



# Pass it on....

NWTA 66 Newsletter

## Texas State Convention

The Convention was a successful event. It was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin with 1755 registrants. It was commented that this was the largest convention that most had attended.

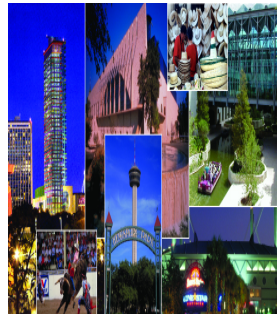
The NWTA 66 archives were present and there were several speakers that included service as part of their talk.

The final financial numbers will come in at a later date. Last year the Convention brought in of a total of \$8,645.54 which was distributed

as follows:

\$864.56 going to each the General Service Office, an Area's 65, 66, 67 and 68. With a Balance of \$4,322.84 back into the State Convention fund for 2009.

The Texas State Convention will skip next year (2010) due to the International Convention that will be held in July 1st - 4th in San Antonio.



2010 International Convention will be held in San Antonio Texas in July. Keep watch for more information this fall. Or go to the area website at : [nwt66.org](http://nwt66.org)

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## Remembering 50 years ago.....

In July 1950, Alcoholics Anonymous' 15th anniversary is marked with an International convention in Cleveland, with some 3,000 people in attendance. One of the most significant events is the adoption of the Twelve Traditions. The convention, held at the Cleveland Public Auditorium, also featured the public message to the Fellowship by Dr.. Bob, who stresses, in

his brief remarks, kindness and "Keeping it simple."

The death of Dr. Bob occurred on November 16, 1950, when he died of cancer. During the Akron physician's 15 years of sobriety, the Fellowship he started with Bill W. had transformed the lives of close to 100,000 men and women and their loved ones.

### Upcoming events:

Mini Forum in Lubbock August 8th, 2009 at the Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center.

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35th Annual West Texas Roundup in Odessa, Texas August 7th, 8th, and 9th 2009.

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Top Texas Round up in Amarillo with be Sept. 24th - 27th 2009.



Christy E.	4 years
Brett K.	6 years
Arturo H.	6 years
Donna H.	3 years
Wynn S.	18 years

## One Man's Trash is another man's treasure...

The old saying really does make sense. Only in this case it would be one group's trash is another man's hopes. I have been going through old boxed up stuff at our meeting place in Hereford. Some of the older items have just been boxed up and put out of sight so to speak and some stuff was chewed on, rained on etc... But some are in decent enough shape to be items that our Archives Department may want.

I ran across some old pamphlets from way back and ask John M. Area 66 Archive Chair, if he would like to have them. So in his saying yes I will box these up and take them to him. I figure if they aren't what he needs or wants at least I tried to help with building some history that was just pulled out of old boxes wasting away.

I am writing this just to remind other groups, or members who have items boxed up, and forgotten items that you may not have any use for to pass them on to Archives. Big or small items are always welcomed. I have taken a few that actually were needed or helpful to Archives. I know that those items forgotten about could be a BIG asset to HISTORY. So if you run across any of those forgotten boxes Please pass them on.



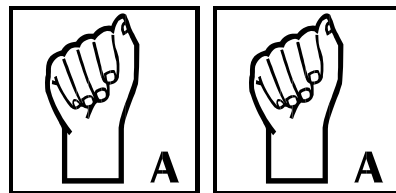
Some of the pamphlets found stuffed away.

## Did You Know?

Deaf AA members in Texas are bound by law to be provided an interpreter. This person is paid with federal and state funding. Any deaf alcoholic needing to go to a meeting can contact the local Deaf Center and will be provided an interpreter to go with them.

In Lubbock, the Deaf Center and MHMR, which is the mental health advocate would be whom would pay for anyone needing a signer for a meeting or a convention.

I personally had not given this any thought



till this was brought to my attention. At the present time, there are no active deaf AA members in this area.



Be the first to answer the following question by emailing it to :

[soberevis7@hotmail.com](mailto:soberevis7@hotmail.com)

You will win a surprise.

**Q: Who was the first woman to achieve permanent sobriety in AA?**

## A Story of I Can't, I Don't Know, and I Am

I Can't live in a very dark place and all alone. I Can't do the work of a day and then I Can't drink. She couldn't look in the mirror anymore. She said every day, "I Can't be happy. I Can't not drink. I Can't live like this. I Can't feel. I Can't breathe. I Can't. I Can't. I Can't."

She lost her breath and she cried so hard she thought she was dying. And she was.

One day, she became desperate to live. She was afraid, but willing to take a chance. "Help me," she said on the phone to a stranger. And then I Can't

became I Don't Know.

I Don't Know if this will work for me. I Don't know if I believe in God. I Don't know you people. I Don't know what's going to happen. I Don't Know if I can. I Don't Know, took a deep breath and looked in the mirror. Then she left her house and went to find out.

I am Christy and I Am an alcoholic. I am someone who still lives with fear, anger, doubt, sadness. But I am also now someone who knows hope, knows peace, knows joy, knows love. I Am not perfect.

But I am getting better. And because I choose everyday to use the gift of the 12 steps in my life I Am sober. I Am alive. I Am alive. I am grateful. I Am Ok.

I am a part of the word "WE". We are a Fellowship of men and women who have shared in a common peril and who have discovered a common solution. We have found the way out. Page 132 in the Big Book says, "We have recovered and have been given the Power to help others." Thank You for helping ME. Submitted by: Christy E.