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From the Director:

If February is any indication, we should be ready for some Chili in March! March 15th to be exact. This year's speaker will be Mark C from Sunday Morning Live. He has an entertaining story and we have a new location with plenty of room. See the info to the right for more information.

The one thing we will need, besides entries of chili and cornbread to judge, is lots of volunteers to help us clean up. We need to leave the Fellowship Hall in great condition. If we can accomplish that, we will pay a modest amount to rent the hall. If anyone is willing to sign up for this commitment just call the office and we will put you on our sign-up list. I hope everyone is practicing your recipes! We have some tough judges to deal with. Costumes, a few cheerleaders, or banners for you entry are all welcome!

Our event at the Southwest Medical School is coming up and will be a little different this year. If you are not on the list of volunteers but have an interest in talking about alcoholism to future doctors, please call me at work or email me. The school prefers that only volunteers that come through the Dallas Intergroup be present at the event. We also need to have name tags for you. If you have received the emails then you are already on the list. We will be happy to have extra since you never know what life has in store for any of us. Just use janis@aadallas.org and tell me you are interested.

Our workshop for February did not happen due to a mix-up in dates with the church. We will try for the end of March for the Nightwatch-Phone School, "What Time is the Noon Meeting." Hopefully on the 22nd if the church can rearrange a couple of things time-wise. We will use the same church we use for the IG Rep meetings and all are welcome. We will be concentrating on Nightwatch, 12th Step Calls, and office phones. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please come and join us. Will there be food? But of course!!

Janis R.

8th Annual Dallas Intergroup CHILI COOK-OFF & CORNBREAD COMPETITION!

March 15, 2014 at Central Christian Church
(4711 Westside Drive - Dallas, TX 75209)

5:00pm

Chili & Cornbread Check-in
(Please have chili & cornbread entries ready to eat.)

5:30pm

Judging Begins

6:00pm

Dinner

7:00pm

Awards Announced

7:30pm

AA Speaker: Mark C.
Sunday Morning Live
(37 years sober!)

All you can eat for a
\$5 donation!

For more info: 214-887-6699 or www.aadallas.org



Last year's winners! 1st Place: Lake Highlands,
2nd Place: Cornerstone, 3rd Place: Kessler Park,
Cornbread winner: Chicago Group



AA's Second Tradition

By Jimmy D

Tradition 2 states the experience of almost every AA member that "hangs his hat" at a home group. In a relatively short period of time after our introduction into the program, if we say we are members of Alcoholics Anonymous, we recognize that AA wants and needs our active participation. The highest life form in AA is as a *sober member of the Fellowship* – as we proceed on our journey in sobriety we will assume many positions of responsibility to our groups, districts, areas, and to the Fellowship as a whole and as we do so we move further and further DOWN the AA food chain. We are truly an

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Volunteering at Intergroup

By Anonymous

The first time I arrived for a volunteer shift at the Dallas Central Office I had absolutely no idea what to expect. Actually, I didn't know what the Central Office was! I might have been more nervous had I known that the frontline of Alcoholics Anonymous was all around me. At first I just got calls about meeting locations. That was hard enough because I didn't realize how many groups were in Dallas and how many people called asking for help finding them! Then there was the computer program that I had to use for the sales of the merchandise in the office. I became fascinated with the jewelry and especially the medallions and God Boxes and then to find out the many, many items published by Grapevine that I had never even heard about. I found out the office carries everything published by AAWS and Grapevine. It was amazing.

I enjoyed the AA members coming in

to the office or calling on the phone asking questions. Many times I had to ask a co-worker's advice until I learned to answer them myself. There were times that the phones were ringing and customers needed assistance with a purchase. Everyone pitched in to take care of business. I thought I knew a lot about alcoholism but I realized that there would always be something to learn from the phones at the Intergroup.

And then there was the fun of working with other alcoholics. We always had a positive way of looking at the day to day happenings. There is no guessing what the day will be like. It might be easy, or it might be another heartbreaking discussion with a mother or daughter or son, grandson or any relative hoping we can come save their loved ones. I dread asking, "Does your relative have any interest in getting sober or stopping



drinking?"

The answer so many times is no, leaving us with very little we are able to do. On rare occasions the relative might call us and the whole office goes into action to do whatever we can for an alcoholic reaching out to us. Passing a person with no hope and little idea of what AA can do over to a 12 Step volunteer to take is a remarkable experience and worth all the other crazy calls that might come.

It is truly a pleasure and privilege to be a volunteer at the Dallas Intergroup Association.

Celebrating 65 Years of Service

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Newsletter Committee open, currently under the Director and Volunteers direction.

“When, therefore, we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. . . Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials.

For example, the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world.”

Bill W.

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A Seed Was Planted

By Andrea H



Once upon a time, I found myself in a rehab facility, stewing in my own brew of hazy resentments and boredom, extreme boredom. Particularly since I had no interest in whatever they were selling on those big wall hangings. I vaguely remember some nonsense about powerlessness, unmanageability and worse yet, God.

Blah, blah and blah. What I was interested in was getting out of there, and making it all work this time, "it" being the alcohol I was convinced that I could not and would not live without.

Drinking always made everything better, I believed, except when it didn't, but I was entirely sure that with a little rejiggering I could make it work for me all the time.

And then a seed was planted.

A woman from AA came in from outside. She was, literally, a breath of fresh air in our confined space. She'd been out running, and smelled like sunshine. It was gorgeous out, yet she'd chosen to come inside to bring us a meeting.

I don't remember her name or what she said, but what she brought to me was inspiration. And a calling. That seed and another recent seed -- planted by a counselor who told me, "You don't have to live that way anymore" (What? I don't?) — were on their way to sprouting.

My intentions that day in rehab suddenly shifted. I no longer thought about getting drunk when I got out. I thought about doing what she was doing.

When I finally got out of rehab, that's exactly what I did. It's called H&I on the East Coast (and the West, where it started in California), for Hospitals & Institutions, and I loved being part of it. In Dallas we call this service commitment, Treatment.

I loved going up to the detox beds in hospitals and surprising the suffering alcoholics with all the ways their lives could change for the better. I loved going to institutions, (a.k.a. rehabs) even, at times, running there.

Altruistic I was not; I cared more about what these Good Samaritan activities were doing for me — I'm such a wonderful person! -- than what they might be doing for, or to,

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"upside down" organization — the groups have all the power but know that they must delegate to their members certain duties and responsibilities so that things are done as simply and with as much efficiency as possible. This ensures that the group is not hindered in its single purpose as stated in Tradition 5.

In each of these trusted servant positions any and all authority is delegated by the group to whom we serve. There are no "titles" in Alcoholics Anonymous — we only use terminology that readily identifies what we are responsible for doing — treasurer, group chairperson, program chairperson, General Service Representative. In all instances there is a mantle of responsibility when assuming a position in AA, but the corresponding authority is clearly a gift of the group.

When we speak of the group conscience of AA oftentimes groups confuse the minimal amount of true business in which they should be engaged with the group conscience. The group conscience, as defined in Tradition 2, is a spiritual entity charged with searching the collective experience of group members to find the best possible ways of carrying the AA message to the still-suffering alcoholic. The business meeting is an entirely separate matter from the group conscience — it is a poor use of AA time to spend an hour discussing the light bill and only 15 minutes talking about meeting formats or having greeters at the door. Our trusted servants (note the word trusted) simply report the state of our business in a minimal amount of time and are available for questions at any time so we can concentrate on fulfilling the purpose of the group. No need to worry about having lights in the building if the AA spirit is dark inside.



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It Ain't the Same...But it is!

By Larry J

We sometimes hear that A.A. is the same everywhere and that was probably pretty accurate at one time. If you have ever done any traveling you probably have noticed some differences.

I got sober in Dallas, TX some 41 & ½ years ago at a time when A.A. was still in its early growth period. I became accustomed to “our” ways of doing things as a matter of course, and I may have played a small part in the way things are done there. It was hard for me to go anywhere in Texas that I didn't know several people and they knew me.

Last July 15th (2013) my wife and I moved across the country to the beautiful South Carolina mountain area. This is where I will spend my retirement years and we truly love the area and we are also in very close proximity to our children and grandchildren. I already had my group picked out due to many previous visits to the area.

Now what I am having to get used to is the way things are done here. The book is the same and the steps are the same but the meetings are very different. My home group meets twice a week and has some really great people, a couple of whom I have known for several years. I will over time get accustomed to the way meetings are conducted here. It has been difficult at times but I must remember they have been doing this for many years and it works for them. One of the most difficult things for me to do in my early days was to conform to the ways of A.A. in general.

What I have to do is sit still and not complain but to look for the positive in what I am finding. This is a great help for me.

As many who know me are aware, I have always been active in service work and that will not change. One of the first people I contacted was the Area Delegate for area 62 SC. I got the date and location of the next area assembly and made my way down to Columbia, SC and attended the fall election assembly. The first committee meeting I attended was Correctional Facilities. I introduced myself because they don't call on people here, at least where I have attended. At the open assembly that afternoon I had the good fortune of running into a member from my first home group in Dallas; what a surprise and a pleasant one at that. She is sponsored by the SC delegate I served with when I was area 65 delegate in NETA. I made more contacts that weekend than I could have made by attending 10 meetings. If that wasn't enough I was invited to help facilitate the election of area officers. A few days later I was asked to sit on an area committee for the next two years.

Is there a message here, I think so? It is a known fact in our fellowship that we can't sit at home and wait for people to come to us.

We must go where they are and let them know we are there and ready to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in any capacity they need us.

I miss my people in Dallas A.A. but you can expect frequent visits from us.

I wasn't asked to do this but as a side note, thanks to the people I have the privilege to sponsor for sticking with me and remaining my lifeline. Your calls are the highlight of many days.

In The Spirit of Fellowship,

Larry J

PS A Dallas member just gave me a twelfth step call near my home in SC just before I sat down to write this.

2013 CHIP SALES

Aluminum	Qty Sold
Desire	17873
1 Month	4475
2 Month	3065
3 Month	3031
6 Month	1897
9 Month	1456

Bronze	Qty Sold
1	1,546
2	720
3	521
4	438
5	358
6	272
7	260
8	221
9	231
10	222
11	128
12	133
13	138
14	125
15	98
16	115
17	101
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26	139
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Tradition Three in the Making

By Janis R

What if you got sober in 1945, and still felt like there was no place you belonged? This is how Barry L describes feeling when he got sober, before we had Traditions to ensure he belonged. One of the very best talks I have ever heard was made by Barry L, a gay member of Alcoholics Anonymous, at the Twin Cities Roundup, Minneapolis, June 1985. When asked if he ever met Bill W, he replied by saying no, I never really met him, he was just always there. Everyone was so busy staying sober and ahead of the process servers and others, that no one introduced Bill W, he was just there all the time trying to stay on top of his problems just like everyone else.

I liked this idea of Bill as one of the many. And 1945 must have been chaotic enough to keep everyone moving. The main issue for Bill in previous years was the writing of the manuscript. At one time Bill said he didn't feel like the writer as much as the referee. Now he was trying to get the traditions written and approved.

Barry had been sober about a year when he and 4 or 5 other gay members of AA, including the women that helped start the Grapevine, decided to try and hold a gay meeting. There were already young people's meetings, and women's meetings being held and listed in the World Directory of meetings.

Bill W was fully behind the idea. The first meeting was held in Harlem in 1946, and over a period of time the meeting began to grow. Bill suggested they keep going for a few months and bring it before the Conference so it could be listed. There was an unpleasant discussion when gay meetings were suggested. When one of the Board of Directors asked those present if they had approved young people meetings with no problems, the body present had to say yes. The same answer came when asked if women's meetings were voted in with none of the type of discussion they had been having. Again the answer was yes. This Board member asked what the problem was and why were they giving these people such a problem. The ensuing vote was almost unanimous, with only two voting against it.

In 1968, Bill W spoke for the last time to the General Service Conference. It was not an "official talk" during the conference but

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the objects of my service. But I was doing the right things, and as Bill W. said, "You can't think your way into right action, but you can act your way into right thinking."

Most important of all? It worked, it really did.

By the time I moved to Texas, I was hell-bent on having the best sobriety possible, and I knew that had to be involved in service work. I found a home group, Friendship in Lewisville, which values service work, not just counting days. I met people for whom service work was an inextricable part of their recovery. Although I was new in Texas, I expanded my repertoire from Two-Step Work to Twelve Step work.

My random acts of service became more concentrated, consistent efforts. I became active on the group level, leading meetings, serving on the steering committee and chairing group conscience meetings, and taking on group chairmanships for treatment centers and corrections. I sponsored other women and went on Twelve-Step calls.

My sobriety and recovery became deeper and richer.

I served as corrections chairman on the district level, and look forward to serving further. I also volunteered at the Dallas Central Office, working one shift a week.

I suit up (dress up?) and show up, and because I may be the only example of AA that people inside the rooms and out ever see, I act accordingly. I live the steps, and try my best to practice the principles in all my affairs.

There are times I don't feel like raising my hand to sponsor people or dragging out to yet another rehab, but then I remember the runner who gave me such a splendid gift that it makes my life, and the lives of everyone I love, better every single day.

And I remember another thing Bill W. said.

"To the world you may be one person, but to that one person you may be the world."

What if you got sober in 1945 and still felt like there was no place you belonged?



Serving as Intergroup Rep

By Susan P

Being elected as an Intergroup Representative was an honor. It gave me the opportunity to be of service to my home group and allowed me to get to know many other Reps. from all over Dallas County. As I entered the large room at my first meeting, I was a bit overwhelmed by the substantial number of people scurrying around to find a chair and collect the papers on the side table. Once seated, the meeting began with the Serenity Prayer. As we continued with the agenda (which I found among the collected papers) we began the Roll Call performed by Janis R., the DIA Director. I strained to hear all the names of the Groups present as well as the names of the people. When my Group was called I nervously croaked out my name. The agenda continued with the financial report, reports by the various DIA Board committee members. They were like the district committees but different in their scope I learned. They had Special Events, Nightwatch, Special Needs, Newsletter, Treatment, PI/CPC, Jails and more. There was also time for the Groups to announce any activities that they were having so other groups could learn about what activities were out there. Most of the flyers were given to Janis so they would end up on the Dallas AA website under the event calendar.

I especially noticed the financial report and that in some months, the money coming in and going out did not seem

to come out in the favor of the Intergroup. Sales of the merchandise sold by DIA were not as favorable as it could have been. Also many groups did not send in a monthly contribution so there was no way to depend on contributions to pay the bills.

In addition to the financials, I was also interested in the process for voting for Board members. Each Rep could vote for 5 people running for the Board. Prospective Board members were able to give a 3 minute talk on why they were the right one for the job. It was difficult to know who to vote for because I hadn't gotten to know very many people. I did my best.

After all of the revelations about an Intergroup meeting and its purpose, my job was to take this information and share it with my group's Steering Committee and Group Conscience.

It was amazing to find out about all the service possibilities provided by the Dallas Intergroup Association and all the things they do to make sure Dallas AA functions well.

By the end of my commitment as an Intergroup Rep, I was proud to be a Rep and like the others I felt very special to be a member of the Dallas Intergroup Association.

ARE YOU A NIGHTWATCHer ???

Opportunity for Service Work which can be performed IN YOUR OWN HOME !!!

As of November 1, 2001 calls to Dallas Intergroup which come in after regular office hours are being forwarded to AA members who have volunteered to participate in NIGHTWATCH. This means that the phones are answered live 24/7 whenever someone calls for help. Experience to date has been very gratifying and many people have already been helped.



But to keep this valuable service going, we need more NIGHTWATCHers.

Here's what you sign up for:

1. Volunteers agree to answer the phones for one shift (i.e. one night shift or one weekend or holiday daytime shift) about once per quarter -- four times per year.
2. They agree to answer all calls to the designated phone number (i.e. not screen calls through an answering device).
3. Volunteers must have a minimum of one year of sobriety and it is suggested that they have taken the 12 Steps and are familiar with Chapter 7 (Working with Others).
4. AA member volunteers are provided with guidelines on handling the various types of calls which may come in and a list of people willing to respond to 12th Step calls. The most current meeting schedules and maps can be found on www.aadallas.org.
5. Specific dates of commitment will be negotiated about a month in advance and volunteers will get a reminder call from Dallas AA Central Office on the Monday preceding the day for which they have signed up. Shift hours are:

NIGHT -- 5:00 PM to 8:30 AM

DAY -- 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM (weekend days and holidays)

To sign up, call Intergroup during regular office hours (214-887-6699) or go online (www.aadallas.org), fill out the volunteer form and be sure to check the box for Nightwatch.



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a talk during an open meeting before the official opening. Struggling for air, He decided to talk about the Traditions. (Barry L was taking notes for the conference and did not actually hear this part of the conference until much later listening to a taped version.)

Bill W. on tape:

“In about year two of the Akron group, a poor devil came to Dr. Bob in a grievous state. He could qualify as alcoholic, all right. And then he said, “Dr. Bob, I’ve got a real problem to pose to you. I don’t know if I could join AA because I’m a sex deviate.” Well, that had to go out to the group conscience, you know. Up to them, it was, to say who could join.

And pretty soon the group conscience began to see the and boil, and it boiled over. And under no circumstances could we have such a disgrace among us, said a great many. And you know right then our destiny hung on a razor edge over this single case. In other words, would there be room that could exclude so called undesirability. And that caused us in that time, and for quite a time, respecting this single case to ponder what is the more important? The reputation that we shall have? What people shall think? Or is It our character? And who are we? Considering our record, alcoholism is quite as unlovely who are we to deny a man this opportunity? Any man or woman? And finally, the day of resolution came. And a bunch were sitting in Dr. Bob’s living room arguing what to do. Whereupon dear old Bob looked around and blandly said, ‘Isn’t it time folks, to ask ourselves what would the Master do in a situation like this? Would he turn this man away?’

And that was the beginning of the AA Traditions that any man who has a drinking problem, is a member of AA if he says so, not whether we say so. Now, I think that the import of this on the common welfare has already been seen, because it takes in even more territory than the confines of our fellowship. It takes in the whole world of Alcoholics. Their charter to freedom to join AA is assured. Indeed, it was an act in general welfare.”

Barry L remained in the middle of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill W entrusted him with the original manuscripts of his work. Barry’s contributions to Alcoholics Anonymous were many, and Tradition Three was just one of the foundations of our fellowship. He also wrote “Living Sober” in 1975, and a remarkable pamphlet entitled: “Do You Think You’re Different” in 1977. If you are fortunate enough to hear any of Barry L’s talks it will take you back to the history of our fellowship in a way I have never heard.

Eleven years ago, in a state of desperation, I dialed the Dallas Intergruop phone number on a Saturday afternoon when the office was closed. A kind, reassuring NIGHTWATCH volunteer answered the phone and directed me to a meeting near my house. I don't remember his name, and we weren't on the phone for very long, but I know that he saved my life that day. It took everything for me to pick up the phone and call Alcoholics Anonymous for help, and if I there had been no answer, or if I had reached a voicemail box, I don't know how long it would have taken me to call again, or if I would have called again at all. NIGHTWATCH matters, and we need more volunteers to answer the phones! Go to www.aadallas.org to and click on Volunteer to sign up.

- Kate B.

The Blue Card: Closed and Open Meetings

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In support of AA’s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are glad you are all here — especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking, we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.

Singleness of Purpose and Problems other than Alcohol

Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to AA and encouraged to attend AA meetings. Anyone may attend open AA meetings but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings. People with problems other than alcoholism are eligible for AA membership only if they have a drinking problem.

George E. Vailiant, M.D., nonalcoholic trustee of the AA General Service Board, made the following statement: “Singleness of purpose is essential to the effective treatment of alcoholism. The reason of such exaggerated focus is to overcome denial. The denial associated with alcoholism is cunning, baffling and powerful and affects the patient, helper and the community. Unless alcoholism is kept relentlessly in the foreground, other issues will usurp everybody’s attention.”



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FEBRUARY

2nd Anniversary for The Way Out AA Group: February 15, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Help the Way Out AA Group celebrate their 2nd Anniversary. The Back to Basics Al-Anon Family Group will also celebrate their second anniversary. Pot-Luck Dinner at 4pm followed by speaker meetings. Please bring a side dish and join us for food and fellowship. The 5:30pm Al-Anon Speaker will be: Susan B (Tulsa, OK). The 7pm AA speaker will be Dave B (Tulsa, OK). First Presbyterian Church of Denton, 1114 W. University Dr, Denton, 76201

How to Chair Meetings Workshop: February 16, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Clean Air Group will host. Moderator: Jorge G., Clean Air Group. Panelists: Janis R., Executive Director, Dallas Intergroup Association and Kate B., Cornerstone Group. Refreshments will be served during the break and after the workshop. 214-750-5722, 9850 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75231

Metropolitan Women's Meeting: February 20, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Come share your heart with other AA women in recovery. 7:00pm Snacks & Fellowship; hosted by the Allen Group, 8:00pm Teresa R., Cornerstone Group, will be the AA speaker. Enjoy a night of sober women, good and sisterhood in Alcoholics Anonymous. Unity Church, 6525 Forest Lane, Dallas

Lake Highlands Group to Celebrate 33 Years of AA! February 22, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Celebrate Lake Highlands' 33rd Birthday. 6pm: Meet & Eat anniversary cake, potluck dinner, 7:15 Group History, 7:30: Bob C. from Georgetown Group will speak, over 50 years of sobriety. Fun, Food and Fellowship. Group is located in the GraceHill Community Building, facing Shoreview. 214-340-0077, 8535 Ferndale Rd, Suite 6, Dallas, TX 75238

MARCH

Sister to Sister, Waco Women's Conference: March 7-9 The 20th Annual Sister to Sister Conference. Registration fee includes lodging, 5 meals, 2 snacks, workshops, speakers, trail ride and more. Please bring your own linens, towels, soap, pillows, flashlight, personal items and any special dietary needs. Speakers include: Beverly B, Al-Anon, Lewisville; Stephanie C, AA, Elm Mott; Jennette M., AA, Dallas. Check in is 4pm. T-shirts and raffle tickets will be for sale. Registration is \$130.00. A \$65 deposit should be mailed to: Sister to Sister Retreat, Waco's Women's Conference, 905 Crested Butte, Hewitt, TX 76643. For directions and more information: Virginia S, 254-666-8968

Citywide Dallas: March 8, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm An open AA meeting. Potluck Dinner at 5pm, Speaker, Tom I., Aberdeen, NC at 7pm. For more information email citywidedallasaa@gmail.com. Free childcare, limited space. Lovers Lane Methodist, 9200 Inwood, Dallas, Tx 75220

8th Annual DIA Chili Cook-off and Cornbread Contest: March 15, 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Speaker will be Mark C., with 37 years of sobriety and a member of the Sunday Morning Live Group. We are very excited to have Mark speak for us. He is vastly talented and has a wonderful story to share. Get your chili going and cornbread cooking. Add your group to the permanent plaque in the DIA office. Westside Christian Church, 4711 Westside Drive (near Inwood and Mockingbird Lane)

Group Contributions

Year-End 2013

A Daily Reprieve	1,251.02
Addison	120.00
Allen Group	710.00
Aquarius Group	200.00
Big Book - Dallas	150.00
Bruton Terrace Group	20.00
Carrollton	2,400.00
Carry the Message	471.53
Chicago	135.00
Clean Air	2,070.00
Clean Air North	9,052.64
Colony Group	220.00
Coppell	500.00
Cornerstone	1,375.00
Dallas North	4,630.00
Denton Unity	90.63
Downtown Group	56.50
Downtown Nooners	1,600.00
Duncanville	275.00
Ennis	50.00
Expect A Miracle	20.00
Frisco	10,635.87
Garland Clean Air	233.04
Georgetown	3,825.00
Highland Park Tuesday Night	460.00
Highland Park Women's	663.50
Independence Group	100.00
Kessler Park Group	864.00
Lake Highlands	220.00
Lakeside Traditions	980.00
Lakewood	1,384.00
Lambda	3,661.26
Legacy	120.00
Lewisville	1,789.53
Little Elm Group	480.00
McKinney Fellowship	239.54
McKinney Men's Group	250.00
McKinney Miracle Group	2,051.99
New Freedom	592.37
No Hassle Account on Hold	488.83
Oak Cliff Group/no charges	5.00
Oak Lawn	50.00
ODAAT	1,425.00
Prosper Country Grp	209.00
Ray of Hope - Seven Points	110.00
Red Oak Group	150.00
Richardson	300.00
Ross Avenue Group	120.00
Rowlett	165.00
Rule 62 Group	28.00
SEDCO Group	600.00
Seniors in Sobriety	41.00
Serenity Circle Group	50.00
Simply AA	45.00
Singleness of Purpose	1,137.55
Southwest Clean Air	605.65
Stemmons Group	16.00
Step Up	150.00
Sunday Morning Live	1,025.00
Terrell Group	30.00
The Gift of Sobriety	210.00
Town North	360.00
Town South	100.00
Traditional	1,437.07
Upper Room	250.00
Whiskey and Milk Group	1,362.80
White House	545.00
WHITE ROCK	25.00
Wylie Group	130.00

TOTAL 65,118.32