



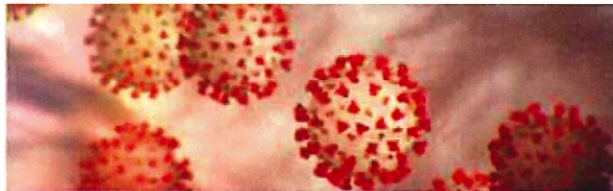
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WE ARE OPEN, COME SEE US!

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Intergroup Bookstore is open MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We will practice social distancing, mask wearing and disinfecting surfaces after each customer. We are taking every effort to ensure your safety during your visits to our store. If you feel uncomfortable coming in, we understand. Please consider ordering books and gifts through our Online Bookstore or by calling 713-686-6300. We will provide "curb-side" delivery upon request.



AA After COVID

**Locked Doors. Empty Rooms. Silenced Relationships.
Sleepless Nights. Worrisome Days. Then came Zoom.**

How did your local group survive the first few months of the Pandemic of 2020? So that we might better serve others in and around Houston, please take a few moments to drop us a note and tell us how COVID-19 impacted you as an individual, as a fellowship. What changes did you have to adapt to and how did it go? Sharing your experiences may help many who find themselves treading on previously untraveled waters. Drop us an email and let us know how life has changed for you in recovery during the time of COVID-19. Our email is: intergroup@aahouston.org



Board of Trustees Meeting* **June 18, 2020 @ 7pm**

Intergroup Delegates* **June 18, 2020 @ 8pm**

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

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 Phamplet](#)

[A Guide to the Intergroup Delegate](#)

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

Meeting Notifications

As more groups open the doors to have meetings at their physical location, we are processing the changes as quickly as we can. We are trying our best to give the most accurate information on meetings, but we are working with an app that was not created for a pandemic! We need the groups' help because, the Meeting Guide App can only use information uploaded from the website. We are faced with limited ability to have a meeting listed as being held both at the location and online. As of now, we cannot add an online meeting without a location, hence the creation of the PDF "[The Houston Area Remote Meeting](#)" found on the COVID-19 Page.

- If the group wants the online meeting type to be added to the website and meeting guide app then we must have that group's URL. The online meeting will show up by the name of the group on the website which is causing confusion that the meeting is ONLY an online meeting. On the meeting guide app a camera will appear under the time indicating that there is an online meeting available. We are putting notes that the meetings are available online and at a physical location, but we are not sure the note section is easily found. On the meeting guide app, users must click on the name of the group to get to the meeting notes.

- If the group states that the meeting location is open but with limited meetings, we will remove the Temporary Closure from those meetings and keep the other meetings closed.

OUR TOP PRIORITY: To provide the most accurate information so that all can find a meeting — especially the newcomer.

Click below for meeting schedule changes.

[Meeting Changes](#)

[Email Intergroup](#)



Workshop

Service in A.A.

How can I be of Service?

Come discover your niche in service. The main purpose of this workshop is to help you find where you feel you can best serve the fellowship – there are numerous opportunities.



Now Online – June 20, 2020
10:00am – 2:30pm

Intergroup Conference Room
4140 Directors Row, Suite D
Houston, TX 77092
713-686-6300
www.aahouston.org

Register: [ONLINE BOOKSTORE / EVENTS](#)

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\$7.50

Registration includes electronic packet to be emailed with Zoom Meeting Information.

Space is Limited

Service Highlights

Home Group

- *Secretary
- *Treasurer
- *Literature Rep
- *GSR
- *Intergroup Delegate

Intergroup

- *Board of Trustee
- *Phone Volunteers
- *Events
- *Newsletter

District / Area

- *Area Officers
- *Standing Committees
- *District Committee Members

Register Here



There's Never a Good Reason to Drink

Our alcoholism is largely a spiritual malady as once the spiritual malady is resolved through our being spiritually awakened the drink problem will be removed. We will be released from the compulsion, desire and obsession to drink as a result of the AA Program and getting right with God and our fellows.

We alcoholics cannot live on air, water and food alone. Simply putting down the bottle is not enough. Stopping drinking and 100% abstinence are mandatory for sobriety and along with it we need to be immersed in all sorts of recovery/spiritual nutrition and nourishment. We all put so much time and energy into going about doing our work for the food and things that perish which is important and a form of service. But, for us alcoholics we will not have these or get them going if we don't do our spiritual works that transform us. Each day we have the choice to make ourselves and the world around us much better and to leave behind us a trail of goodness that we packed into God's creative stream of life. When we go around doing good works as a result of being spiritually awakened, there won't be an opening for worry, fear, confusion and other shortcomings to enter, set in, and take over.

By submitting to the AA Program and surrendering to God we are released from the power alcohol has over us. When this takes place we cannot help but become aware of God's presence. We will be given a spiritual vision that helps us see things clearer so we stay on the sober spiritual path walking in the Sunlight of God's Spirit.

There is never going to be a good reason to take another drink again. It doesn't matter if we lose a loved one—we will grieve the loss. It doesn't matter if a member of the Fellowship goes back out drinking—we will not follow them. If we experience a job loss or any other loss or trouble—we stay surrendered to God remembering to never let up on our recovery, spiritual living. God will take care of us and all things. We are here to do our part to live the full suggested AA Program and keep trying to help others to recover who are still sick from alcoholism. Our main job is to stay sober ourselves no matter what anyone

else is doing. We need to keep seeking how we can do God's will by living in Divine Grace, constantly carrying thoughts like these through the day, here I am God, I seek to do your will, prepare me, make me ready, make me willing, how can I best serve Thee? Thy will, not mine, be done (Big Book pg.76 we ask God to help us be willing). Stay focused on God, God first thing in the morning, prayers, readings, meditation. If a problem comes up in the day we will be quick to contact God's guidance, ask if there's anything we can do about it, take care of things as they come up right away to resolve them or accept things if they can't be changed.

Prayers to God will avail us much. In many instances having faith in God to take care of things, will lead us to do our part while letting God do His part. As we live the Twelve Steps we are doing our part and there's no need to worry or have any unhealthy fears which only cause confusion and disruptions in our minds and lives.

As God has taken care of the drink problem which we could not, He will continue to do for us what we cannot do in other matters as well. Let go and let God, put God in first place in your life, take it easy, this too shall pass—we have been given these slogans in AA for the reason that they work. When the going gets tough we maintain the practice of our AA design for living which works in rough going. The AA Program is not a light duty deal. We will be amazed. Remarkable things will happen. The age of miracles is still with us. Each day in sobriety, as a result of being spiritually awakened, is a day given to us by the grace of God. God is the underlying source of all good and as God did with our alcoholism, His infinite creative power can turn what is difficult and problematic for us into that which is spiritually good for us.

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