

Purpose:

- Serve the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in District 8, Area 1 in support of its primary purpose.
- Serve as a resource for A.A. members, those seeking help from A.A., professionals working with alcoholics, the media, and the public at large.
- Provide accurate and consistent information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Provide information about service opportunities coordinated by District 8.
- Encourage participation of A.A. members, groups and committees in A.A. services and activities.

Scope:

The website will be designed in three areas: Recovery, Unity, Service

- Recovery section will provide information on the A.A. program of recovery, to include:
 - Explanation of what A.A. is (from the pamphlet "What is A.A.")
 - Local Meeting Calendar, with clear delineation between open and closed meetings and an explanation of the difference.
 - Local Group Information, including address, phone (if available), outside photograph, and Google® map.
 - Contact information for the Montgomery Intergroup/Central Office, including A.A. hotline phone number
 - Listing of conference-approved A.A. recovery literature and pamphlets, including links to www.AA.org literature online where possible
 - Sharing from members in the fellowship. *See additional information.*
- Unity section will provide information on the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, to include:
 - Our Declaration of Unity

- Explanation of the Twelve Traditions (from the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous")
- Links to other A.A. districts and areas, and www.AA.org
- Event Calendar, providing information on local and regional events put on by members of the fellowship for members of the fellowship and Service Opportunities. *See additional information.*
- Service section will provide information on the service committees and opportunities within District 8 and Area 1, to include:
 - Our Responsibility Declaration
 - Link to The A.A. Service Manual on www.AA.org.
 - Event Calendar, providing information on local and regional events put on by members of the fellowship for members of the fellowship and Service Opportunities. *See additional information.*
 - Reports from District and Area service committees

Additional Information:

- Articles submitted for member sharing will be reviewed by the administrator for singleness of purpose, anonymity, and appropriateness for the forum (carrying the message). Articles may be edited for spelling/punctuation/grammar, but will not be otherwise edited. Anybody submitting an article that will not be published will be notified of that decision, without prejudice. The administrator is encouraged to involve the web committee and/or the Public Information Committee in such decisions wherever necessary.
- The Events Calendar will be limited to those events specifically committed to our singleness of purpose, including: group anniversaries and special events (e.g., eating meetings); roundups and conventions put on by members of A.A.; District activities and events (e.g., committee meetings, workshops, Old Timers' Picnic), and activities sponsored by other A.A. entities (e.g., Intergroup, Area 1, etc.). Activities and events hosted or offered by individual members (e.g., book studies, cookouts, pool parties, etc.) will not be

listed on the District 8 event calendar. The administrator will involve the web committee and/or the Public Information Committee anytime there is question about a particular event.

- Oversight of the web site will be the responsibility of the Public Information Committee of District 8, Area 1, acting through its website subcommittee and the website administrator(s) and in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- The principle of Anonymity will be observed throughout the website, by not listing full names or images of members, nor their personal telephone numbers or email addresses. Email contact links will be setup through the host server, e.g., PI@centralalaa.org.
- The website committee will provide monthly and annual reports regarding web site activity to the Public Information Committee.
- The web site will make use of existing A.A. materials whenever practical.
- The web site will provide contact information to other Districts and Areas by listing and linking to existing web sites.
- The web site will provide contact information to the Montgomery Intergroup Central Office, including email link(s).
- The web site will include a disclaimer before linking to any external web page, including pages operated by other A.A. entities.
- The web site may include selected Archives information and material.
- The web site will welcome users to make suggestions about the web site design and content.
- This policy will be reviewed annually by the Public Information Committee.