



# **AA Deaf Intergroup of Central Texas**

Greetings from Norma A., Manager for the Alcoholics Anonymous Deaf Intergroup of Texas!

We want to extend our gratitude for your AA group's continued support through 7th Tradition contributions toward our effort to make sure the message of hope we carry is available to all. Without your help, many would not have the life of recovery they have today. Thank you, and please make sure all who put a dollar or two in the basket know that they have made a difference today!

## **The AA Deaf Intergroup Digest *News and Actions***

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AADI has been very busy since our beginnings earlier this year!  
Here are a few highlights of what has been going on:

- Our opening event was a success, well attended, and our invited speakers contributed much to the occasion. Yolanda F., past Regional trustee, Jason I., past HCIA chair, and Ben F., Deaf AA member of the New Freedom AA group all shared. AADI Board members were also introduced and shared briefly, and a BBQ lunch was provided by Lake Travis Serenity group, with dessert from the New Freedom (ASL) group.
- The AADI chair and I have been working closely with Travis Country Deaf and Hard of Hearing services. Many times they get a call from a Deaf person looking for an AA meeting. We are cooperating together to make sure information is shared on interpreted meetings, and AA literature for professionals is being offered to those at TCDHH. This has been a mutually beneficial and positive interaction.
- Our Interpreter Liaison is putting together a workshop for interpreters so they can be better informed on AA terminology and concepts. This will be in November.

- Our Interpreter Coordinator keeps the Calendar of Interpreted AA meetings and events updated.
- District 3b/3c and the SouthWest Texas Area 68 has been very cooperative with AADI, and they have links on the Accessibility Committee Chair websites to the AADI website. Both Accessibility chairs were at the AADI opening, to share information on Accessibility in general. The District 3b/3c is sponsoring a workshop called “Reaching the Underserved AA Member” on Sunday, Sept. 29th, at Western Trails from 2:00-4:00 pm. A member of the New Freedom ASL AA meeting will share at this workshop, along with others who are in need of accessibility to receive our message of hope.
- Our treasurer reports that our current expenses for interpreters range from \$800.00 to \$1000.00 a month. Your contributions are being put to good use!
- We have a very capable secretary who keeps accurate records and makes sure we follow the Robert’s Rules of Order so no one goes down too many rabbit trails during our business meetings!
- Our website manager is contenting to improve and update the website, and we are looking at adding a way to make contributions electronically, as well as adding links for the International Convention, and also the AA On-Line Intergroup.
- GSO reports a brand new 4th Edition Big Book in American Sign Language will be out soon!
- Our work here in Austin through the Deaf Access Committee-now the AA Deaf Intergroup-was highlighted in the Spring Issue of Box 459, in an article called “The Hands of AA.” It was exciting to read about the events of the last 9 years in print and how much our service in accessibilities has made impact on the AA world! We hope all of you will read and share!

If you are in need of any information or have any questions about AADI, please contact us at us at [aadeafintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:aadeafintergroup@gmail.com).

Bill W. said, “ **AA 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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