

The DIALOG

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Welcome to the DIALOG – your newsletter for the Dallas Intergroup Association

Dallas AA History

Esther E. (shown here with AA co-founder **Bill W.**), whose story “*A Flower of the South*” can be found in the Third Edition of the Big Book on page 384, **introduced AA to Dallas in 1943** after reaching her bottom and sobering up in Houston.

When she arrived in Dallas, she found no functioning AA group (it had just been 8 years since Bill W. and Doctor Bob had found each other and begun AA), so she quickly moved to establish one.

Early Dallas AA met in her home, and the news of Dallas AA spread strictly by word-of-mouth. A meeting place was finally found in 1945 at 912½ Main Street in downtown Dallas. Meetings in those days were only at 8:00 PM and were strictly speaker meetings. There were evidently fewer than twenty people sober in Dallas AA by the end of 1945.

It was after World War II when American military personnel returned from overseas that AA’s population explosion truly began. After the Suburban Group was begun near Lee Park (corner of Dickason and Sale Streets in Dallas, just north of downtown), other groups soon followed.

The fledgling fellowship grew member by member, and a few other groups began to form. After a several years of this growth, it became apparent that a **central office** was needed.



Esther E. passed away on June 3, 1960 with slightly more than 19 years of sobriety. Her copy of the Big Book, which is inscribed by AA co-founder and Big Book author Bill W., is on display in the Dallas Central Office.

NEXT Newsletter an October 1999 interview with **Searcy W.**, then Dallas’ oldest AA member. Searcy died in 2003 with **57 years of sobriety!** There is a great amount of local AA history in this interview...be sure to read it.



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>NETA 65 How to Chair a Meeting Workshop 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm The Show Me Group</p>				<p>Dallas Intergroup Rep Meeting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Metropolitan Women's Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Valentine's Day </p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						<p>Dallas Intergroup Association Chili Cook Off 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Irving Group 67th Anniversary 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						<p>NETA 65 Speaker Panel 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm ODAAT Group</p> <p>LEAP YEAR</p>

Get in the Middle...

...of AA. Don't just check out the following service opportunities

Get into Action!

HELP set up the **Intergroup Chili Cook-off** -- Email Wayne J at events@aadallas.org or call the Intergroup Office at 214-887-6699. *All sobriety levels and skills welcome!*

JOIN the **Nightwatch** Committee or join Nightwatch to take after-hours calls from Intergroup -- email Tom M. at nightwatch@aadallas.org or call 214-887-6699. *Requires 1 year sobriety / must have worked 12 steps.*

MAN a table at a **Health or Education Fair** -- email cpcpi@aadallas.org.

SPEAK at area groups -- call the Intergroup office. *Requires 1 year sobriety / must have worked 12 steps.*

TAKE a meeting to **Lew Sterrett Jail or Texas prisons** -- email Tad B. at corrections@aadallas.org. *Requires 1 year sobriety.*

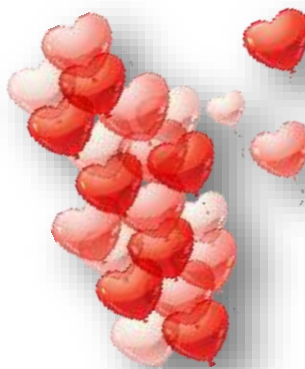
TAKE a Meeting to a **Treatment Center** - email Kim M at treatment@aadallas.org.

WORK in the **Intergroup Office** - Call the Intergroup Office from 10a – 5p (M-F).


HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES!


HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES!


HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES!





Upcoming Events


 **NETA65 2020 Treatment Workshop**
 March 7 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Glass House Group, 6713 Hemsell Place
 Fort Worth, TX 76116


 **Movie Night at the Belmont Group**
 March 7 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Belmont Group, 2206 Jupiter Rd Suite 130
 Garland, TX 75041

 **Sober Speak Live**
 March 20 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Grace Avenue United Methodist Church
 3521 Main Street
 Frisco, TX 75034

 **Irving 2020 Spring Fling Conference**
 March 27 - March 28
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 2901 N. O'Connor Road
 Irving, TX 75062

 **Movie Night at the Belmont Group**
 April 4 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Belmont Group, 2206 Jupiter Rd Suite 130
 Garland, TX 75041

 **Dallas Intergroup Rep Meeting**
 April 9 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 McIver Chapel at Wilshire Baptist Church
 4316 Abrams Rd
 Dallas, TX 75214

 **GirlAPaloozAA 2020**
 April 24 - April 26
 Mesquite Convention Center
 1700 Rodeo Drive
 Mesquite, TX 75149

CALLING ALL WRITERS...

Send us your experiences of UNITY, RECOVERY, and SERVICE
Send us your HOME GROUP history
Tell us about events coming up at your HOME GROUP
Email

Memorials – In Loving Memory

Contact Intergroup at DIAlog@aadallas.org if you have any memorials to include in future newsletters

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If you have a **GROUP ANNIVERSARY** coming up **PLEASE** contact the **DALLAS Intergroup** at DIAlog@aadallas.org so we can feature it on aadallas.org AND feature your group history in an upcoming newsletter.