# Looking UP

TRI-COUNTY INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER - MAY 2012

#### Labor of Love

There is an ongoing labor of love being performed by our Tri-County Intergroup webmaster that we should all be aware of. Please take a few minutes to visit our website and open the menu link "Topics for Reading"

→ www.ca-tricounty.org
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#### Welcome to OA Fort Worth

Tri-County Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous, Arlington, Texas, USA



There you will find an ever growing link to articles from the *Looking Up Archive* sorted by the topics that mean so much to our continuing recovery.



Welcome to the topical index of the Tri-County Intergroup Newsletter Archive. This is a work-in-progress! Please be patient while we attempt to organize our old *Looking Up* editions into a topical index. Please click on a topic link below to be taken to articles by our members on that subject.

Abstinence	Faith	Returning
Acceptance	Fear	Risk
Accountability	Food	Sharing
Addiction	Gratitude	Self-esteem
Attention	Higher Power	Selfishness
Baby Steps	Holidays	Serenity



Make sure you stop by our website and maybe look up a nice article to help in your meditation or to pass on the gift of the program to another.

And thank you Betsy for providing the on-line voice of abstinence for Tri-County Intergroup.

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OA Responsibility Pledge:

Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion, for this, I am responsible.

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In Gratitude for continuing Support

We have gratefully received donations from the following groups: *Trinity, Arlington - Daily Reprieve, Euless -Stephenville, Cross Timbers - South Hills, Ft Worth -Primary Purpose, Ft Worth - Richland Hills* 

<u>Step 5</u>

Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

#### Refraining

During the period of abstinence, I had a thought about refraining. The old saying of Abraham Lincoln's "you're about as happy as you make up your mind to be" could be changed around to say "you're about as abstinent as you make up your mind to be."

Each day for 30+ days now I have gotten out of bed and made the choice to refrain from picking up extra food. Even on days of struggle, I stuck to this choice - the choice of "don't pick up no matter what." Of course I know I didn't make it through my own willpower. I give my HP the credit, but I am the one that had to make up my mind.

Glinda June, 2002

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Any TCI group or individual submitting an article for *Looking Up* will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two free 1Year subscriptions to Lifeline.

Articles must be submitted by *October 1st 2012* for inclusion in the drawing.

Winners will be announced at the *TCI Annual Retreat*.

Share your experience, strength and hope and you might just receive one full year of Lifeline free.

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May Flowers.

I am touched by the wonderful outpouring of color.

I am awed by the varied splendor stretched across the springtime blue sky.

I look inward with hope and there I see just beginning to bloom...

The miracle of abstinence within me just like May flowers a gift from my Higher Power

An OA traveler

5 <sup>th</sup> Step: A List Too Long				
It could be hundreds of pages or it could be one	Too long held inside festering and creating a world of			
or two. It is too long.	confusion and guilt.			
It could be in outlined form or detailed analysis.	Too long barring true relationships with those we want			
It is too long.	so desperately to love.			
Chronological or topical. It is too long.	Too long filling each moment with hatred we despise.			
Pencil, pen or yes even cassette tape. It is too	Too long removed from peace and love and yes from			
long.	our Higher Power.			
Every 4th is just too long	Too long.			
Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.				
I choose not to carry a list too long.				

Day & T	ime	City-Group Name - Address	Subject	Contact	Contact Phone
		Granbury / Acton - Acton United Methodist Church			
MONDAY 6:30 PM	Adult Education Building, Room 202A		Leah	817-219-2393	
		3433 Fall Creek Hwy (Hwy 167S) Granbury, TX 76049			
		Waco - St. Alban's Episcopal Church		+	
MONDAY	6:00 PM	305 North 30th Street, Waco, TX 76710	Big Book Study	(pager)	254-260-1258
MONDAY 7:00 PM	Arlington - Trinity United Methodist Church, Wesley				
		Abstinence	Billie	817-460-3083	
	3216 West Park Row Drive, Arlington, TX 76013	Ausmenee	Бшс	017-400-5005	
MONDAY 7:30 PM		Fort Worth - South Hills Christian Church	Literature: Step /		
	7:30 PM	3200 Bilglade Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133	Tradition of the Month	Happy	817-370-7207
		Fort Worth - South Hills Christian Church			
TUESDAY No	Noon	3200 Bilglade Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133	Big Book Study	Happy	817-370-7207
TUESDAY 6:00 PM	6:00 DM	Stephenville - Cross Timbers - First Presbyterian	Literature / Topic	Pat	254-485-0921
	0.00 PW		Literature / Topic	Fat	254-465-0921
		1302 N Harbin Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401 Richland Hills - United Methodist Church			
TUESDAY 7:00 PM	7.00 73.0		D'- D- 1 Ct- 1	D - 1 -1	017 505 0044
	7:00 PM	7301 Glenview Drive, North Richland Hills 76180 Room	Big Book Study	Rachel	817-595-3044
		#110			
		Fort Worth - King of Glory Lutheran Church	Literature: Step /		
WEDNESDAY Noon	1659 Sandy Lane @ Brentwood Stair, Fort Worth, TX	Tradition of the Month	Lucy	817-275-0144	
		76112			
		Tarrant County - Men's Group - Ste 608, Radio Shack			
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Shopping Center	Men's Meeting	Keith	817-692-1641
	4105 State Highway 121 @ Cheek-Sparger, Bedford, TX	inten o inteeding			
	76021				
	Arlington - Trinity United Methodist Church, Wesley				
WEDNESDAY	7:45 PM	House	HOW Closed meeting	Billie	817-460-3083
		3216 West Park Row Drive, Arlington, TX 76013			
		Fort Worth - Bethel HOW - Bethel Methodist Church			
THURSDAY	6:45 PM	(corner of Southwest Blvd. & Vickery)	HOW	Patrice	817-692-7180
		5000 Southwest Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76116			
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Fort Worth - South Hills Christian Church	Big Book Awakening	Happy	917 270 7207
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SATURDAY	9:00 AM	3200 Bilglade Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133	OA WORKDOOK	Happy	817-370-7207
SATURDAY Noon		Arlington - Trinity United Methodist Church, Wesley			
	Noon	House	Literature	Billie	817-460-3083
		3216 West Park Row Drive, Arlington, TX 76013			
SATURDAY Noon		Daily Reprieve, Euless - United Memorial Christian			
	Noon	Church	Step Study / Big Book	Margie M.	972-310-3636
		1401 N. Main Street, Euless, TX 76039		Pat M.	817-864-9888
		Fort Worth - Primary Purpose - Pantego Bible Church.			
SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Room 103	Literature	Renae	817-905-0613
		8001 Anderson Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76120			
		Fort Worth - South Hills Christian Church	Writing, Steps and		
SUNDAY	4:30 PM	3200 Bilglade Road, Fort Worth, TX 76133	Literature	Chrystyna	214-202-6993
Tri-County Int	ergroup me	ets at 10:30 am the first Saturday of every month, Trinity Un Arlington, TX 76013 in "Wesley Hou		3216 West P	ark Row Drive,