

Area 46, District 4

April 2020 Newsletter



COVID 19 Virus changes the way we meet

The District web site <http://www.nmdistrict4aa.com> has the latest ZOOM meeting group links. Here is a list of the latest (as of 4/5/2020) online meetings.

Topic: Sierra Group
Time: 12:00 PM every Sun, Tue, Thu, and Sat.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/587378674>
Meeting ID: 587 378 674

Topic: Beginners Group
Time: 07:00 PM Every day,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/997171442>
Meeting ID: 997 171 442

Topic: TGIF
Time: 06:00 PM Every week on Fri,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/706127184>
Meeting ID: 706 127 184

Topic: Vaya con Dios
Time: 07:00 PM Every week on Wed, Sat,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/150975430>
Meeting ID: 150 975 430

Topic: AA and Meditation Meeting
Time: 04:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/770604976>
Meeting ID: 770 604 976

Brown Baggers
Time: Apr 1, 2020 12:00 Every day,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/237346260>
Meeting ID: 237 346 260

Topic: Happy Hour
Time: 08:00 PM Everyday
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/541183291>
Meeting ID: 541 183 291

Topic: Six O'Clock Solution
Time: 06:00 PM Every week on Fri,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/469838567>
Meeting ID: 469 838 567

Topic: Men's Stag
Time: 07:30 PM Every week on Mon,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/449927642>

Topic: Las Mujeres
Time: 12:00 PM Every week on Thu,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/864226092>
Meeting ID: 864 226 092

Topic: Downtown Group
Time: 05:30 PM Every day,
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/427391800>
Meeting ID: 427 391 800

Topic: Ladies' Night
Time: 07:00 PM Every week on Tue, until Apr 28, 2020, 6 occurrence(s)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/613458289>

AA Oldtimer Quotes

When World War II broke out, this spiritual principle had its first major test. A.A.'s entered the services and were scattered all over the world. Would they be able to take discipline, stand up under fire, and endure the monotony and misery of war? Would the kind of dependence they had learned in A.A. carry them through? Well, it did. They had even fewer alcoholic lapses or emotional binges than A.A.'s safe at home did. They were just as capable of endurance and valor as any other soldier. Whether in Alaska or on the Salerno beachhead, their dependence upon a dependence was their chief source of strength.

We have not once sought to be one in a family, to be a friend among friends, to be a worker among workers, to be a useful member of society. Always we tried to struggle to the top of the heap, or to hide underneath it. This self-centered behavior blocked a partnership relation with any one of those about us. Of true brotherhood we had small comprehension.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 53

Step, Tradition, and Concept of the Month

<p style="text-align: center;">Step Four <i>Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves</i></p> <p>Step four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, when, and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach. Before tackling the inventory problem in detail, let's have a closer look at what the basic problem is. Simple examples like the following take on a world of meaning when we think about them. Suppose a person places sex desire ahead of everything else. In such a case, this imperious urge can destroy his chances for material and emotional security as well as his standing in the community. Another may develop such an obsession for financial security that he wants to do nothing but hoard money. Going</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tradition Four</p> <p>"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."</p> <p>AUTONOMY is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous? Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today. When A.A.'s Traditions were first published, in 1946, we had become sure that an A.A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concept two</p> <p>Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.</p>
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Arid Club Speaker Meetings

Calendar of Birthdays

		<p>Las Mujeres April birthdays 4-1-82 Jeannie H. 38 yrs 4-4-87 Kathryn H. 33 ys 4-25-82 Caroline P. 38 yrs 4-26-61 Sammie 59 yrs 4-26-82 Faith S. 38 yrs</p>
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Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

Due to the current changing health situation, many AA meetings across the U.S. and Canada are finding it safer to close. To help members during this time, we are giving everyone [free access](#) to all of our 2020 Grapevine and La Vi issues. (The audio to Grapevine 癡 stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. We have also included a link to our You tube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information.

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www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help