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**Tyler, Inc.**

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**Tyler, Texas 75702**

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# *The Way Out*

February 2012

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EAST TEXAS AA  
CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE  
401 E. Front, STE 145B  
Tyler, TX 75702 903-597-1796  
PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY  
January 2011

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INCOME	
Bank Interest	14.51
Coffee Donations	21.15
Contributions	982.56
P&H Collected	182.64
Sales Income	8,035.01
Sales Tax	64.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,300.62</b>

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EXPENSE	
Bank Service Fees	0.00
Computer / Website	62.89
Copy Machine	272.11
Insurance	0.00
Materials	4,767.59
Misc Expense	0.00
Office Supplies	97.44
Payroll	895.64
Postage	479.24
Rent	653.00
Telephone	312.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>7,539.91</b>

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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,760.71</b>
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## STEP TWO

**Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

12X12 P. 25

## TRADITION TWO

**For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

WHERE does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, "This simply can't be. There must be an angle somewhere."

These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and learn that the sole authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. They dubiously ask an experienced A.A. member if this really works. The member, sane to all appearances, immediately answers, "Yes!

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It definitely does." The friends mutter that this looks vague, nebulous, and pretty naive to them. Then they commence to watch us with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

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## **CONCEPT TWO**

### **GSC EXPRESSES THE CONSCIENCE OF AA:**

When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference --- excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society .

SERVICE MANUAL PG. 43

## **A.A.'S LEGACY OF SERVICE**

Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message - is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

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## **2012 Intergroup Schedule**

January	No Intergroup in January
February	Serenity Group
March	Triangle Group
April	Suburban Group
May	Lindale Group
June	Tyler Anniversary Committee
July	Alpha Group
August	Central Service Office
September	District 42 Committee
October	Circle 12 Group
November	Alpha Group
December	Compound Group

## **Hosted by Triangle Group**

Saturday March 10, 2012

1034 E. Lake St.

7:00 pm - Food & Refreshments

7:50 pm - Raffle

8:00 pm – Speaker

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## **EAST TEXAS SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS for January**

Name	Yrs	Group	Name	Yrs	Group
Amanda S.	1	Lake St.	Mike W.	7	Alpha
Bennett W.	1	Alpha	Shea	7	Alpha
David Mc.	1	Alpha	Kim B.	11	Lake St.
Kerri K.	1	Lake St.	Nancy M.	13	Lake St.
Matt R.	1	Alpha	Carrol Mc.	15	Lake St.
Gaylene T.	2	Alpha	Pam G.	15	Alpha
Kristy A.	2	Lake St.	JoAnna A.	16	Alpha
Ron R.	2	Lake St.	Walton P.	16	Green Rm
Tracy R.	2	Lake St.	Seanne Y.	20	Alpha
David H.	3	Alpha	Preston	22	Lake St.
Janet M.	3	Alpha	Dan B.	26	Lake St.
Robert R.	3	Lake St.	Diane I.	28	Alpha
Steve Y.	3	Alpha	Jackie Mc.	29	Lake St.
Randy R.	4	Lake St.	Frances A.	32	Lake St.
Sarah G.	4	Lake St.	Don F.	35	Lake St.
Jan (W) D.	7	Green Rm	Art B.	37	Lake St.

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## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

**Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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*If you change your action, your attitude will change.*

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## **CIRCLE 12 GROUP**

**Moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church**

3232 Jan Ave.

Tyler, TX

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## **QUITMAN BACK DOOR GROUP**

**Additional New Meetings**

Women's Meeting -7:00 pm-Tuesday (Closed)

Book Study Meeting-Noon-Thursday (Closed)

303 W. 154 Hwy., Ste. 103

Quitman, TX

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## **LINDALE GROUP**

**Additional New Meetings**

Tues. & Wed. @ 7:00 PM (Closed)

First United Methodist Church

402 W. Hubbard

Lindale, TX

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## **On-Line?**

Visit our website at **[www.tyler-aa.org](http://www.tyler-aa.org)** for:

- East Texas Meeting Schedule
- East Texas Newsletter
- AA Event Flyers
- Merchandise Price List
- and more

## ***Want to be of service to AA?***

If you are interested in being a *CSO Volunteer* or on our *12<sup>th</sup> Step Call Out List* please contact Vivian C. or Dave P. at the CSO (903-597-1796) or drop by for a visit.

### **CSO Newcomer Pack**

**Price Increase to \$1.00**

**February 1, 2012**

The CSO Newcomer Pack contains \$1.50 worth of AA Pamphlets plus the ET Meeting Schedule and other useful information.

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## **UPCOMING AA EVENTS**

**February 24 -26, 2012**

**Longview Clean Air Group**

Traditions & Concepts Workshop

Holiday Inn Express

300 Tuttle Circle

Longview, TX

Melissa H. (903)720-4264

**March 22-25, 2012**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Upstate Louisiana Convention**

Civic Center

Ruston, LA

Website: [www.rustonaaorg](http://www.rustonaaorg)

**April 19-22, 2012**

**Springtime in the Ozarks**

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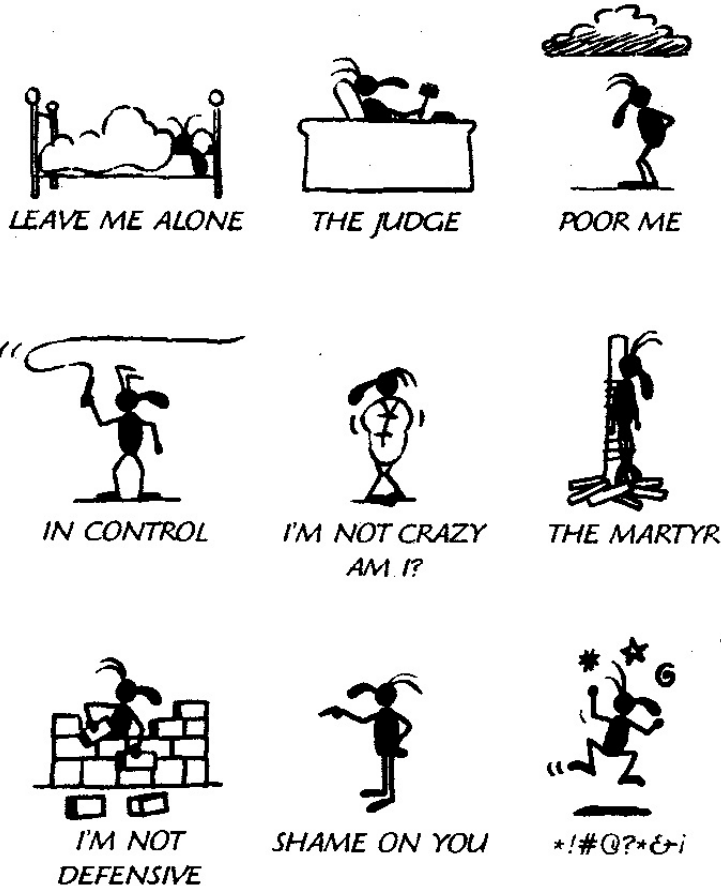
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

website: [www.nwarkaa.org](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

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**Do not disturb.  
The Committee is in session.**

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*The Twelve Steps gives us the tools that allow us to be exactly who we want to be.*

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## **GREAT REALITY**

**We finally saw that faith in some kind of God  
was a part of our make-up,  
just as much as the feeling we have for a friend.  
Sometimes we had to search fearlessly,  
but He was there.**

**He was as much a fact as we were.**

**We found the Great Reality deep down within us.  
In the last analysis it is only there that He may be found.**

**It was so with us.**

*c. 2001AAWS, Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 55  
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The fact is that most alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so called will power becomes practically nonexistent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week or a month ago. We are without defense against the first drink.

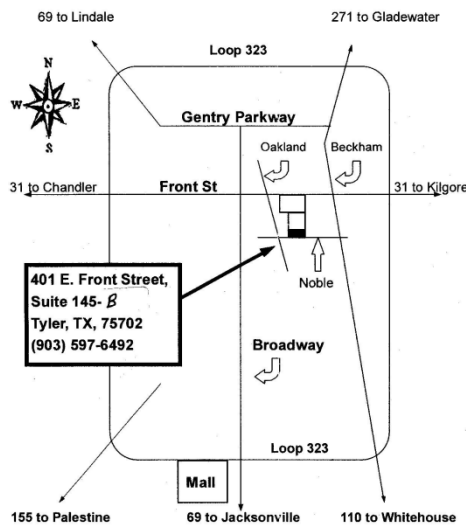
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ETCSO@ATT.NET

The East Texas Central Service Office (CSO) is a state chartered non-profit corporation serving Alcoholics Anonymous groups and individuals in the East Texas Area and beyond. CSO is open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Our coffee pot is always on so drop by and have a cup with us when you can.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



- ❖ **24 Hour Telephone Contact:** 903.597.1796 is answered at the CSO during business hours and by a professional Answering Service after working hours.
- ❖ **Twelfth 12 Step:** CSO maintains a list of East Texas AA members willing to go on calls and uses that list to connect them to new prospects.
- ❖ **Recovery Merchandise:** CSO maintains an inventory of AA Conference Approved and other recovery related literature and materials for sale.
- ❖ **East Texas AA Meeting Schedule:** CSO publishes an AA Meeting Schedule which is available at the office and is accessible on our website.
- ❖ **Internet Website:** CSO provides a website ([www.tyler-aa.org](http://www.tyler-aa.org)) with meeting schedules, upcoming AA Events, available merchandise & ordering information, and other pertinent AA information.
- ❖ **East Texas AA Newsletter:** CSO publishes a monthly Newsletter that includes a current CSO financial report.
- ❖ **Liaison:** CSO maintains liaison with the media, medical and other community organizations to provide general information about AA as requested and required.

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<b>GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>Y.T.D</b>
Athens Group		0.00
Atlanta Group		0.00
Atlanta Way of Life Group		0.00
Bullard Group		0.00
Carthage Group		0.00
Center Group	10.13	10.13
Chandler Lakeside Group	50.00	50.00
Commerce Group		0.00
Crockett - Open Arms Group		0.00
Dangerfield Group		0.00
District 41		0.00
Edgewood Cross Roads Group		0.00
Fairfield Common Solutions Group		0.00
Frankston Group		0.00
Foreman (AR) Rocky Comfort Group		0.00
Gilmer New Freedom Group		0.00
Gilmer Pioneer Group		0.00
Gladewater Group		0.00
Hallsville Group		0.00
Hawkins Love & Miracles Group	396.00	396.00
Hemphill - Serenity Group		0.00
Hemphill - Women's HOW Group		0.00
Henderson Hope Group		0.00
Jacksonville Fellowship Group		0.00
Kaufman Group		0.00
Kilgore - Primary Purpose		0.00
Kilgore - Unity Group		0.00
Lindale Group	50.00	50.00
Lone Star Playhouse Group		0.00
Longview - Clean Air Group	150.00	150.00
Longview - Greggton Group	20.00	20.00
Longview - Noon & Nite Group	25.00	25.00
Longview - Springhill Group	10.00	10.00

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<b>GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>Y.T.D</b>
Palestine - Loop Group	25.00	25.00
Paris - 8th Street Group		0.00
Paris - Downtown Group		0.00
Pittsburg Group		0.00
Point - Turning Point Group		0.00
Quitman Back Door Group		0.00
Teague - BiStone Group	36.00	36.00
Texarkana ODAT		0.00
Tanaha - Center Group		0.00
Tyler - Alpha Group		0.00
Tyler - Circle 12 Group	110.60	110.60
Tyler - Living Sober Group		0.00
Tyler - Suburban Group		0.00
Tyler - Legacy Group		0.00
Tyler - Serenity Group		0.00
Tyler - Triangle Group		0.00
<b>PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
David H.	25.00	
In Memory of Mark H.	35.00	
<b>NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		
Bob I.	6.00	
Cynthia Walton	3.00	
Glen Watkins	12.00	
William B.	3.00	
<b>TEXAS SALES TAX</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>Y.T.D</b>
Sales Tax Correction	15.83	15.83
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>982.56</b>	<b>982.56</b>

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