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INTERGROUP'S SUMMER OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of our annual summer open house. This event is a big attraction to many but we felt it would be best to cancel this year's event because of continued COVID-19 concerns in our area. The fellowship's health and safety is most important to us. The good news: We're planning one hell of a Holiday Open House DECEMBER 12, 2020. Details coming!



Board of Trustees Meeting*

August 20, 2020, 7 p.m.

Intergroup Delegates*

August 20, 2020, 8 p.m.

Is your group represented at Intergroup? If not, why? Be the link between your group and Intergroup. Join us at our next Delegates' Meeting and learn about services we provide to the newcomer, the AA member and our groups.

See links for additional information:

[Intergroup Pamphlet](#)

[A Guide to the Intergroup Delegate](#)

[AA Guideline "Central or Intergroup Offices](#)

*TBD-Meeting on zoom, in person, or both. Information will be forthcoming.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS



Now accepting nominations for four (4) open positions for Houston Intergroup Board of Trustees, to be voted by the Intergroup Delegates in the October 2020 Meeting. Please click link for a description of BOT position and application form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 713-686-6300 or email at

intergroup@aahouton.org

[Application Form](#)



How AA Helped Me Heal from COVID

In the June 2020 edition of The Link, we asked you to share with us how you have navigated your recovery amid the the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some of your responses ...

GRATITUDE MEMBER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS...

Hi, my name is Karenmarie and I'm an alcoholic."

It took me a long time to get over the feeling of shame I would get when I stated this in meetings. Imagine that. An alcoholic being ashamed, how could that be? I will not bore you with how I ended up in the rooms of Alcoholics anonymous. What I am here to share with you is how getting a potentially deadly virus in the Spring of 2020, caused me to have true feelings of GRATITUDE, that I am a member of Alcoholics anonymous.

My sobriety date is [continue reading](#)

GRATEFUL AA MEMBER ON ZOOM MEETINGS ...

"I'm grateful that a woman who was a part of our group and small circle of close

friends took the time to figure it all out early on. We downloaded the Zoom App and started our AA discussion meetings (Big Book-based topics only) early. I chair two meetings a week so I'm forced to be in a couple meetings at least. So far, they have been great solution-based meetings and I have not missed a beat in my sanity or sobriety during the pandemic! Also, what has been especially nice is another women around the globe has joined us through visiting our meetings, so, I've even gotten to hear new wisdom and meet more people in recovery outside my normal circle. No matter what, AAs around the world share their experience, strength and hope with one another, we share the language of the Heart.

AA MEMBER OPENING UP A NEW WORLD...

Although I miss meeting with members, I do appreciate the Zoom meetings and have found them an excellent way to meet when I cannot make it to a meeting. I have also found it useful to have Zoom meeting members from around the world—members were more willing to share and more disabled members have been able to participate. Hope these meetings continue. Thank you! Regards, Michael

2020 Vision: Intergroup Service Piece 2 Carry the Message

As referenced in the 1st paragraph of the pamphlet, "The AA Group.... Where it all begins" on page 38 the Intergroup Central office "exists to aid the groups in carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Continuing with the last sentence of the 1st paragraph ... generally the Intergroup or Central office responsibility is to; listing 11 bullet points (click image below for link to pamphlet). Is Houston Intergroup fulfilling its responsibility to the Alcoholic who still suffers? To the Newcomer? Yes, we are!

Houston Intergroup Provides Help to the Alcoholic who still suffers and/or the Newcomer by:

- Directing them to a meeting close to their area and how to locate a meeting with
 - Our Website Meeting Finder
 - The Meeting Guide App
 - The Printed Meeting Directory
 - Zoom Meeting Information
- Directing them to "For the Newcomer" page on our website.
- Arranging a 12 step call for them with one of our AA 12 Step volunteers.
- Providing contact information for hospitals, rehab, detox, or sober living.
- Offering general information on the meeting process
- Referring them to the Big Book and how to obtain one through our Retail/Online Bookstore.



[Read Pamphlet](#)



January 15-17, 2021
59th Annual SETA Convention
 "...Happily and Usefully Whole" (p. 15 1902)
 Houston CityPlace Marriott
 1200 Lake Plaza Dr., Spring, TX 77389

Friday, January 15
 7:30 p.m. AA - Cliff G., OKC, OK
 10:00 p.m. AA - Matt C., Austin, TX

Saturday, January 16
 9:30 a.m. GSO Speaker TBA
 11:00 a.m. AI-Anon - Lori G., OKC, OK
 1:30 p.m. CFC - Dan K., College Station, TX
 3:00 p.m. Spanish Speaker TBA
 4:30 p.m. Traditions at Home Workshop
 8:00 p.m. AA - Jennifer H.K., Plano, TX

Sunday, January 17
 10:30 a.m. AA - Johnny H., Long Beach, CA

Pre-registration Fee is \$15 for AA/AI-Anon
VISIT: setaconvention.org or use the QR Codes.

The total room rate is \$155/night and the conference is December 22, 2023. The phone number for the results is 281-288-4002.

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5th Annual Unity & Service Conference
 "Anchored in 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts for Real Life!"
 September 5-6, 2020 (PDT)
 Labor Day Weekend
 Concord, CA, USA

Pacific Daylight Time Zone	Saturday, September 5	Sunday, September 6
8:45 am	Registration	Welcome! Serenely Prayers & Kickoff
9:00 am	Minutes of a Judge Case Awarded Judge Case: Some Rules of Law Judge Case: Some Rules of Law	Breakthrough: Before vs. After the Crisis The 12 Concepts "A Spiritual Experience" Lange, A., Weinman, M. A. & B. Case
9:30-10 am	SERVICE PARTS Part 1 - You are People Part 2 - Building the Way Part 3 - Connections (P&G) Q&A	Serene Parts Part 1 - Public Info & Communication with Professionals Part 2 - Interconnection Part 3 - Connect Q&A
1:00 pm	Break	Break
1:30-4 pm	A Journey to Recovery In A.A. Region 10 Jennifer D. Robinson, M.D. Ph.D., M.Ed., M.A. Ph.D., M.Ed., M.A.	Recovery: An Alternative Approach Ruth S., Regional Director Denver, CO, USA
2:00 pm	The 12th Tradition and Relationships Marilyn M. & Greg M. A.A. Service Entities & Relationships A.A. Service Entities & Relationships A.A. Service Entities & Relationships	Act 11: Basket with Speakers Angela, Virginia, Paul, Roger Christy & Amy
3:00 pm	Break	Break
4:00 pm	Unity and Community in Our Service Entity Dana S., Regional Director Denver, CO, USA	Close with Responsibility Statement
4:30 pm	Close with Responsibility Statement	Online-Only Event! Space is Limited..... Pre-Registration Encouraged!

Registration Link & Contact Info: unityandserviceconference.org 929 222 4855

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Many Groups have questions about "Virtual Baskets" for the 7th traditions donations. We have provided links to useful information:

- [Best Practices For A Digital 7th Tradition](#)
- [Service Material -FAQ On Virtual Basket](#)
- [A.A. Guideline Finance](#)
- [The Group Treasurer](#)
- [Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix](#)

Continuing to collect and distribute 7th Tradition to A.A. Service Entities will ensure that continuations of services are provided to the "New Member"

[Best Practices For A Digital 7th Tradition](#)

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[AAWS Service Material – FAQ on Virtual Basket](#)

[A.A. Guidelines Finance](#)

[The Group Treasurer](#)

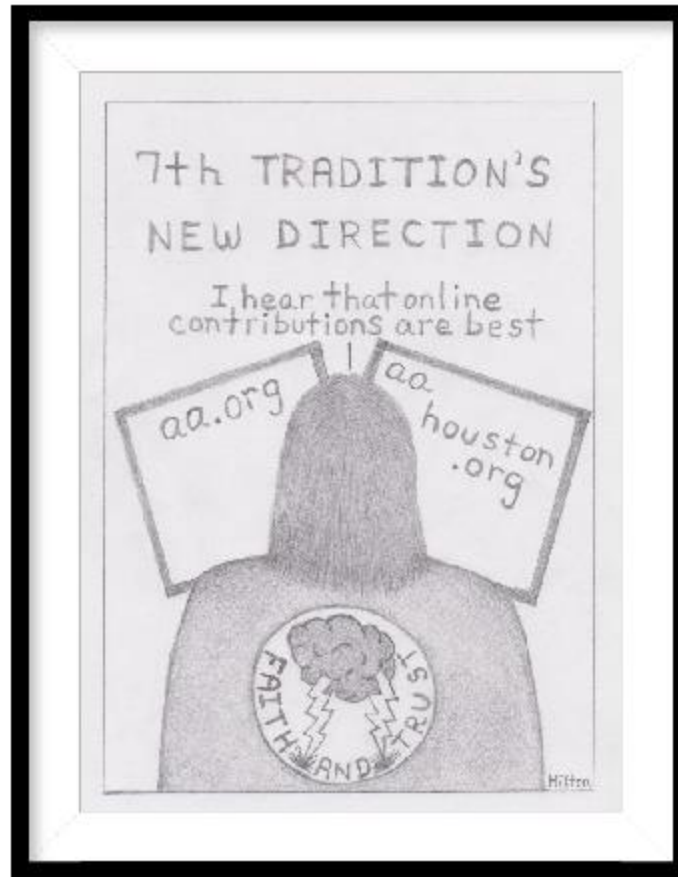
[Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix](#)

coming through the door. Please continue to distribute your 7th Traditions as voted by your Group Conscience. Please read General Service's, "[Communication On Support](#)", address to the fellowship.



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