

# SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA 68

## A 10-cent Phone Call and a Cup of Coffee *“A.A.’s Legacy of Service” by Bill W.*

### Welcome To Panel 76




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#### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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#### TOPIC

**GSR? DCM? PI? CFC?**  
Not sure what all the  
acronyms mean?  
Check out this  
quick reference  
guide for “some”  
commonly used  
acronyms 

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**New GSR?**  
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**Meet Your Delegate!**  
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What are they? 



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**What are these?**

Acronym	Meaning	Acronym	Meaning
<b>AAGV</b>	AA Grapevine	<b>GSO</b>	General Service Office
<b>AAWS</b>	AA World Services	<b>GSR</b>	General Service Representative
<b>CFC</b>	Correctional Facilities Committee	<b>GVR</b>	Grapevine Representative
<b>COR</b>	Central Office Representative	<b>IGR</b>	Intergroup Representative
<b>CPC</b>	Cooperation with the Professional Community	<b>PAI</b>	Proposed Agenda Item
<b>DCM</b>	District Committee Member	<b>PI</b>	Public Information
<b>EDW</b>	Equitable Distribution Workload	<b>PLBB</b>	Plain Language Big Book
<b>FAI</b>	Final Agenda Item	<b>RLV</b>	Representative La Viña
<b>GSB</b>	General Service Board	<b>SWRAASA</b>	Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly
<b>GSC</b>	General Service Conference	<b>TF</b>	Treatment Facilities

**!! Last Call For Stories !! Deadline March 31 2026**

In 2024, there were two (2) General Service Conference Advisory Actions to develop two (2) new pamphlets: Asian and Asian-American alcoholic in A.A. and Transgender alcoholic in A.A.

The trustees’ Literature Committee opened a call for recovery stories.

[www.aa.org/submit-story-asian-and-asian-american-alcoholic-alcoholic-pamphlet](http://www.aa.org/submit-story-asian-and-asian-american-alcoholic-alcoholic-pamphlet)

[www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet](http://www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet)



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# General Service Representative (GSR)

Outgoing GSRs pass on their experience, strength and hope to incoming GSRs

### GSR from District 3C shares:

**I learned:** My group was not registered with GSO. We were an established group with growing attendance and a strong group conscience. The group had existed for over a decade but we discovered working with the Area 68 Registrar that we were not registered with GSO. We now have an official group number.

**I would have loved to know:** I do not have to communicate all details, just the details I feel are relevant to my home group, the rest can be made available to discuss with those interested members. Be available!

**Consideration:** Reach out far and wide, talk to both new and old service members. Attend other meetings and listen to how those GSRs communicate to their group. I learned a lot by watching another GSR make announcements and interact with the Group Members.

### GSR from District 10 shares:

**I learned:** My job as a GSR was to attend Area meetings to be informed so that i could inform others.

**I would have loved to know:** At the end of year one you'll understand whats going on. Don't fret, just be present, pay attention, and you will grow in understand and effectiveness. Year 2 it'll all make sense.

**Consideration:** Be present for all the sessions. I learned some of the best gems on the Opening Friday night session and Sunday morning reports.

### GSR from District 7 shares:

**I learned:** One of the most rewarding experiences I've had as a GSR is witnessing the power of AA traditions uniting our fellowship.

**I would have loved to know:** Bringing excitement to the GSR role not only energizes the meetings but also deepens our understanding of AA's principles, often learned through collective mistakes.

**Consideration:** Embracing these lessons inspires spiritual growth, reminding me that every mistake is an opportunity to experience practicing the principles in all “my” affairs.

### More Information: “Is Your Group Linked To A.A. as a Whole?”

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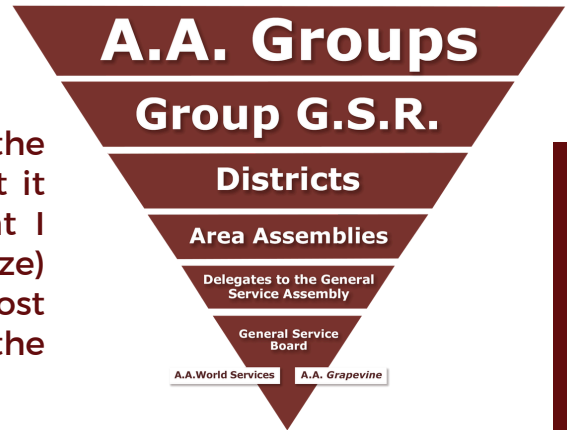
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## Interview with Your Panel 76 Delegate

**Question: What did you experience as a General Service Representative (GSR) that you will carry into the service of Delegate?**

The number one thing that I learned as a GSR was that the Group is in charge. When I was elected GSR, I thought it was to be like president of student council. I thought I would be able to use some of my (now that I realize) character defects, and of course character assets. Almost immediately I tried to implement things that I thought the group needed and I was taught Tradition 2 quickly.

I went into a GSR position not having much knowledge of the Traditions, but I left with a very strong foundation. We learn that the groups are in charge and we then carry that in our roles as we go down the triangle and always remembering that in general service, we want for the voice of the groups to always be clearly heard throughout all the levels. As a GSR, I was taught early on that we are the guardian of the Traditions and it was suggested for me to find somebody that will walk me through the Traditions. Traditions are the foundation of everything that we do in service.



**Question: What Conference Committee(s) were you assigned? What does that mean?**

I was assigned the **Conference Committee on Literature (CCL)**. There's a couple of things that stand out at the moment: the 5th Edition Big Book I get to read the stories in advance and that's really cool. There are other items too. I'm really looking forward to the Conference and leading up to it, understanding what my job is as a first year delegate. What is in my lane? What can I do? The main thing for me is to be extremely informed. I want to get to know and understand the staff, trustees, directors when I go to the Conference. The Spanish Literature is an important item for me that I think needs to get attention.

The other Conference Committee I am on is **International Convention and Regional Forums (IC/RF)**. I was so excited to get that because I have educational background in international relations. There were a few items I experienced in the recent Regional Forum that may be within the Conference Committee purview. My feedback, in particular, is with the interpretation / translations. I'm really excited! I don't really know what to expect but I do know what are my personal strengths and how can I use that to better AA, to help our Area, and to increase Unity. Let's see how everybody's working and let's see if we can't go shake some hands and give them the Texas warmth. See if that works a little better as a strategy. My strategy is going to be positivity, meeting people, and communication.

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### Interview with Your Panel 76 Delegate (continued...)

**Question: What do you think will be a personal challenge / area of growth as Delegate?**

A challenge for me is always going to be lengthening the amount of time between a little smart remark that comes to my head and what actually comes out of my mouth. That is a challenge in my personal life and that has to be of utmost importance in this role. To take a minute, talk to the higher power, and then speak. Also, I don't know if it's going to be a challenge but it's something I really need to be cognizant about - I have to put recovery first. If I start doing too much service and not enough recovery, I will get really sick and my character defects will come out. I think every single thing that comes out of my mouth needs to speak to our primary purpose which is to carry the message, and if what I'm saying in conversations doesn't somehow go back to why we're here, then it really doesn't need to be said.

#### Area 68 Spring Assembly

**!! Mock Conference Committees Are Coming Back !!**

**Question: We heard this year is the return of the Mock Committees/Conference for the Spring Assembly. For AA members who may not be aware, what does this mean?**

In the past I've heard delegates introduce mock conferences as a way to give people the conference experience and to an extent that's true. Although the Assembly Mock Committees won't fully function like the Conference Committees do; our Assembly process is way to get other points of view in looking at these agenda items and discussing it the way that AA best practices - through group conscience. When the final agenda items come out, I will select approximately 10 (although if you have something to say about an agenda item that's not one of these 10, please email me and the Alternate Delegate - let's talk). The selection will be considering the most compelling and heavy on my assigned conference committees.

At the assembly, we will count off 1-10, there will be tables set up for each of those numbers. The "committee chairperson" will hand out a packet which contains directions and the agenda item background material, and we will have 5-10 minutes to go through the background material on our own. Each committee will elect a spokesperson (in my experience it'll be quiet and then somebody who secretly does really want to do it will go "okay, I'll do it"). The floor will be opened for discussion and at the end come to a consensus; substantial unanimity is preferred. However, if substantial unanimity is not gained, coming to some sort of consensus on how the mock committee feels about the item. Afterwards, the spoke persons for each mock committee will report out to the Delegate/floor of the assembly on the findings and results of the committee. I will then open the floor if anyone has questions or has anything further to share. I believe my job and the Alternate Delegate job is to hear what other people have to say.

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### **Interview with Your Panel 76 Delegate (continued...)**

#### **Question: How do General Service Representatives (GSRs) prepare for a Mock Committee in getting their Groups Informed Conscience?**

For the GSRs, the first thing I think about, is taking the agenda items ahead of time to their group and arranging/talking about the items with the group members. Encouraging people before the assembly to talk with their groups and gather the group conscience. It was important to implement the Mock Committees because when I was the GSR sitting in the assembly in the back and thinking I didn't know enough to talk, I sat in the mock conference committee with 10-15 other people that I didn't know, and I was elected that group representative. It was the first time that I ever went to the microphone and talked. I remember thinking that I felt I was a part of and that's the experience that I really want other people to have there. We get to hear some different voices that walk into the assembly not as informed and they leave with a sense of ownership. I'll be working with our Webservant to upload all the documents to the Delegates Corner on the Area 68 website so everyone has the information and can read the communications.

#### **Question: How important do you think it is going to be for you to practice and bring the Warranties into service for the next two years?**

I will tell you a true story, and you can print this, I mean I don't look so good in this one. When I was a DCM, I was asked to present on a Warranty. I didn't know where to look, so I was advised that I could find them in the 12 Concepts. I thought, "Okay, I'll read the Concepts." Not knowing I had to read all the way to Concept 12 to find the Warranties. Now I realize the AA member was probably a teacher by trade and I think she knew what she was doing. Today, the warranties are my favorite. The warranties are the foundation of all service that we do and even how we interact at the group level. We're not punitive in nature, we aim to reach substantial unanimity wherever possible, how we interact and focus on unity, considering financials in helping to carry the message - if it's something that is going to benefit AA. Substantial unanimity is really important because we need to be really careful about trying to force things through rather than focusing on the democratic process, and never the seat of perilous wealth and power. Even just saying these makes my heart swell. Reminds us of how important it is that we protect AA from me - if left to my own devices.

#### **Question: Is there anything else you would like to share with the AA member who may may happen to read the area newsletter?**

**AA Needs You.** We have a responsibility that extends into taking care of our movement. It is up to us because we don't allow outside people to run our affairs. We want to hear from you - come to the Area assembly! It's going to be fun, everybody's amped up. You'll go home Sunday, pass out at 4:00 p.m. and in a few days you'll be hyped up again!



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### Questions on the 76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Items ~ Background Material?

**Access to the Final Agenda** located on the Area 68 Website:

[www.aa-swta.org](http://www.aa-swta.org) → Delegates Corner → Password: Panel76

**Your General Service Representative (GSR) & District Committee Member (DCM)** are great first stop resources for information and insight.

And our Delegate is always willing and available for questions of clarity.

### From our A.A. Literature

#### **What Is An Informed A.A. Group Conscience?**

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken.

#### THE HOW TO?

- This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A.'s principles.
- To be **fully informed** requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.
- On sensitive issues, the group works slowly – discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges.
- Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions.

#### THE RESULT?

- Its voice is heard when a **well-informed** group arrives at a decision.
- The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count – precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience.
- The term “**informed group conscience**” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.

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## Concept I

**The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” The principles of Tradition Two are crystal-clear, Bill asserts: “The A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.” The outside world cannot imagine an organization run this way, but Bill calls it “a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and of God to insure that our democracy of world service will work . . . .”



## Concept II

**When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.**

“...if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These GSRs meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet...with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

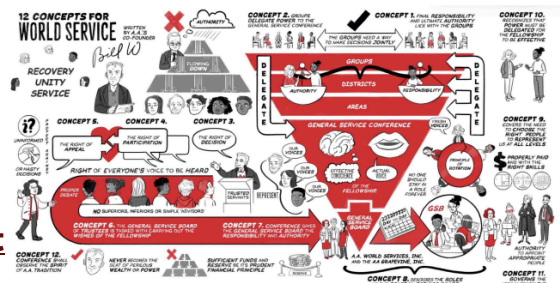
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**Check It Out → Concepts Check List: [www.aa.org/concepts-checklist](http://www.aa.org/concepts-checklist)**

## New Release --> 12 Concepts Video

“In this “animated short,” based on the illustrated pamphlet, we see our Twelve Concepts brought to life. We follow along as we see how wide participation in the “inverted triangle” of the A.A. Fellowship enables us all to work together to carry the message of hope and recovery. French and Spanish versions will be available soon.” **Click Here: FullAnnouncement or AA.org → “What’s New” → Dated: February 9**

**Click Here: To View the Video**



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## Information for SWTA 68 Spring Assembly

**Who can attend an Area Assembly?**

**All A.A. Members are welcomed and encouraged to attend!**

**“Humility in Action”**

SWTA 68  
 SPRING ASSEMBLY  
 HOSTED BY  
 DISTRICT 4  
 APRIL 10-12, 2026  
 DEPOT CIVIC CENTER  
 600 E. DEPOT STREET  
 BROWNWOOD, TX 76801

Click the links below to book your hotel.

Holiday Inn Express Home2 Suites by Hilton




## Humility In Action

**April 10 -12 2026**

Depot Civic Center  
 600 E Depot Street  
 Brownwood, TX 76801

**Access to  
 Assembly Information:**

**[www.aa-swta.org/event/swta-68-spring-assembly](http://www.aa-swta.org/event/swta-68-spring-assembly)**

### Attention ~ Hotel Reservations Update

**Both initial Hotels have been filled - New Room Reservations:**  
**Comfort Inn Early Brownwood @ 204 Early Blvd, Early, TX 76802**  
 Group Code: SWTA68 -- Room Rate: \$124.00 + tax -- March 27th cut off date

**[Click Here for Assembly Agenda](#)**

**[Click Here for Submitted Proposal](#)**

**Access 76th General Service Conference Documents**

**[Area 68 website](#) → [Delegates Corner](#)**

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### Area 68 Trusted Servants Updates

## Accessibilities

We had an accessibilities workshop at the Winter Workshop in Del Rio. There was a great discussion about various accessibility issues within our area. A signup sheet was passed around and about a dozen people signed up to be a part of the Accessibilities Committee. Thanks to everyone that signed up.

In February we had our first online committee meeting. There was a lot of great discussions and ideas. We talked about the following issues.

- Transportation issues
- Invisible accessibility issues
- Language and communication issues

If you would like more information about accessibilities or to join the committee or participate in the monthly online meeting, please email: [accessibilities@aa-swta.org](mailto:accessibilities@aa-swta.org)

David K

## Archives

Fellow Servants, Foregoing a standard reporting of Archive's Committee work, I will utilize this space to voice a concern, archivally speaking of course. Recently having read the 1st Quarter Board Minutes from the February 2nd meeting, my concern is that the Trustee's General Service Conference Committee, after reviewing the Conference budget has decided that in a cost saving measure, we will no longer print, or ship the Final Conference Report, instead providing a 'print-ready' PDF. Curious who of us will print 160 or so pages?

Our Archives Committee has a 'Scope of Collection', in which the Final Report is a listed item. It will no longer be provided, therefore uncollectable. Just a few more reasons this is troubling to me is that digitally, we do not get the pass-along, or pass-through readership that a physical copy provides, better informing our fellowship. Many who would never search digitally for it, would gladly pick it up off a table at their homegroup. I have had many conversations around this Report, from people who were not yet in the service structure, but interest was sparked from it. Inclusivity must be factored as well, we have a standing Committee called 'Loners and Internationalists', many of whom lack internet, their only correspondence is through the mail. Many readers will be lost on this \$100,000 cost saving measure (to put it in prospective, just 1 of the 4 annual Board Weekends costs the Fellowship between \$125-\$150,000 dollars). We currently print pamphlets in the spirit of inclusion, with a much smaller target audience than that of the broad readership of the Final Report. This is a Conference Approved piece of literature that our Board, not the Conference, has decided to no longer print. This decision sets a precedent.

This 'budget cut', probably hits a little closer to me in light of this past weekend, having literally spent it in the N.W.T.Area 66 Archives repository in San Angelo. We poured through archives all weekend, and the Archivist out there gifted us with some Area 68 Archives I will report on in detail later. Personally, I was offered several old Final Reports, that I brought home, one of which was a 1985 Report. Last night, prior to a little AA meeting in Pflugerville I sat next to my sponsor, who was a Panel 34 Area 66 Delegate (1984-85). I showed him that 1985 Final Report and his eyes lit up! As a bonus, his actual 41 year old, IBM Selectric typed, hand notated Delegate's Report was tucked inside it. In summary, digital may give the information, but a physical copy provides an experience. The printed Final Report is an 'essential service' if there ever was one, it is a record of our annual business meeting.

**Yours in service, Area 68 Archives Chair Steve V L - [archives@aa-swta.org](mailto:archives@aa-swta.org)**



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## Bilingual

The SWTA 68 Bilingual Committee continues to stay active and grateful to be of service to our Area. Our focus remains on supporting communication and unity between our English- and Spanish-speaking members so that the message of recovery is accessible to all. Recently, the committee held our first work session for the ¿Cómo se dice? pamphlet. **Seven Bilingual Committee members contributed to this workshop**, marking an exciting beginning as we work to develop a helpful resource that will strengthen our ability to carry the A.A. message across language barriers. We look forward to continuing this effort in the coming months.

The committee was also honored to provide translation services at the **SWTA 68 CFC Conference held in San Antonio on February 21st, hosted by Spanish-speaking District 1F**. At one point during the conference, **16 translation units were in service**, helping ensure that all members could fully participate. We had **three Bilingual Committee members present** on site providing translation, along with **one additional volunteer from District 1F**, whose willingness to serve was greatly appreciated. It was a meaningful example of unity and cooperation within our Area. We will continue reaching out to bilingual members who are willing to serve and remain available to assist districts and committees in need of translation support.

**We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and for the spirit of cooperation within our Area. If your district or group is in need of bilingual support, or if you are interested in serving on the Bilingual Committee, we welcome you to join us. In loving service, Melissa M Bilingual Committee Chair SWTA 68**

## Corrections

Greetings Southwest Texas Area 68. It's an honor to serve as chairperson for the Corrections Committee for Panel 76; and thank you for entrusting me with the responsibilities that come with this service commitment. Here's the good news - I know that I'm not alone. I would like to express sincere thanks to past and current servants who have provided valuable experience, strength, and hope over the past couple of months. And I also want to thank all those currently serving corrections positions who have guided me through the first several weeks of this commitment. I feel humbled by the CFC servants at the group and district levels, who have literally shown me the way thus far. Thank You!

District 11 put on a fantastic opening assembly for Panel 76. I know first-hand how much work goes into organizing an assembly and it is much appreciated. Our CFC workshop was a success - we all got acquainted with one another and began to formulate direction and goals for the CFC committee. Our next Corrections Committee meeting will be on April 20th at 6:30pm. This is a virtual meeting - information will be available on the SWTA68 website soon.

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## Corrections

Speaking of hard work and dedication, I have a great deal of gratitude for District 1F (+ District 2 for supplying lunch) and all they did to host the CFC Conference in February – the speakers, panel, workshops, and everything else throughout the day were great (including all the food!).

We had over 150 registrants / attendees. Great energy, marked by the fellowship's Love and Service, can best describe the event. Thank You again District 1F!! And we are very appreciative of the districts that put in a bid for next year's conference. We are happy to announce that the CFC Conference for 2027 will be hosted by District 2 – further details will be shared as they become available.

Last, I appreciate the invite from District 5 to attend their district workshop / orientation – We got to discuss the important CFC work that is happening in their district and throughout Area 68. Thanks again to everyone who has been a critical part of this journey thus far. And, as always, feel free to contact me with any questions, or if there is anything I can do to be of assistance.

**Thanks! Jason I**

## Grapevine and La Viña

Hello SWTA Family, in January 2026, the Winter Workshop PowerPoint presentation covered an introduction to Grapevine/La Viña. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the presentation, please let me know.

On February 5th, we held our first Grapevine/La Viña Committee meeting. We reviewed AAGrapevine website and brainstormed ideas for sharing and promoting the Grapevine and La Viña. The Committee goal is to submit 30 Stories in 2026. We confirmed and agreed upon **the next meeting: April 2nd 7-8pm on Google Meeting.**

On February 7th, I attended an ABC Workshop hosted by 8E. Since it was in my own backyard, it was especially meaningful to participate. The discussion focused on "Back to Basics," with insights shared from the panel's point of view, followed by a Q&A session.

On February 15th, I was invited to District 3B to attend the Grapevine Writing Workshop. During this session, we wrote our stories for the Grapevine. We received approximately eight stories for submission to AA Grapevine. This was a fabulous workshop thank you District 3B

On April 18th District 3C Southwest Austin is hosting a Grapevine Writing Workshop. I am looking forward to participating in that workshop.

If anyone else is interested in me coming to your District, please feel free to e-mail me [grapevine@aa-swta.org](mailto:grapevine@aa-swta.org). Thank you for your continued support and participation.

**In Service Heather D**



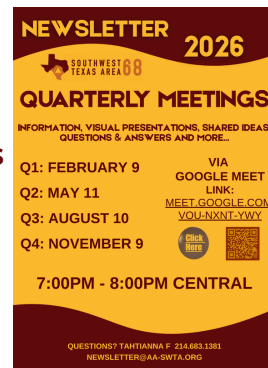
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### Newsletter

Good Day Area 68 and A.A. Members! I am super excited to see what **WE** can do together with the Area 68 Newsletter. **We are hosting quarterly online sharing sessions** to gain insight for future issues of the Area 68 Newsletter, feedback, questions, and share experience between District & Group representatives. We can also include presentations, resources, “What’s New”, flyers/bulletins, accessibility, Traditions, A.A. Guidelines, Terms of Use.

During our first quarterly meeting, in February, we shared on items such as Digital/Print publications, creating a one page flyer for attracting members to the Area 68 Newsletter, updates to the Newsletter Committee webpage.



- **Click the Flyer for information!** Or visit: [www.aa-swta.org/events](http://www.aa-swta.org/events)
- **Check out the Newsletter webpage:** [www.aa-swta.org/committees/newsletter](http://www.aa-swta.org/committees/newsletter)

Activities January/February: In person: Moderated a Group Inventory, attended “ABC” by 8e, Grapevine by 3b, Area 68 Corrections Conference. Virtual: Area Bilingual Committee “Como Se Dice”, Pamphlets Writing Workshop with participation by members of the Trustees Literature committee working Group and Understanding the Process for the 5th Edition by Class B Trustee Carolyn W, and the Delegate Chair on Conf Literature Comm.

**Thank you for Your service in and for A.A. ~ Tahtianna F**

## Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community

Thank you Area 68 fellowship for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the PI-CPC chair for Panel 76 and to everyone that reached out with interest in PI-CPC. Thank you for being willing to share your experience and solutions.

The first PI-CPC committee meeting is scheduled for 2/22 and will be virtual. The committee group conscience will determine the cadence of future meetings outside of Area 68 events. These committee meetings will largely be devoted to PI-CPC service work that is being done in our own backyards and where we would like to grow.

There is still a need for a host District(s) for the 2026 PI-CPC conference. Please reach out for any questions or clarifications needed or to submit a bid.

It is my absolute pleasure to be able to serve your districts and groups. If your districts or groups would be served by having PI-CPC attendance at one of your meetings or events, I’ll happily accommodate.

**In Service, Coy P**



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#### Treatment

I am grateful to Southwest Texas Area 68 for the opportunity to serve in this role. There seems to be a lot of interest in the Districts, and I am excited to come visit.

At the time of this writing our first Area Treatment Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, February 22, at 4pm. We will schedule a meeting for the last Sunday of each month following an Area Assembly.

At this upcoming will be electing a Secretary to take notes and will review District activities. We will also discuss ways of utilizing the Bridge the Gap program and we have added Area Treatment contact information to the Bridge the Gap request form. This will be available for Districts at the Pre-General Service Assembly in April. District members are encouraged to begin collecting information for Bridge the Gap volunteers. I hope to have time for general sharing as well.

Gratitude’s to Eric S for spearheading a multi-district workshop being planned and hosted by District 12. Also, thanks to Craig S for inviting me to attend a local Treatment committee meeting – the New Braunfels. He sent me a format outline they use which some members going into Treatment Facilities may find useful.

I have accepted invitations to visit District 12, District 22, District 20 and District 13 and am hoping to visit other Districts on request.

**Randy R Panel 76 Treatment Committee Chairperson**

#### Technology

I was excited to attend the Winter Workshop in Del Rio. It was good to see old friends and meet so many new ones. The members in District 11 did an outstanding job and were incredibly helpful with setup, room reconfigurations, and breakdown of the meeting space.

One of my main duties is to keep the area informed about new technology, and how it is being used throughout the AA service structure. During the technology workshop, we discussed the many google tools available at no cost to area servants and DCMs such as Gmail, Google Calendar, and Google Meet. We also reviewed different ways to receive digital payments at groups and districts. A digital voting app was presented to streamline and shorten area elections. Several attendees shared their experience using the app in other Areas, providing helpful insight into its practical applications.

This past weekend, I attended the CFC Conference in San Antonio to provide A/V support. The conference was organized and well attended. District 1F did an awesome job with the planning, coordination, and execution of the conference. It was especially nice to not have meals provided on-site, and the food was excellent. A special thank you to District 2 for coming down to assist with hospitality. It’s inspiring to see the cooperation and collaboration within Area 68.

**Don S, P76, A68 Technology Chair**



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### Area 68 Trusted Servants Updates

#### Delegate

Greetings Area 68! It’s a great day to be alive and sober! I’ve had the privilege recently of attending the Area 68 Winter Workshop in Del Rio and the Area 68 Corrections Conference in San Antonio—and I was truly blown away by both events. The spirit of unity and positivity is running like a strong current through our Area

Looking ahead, I need your help as we prepare for the Conference in April. On our Area website, [aa-swta.org](http://aa-swta.org), you’ll find the Agenda Items for the General Service Conference and supporting background material under the “Delegate’s Corner” button. The password is Panel76. Thank you to our Area webmaster, Robert R., for organizing the material and making it user-friendly. I encourage everyone reading this to gather with your group members, review and discuss the materials together, and let myself and the Alternate Delegate know what you think and how you feel. This is your service structure in action, and your voice matters.

Our Area will be holding a mock conference at the Pre-General Service Assembly in Brownwood. The agenda items we’ll discuss there are also posted in Delegate’s Corner. The purpose of the mock conference is to encourage broader participation, practice our process, and spark sharing of ideas among us. That said, if you have input on any items not included in the mock agenda—or on anything else at all—please don’t hesitate to reach out. The Alternate Delegate, Donita, and I are here to listen. We’re grateful for every bit of experience, strength, and hope you bring to the table.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who are carrying the message with boots on the ground every single day. You are the heartbeat of AA—keeping the doors open, the coffee hot, and the hand of AA outstretched to the still-suffering alcoholic.

**In gratitude and service, Amanda B Panel 76 Area 68 Southwest Texas Delegate**

#### Alternate Delegate

I had the privilege of attending the recent CFC Conference hosted by District 1F, and what an incredible experience it was! The turnout was amazing, and the spirit of service and unity in the room was truly inspiring. It is always encouraging to see so many trusted servants engaged and committed to carrying the message and strengthening our service structure.

A heartfelt thank you to Districts 18, 22, and 3C for inviting me and adding a few dates to my calendar. I truly appreciate the opportunity to visit, listen, and share. These conversations at the district and group level are vital to keeping our service work informed, inclusive, and connected.

As your Alternate Delegate, I am available to come to your districts and groups. Whether it’s to discuss the service structure, Conference process, current topics, or simply to listen, I am grateful for every opportunity to serve and connect. I am looking forward to attending the Southwest Region Delegates Assembly in March. This assembly provides an important opportunity to hear from across the region, exchange ideas, and prepare thoughtfully for the work ahead.

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#### Alternate Delegate

I am also anticipating our Pre-General Assembly in April. I hope to hear your group, district, and personal viewpoints on the Final Agenda Items for this year’s General Service Conference. Your informed group conscience is the foundation of our service structure, and your voice matters. Please begin discussing the agenda items within your home groups and districts so we can carry well-informed perspectives forward.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. It is a privilege to walk this path of service with all of you.

**In service and gratitude, Donita**

#### Area Chairperson

**Greetings Panel 76 Trusted Servants,** We have officially stepped onto the path together, walking with shared purpose along the road to happy destiny. My heart is full after witnessing the spirit of our fellowship in action across the Area.

From the **ABC Workshop (District 8E)** in Corpus Christi to the **GSR Workshop (District 22)** in Georgetown and the **CFC Conference (District 1F)** in San Antonio, one thing is vibrantly clear: the desire to carry the message is alive, well, and thriving at the top of our Triangle. It is a humbling reminder that when we labor together, the Spirit of Service moves through us all. A huge shout-out to **District 11** for the wonderful job they did hosting our Winter Workshop. It was such a joy to see our Area Committee Chairs in their element, sharing what they know with such passion. A quick reminder: These chairs and officers aren’t just names on a roster—they are here for you! They love getting the chance to visit your groups and districts for service events. Please, don’t be shy about reaching out and inviting them to join you.

Next up is the **Spring Area Assembly**, hosted by **District 4 in Brownwood (April 10-12)**. As this is our annual Pre-General Service Conference Assembly, we will gather with a full agenda and a focused heart. This is a vital time for us to practice our **Second Concept**—ensuring that our collective conscience is heard as we support the work of the General Service Conference. This isn’t just a business meeting; it is our shared spiritual responsibility to the groups we serve. The flyers are currently available on the Area website, and the full agenda is posted for your prayerful consideration.

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the Districts that have enthusiastically jumped into the planning for our remaining Panel 76 events. Your energy is contagious! Please mark your calendars for our **Summer Workshop**, which will be hosted by **District 1E in Castroville on July 17-19**.

**I am so grateful to be on this journey with all of you - José M**



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### Area 68 Trusted Servants Updates

## Area Alternate Chairperson

Since January, I have focused on launching and supporting several key service efforts. We officially kicked off the Silent District Committee in January and held two web meetings in February, with ten members currently serving on the committee. Our next step is working with the Registrar, who is pulling relevant data from Fellowship Connections so we can confirm the silent districts and identify groups for outreach. The committee also discussed developing a communication plan to ensure that groups within silent districts are informed about Area activities and opportunities for engagement.

I have reached out to the Intergroups and Central Offices within the Area to communicate upcoming Area events and to introduce myself as the new Area liaison. During the Area Committee Meeting, we had a productive sharing session in which DCMs discussed how they are staying connected with their groups and generating enthusiasm for participation. We also shared about Corrections outreach efforts and the different ways districts are working to carry the message into correctional facilities. For additional detail, please see the Secretary’s minutes from the Area Committee Meeting.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a trusted servant. I am available to visit groups, districts, or workshops, and I welcome anyone to reach out to me at any time.

**In service, Mary T**

## Registrar

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants, Welcome GSR’s and DCM’s to Panel 76! Congratulations on your new positions! I want to thank you for providing me with all your information so that I can get you registered in the General Service database we call the Fellowship Connection (FC). If you haven’t already, you should be receiving a kit from GSO for GSR’s and DCM’s. It is available online at [aa.org](http://aa.org) just simply type in the search key for the kit.

Here is the link you can copy & paste to the GSR List of Contents:  
<https://www.org/sites/default/files/literature/gsrlist-gsr-kit-digital-2025-en.pdf>

Please check with me if you haven’t received your kit yet.

Did you know that if you are a DCM, you have “viewing” access to the Fellowship Connection (FC)? The FC district reports are a great resource to contact your groups or to check on needed updates. To login go to <https://fc.aa.org> to create your email and password (GSO asks that you please do not use your service position email address.) If you have previously ordered literature online, you may use the existing credentials with: [onlineliterature.aa.org](http://onlineliterature.aa.org). Feel free to contact me if you need any assistance connecting with FC. Also, I am at your service to provide you with printed district reports for your district by email or in person at the area assemblies and it would be helpful for you to provide me with any updates or changes. Please inform your districts that FC is not related to any intergroup or central office. Therefore any new groups should register with FC in addition to being listed in the meeting guide application and local schedules to receive new group information from GSO and to stay connected with A.A.

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### Area 68 Trusted Servants Updates

#### Registrar

I had the pleasure of attending the Registrar Work Group which meets virtually, and includes registrars from all areas in the US and Canada. Some members are new in their positions but some have already served for a year on their panels. We meet once a month and share together lots of experience and information.

I attended the SWTA68 CFC Conference in San Antonio on February 21st hosted by District 1F. The attendance and enthusiasm was inspiring. Thank you to Jason I., CFC SWTA68 Chair and District 1F for a wonderful conference. I also want to thank Jennifer H., DCM, for inviting me to District 22’s GSR workshop on February 22nd in Georgetown. I was able to register GSR’s in the district & even a new group with GSO. I would be delighted to come to your district meeting, group, or workshop to register groups & GSR’s, or to share on any topic regarding traditions, concepts, or my experience, strength and hope. I am here to serve you!

I want to thank District 11 in Del Rio for their fantastic five star hospitality at our Area Assembly in January! You kicked off the new panel with such great love & service. I would also like to personally thank Norma A., my service sponsor for her assistance as I served the area for the first time as registrar. I am forever grateful for my service sponsor (who, somehow got me into service in the first place) to be by my side as I serve in this important role. A big thank you and love to Randy R., the previous registrar, for making the transition seamlessly. As part of the Registrar’s responsibilities I attended the first Silent District Committee Meeting Sunday morning. We had an incredible turn out of 8 volunteers to join the committee! The committee is chaired by the SWTA68 Alt. Chair, Mary T. And we have scheduled additional virtual meetings to accomplish our goals. I look forward to working with everyone on the committee to provide information and spread the word that everyone in AA has a voice and the right to participate. I will be at the next SWTA68 Pre-General Assembly in Brownwood on April 10-12 and I hope to not have my head down in the computer too much so I can meet each and everyone of you. Please do stop by to visit with me!

**Love and Service, Rosi S SWTA68 Registrar/Panel 76**

#### Secretary

Hello SWTA 68! Thank you to District 11 for hosting the Winter Workshop in Del Rio. Over the next few months, I’ll be attending a couple of men’s retreats, and I remain available to visit your districts, groups, meetings, or events.

Being of service to AA brings me joy and helps keep me on the AA beam. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Michael A | P76 A68 | Area Secretary**



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## Area 68 Trusted Servants Updates

### Treasurer

A big thank you to District 11 for hosting a wonderful Winter Workshop. It was great to meet many new GSRs and DCMs who are starting this panel. Our service committee chairs and Area officers did an outstanding job in their workshops and service roles. The assembly ran impressively smoothly.

I am enjoying my position as Area treasurer, and getting to work with different groups and members in our Area. Financially, our Area has a healthy balance, due in large part to the strong contributions from the members, as well as prudent spending by our Area servants and hosting districts. I want to thank everyone for supporting the Area and making our service work possible. We have a new address for contributions, with checks being made out to “Southwest Texas Area 68” and sent to P.O. Box 17266, San Antonio, TX 78217. Electronic contributions can be made via Zelle: [treasurer@aa-swta.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-swta.org). Looking forward to seeing everyone in Brownwood in April!

**Best wishes, Shane K, Area 68 Treasurer, P76**

### ATTENTION PLEASE! Sending Contributions to Southwest Texas Area 68

**Check Payable To**  
Southwest Texas Area 68

**!NEW! Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 17266  
San Antonio, TX 78217

**Contribute via Zelle**  
[treasurer@aa-swta.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-swta.org)

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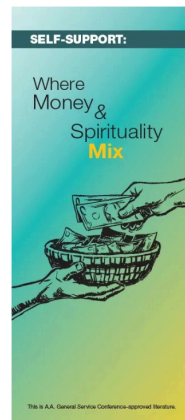
Group Name & Number  
Districts: District Number

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Indicate IF contributing to  
‘Bilingual Translation Fund’

### From our A.A. Literature

Twelfth Step work is the lifeblood of Alcoholics Anonymous – carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic. Without it, the Fellowship would wither and die. Yet, even at its simplest level this vital contact between one alcoholic and another involves an investment of time and money. “Let’s begin with my own sponsor, Ebby,” writes Bill W., in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. “When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money. “He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all. “Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money.”



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Districts that do not have a listed DCM: 6, 8a, 8c, 15, 24, 26  
Need information on Area 68 - E-mail chairperson@aa-swta.org



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**Area, District and Regional Service Events**  
**Visit: [www.aa-swta.org/events](http://www.aa-swta.org/events)**

## SWTA 68 Service Events

### Summer Workshop

**July 17-19 2026**

**Castroville, TX**

**Hosted by District 1e**



**Mark Your Calendar: Fall Assembly ~ October 16-18 2026**

### District Service Events

**District 16**  
**AA Service Manual Study**  
Each Sunday, 6pm-7pm  
via Zoom

E-mail DCM [district16@aa-swta.org](mailto:district16@aa-swta.org)

**District 13 Workshop**  
**Accessibility, Treatment, PI/CPC, Corrections**  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 10am to 2pm  
Marble Falls, TX

E-mail DCM [district13@aa-swta.org](mailto:district13@aa-swta.org)

**DCMs:** For continued Unity within Area 68 Districts, consider submitting **District Service Events!**

### Service Events in the Southwest Region



**Texas State**  
**A.A. Convention**  
**Visit: [txaaconvention.org](http://txaaconvention.org)**  
**July 24-26, 2026**  
**Fort Worth TX**



**Southwest Regional**  
**AA Service Assembly**  
**Visit: [SWRAASA2026.org](http://SWRAASA2026.org)**  
**October 9-11 2026**  
**Houston-Baytown TX**



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## Winter 2026 - Workshops and Minutes

**SWTA 68 Winter Workshop - Del Rio, TX - 1.9.2026 - 1.11.2026**

**Theme: "We Are Responsible..." | Hosted by District 11**

**1.9.2026 - Friday**

### **Welcome**

José M opened with the Serenity prayer at 7:04PM

158 Registrants as of 7:08PM

### **Workshop Theme**

Suzie T presented the Theme

Sobriety Date: 12/12/2012 - Home Group: Triangle Group in AA in Brackettville, TX

"We Are Responsible..."

Suzie opened with the responsibility statement and spoke of his history. Suzie spoke of the history of the responsibility statement. Read from page 97 of Alcoholics Anonymous about responsibility. Suze shared about overcoming obstacles in her own recovery and how she became responsible in AA.

### **"AA's Spiritual Stakeholders"**

Presented by Mary T - Alternate Area Chair

Sobriety Date: 11/25/2009 - Home Group: Monday Night Speaker Meeting in Round Rock, TX

Mary shared on spiritual stakeholders of AA and the groups and our responsibility as an AA member. Mary shared that unity is the common welfare and primary goal in Alcoholics Anonymous and spoke on the importance of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of World Service. She went over the AA service structure and it was shared that AA is a spiritual fellowship and that ultimate authority and spiritual power flow from the groups upwards. Members were reminded that we are trusted servants and participants in carrying out God's will as expressed through our group conscience. Mary noted that while AA maintains an organized service structure it remains spiritual in nature. Mary stated that the groups are the foundation of AA and that they are the true carriers and guardians of the message.

### **Announcements made by José Miranda - Area Chair:**

- Early morning AA meeting in the main room at 7AM
- Assembly begins at 8AM
- Hotel is offering coffee wrist bands for 15 dollars
- No outside food or drink allowed the venue
- Hospitality room is provided by District 11 at 6:30AM

**Friday 1/9/2026 Assembly ended at 7:32PM**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**



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**1.10.2026 - Saturday**

### Welcome and Opening Readings

José M - Area Chair

Sobriety Date: 3/9/2013 - Home Group: Rule 62 Group - San Antonio

Opened with the Serenity prayer, at 8:01AM

-197 Registrants as of 8:30AM

-Read Area SWTA 68 Preamble

-José M stated that AA is a Spiritual Entity with a little bit of business.

### Housekeeping

-Registration is in the foyer

-Hospitality is in room 130

-Smoking allowed in designated areas only / Silence all cell phones

-State full name at the microphone / Speak slowly for secretary and translator

-Be mindful of people who do not want to shake hands or hugs

### Introductions - Officers, Chairs, DCMs, GSRs and Past Trusted Servants

Area Delegate - Amanda B

Area Alternate Delegate - Donita S

Area Chair - José M

Alternate Area Chair - Mary T

Area Treasurer - Shane K

Area Secretary - Michael A

Area Registrar - Rosi S

Archives - Steven V L

Accessibility - Dave K

Bilingual - Melissa M

Corrections - Jason I

Grapevine / La Viña - Heather D

Newsletter - Tahtianna F

PI / CPC - Coy P

Treatment - Randy R

Technology - Don S

Webmaster - Robert R

Archivist - Daniel B

DCMs and Alternate DCMs stood to be recognized. GSR introductions were held, with a total of 83 GSRs present. Past Area Chairs, Past Area Officers, Past Trustees, and Past Delegates stood and were recognized.



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## Reports - Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar

### Secretary's Report - Michael A

Sobriety Date: 1/4/2019 - Home Group: Rule 62 Group - San Antonio

Michael A shared gratitude for sobriety and the opportunity to serve. He shared that his Home Group is Rule 62 a literature study group and currently reading the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and on Tradition Two, with fellowship before and after meetings. Michael thanked District 11 for hosting the Assembly and to Delegate Amanda B and the Area body for the trust placed in him to serve as Area Secretary. Thanks was given to Mary T for her guidance and preparation support. Members were informed that service materials are available at the Secretary's table, including maps, SS&P booklets, and Assembly checklists in English and Spanish. These materials are also available digitally via QR code and the Area app. Printed copies of the Secretary's minutes were available at the table, and the minutes had also been distributed through the Area newsletter. Feedback and questions regarding the Fall 2025 Area Assembly minutes were invited. No Questions.

Chris C Motioned to Approve Minutes

Bridget S Seconded to Approve Minutes

All in Favor

None Opposed

### Treasurer's Report - Shane K

Sobriety Date: 6/2/2007

Report Provided by Shane K

The top section lists Contributions and Receipts for the 4th quarter. Group Contributions were \$8,267.85 in October, \$3,679.13 in November, and \$9,220.94 in December. Thus, the total Group contributions for the 4th quarter were \$21,167.92. An additional \$3,777.00 was received in Registrations at the Fall Area Assembly in Corpus Christi, TX. The total receipts for the 4th quarter are \$25,034.92. 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: \$1,497.68 for our Area Delegate's expenses, \$2,491.24 for our Archivist storage and CD Deposit, and \$2,823.60 for Hotel Rooms at the Fall Area Assembly. The total expenses for the 4th quarter were \$14,814.05. 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 \$2,806.56. There was \$90.00 received in contributions, with \$249.18 in disbursements, resulting in a YTD balance of \$2,647.38. Corresponding figures for the Translation Equipment fund were \$2,244.50



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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 \$91,394.32 while our expenses were \$71,546.38 resulting in a net cash INCREASE of \$19,847.94 for the year to date. Between the Checking Account and CD, we started the quarter with \$19,933.93 in the bank and have an ending combined total balance of \$32,154.80 as of December 31, 2025. 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, José M

Please remember to identify your group name and number on the check when sending contributions, so that they will be credited properly.

All area contribution checks should be sent to the following mailing address:

SWTA 68 - P.O. Box 17266 - San Antonio, Texas 78217 and/or electronic contributions made via ZELLE @ [treasurer@aa-swta.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-swta.org).

Questions:

Q: Amalia S called out a clarification that the previous treasurer's name was on this report.

A: Shane K explained that the report was from Q4 and closed out by José M but reported by him.

Buddy B Motioned to Approve the Treasurer's Report

Trish Y Seconded to Approve the Treasurer's Report

All in Favor

None Opposed

### Registrar's Report - Rosi S

Rosi thanked District 11 for hosting and shared gratitude for the opportunity to serve. She asked all DCMs and GSRs to visit the Registrar's table. DCMs can pick up a welcome packet, and GSRs, especially those not yet registered with the General Service Office, were encouraged to stop by to get registered or update their information. She stated that Fellowship Connection is the system used to register groups and trusted servants and to update group details such as meeting location changes or new GSRs. Once registered, GSO sends service kits to GSRs and DCMs by mail or email. Rosi announced that the Silent District Committee will meet Sunday at 7:30 AM in the Sun Blossom Room. She explained that this committee helps connect with active groups in districts that do not currently have a DCM or where contact information may be outdated. DCMs were asked to review their contact information on the district list and report any corrections. It was reported that the Area has 35 districts, 470 active groups, 12 virtual groups, and 1 group currently pending active status. New groups remain pending with GSO for 30 days before becoming active. Rosi also shared upcoming service commitments, District 22's GSR workshop on February 22 and the Friday Night Lights Group on March 20. She welcomed invitations to visit other groups and districts to share on service, traditions, concepts, or her experience.



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### Alternate Delegate Report - Donita S

Sobriety Date: 6/3/2004 - Home Group: George Town Group

Report Provided by Donita S

Area Alternate Delegate Report - Literature and Service Update

Hey ya'll Donita S, alcoholic, my sobriety date is 6/3/04, my home group is the Georgetown group AKA the Whitehouse. I'm grateful to be serving as your Area 68 Panel 76 Alternate Delegate.

My first responsibility is to support our Delegate and pray for her.

My Role As Alternate Delegate, I have two main responsibilities:

Supporting our Delegate

Serving as the Area Literature Chair

I want to spend a few minutes sharing some important updates around literature and a bit about regional service.

Literature Price Changes - Big Picture There are two main changes coming:

A \$3 increase per book A 15% increase on all other literature

What Counts as a "Book" - When we say book, we're talking about items whose numbers start with: B book, SB Spanish book, FB French Book

Most of these will receive the \$3 increase, but there are a couple of important exceptions.

Book Price Exceptions

B-0 - Alcoholics Anonymous Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition

-This item was recently reduced to a \$2 list price

-There is no price change for this book - This is the only item completely exempt from the increase

B-28 - A.A. for the Older Alcoholic

-This book will not receive the \$3 increase - Instead, it will receive a 15% price increase

All Other Literature

Anything that does not fall under the book category will receive a 15% price increase.

Literature sets will also reflect a \$3 increase for each book included in the set.

Service Manuals

I did some checking specifically on Service Manuals.

Service Manuals will be increasing by \$0.75 per book.



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This weekend, I brought:

- About 70 English Service Manuals
- About 35 Spanish Service Manuals

The current price is \$5.00 each.

If we run out this weekend, I'll put out a sign-up sheet at the literature table. Anyone who signs up will have their manuals ordered before the price increase.

### Updated Price Sheet

The General Service Office sent me an updated price sheet that reflects all of these changes. That price sheet is available for anyone to look at the literature table.

### Regional Service and Events

Another part of my role as Alternate Delegate is serving as the contact for regional events. We just had a Regional Forum in November in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The next big event is SWRAASA – the Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly.

- Dates: October 9-11
- Registration: \$20
- Location: Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston
- Host Area: Area 67

I do have a flyer at the table, but for now, please save the date. I'll have more details after I attend SWRDA – the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly – in March.

### Connection and Learning

I've also had the chance to participate in virtual meetings with our Trustee and with NAAD, the North American Alternate Delegates. It's been really exciting to meet and connect with other Alternate Delegates from across the U.S. and Canada.

Closing I'm still getting my feet wet, but I'm really looking forward to learning and growing throughout this panel.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

### Delegate Report - Amanda B

Home Group: North East Sunrise Group

Delegate's Report- January 2026

Report Provided by Amanda B

Good morning, Area 68! My name is Amanda B, and it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 76 Delegate. What a pleasure to be here with all of you today.



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A little background about me: I got sober in 2009 in San Antonio, Texas, and my home group is the Northeast Sunrise Group in District 17. Over the years, I’ve been blessed to serve as GSR, DCM, Bilingual Chair, Alternate Area Chair, and most recently as your Alternate Delegate.

What is my job?

Quite simply, it is to represent you at the General Service Conference in New York. That makes it very important for me to get to know each of you—so I can carry your group conscience effectively into my committee and Conference work.

This panel, I have been assigned to two committees: Primary Committee: Literature

Many of you already know this will be the panel during which the Fifth Edition Big Book is expected to come forward. It’s going to be a big, exciting, and important piece of work—and I know we can do it together.

Secondary Committee: International Conventions and Regional Forums

I’ve uploaded the full Conference committee histories for both of these committees to our Area website under the Delegate’s Corner section. The password is Panel76 The more of you who can read through these materials, the stronger our Area voice will be at the Conference.

Please feel free to call, text, or email me anytime about anything AA- or Conference-related. Use my Area email address, and please remember to copy the Alternate Delegate, Donita, or contact her directly. If you call me, please call her too. If anything happens to me, she immediately becomes your representative—so we need to make sure she is fully in the loop on everything.

What’s ahead for Area 68?

We’re bringing back the Mock Conference at our next Assembly in Brownwood in April! This will be a key way for Donita and me to get fully informed and prepared. I’m thrilled to have a Conference Coordinator, Leslie W., working with me. We’re putting in a lot of effort to make this event well-organized, highly interactive, and fun. I’m currently looking for volunteers to serve as committee chairs for the Mock Conference. Ideally, these would be past trusted servants who are available for our planning committee Zoom on March 11 and who can attend in person in Brownwood in April. If that describes you, please come see me after the meeting—I’d love to talk! This is going to be informative, energizing, and yes—a lot of work. But it will take the very best trusted servants in the country (that means YOU) to make it great.

For now, what do I need from you? Just a few important things: First Things First — Recovery must always come first. It’s the foundation of any effective service work.

Make a friend this weekend — Make a lot of friends! This panel we are emphasizing Unity and Friendship, and it starts right here with all of us.

Don’t halt your Alts — If you have an Alternate, make sure they are just as informed as you are. Talk to them. Include them. I was an Alternate for four years, and this is something very close to my heart.



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Finally, please remember that Donita and I are here to serve you. I’m happy to visit your district or group and speak on any AA-related topic. I want to get to know every one of you—so please don’t be a stranger. Reach out anytime. God bless you all, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for trusting me to serve as your Delegate. With love and gratitude,

Amanda B Panel 76 Delegate, Area 68

### **Ask It Basket / General Sharing Session**

**Donita S Alternate Delegate Facilitated**

**Q: Questions | A: Answer | S: Share**

#### **Ask It Basket**

Q. Is there a place besides the assembly hall where the AM AA meeting might meet, it seems backwards that the other servants have to be quiet?

A. Amanda B stated that the meeting does not have to be in the main room. She will get with Randy and will come up with a better place for the meeting.

Q. What percent of proposed agenda items were killed in the trustee committee?

A. Amanda B stated that approx 90% are killed, answered with the help of KC H

Q. In your experience what are some of the best ways to handle apathy in the district?

A. Maggie B past DCM shared about serving as a DCM in a district that had very little participation, no alternate DCM, few GSRs attending, and several open service positions. To help get people involved, she focused on outreach by visiting groups, hosting an Area Assembly, and creating a simple pamphlet explaining what the district does and how it can support groups. Her approach was to ask groups how the district could be helpful rather than telling them what to do. Over time, participation grew, and by the end of the panel all district positions were filled. Maggie said it takes steady effort, willingness, and trying new ideas to build involvement.

A. Bridget S shared that service should be fun and not taken too seriously, reminding everyone of Rule 62. She said enthusiasm helps people stay involved and encouraged members to be teachable, ask questions, and learn from those with experience. She suggested attending workshops, online service events, and Service Manual studies to better understand AA service. She reassured members that they will not “break AA” by getting involved and that asking questions is important. She also encouraged making service welcoming and engaging so more people want to participate.

Q. Can an ordinary Joe Schmo AA member attend the GSC as an observer?

A. Amanda B shared that all AA members matter and that the groups are the most important part of the service structure. She explained that General Service Conference observers usually come from other countries and must apply, and that people generally cannot attend Conference sessions unless they are official participants or guests of a delegate.



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**Q.** As a cost savings effort, can area meeting schedules be adjusted to two full days, Saturday and Sunday, and to cut out the expense of a Friday night stay?

**A.** José M explained that filling the hotel room block helps the Area avoid major meeting space costs, which is why weekend planning matters. Fellowship often begins Friday, business starts Saturday, and Sunday ends earlier to allow members traveling long distances time to get home. He said event planning stays flexible and open to consideration.

**Q.** Are the quarterly meetings with the board proving to be productive and helping members feel GSB General Service Board is being more transparent and moving in a positive direction?

**A.** KC H, past Panel 74 Area 68 Delegate, shared that the issue is how and when board minutes are shared with delegates. He said delays and differences in what information is included can cause confusion, especially when some regional trustees share full minutes and others remove portions. He suggested that once minutes are approved, they should be released to all delegates in North America as written so everyone receives the same information at the same time.

**Q.** We subscribe to paper copies of grapevine and receive two copies. They are sent separately and typically arrive on different days to the same address. Why do they not combine those issues and envelopes to save mailing costs?

**A.** KC H shared that the office has been working for a couple of years to improve this and has already made some progress. He says that if subscribers are still unhappy, they should tell Amanda, the delegate, or contact the Grapevine/La Viña staff directly. He believes they are listening and trying to reduce costs, but if members do not speak up about what they need, the people serving them will just keep doing what they assume members want.

**Q.** Our group voted to withhold monies to the GSB for a period of six months. Are things turning around with GSB to the point that you recommend sending them funds again?

**A.** Amanda B says she cannot tell any group whether to withhold money from GSO or the General Service Board. That choice has to come from each home group's own group conscience. The group should ask itself if it feels its voice is being heard, and decide from there.

### General Sharing

**Q.** Bridget S asked if our secretary records the area for the minutes? Does that not require a motion at the onset of the quarterly assembly?

**A.** Michael A shared that he is recording the meeting only to create an accurate transcript for the minutes, will not share the recording, and is unsure whether formal approval is needed and asked for help to answer the questions.

**A.** Mary T shared that the area has always recorded these meetings only as a backup to help prepare accurate minutes. The recordings are not shared, are used only for reference if there is a question or correction, and are then deleted.



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**Q.** Eric has some passionately frustrated members on the topic of the \$750,000 that was spent out of our reserve and on a national level, If that's true, why were the groups not involved in this decision making process?

**A.** KC H explains that the board took \$750,000 from the reserve to pay bills and avoid another cash crisis like a few years ago, even though some groups are withholding contributions. The withdrawal is recorded in the board minutes that Amanda gets and shares with DCMs. KC notes the reserve is now only a little over four months of expenses, instead of the usual nine to twelve, so the question really is how to rebuild that reserve and what services the fellowship really needs.

**S:** Bobbie C shared that someone visited their meeting and said some upsetting and misleading things about AA leaders and money. She found that none of it is true or backed up by public information. She said that spreading half true stories like that hurts people, and that if you have concerns, you should ask questions in the proper way instead of stirring people up during a meeting.

**S.** Tiesa H, District 22 Treasurer, shares that when she first became an alternate GSR, there was a lot of confusion and tension about money, and people in her group wanted to stop sending funds. She asked them to pause for six months, attend district, area, and regional meetings, get the facts, and then decide. They chose not to withhold, although they adjusted how they contributed. She says some money issues come from higher costs, but some come from groups holding back funds, which can lead to things like book prices going up. A lot of the upset, she says, comes from rumors and half information, like a telephone game. Over the last two years, she has learned a lot by listening to experienced servants, taking clear information back to her group, and letting the group decide. She is grateful so many people are showing up and getting informed.

**S.** Maggie B shares that it is the board's job, not the conference or the groups, to decide when to take money from the prudent reserve so the bills get paid. If a group chooses to withhold some or all contributions, it is important they send a letter to the board, copying their regional trustee and delegate, explaining why. She adds that "power of the purse" is described in the Concepts, and groups should read those sections to understand when and how to use it before making a decision.

**S.** Jason I, CFC Committee Chair, Jason says that PAIs, or proposed agenda items, are now tracked in a way the fellowship can see every quarter, which is new. You can find their status and reasons for rejection in the board minutes, even though it is buried and not on the front page. He found this very helpful, because it shows that about 90 percent of PAIs are rejected and explains exactly what happened with each one, and he wants people to know this is a useful resource.



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### **DCM Reports given by:**

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Buddy B DCM 3B

Steve B DCM 29

Denise D DCM 1A

Jenn H DCM 22

Chris C DCM 17

Russ R DCM 18

Bridget S DCM 27

Mark W DCM 1E

Ash D DCM 8E

Paul R 8D

Miguel P DCM 1F

Amalia S DCM 3C

Ian F DCM 13

David P DCM 2

Bobbie C DCM 30

Ellie J DCM 12

Skylar K DCM 4

Carly C DCM 16

Bruce P DCM 5

Ryan McD DCM 11

Joe C DCM 7

### **Closing announcements by José M, Area Chair:**

-Silent district meeting at 7:30AM

-Encouraged for committee chair persons and officers to conduct workshops in the Area

-Feb 24th is the last date to submit a proposal

-Still seeking a district for Summer Workshop in 2027

-AM AA meeting in the Sun Blossom room at 7AM

**Saturday 1/10/2026 Assembly ended at 7:30PM**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**



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## 1.11.2026 - Sunday

Opened by José - Area Chairman

Open at 8:32AM with the The Third Step Prayer

Final Registration Count: 228 with 86 GSRs

### Morning Announcements:

- 2/24 is deadline to get proposed to José and Amanda
- Ensure that Rosi the registrar has your most up to date group and district information
- CFC conference 2/21/2026 - To host, attend this conference stay for the business meeting
- District 4 Hosting next assembly April 10th-12th in Brownwood TX
- Seeking 2027 summer workshop, need a host district
- District 2 is hosting the Fall Assembly and currently seeking a venue
- Recognized Panel 50 Delegate - Yoli F
- Recognized Class A Trustee - Veronica Ramirez

### Area Committee Report

Report provided by Michael A

- Started at 10:17 AM and opened with the Serenity Prayer  
(Meeting took place on Saturday 1/10 and reported on 1/11)
- Introductions done: DCMs, Area Committee Chairs and Area Officers
- Volunteers: Time Keeper - Ashley
- ACM Orientation Given by Marty T - Area Alternate Chair  
Marty T explains the composition of the Area Committee, including district committee members, area officers, and the area committee chairperson.
- The Southwest Texas area committee traditionally does not create policy but can form ad hoc committees for non-binding items like area pamphlets and maps.
- The Finance Committee is established to review and verify area financial statements, deposits, and expenditures on a quarterly basis, assisting the treasurer as needed.
- The primary focus of the area committee is on sharing solutions to support groups and carrying out vital services, adhering to the tradition of helping alcoholics who still suffer.
- The meeting will include DCM sharing, old business, and a selection for the DCM on the Finance Committee.
  
- Area Business \*Finance Committee - DCM Selection - José - Area Chair\*
- Q Jason I - CFC Committee Chair: Can you verify the area committee member and who can vote?  
A. Mary T answered: DCM and Area Officers have voting privileges at the ACM
- Q Heather D: Had a question about the dates in the SSP  
A. Mary T answered: Dates of when this particular language was added to the SSP



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-Finance Committee consist of the Treasure, Alt Delegate and Alt Chair and DCM. The ACM is to elect a DCM to be on this committee and that DCM helps to verify that the funds are there and help with oversight overall.

DCM willing to stand:

Carly C  
Ellie J  
Jennifer H  
Chris C  
Denise D  
Steve B  
Bridget S  
Amalia S  
Buddy B

No nominations from the floor and the DCM were asked to leave during voting.  
Simple Major Vote will be the rule.

Discussion around who can vote and who can not vote.

We brought back the candidates to vote.

Bridget S withdrew her name

Vote 1:

Carly C 3  
Ellie J 0  
Jennifer H 6  
Chris C 2  
Denise D 0  
Steve B 1  
Amallia S 2  
Buddy B 6

Vote 2:

Jennifer H 14  
Buddy B 10

Jenifer H DCM 22 received simple majority  
José M motioned for Jennifer H to join the committee  
All Voted in favor  
None opposed



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### DCM Sharing Session

#### Topic 1 - Buddy B DCM 3B

Had the first District meeting last Sunday and thought it went well. This is the 2nd year for this district as they had a recent split. Over 60 active groups and 10 GSRs attended the meeting. Wants to know how to get emails from incoming GSRs and encourage participation.

-Amalia S DCM 3C - In her district, started a Silent Group committee. Went over pulling data from groups that are active vs. non-active.

-Shane K - Area Treasurer - Going and visiting groups is very effective. Put on a workshop and send out fliers to those groups and invite committee chairs.

-Ryan McD - DCM 11 - Been planning this workshop for 10 months and has a large geographical district. Was able to get a lot involved with the planning of this assembly. District 11 has 8 GSRs present at this assembly.

-Maggie B - Trusted Area Servant - Visited groups and left behind a pamphlet that had a meeting schedule.

-Ellie J DCM 12 - 32 groups. Stated it's the tone and energy that you bring to the position that can encourage participation.

-Skylar K DCM 4 - Has served in other areas before. Suggested email and calls, and emails do not always work.

-Joe C DCM 7 - Don't look at it like it will happen right now. We are the start of the panel.

-Ian F DCM 13 - Service Manual encourages people in service to bring new ideas. How do we encourage participation? Ian suggests going to an actual meeting and announcing that we are having a district event.

-Steve C Alt DCM 2 - Has a tendency to be siloed in individual groups, will carry on a few things from the last panel. Will keep Zoom and will keep the service fair. Will keep snacks.

-Miguel P DCM 1F - Visit all groups and have a schedule. District anniversary event as well. Involved the groups in the district.

-Jason I - Announcement of CFC with Miguel

-Michael A - Area Secretary - Fellowship Connection is a great resource to get GSR emails.

-Rosi S - Registrar - Gave info on Fellowship Connection.

-Mary T - Snacks are attractive at meetings.

#### Topic 2 - Bridget S

-Host quarterly DCM sharing sessions.

-SSP draft that was proposed to the ACM. She is gathering group and district support for a proposal.

-Mary T - DCM Quarterly sharing session hosted by Bridget. Sharing session is not an area event and went over the process on how to submit proposals. Feb 24th is the deadline for proposals for area business. It's 45 days prior to the assembly.



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### Topic 3 - Mary T

Has questions about corrections specifically in the district. What districts know they are working with these facilities.

-Skylar K DCM 4 does corrections for multiple facilities. With local jails, whatever they say goes. Some could have a sobriety requirement.

-Ellie J DCM 12 - Takes meetings to multiple facilities. CFC chair meets with each jail coordinator to find needs to ensure the district is able to provide. It's about keeping up the relationships with the coordinators.

-Ryan McD - DCM Dist 11 - Needed a CFC committee and structure to ensure a unified message is being shared. Working with the Area committee to see where the need is.

-Jason Inge - At the CFC table there is a flier with a QR code to log your meetings that are being taken to correctional facilities.

-Randy R - Communication needed between committees as there is overlap.

-Ian F - District 13 - Has a SAFE-P in District 13 and is currently in one jail, and the new CFC chair is working on getting into the other two jails. In a county jail, speak to the captain of the jail and not necessarily the sheriff.

-Coy P - PI/CPC - Overlap, and if there is a CFC chair, please also encourage the districts to also have PI/CPC chairs.

DCM Chairing Session is over

Amanda B - Delegate - Introduction of a Class A trustee - Veronica Ramirez Zapata, TX, and worked in Federal probation for 20 years. Now lives in Weslaco.

### Old Business - NONE

**New Business** - If you would like to submit new business please send it to Mary Thornhill 7 days prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda. .

### Committee Needs

Newsletter

-Tahtianna- Quarterly due dates. Trialing in increasing the newsletter portion, if a DCM is having a service event please submit a flier to Tahtianna. Feb 24th is when these are needed.

-Randy Reed - Question asked: Trial by Email Only?

-Donita S - It was an overwhelming voted for that we would go electronic newsletter

-Shane K - Newsletter events would be in the newsletter

-Silent District Committee - Sunday Morning 7:30AM

-Rosi S - Needs new people for this committee

Closed out the Area Committee meeting with the responsibility statement



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### GSR Workshop Report

Facilitated by KC H and Courtney L

Report provided by Ryan B

GSR WORKSHOP MINUTES

1/10/26

Hosts: Kenneth (KC) H/Courtney L

Minutes: Ryan B

Introduction by KC:

Shared his personal experience and discussed topics such as anemia of enthusiasm in AA, what our obligations are to the group, and the importance of hearing the groups conscience and their needs (each group is different). He mentioned our resources in literature, such as AA Comes of Age, The AA Group pamphlet, The AA Tradition and How it Developed, The AA Service Manual, The rise and fall of the home group grapevine article, and the SS&P.

Courtney continued: Discussed more responsibilities of GSRs like how to give their report when coming home and what our right of decision can look like.

Q: Josh from Beacon Hill group- How do we form the report and what do we put in it?

A: Courtney- She tried her best to inform them on what area is and what the main events are.

Comment (C): Eileen L- Instead of sending money to GSO or not, ask what you want to see changed at the group.

C: Jordan B, Pam, Bill (D13), and Bill (D11) all expanded upon GSR reporting with their experiential knowledge.

C: Lizzie (D3B), Tiesa H, and Tiffany (D11) discussed the importance of and how to foster enthusiasm. Courtney commented that bringing food helps.

KC emphasized the need/responsibility we have to facilitate these discussions with our groups.

C: Sheldon C (D7)- Shared on introducing a full and comprehensive list of guidelines for his group.

Q: Sarah (D18)- How do we shorten our discussions and group consciences?

A: Courtney- Having time limits and minutes helps.

Q: Sam (D12)- In the midst of deaths and low spirits in our district, how do we bring things back up?

A: KC- Ask ourselves "What are we doing? Are we bringing others closer?" And be sure to come back to the area and report solutions too for our fellow GSRs.



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### Newsletter Committee Report - Tahtianna F

Report provided by Tahtianna F

I start with a note of gratitude to our Area Chair for the trust and opportunity to serve Area 68 as your Newsletter Chair. I am looking forward to possibly growing the Newsletter portion of the issues in content, value and design.

DCMs and GSRs: I'd love to be placed in contact with your District or Group Newsletter Representative

During the Workshop on Saturday, we touched on and shared from topics such as:

- How can newsletters and information material support carrying our A.A. Message?
- Engage and Grow Your Audience
- Supporting our Twelve Traditions and Knowing Terms of Use
- Newsletters, Guidelines and Resources from AA.org, AA Grapevine and La Viña

Each of these topics can be further explored during our Quarterly sharing sessions or made into stand-alone workshops or sharing sessions.

We will be holding quarterly sharing sessions with deeper dives into presentations and informational content, open sharing time of ideas between attendees, and reviewing what new releases or updates have come out which might be beneficial for adding to newsletters or information documents.

### Let's meet! Newsletters, Communications and Informational Flyers

- Quarterly sharing sessions: share updates and information, visual presentations, ideas, questions & answers and more...
- Dates for 2026: February 9 ~ May 11 ~ August 10 ~ November 9
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Central)
- via Google Meet: [meet.google.com/vou-nxnt-ywy](https://meet.google.com/vou-nxnt-ywy)
- Download and share the flyer with A.A. members

I am willing and available to serve Districts and AA Groups in presentations, workshops and sharing sessions - select a piece of AA literature or an AA related topic and let's talk! ~ Both in English and Spanish ~

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in and for Alcoholics Anonymous



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### Archives Committee Report - Steve V L

Report provided by Steve V L

#### Panel 76 Winter Workshop Jan/2025

Good morning Area 68, my name is Steve V L and I have the honor and privilege of serving you as your Panel 76 ,Area 68 Archives Committee Chair.

As you know, we say in AA, ‘just report what you Saw, felt and heard’, well, this weekend has been heartfelt. From the very first moment, still emerging from the truck, we were met with, “Can I help you unload your stuff?” All weekend long, I have been struck by the out pouring of love, one to another in this thing called General Service. In AA meetings we hear all the time, “Don’t leave before the miracle happens”...and yet AA’s do, all the time. Well, I believe it’s the same in service, the new person comes in with this attitude of, “If I have to hear one more Treasurer’s report squabbling of a twenty-five cent discrepancy, I’m leaving”, and they do. General Service isn’t for everyone, but if you stay, and serve shoulder to shoulder alongside these people, you see what I “saw, felt and heard” this weekend...thank you for your part in that.

I want to thank District 11, I’ve watched your efforts all weekend, from that first pot of coffee in the morning to shutting the Assembly Hall late at night, these servants proving one more time, that small Districts can host an Assembly. I implore you to watch carefully, pay attention, for these are the miracles in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I was tasked this weekend with putting on an Archives Committee workshop, and much preparation was put into it and yet through the interactions I’ve been a part of, the scope of it changed. We are a Fellowship of storytellers, and hearing yours this weekend course corrected the Archives workshop from what I wanted to convey, to hopefully what you wanted to hear.

I want to thank Robert R, our Area 68 Webmaster for taking notes during the workshop, here is what he and AI had to say about it...

Purpose of the meeting: This hour was intended as an orientation for Archives Committee members—what archives is, what members do, and how the work will move forward early in the panel term.

Archives resources & QR codes: QR codes link to the Area Archives “Resources” page, which consolidates relevant GSO literature, forms, and the Archives Workbook into a single, easy-access location.

#### 3 Past Archives Chair

- KC
- Teagan
- Charlie



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Key documents available: The Archives Workbook, group history forms, oral history forms, copyright assignment, and deed of gift forms are all available online to support proper documentation and preservation.

Why archives matters: AA history is not abstract—it’s the collective legacy of personal recovery stories. Archives preserves those stories before people, memories, and records are lost.

Urgency of preservation: AA history is short (91 years). Many early members and firsthand witnesses are still alive, making it critical to document now rather than later.

Group histories are essential: New groups are especially important to document early, while founders and details are still fresh. Group histories can be amended later, but founding moments can’t be recreated.

Research sources: Valuable history comes from directories, newsletters, meeting minutes, prison group records, oral histories, and local publications—not just official databases, which are often incomplete.

Oral histories & sensitivity: Recording oral histories is powerful but requires care, consent, and respect. The goal is preserving information, not acquiring personal property or memorabilia.

Archives work philosophy: Archives is about preserving documented information, not collecting “stuff.” The committee builds on past work, avoids reinventing the wheel, and serves future generations of AA.

I want to thank the 33 new members of the committee, and also the Past Committee Chairs that presented during this workshop, Panel 66 KC H, Panel 70 Tegan T, and Panel 74 Charlie B. Thank you for your shared experience. In closing I’d like to again thank District 11 for the great Assembly, and for inviting me back next weekend. I’m looking forward to coming back to a place I haven’t left yet! My calendar is open.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Steve V L P-76 Archives Comm. Chair

### **Technology Committee Report - Don S**

Report provided by Don S

#### 2026 Winter Workshop

#### Technology Workshop Report 1/10/2025

Thank you to José for asking me to serve and Milan for the guidance and support with technology. In the workshop, I went over the purpose and duties of the Technology Committee. We looked at how much technology has changed since 1938. I went over the many applications, tools, and digital resources that are available to Area 68 servants. We discussed a banking app called Homegroup Online that allows groups to accept digital payments. We also discussed the ThirdLegacy.org digital voting app for area voting and elections.



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There were several attendees that had personal experience with these tools, and their insight was informative and helpful. Experience, strength, and hope was given during the general sharing portion of the workshop. These included communication issues with so many different apps and social media platforms. A post-workshop survey was offered, and some very helpful feedback was obtained that can help the Technology Committee moving forward. I thanked Area 68 for trusting me with the position and stated that I was willing to visit groups and districts to assist in any way possible.

### **Grapevine/La Viña Report - Heather D**

Report provided by Heather D

#### Grapevine/ La Viña Workshop

First I would like to thank District 11 for hosting a fabulous Winter Workshop and being a great example of dedication and commitment to serve.

During our workshop I discussed the importance of representing both Grapevine and La Viña. Some of the History of both magazines being A.A. International journal.

Discussing how both GV/LV are great 12 step tools

Grapevine and La Viña strive to be self-supporting through subscription and other items and how the GV/ LV does not receive contributions from fellowship.

We had an Open Discussion of the purpose of GV/LV such as

Collects the voice of AA members around the US and Canada, Carry the Message, provides Archive articles, Share experience, strength and hope in print and online.

How to use this as a tool both in the rooms in our service efforts.

Then I went on to share the available GV/LV Resources: which are

YouTube, Instagram, Podcast and the Grapevine App. I touched on the Thermometer tracker to get 30 stories submitted in 2026. How to Carry the Message Project called (CTM)

Gifting to a new comer, sponsee, person in jail or institution

Sharing information across districts. How A.A. is FUN!!! The Committee Vision to 2026

Grapevine/ La Viña.

Again thank you for the privilege to serve as Grapevine/ La Viña Committee Chair.

### **PI/CPC Committee Report - Coy P**

Report provided by Coy P

#### PI-CPC workshop

Thank you Area 68 for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the PI-CPC chair for Panel 76, to District 11 for a beautiful event, and to everyone that attended the PI-CPC workshop yesterday. Thank you for being willing to share your experience and solutions.



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The session was well attended and was started by inviting God into our conversation. We then discussed the relative intent of Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. We briefly touched on the upcoming PI-CPC conference in August which is still looking for a host district. If any district is willing to host, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to assist. I've had the pleasure this weekend to have great conversations with several people throughout the Area and I look forward to continuing the conversation.

The workshop continued by discussing the role of the PI-CPC committee and how it could be utilized to help make additional 12th step work possible. Afterwards, Ryan B. shared his PI-CPC experience, including practical advice on the do's and don'ts and lessons learned. We spent the last half of the workshop with Q&A/open discussion where participants shared the ways they have seen PI-CPC carry the message into schools and hospitals. Additional advice was shared on departments within hospitals, such as HR and Chaplains, that can be useful resources to make first contact.

It is my absolute pleasure to be able to serve your districts and groups. If your districts or groups would be served by having PI-CPC attendance at one of your meetings, I'll happily accommodate. Thank you again to all trusted servants for your sacrifices.

In Service,  
Coy P  
PI-CPC Chair - Southwest Texas Area 68

**Accessibilities Committee Report - Dave K**  
Report provided by Dave K

Area 68 2026 Accessibilities Report

In the workshop we had interactive discussions on the following areas affecting accessibility.

### Accessibility Issues

1. Sight
2. Hearing
3. Mobility (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.)
4. Transportation
5. Exclusiveness Issues
6. Institutional Living (Nursing homes, homebound, hospitals, etc.)
7. Neurodivergence Issues
8. Child Care
9. Secular Issues



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10. Schedules
11. Language
12. Service Animals
13. Assisted listening devices and services

A number of participants volunteered to be members of this committee. A monthly meeting will be scheduled to discuss accessibility issues.

### **Treatment Committee Report- Randy R**

Report provided by Randy R

Panel 76 treatment workshop, January 10, 2026

About 50 in attendance

Welcome and introduced Shane and thanked Lauren from District 12 for taking notes

Welcomed all and introduced Shane and Norma as past area Treatment committee chairpersons

Mentioned my desire to visit groups and districts and facilitate district co-hosting workshops

Will be creating QR code to begin getting a sense of meetings going to treatment programs in the area

Reviewed speaking at non-aa meetings pamphlet.

- We go to be helpful and then follow through
- We do not try to change their programs rather we go to carry our experience, strength and hope
- We are willing to cooperate but we do not affiliate in order to carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Example: naming a group that meets at a treatment program weekly the name of the treatment program aa group. Naming a group the name of the church it meets in was offered as an example for clarification
- Mentioned it is helpful to review tradition 3, 5, 6, 10, 11 (membership, primary purpose, non-affiliation, outside issues and humility) as this prepares us to not break traditions.
- Precautions listed in the pamphlet: First name only, Speak about the importance of anonymity, No drunk-a-logs. Use stories to identify and to share conviction of how life has changed using the 12 steps of our aa program, Read preamble - it is a quick way to state what aa is., Sometimes we network with non-alcoholics to provide opportunities to people they work with: doctors, priests, parents, loved ones, probation, clinical directors, etc
- Qualifications for carrying the message of aa: Personal experience, Spiritual experience, Common sense, Cheerful humility with emphasis on the attitude of excitement and willingness evidenced, Ability to follow directions of the institution, Dependability



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- Types of meetings: Speaker, A group of 2 or more that comes with a topic that each shares on giving the clients an opportunity to speak and ask questions
- Places we may take meetings: Residential treatment centers, Detoxes, Hospitals, IOPs, PHPs, Veteran administration facilities, Sober living homes, Retirement homes, Assisted living centers, Physical rehabilitation facilities, Homeless shelters
- Question: will the area committee help plan a workshop? Answer: absolutely, part of the goal is to organize multi district treatment workshops in order to fulfill the need and provide opportunity for are unity.
- Shane came up and talked as past area treatment committee chair
  - What do treatment committees do: Provide service opportunities to AA's, Contact and form relationships with professionals, Support AAs carrying the message in treatment facilities, Work with DCMs to help communicate with groups, Keep schedules of treatment center opportunities, Workshops: form a committee for the workshop, invite DCMs and district treatment committee chairs to participate
  - Things to consider: Singleness of purpose, No opinions on outside issues, We respect how employees conduct and present themselves and mirror that good example, Respect their rules and expectations
- Passed clipboard to sign and provided telephone number
- Question: is H&I same as treatment facilities committee. Term used interchangeably and Norma shared that at the end of the day the important thing is the message of AA that we bring.
- Shane provided information on ordering or downloading the aa treatment workbook from the general service office.

Thanks to District 11, Lauren for taking great notes and Shane and Norma for their input.

### **Bilingual Committee Report - Melissa M**

Melissa thanked District 11 for an excellent workshop and strong bilingual support. She reported that the bilingual workshop explained the role of the bilingual committee, promoted service participation from both English and Spanish members, and introduced the *Cómo se dice* brochure as a tool for common AA terms in both languages. Attendees identified spelling errors and suggested adding a Spanish-to-English section; plans were made to correct and expand the brochure. Spanish-speaking members shared about a La Viña anniversary event and expressed interest in directing some funds to Grapevine/La Viña subscriptions for inmates, while also noting distribution issues in some states. The session was positive, 14 people signed up for the bilingual committee, and two new translators provided interpretation for the first time.



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### **Corrections Committee Report - Jason I**

Report provided by Jason I

Greetings: My name is Jason I and I'm an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege of serving as the Panel 76, SWTA68 CFC Chair. My sobriety date is 12-20-09. Thank you D11 for an outstanding event.

CFC Workshop:

Over 75 in attendance. As always, there is incredible enthusiasm for corrections service in Area 68. We dedicated time to getting to know each other; and set stage for CFC committee activity for the remainder of the panel. And we were honored by our Class A Trustee, Veronica Ramirez in attendance. She provided a brief introduction of herself and how she came to be involved with AA. Thank you, Veronica, for hanging out with us this weekend and your service to AA!

CFC Committee Sign Up Sheet & Corrections Meetings Log:

If you (or anyone you know that is not here this weekend) wish to be on the Area CFC Committee, please sign up with the QR Code at the CFC table. We currently have over 25 AA's signed up to be a part of the committee! If you know of an AA meeting currently being held behind the walls, please use the other QR Code at the table to provide us with that info. Area 68 Corrections Committee would really appreciate your help in creating an accurate repository of corrections meetings being held in our Area. We already have over 20 meetings logged! Filling out either form should take no longer than 3 minutes. Contact me if you have any questions about either of these sign up sheets

2026 CFC Conference:

The CFC Conference is approaching fast. THANK YOU D1F for hosting and planning this service event. They have been hard at work for several months before I came on board - they are awesome! Their Spanish-speaking planning committee have taken on the challenge of planning an English-speaking conference. This kind of devotion to service is inspiring. The CFC Conference will be a one-day event, held in San Antonio on Saturday, February 21 st . There will be speakers, a professional panel, a workshop session, and TDCJ volunteer certification training (there will be some alternative programming while the training is taking place, if you've wanted to attend and are already certified). An agenda will be posted on the Area website soon. Bids for the 2027 CFC Conference will also be accepted at the end of this year's conference (Saturday evening).

### **Closing Announcements by José M - Area Chair:**

-Glide app will be closing after 1/11/2026 and will be open during area assemblies

-Area Website: [aa-swta.org](http://aa-swta.org) - Password for the Delegates Corner: Panel76

### **“Love & Service - Warranties in Action”**

Talk given by Jamie W - Past Delegate Panel 56 Sobriety Date: 12.12.1986

### **Close of the Assembly by José M - Area Chair**

**Time: 10:42 - Closed with the Lord's Prayer**