds to intergroup in Austin.

Bill Y (Kempner): Meetings good, Mondays are slacking, this Wednesday there will be a speaker, Rochelle.

Ted (Hoover/new design for living): Doing well, same small group, meeting once a week on Thursday.

Christina (back to basics): group is contributing 5% of funds to area and district. Having the district workshop at the church in February, group switched banks due to ongoing issues with trying to get names added and removed from accounts, it was easier to just switch banks. Alternate GSR will be attending the next workshop. Group has big attendance and big 7th tradition baskets.

Linda (Lampasas): Not a lot to report – just now getting back to it following the holidays.

Chris (Burnet noon): Meetings good. Fridays still the biggest turnout, Mondays 2nd biggest. Wednesday big book study, Tuesdays 12&12 study. New people attending all the time.

Greta (no reservations): nothing new to report, meetings vary in size, anywhere from 2-14 people.

Cole: talked with pastor at burnet church about rent. They will take contributions but can't call it rent. What does the district want to contribute?

Bill B: we had a \$20 a month set aside as prudent reserve for any rent needed.

Stephanie: we did pay \$20 a month/meeting a few years ago.

Cole: will take the \$20 a month back to the pastor and see if that's okay.

Went around the room with brief discussion on what other groups pay the church in burnet.

Cole: who here attended the NYE party? What were peoples experience there like?

Went around the room with feedback and members shared their experience at the NYE party.

SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ian (archives): has one final meeting before workshop. Do we have the QR code yet? (Randy and Stephanie are working on it). Would like to request a check for the room for the workshop. Bill B motioned to pay archives for the room, Bill Y 2nd, all in favor.

Stephanie (webmaster): updating website right now. Needs group info on one meeting. Intergroup reached out to inquire about which meetings are meeting or not. Went around the room with discussion on this one particular meeting. Cole will be attending this groups meetings this week to find out more on this.

Christina (PI/CPC): her one committee member dropped out. Will feed people to help with packets. Has 600 pamphlets to distribute.

Bill B (newsletter): will have newsletter out 1st of February. Has zero to report on about groups, so needs updates and info from groups.

Cole: needs check for room for area, Pete motioned to pay Cole, Bill Y 2nd, all in favor.

Christina: Newcomers group women's meeting (Kiss meeting) is having their 1 year anniversary meeting this Tuesday with a speaker and food.

Christina: pastor at church for back to basics says whatever we want to contribute to use the facilities the day of the workshop is good, but we don't have to pay anything. We have the funds in district to pay \$200. Ian motioned we pay them \$200 for the day, Pete 2nd, all in favor.

Pete and Greta will be doing the food for the lunch that day. Pasta, salad, and bread.

Cole: we have 3 service committee positions available still; grapevine, cfc, and treatment. Dean is interested in treatment.

Dean: briefly discussed his experience in AA and with treatment centers.

Randy: nominates Dean as treatment chair, Ian 2nd, all in favor.

Cole: has a pie chart of agenda items from Laura.

Ian: discussed agenda items that will be at the next area assembly.

Stephanie: Randy has QR code ready for Ian.

Christina and Pete motioned to close, Bill B 2nd, all in favor.

Closed with the responsibility statement.

SWTA 68 Financial Report 4th Quarter - 2024

CONTRIBUTIONS/RECEIPTS	Oct	Nov	Dec	4th Qtr	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Group Contributions	2,865.54	8,145.89	2,404.79	13,416.22	55,574.28	49,744.84
C.F.C. Literature Fund (Groups)	30.00	30.00	30.00	90.00	210.00	30.00
C.F.C. Literature Fund (Conference)	-	-	-	-	-	1,057.50
Translation Equipment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
Fall Area Conference	3,515.00	-	-	3,515.00	3,515.00	0.00
C.F.C. Conference	-	-	-	-	1,440.00	1,057.50
PI/CPC Conference	-	-	-	-	640.00	1,009.89
State Convention	-	-	-	-	484.76	2,464.48
TXCYPAA	-	-	-	-	1,873.95	441.25
Hotel Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	85.02	0.00
Literature Sales	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
Misc. Bank / CD Transfers	2,044.75	-	-	2,044.75	2,204.67	1,519.86
Total Contributions/Receipts	8,455.29	8,175.89	2,434.79	19,065.97	66,027.68	57,325.32
DISBURSEMENTS						
Area Delegate	263.40	723.66	58.20	1,045.26	4,163.27	5,068.42
Alt. Area Delegate	118.20	531.26	-	649.46	2,195.14	1,497.64
Area Chairperson	710.10	-	-	710.10	1,593.15	2,711.91
Alt. Area Chairperson	-	-	-	-	571.29	1,005.59
Area Secretary	581.86	-	-	581.86	2,194.36	3,378.17
Area Registrar	176.30	-	-	176.30	1,033.85	724.00
Area Treasurer	513.00	-	170.00	683.00	1,519.51	638.83
P.I./C.P.C. Chairperson	753.63	-	-	753.63	2,434.77	1,613.28
Treatment Chairperson	101.40	-	-	101.40	208.60	868.84
Accessibilities Chairperson	145.80	-	-	145.80	1,139.65	288.07
C.F.C. Chairperson	132.00	330.75	-	462.75	2,071.43	2,618.05
Archives Chairperson	-	-	-	-	1,765.24	556.52
Grapevine Chairperson	157.20	63.00	-	220.20	733.02	0.00
Newsletter Chairperson	45.00	-	-	45.00	2,934.65	5,840.10
Technology Chairperson	76.84	-	-	76.84	1,516.11	1,333.08
Bilingual Chairperson	102.00	-	-	102.00	432.37	1,339.39
C.F.C. Conference	-	-	-	-	1,800.00	2,426.94
PI/CPC Conference	-	-	-	-	5,500.00	626.02
Fall Area Conference	420.95	663.25	-	1,084.20	1,084.20	1,426.59
Hotel Rooms for Assemblies	4,280.60	-	-	4,280.60	16,869.18	12,790.04
Meeting Rooms for Assemblies	6,844.05	-	-	6,844.05	21,364.05	7,439.08
Pre General Service Conference	-	-	-	-	-	1,800.00
Procedures Manual Printing	131.00	-	-	131.00	298.00	0.00
C.F.C. Literature Fund	-	-	-	-	507.60	0.00
Translation Equipment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
Other	227.00	237.00	227.00	691.00	4,304.84	4,083.85
Total Disbursements	15,780.33	2,548.92	455.20	18,784.45	78,234.28	60,074.41
GENERAL FUND						
Total Fund Contributions	8,455.29	8,175.89	2,434.79	19,065.97	66,027.68	57,325.32
Total Fund Disbursements	15,780.33	2,548.92	455.20	18,784.45	78,234.28	60,074.41
Month Start Balance	10,025.34	2,700.30	8,327.27	8,327.27	17,513.44	
Funds Available	2,700.30	8,327.27	10,306.86	10,306.86	10,306.86	
CD	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Month End Balance / Total General Fund	5,700.30	11,327.27	13,306.86	13,306.86	13,306.86	
SUMMARY						
Total Contributions/Receipts	8,455.29	8,175.89	2,434.79	19,065.97	66,027.68	57,325.32
Total Disbursements	15,780.33	2,548.92	455.20	18,784.45	78,234.28	60,074.41
YTD Net Increase / Decrease	(7,325.04)	5,626.97	1,979.59	281.52	(12,206.60)	(2,749.09)
C.F.C. Lit Fund (4th qtr start bal \$2,656.92)	2,686.92	2,716.92	2,746.92	2,746.92	2,746.92	3,044.52
Translation Equipment Fund				2,244.50	2,244.50	2,244.50

Report to the Southwest Texas Area 68
4th Quarter: October, November, and December 2024
Kerrville, TX District 12

The top section lists Contributions and Receipts for the 4th quarter. Group Contributions were \$2,865.54 in October, \$8,145.89 in November, and \$2,404.79 in December. Thus, the total Group contributions for the 4th quarter were **\$13,416.22**. The other 4th quarter receipts listed are Fall Area Assembly (Registration) \$3,515.00, and a Misc Bank / CD Transfer of \$2,044.75. The total receipts for the 4th quarter are **\$19,065.97**.

We want to thank all the Groups and Districts who made contributions and encourage you to continue your support of the Area's activities. The list of contributions for the 4th quarter is posted on the table, please do not remove.

The Area's expenses are listed below the contributions in the Disbursements section. The three largest expenses for the 4th quarter were: \$1,084.20 for the Fall Area Assembly Speaker Mileage Reimbursements, \$4,280.60 for the Hotel Rooms at the Fall Area Assembly, and \$6,844.05 for Meeting Rooms at the Fall Area Assembly. That amount includes deposits for future meeting spaces. The total expenses for the 4th quarter were **\$18,784.45**.

We encourage all Groups and Districts to invite our Committee Chairpersons and Area Officers to conduct workshops, that is what we are here for, to serve the Southwest Area 68 Groups and Districts.

The CFC Literature fund started the quarter with a balance of \$2,656.92. There was \$90.00 received in contributions, with \$0.00 in disbursement, resulting in a YTD balance of \$2,746.92. Corresponding figures for the Translation Equipment fund were \$2,244.50 at the beginning of the quarter, with no contributions or disbursements, resulting in a YTD balance of \$2,244.50.

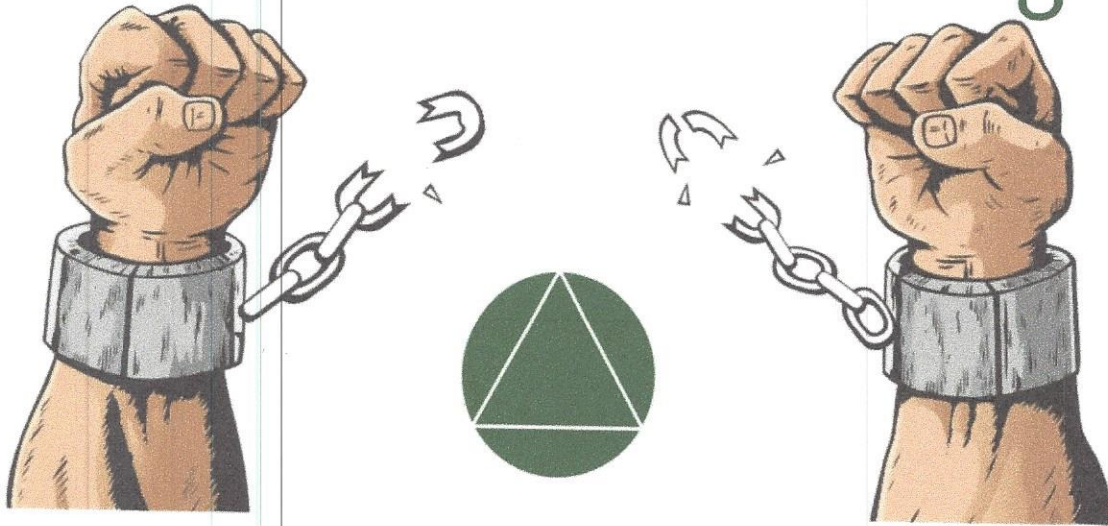
To summarize: Our total receipts year to date are **\$66,027.68** while our expenses are **\$78,234.28** resulting in a net cash DECREASE of **\$12,206.60** for the year to date. Between the Checking Account and CD, we started the quarter with \$15,025.34 in the bank and have an ending combined total balance of **\$13,306.86** as of December 31, 2024.

Again, we want to thank the Groups and Districts for their support of our Area's 12-step work, and I thank all of you for this opportunity to serve.
Respectfully submitted, Jose Miranda

Please identify your group name and number on the check when sending contributions, so that they will be credited properly. All area contributions should be sent to the following address:

SWTA 68
P.O. Box 681071
San Antonio, Texas 78268
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Freedom From Bondage



FEBRUARY 8, 2025

San Antonio

CFC Conference | Area 68

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Hosted by Districts 17 & 1A,
email district17@aa-swta.org district1A@aa-swta.org

or visit aa-swta.org/events

St Francis' Episcopal Church

4242 Bluemel Rd. San Antonio TX 78240

Registration and payment \$15.00 can be sent to:

District 1A, P.O. Box 29594, San Antonio, TX 78229

Detach and Submit with Payment

1-Name: _____

2-City / Home Group / District: _____

3-Contact Info: E-Mail or Phone #: _____

Hotels available near church

**Monday
February 10th**

**Join our
Eat 'n Speak!**

**The Llano Group @
Grace Episcopal Church
1200 Oatman St. Llano, Tx**

6:00 pm: Eat

7 pm: Speaker: MILO Y.

If you are able please bring a side or dessert to share.



District 13 Workshop

Feb 15, 2025

COME SPEND THE DAY WITH US!

GSR WORKSHOP

10am - 12pm

Jimmy D - Dallas, Tx

Mary T - Round Rock, Tx

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Lunch Provided

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TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

1pm - 4pm

Gary K - Sulphur Springs, TX

Maggie B - Austin, Tx

711 Broadway, Marble Falls, TX

