



PASS IT ON...

NWTA 66 Newsletter



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Just A short story

What AA Did For Me, That first day I walked into an AA meeting was a scary experience. The decision to actually attend a meeting was probably harder than walking through the door for the first time as the fear of the unknown can be crippling. I was raised catholic and had been excommunicated a long time ago. I wasn't sure what would happen, but I had thoughts of being struck by a bolt of lightning as I walked through the doors. I was happy to find out that we entered the church via a side entrance. As I entered, I was pleasantly greeted and motioned to a table of refreshments. There were many people of all ages intermingling. There were about six long tables with chairs around them, but few people were sitting. I took a seat at an empty table. It wasn't long, the meeting was to start, and everyone filled the empty seats. The meeting was structured and not in any way intimidating. You participated as little or as much as you wanted. After that initial meeting, and as I began to know people it was a pleasant place to go.

AA is a place that offers you encouragement. I had done so many bad things that I carried with me shame and guilt. AA taught me

that I wasn't a bad person and that although I had done bad things, it was not who I was. I was who I chose to be.

AA helps you develop and nurture friendships. You share your stories and people share their stories with you, some of you connect, and over time, friendships grow. It is natural and progressive. Not forced in any way.

AA gives you a place to belong. It had been a long time since I had belonged anywhere. I felt that I didn't fit it with most people so I avoided clubs or associations. It can give you roots to your community. It allows you an opportunity to give back to your fellow man and to your community.

One of the most important things that AA did for me was to put me in touch with my feelings. It was a safe place to share my feelings with no masks of any kind. It gives you a voice, your own voice. I began to realize what was important to me. What I wanted my life to look like, and what I needed to have in my life to be happy. I started to make decisions for me, better or worse.

AA taught me the greatest life lesson that I will ever need to know, "To Thy Own Self be True!"
Happy Holidays



Tim B. Area Chair wishes all a Merry Christmas

Upcoming Events

- *NWTA 66 Mini Forum will be Midland Texas January 30, 2010 from 9 am to 4 pm at 1208 W. Wall street.*
- *International Convention will be held July 1st - 4th, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas.*
- *Top of Texas 64 th Anniversary will be Feb. 12th - 14th, 2010 in Amarillo.*
- *Into Action group will celebrate 15years in January.*



Happy Birthday

Linda R. of Borger	22 yrs
Ramona S. of Hereford	9 yrs
Susan O. of Amarillo	5 yrs
Wayne O. of Amarillo	10 yrs
Roger S. of Midland	
Celebrated on the 19th of Dec	

From Willard M. on the International Convention

Here is some info about badges, meetings, badges at meetings, etc.

(please share with your friends)

At our last (local host committee) meeting the question of checking badges came

up. Here is the final definitive answer. Really!!

Badges will not be checked in the Convention Center proper, but will be checked at meetings in the Convention Center and nearby hotels.

In other words, anybody can

visit the Convention Center or Hotels, however –you will not be able to attend meetings unless you have a badge. As we discussed all attendees - anyone who enters the Alamodome (the Big Meetings) **MUST** have badges.