



District 33 Southeast Texas Area 67 Newsletter

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Why do we need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life. “We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against the government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. “We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

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Service Work: What is it?

By [Grant D.](#)

If nobody did service work, then the program of Alcoholics Anonymous would cease to exist. We are allowed to have a program where we find a new, better way to live because someone before us did what we are doing now. Service work, stated simply, refers to the work carried out by members of AA with no expectation of financial reward or compensation. AA is organized and carried out by volunteers throughout the world, whether it be by the chairperson, the coffee guy, the old-timers, the sharers. You have probably already started doing service work, and haven't even realized you are!

AA service goes on beyond the meetings as well. There are many opportunities to get involved and help AA thrive in our community. Taking the message to prisons and treatment centers, joining in district meetings, helping out in a committee, and many others. Even if you're not ready to go outside the walls of your meetings, every group should have a group conscience to help you find an opportunity to serve in your group.

The fact is that service work is IMPORTANT. It's important for AA as a whole and as a part of each member's personal recovery. Service work benefits all the involved parties, both the one giving and receiving. It's a good way to get out of ourselves and meet other alcoholics on the same journey as us.

Later in this issue, there is a section for service opportunities that can help give guidance to those hoping to be a part of the AA community. Come be a part of, to help out your fellow members who help keep you sober, and most of all, help yourself.

In love and service,

Grant D.

“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible”

EVENTS
IN DISTRICT 33



Tri-Cities Workshop - 5th Step + Tradition

May 13, 2023, 3pm-4:30pm; 2425 FM 1092 Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459

37th Annual AAggieland Convention

August 4th-6th, 2023; Best Western Premier Hotel, 1920 Austin's Colony Pkwy, Bryan, TX 77802

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
IN DISTRICT 33



CPC/PI Committee

We are looking for people to help fill the CPC/PI committee! Talk to Silas M. if you're interested in helping AA reach the people who need it.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS
OF DISTRICT 33

District 33 Officers/Committees 2023-24				
Position		Name	Phone	Email
DCM	DCM	Tony A		Hidden on website
	Alt	Cody R		To observe traditions
Treasurer	Chair	Ray N		see contact us page
	Alt	Julie S		and we can help you
Secretary	Chair	Josh W		
	Alt	Kimmie W		
Archives	Chair	Kate M		
	Alt			
Intergroup Rep	Chair	Rachel S		
	Alt			
CFC	Chair	Christy E		
	Alt			
CPC/PI	Chair	Silas M		
	Alt			
Events/Activities	Chair	Shannon S		
	Alt			
Grapevine	Chair	Dane S		
	Alt			
IT	Chair	Phillip K		
	Alt			
Literature	Chair			
	Alt			
Multi-Lingual	Chair			
	Alt			
Newsletter	Chair	Grant D		
	Alt			
TFC	Chair			
	Alt			
Unity Conference	Chair	Rhonda F		
	Alt	Curtis H		
Unity Conference Treasure	Chair	Kimie W		
	Alt	Leah Ann V		



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