

NEW TO AA? WELCOME TO CLUB 12!

HOW TO FIND AN AA MEETING

WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG

WWW.CLUB12.ORG

There are two main types of meetings:

In-Person (live) at Club 12 and Groups all over the City.
Or Online - mainly by Zoom.

These are divided into types.

- A. (O) OPEN MEETING - ANYONE CAN ATTEND.
- B. (C) CLOSED MEETING - ONLY PEOPLE CONSIDERING THEMSELVES ALCOHOLICS MAY ATTEND.

The Central Service Office of San Antonio keeps an updated database for you to search for in-person and online meetings in your area and those designed for our diverse AA community. www.aasanantonio.org

You can also call the **24 Hour Hotlines** for help finding a meeting.
ENGLISH 210-828-6235 SPANISH (210) 409-8524

If you have a smart phone, go to the app store and download the Meeting Guide app (the one showing a white chair).

The App will find the closest meeting to your location.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic some groups are still not meeting in-person.

Club 12 has in-person meetings every weekday 7am-11pm and weekends 8am-11pm



CLUB 12 - A PLACE FOR RECOVERY SINCE 1949

GROUP 12 & CLUB 12

What's the Difference?

Because Club 12 was co-founded at the same time as Group 12, some people think they are the same, and yet they are separate entities.

GROUP 12

Group 12 is an AA group of men and women gathered together for sobriety who hold their meetings at Club 12. There are currently over 75 AA meetings a week at Club 12. Membership in Group 12 is free to any alcoholic who wants to join. You are a member if you say you are. Members may use the Club while attending meetings.

Club 12 is the facility in which Group 12 meets and those people who operate the facility (both paid staff and the volunteer Board of Directors).

The office has AA literature, anniversary coins, cards and other fun recovery items. Club 12 also has a snack-bar open all day with all kinds of food options and some of the best cheeseburgers in town!

You may peruse the latest edition of The Club Twelve Newsletter for the latest meeting schedule, current and upcoming activities, plus AI-Anon info helping families of Alcoholics under the about us section at WWW.CLUB12.ORG

Membership in Club 12 requires a formal joining and monthly dues. Membership includes use of the facility anytime during business hours and a discount at the snack bar. Dues paid to Club 12 help to keep the facility operational. Most members of Group 12, as well as many members of other groups, have joined the Club and pay the current \$20 monthly dues out of a sense of gratitude and a desire to keep the facility open for suffering alcoholics and AI-Anons yet to come in the doors. As one person was overheard to say, "The love may flow freely, but the plumbing and electricity cost money."

To become a member of Club 12, obtain a membership form at the office or snack bar, complete it and submit it at the office along with one month's dues. Be sure to pay your dues on time to remain current. See the office manager if you wish to make automatic monthly payments.

WWW.CLUB12.ORG - 210-344-8981

What is this Alcoholics Anonymous website? WWW.AA.ORG

Great Question! Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of people who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her their drinking problem.

The Alcoholics Anonymous headquarters (referred to as the General Service Office or G.S.O) is located in New York, New York. Since AA is now all over the world, there are multiple central/intergroup offices throughout the world. Our San Antonio area Central Service Bookstore and Office is located at 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217.(210) 821-6325

The San Antonio CSO is open Monday 9-6, Tuesday thru Friday 9-5. The bookstore sells AA-related literature, chips, and other fun gifts and material that can be used to help assist an individual in recovery online and in-person.

MEMBERS FROM COURT PROGRAMS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

In the last years, A.A. groups have welcomed many new members from court programs and treatment facilities. Some have come to A.A. voluntarily, others under a degree of pressure. In our pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate," the following paragraph appears:

We cannot discriminate against any prospective A.A. member, even if he or she comes to us under pressure from a court, an employer, or any other agency. ---~ Although the strength of our program lies in the voluntary nature of membership in A.A., many of us first attended meetings because we were forced to, either by someone else or by inner discomfort. But continual exposure to A.A. educated us to the true nature of the illness. Who made the referral to A.A. is not what A.A. is interested in. It is the problem drinker who is our concern. ... We cannot predict who will recover, nor have we the authority to decide how recovery should be sought by any other alcoholic.

PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Sometimes, courts or other authorities ask for proof of attendance at A.A. meetings. Some groups, with the consent of the prospective member, have their A.A. group secretary sign or initial a slip that has been furnished by the court together with a self-addressed court envelope. The referred person supplies identification and mails the slip back to the court as proof of attendance. Other groups cooperate in different ways. There is no set procedure. The nature and extent of any group's involvement in this process is entirely up to the individual group.

This proof of attendance at meetings is not part of A.A.'s procedure. Each group is autonomous and has the right to choose whether or not to sign court slips. In some areas the attendees report on themselves, at the request of the referring agency, and thus avoid breaking A.A. members' anonymity.

At Zoom AA meetings we recommend you note whatever your particular Parole Officer/Judge/House/etc. requests. Usually the Date/Time/Location/Topic/Chairperson's first name. At Group 12 we provide the Club 12 Office Number but because Anonymity is of utmost importance the office cannot confirm any particular person's attendance.

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE???

Soon you'll be back out there in the real world again. You'll find it's the same old world with the same old problems.

No matter where you live, you'll still have your full share of those problems. Plus the one problem that can make all the others seem a lot bigger than they really are.

You're not the only one who has come face to face with a drinking problem. There are about 2,000,000 of us who are not alone anymore.

Back in 1935, two men saw that alcohol had ruined their lives. They knew it would kill them if they didn't stop drinking. They wanted to stop, but couldn't do it alone.

Their families and friends and doctors couldn't do it for them. There was no personal loss or calamity big enough, no threat, treatment, or cure strong enough to make either of them stop drinking.

Willpower didn't work, either. The countless and sincere promises they had made to themselves were broken over and over again—over that first drink.

Each of the two men had been diagnosed as hopeless alcoholics. Worse yet, they saw themselves as hopeless. Until they saw each other.

By strange coincidence, they met and began to share their common experience with alcohol. They found they understood each other's problems better than their families and friends and doctors did.

This mutual understanding gave them the strength each desperately needed to pass up the first drink that had always paved the way to disaster.

Very gradually, their new strength restored their hope for life and a future. They survived to share their experience with other so-called hopeless alcoholics.

Today, Alcoholics Anonymous is made up of an estimated 2,000,000 men and women who once felt just as hopeless. We still meet regularly to share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. Our everyday lives are a lot better now than they used to be. And each of us once had to ask ourselves that question: "Where do I go from here?"

We live and meet everywhere now and at many different hours of the day. And we hope you'll want to talk to one of us when you get out. We'll be waiting, because somebody waited for each of us. And that made all the difference.

For any questions about Group 12/Club 12 please call Club Office during regular business hours 210-344-8981 www.club12.org

If you have any questions about Alcoholics Anonymous visit www.aa.org