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Aug 12-13: Brady, TX 64th Brady Anniversary, see www.aasanantonio.org—look under **Events**

Aug 26-28: Temple, TX SWTA 68 PI/CPC Conference. www.texasdistrict5.com

Aug 26-28: Kerrville, TX 36th Hill Country Roundup, 830 285-3268 or nsaurage@stx.rr.com

Sept 2-4: Wichita, KS XXXIX Convención Hispana de Alcohólicos Anónimos Estados Unidos y Canada, www.39convencionhispanadeusay canada.com

Sept 2-5: San Francisco, CA 53rd ICYPAA, www.icypaahost.org

Sept: 16-18: Leander, TX Concepts & Traditions Retreat with Gary K & David H. For info contact: learning3legacies@suddenlink.net

Oct 7-9: Wichita, KS Southwest Regional Forum, www.aasanantonio.org, look under Events

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A DAY IN RECOVERY

9th Annual

"A Design for Living That Really Works"



Featuring: Judge Jack C

of Hagerstown, MD

Saturday, September 24, 2011

St George Episcopal Church 6904 West Ave, Fellowship Hall San Antonio, TX

See enclosed registration form.

ATTENTION

The Central Service Office is considering an electronic version of The Nightcap. Currently The Nightcap subscription is \$12 per year for a mailed hard copy. We are thinking the electronic version would be \$6 per year.

The logistics would have to be worked out to ensure that our newsletter's anonymity is protected, in order to make it available by email. Right now however we simply want to know if there is an interest.

Please fill out the survey on the back page of this newsletter and return it to the Central Service Office by mail or fax. Thank you for your cooperation.

The 65th Annual Texas State Convention local committee would like to thank everyone who made this, so we've been told, one of the best Texas State Conventions! The Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel was eager to compliment our group and extended an invitation back. The speakers were amazing and the committee worked diligently to pull this off. We want to thank our volunteers for their tireless efforts. With your help, our goals were met. Our registration was 1419. We will return the seed money and have a bit left over to distribute among the 4 Areas in Texas. Thank you, again, for your support. See you all in Dallas next year!

With gratitude, TX State Convention Committee

MY HOME GROUP

We would like to run a series of articles about the groups in our greater San Antonio area. These groups are found in the cities and towns of Bandera, Blanco, Boerne, Buda, Canyon Lake, Castroville, Center Point, Comfort, Cotulla, Devine, Driftwood, Dripping Springs, Floresville, Fredericksburg, Gonzales, Hondo, Ingram, Jourdanton, Junction, Kerrville, Kirby, Kyle, Lake Hills, LaVernia, Lockhart, Luling, Lytle, Medina, New Braunfels, Pleasanton, Poteet-Strawberry, San Antonio, San Marcos, Seguin, Selma, Spring Branch, Stonewall, Universal City, Waelder, and Wimberley. Your article should be about a half a page, single spaced, and can be an informative article, historical, or just how you feel about your home group and what it does for your sobriety. Please send your article to CSO, Attn: Char, 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX, 78217, or email to csosa@stic.net.

Broadway Group: I had no idea when I came in March 26, 1993 what it meant to have a home group. I was just nine months sober and Jim S at the Central Service Office had me looking up words as I was answering the phone there. My sponsor believed in newcomers getting involved in service work right away which was why I was answering the helpline at the Central Service Office on Mondays.

As I sat there at Club 12, Ralph T came by and asked me what I was doing looking up these words: recover, recovered, and recovering. He said, "If you want to know about recovery come on over to the Broadway Group." Although my first home group was the Bulverde AA Group, I had moved closer to the Broadway Group and before I knew it I was elected an officer. My first job was to get the coffee and make sure there were cookies for the meeting. This was the beginning of new friendships, and a new AA home. Ralph sat there every Saturday Evening and asked me from time to time if I had found recovery yet or was I still recovering?

A few years later Ralph T died and the group began to talk of ways to honor his memory. So I organized the annual Broadway Group Dinner to honor his memory. Myself and the Broadway Group members have been putting it on every year since.

The fellowship of the group has always been strong and the laughter in the room has made me cheer up on those days when I just didn't think I could make it. My home group still carries the message of recovery to the suffering alcoholic every Saturday evening, no matter what. We keep the doors open. All are welcome if you're looking for that bar room laughter and need the hope that it's going to get different. The group meets at 6720 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209. by Carie C, home group member

The Acceptance Group: "Solutions. The meetings focus on the solution." "I like the fact that at almost any meeting there is a wide range of sobriety - from weeks, to a few months, to years. We have that elusive 10 - 20 year group at every meeting." "Friendliness and, as the name implies, acceptance. There is always a hug to make me feel welcome." "Strong sponsorship is the key to strong recovery, and I find that here. Everyone asks if you have a sponsor, and if you don't, they make sure that one is available." "Group involvement in individual recovery. I almost got a resentment because so many people were pushing me to get my fourth step done. Now I know they provided that nagging encouragement because they wanted me to get better."

These are a few of the comments I received from newcomers and longtime Acceptance Group members when I asked them what they liked about their group. The one thing they all agreed upon was the group was welcoming and warm. There are no strangers. I agree. When I attended my first meeting, angry and uncertain and certainly not friendly, members went out of their way to make me feel welcome and I've never forgotten that. After attending meetings around the world, I happily keep coming back. I have been to many great groups in my journey, but I am always filled with gratitude every time I walk in the door of an Acceptance Group meeting.

Acceptance Group meets at the Rolling Oaks Christian Church at Stahl Road and Nacogdoches. Meetings start at 7:30pm. On Mondays we offer the Basics - a lecture series for newcomers, their families, and long-timers alike about what AA is and what it isn't. Thursday and Sunday are open discussion meetings, and Saturday is a book study, currently reading Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers. Babysitting is provided on Saturday and Sunday.

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

The **Turning Point Group** has a new meeting, men's, closed discussion, Wednesdays, 730pm. The group meets at St Thomas Episcopal Church, classroom East of Sanctuary, 1416 N Loop 1604 east, 1/2 mile west.

36 Principles Group is new. They meet at 6011 Grissom Rd, San Antonio, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm. They are an open book study.

CHANGES/FOLDED

The <u>Serendipity Group's Women's</u> <u>Meeting</u> has moved from Tuesday nights 8:15pm to Wednesday nights at 7pm. Their <u>Beginners Meeting</u> at 8:00pm on Wednesdays has moved to 8:15pm. The rest of the Serendipity Groups schedule remains the same. They meet at 10929 Nacogdoches #5, outside Loop 410 & 2 blks north of Lady Bird Johnson Park on left.

The <u>Hondo Group</u> Wednesday meeting has folded. The group still meets on Mondays at 8:00pm, 2302 M St, Church of Christ, closed meeting.

The **Cotulla AA Group** that met in Cotulla, TX on Wednesdays, has folded.



Group Forum Page

SPANISH
Intergrupal
210 533-9770
Mon-Fri / Noon-5pm
SPANISH
Help-line
210 409-8524

WOW

Do you believe it has been a year since we hosted the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Antonio?

Many thanks and compliments have come to our host committee from the General Service Office and the General Service Conference. Can we put on a party or what? Congratulations again volunteers, on a job well done!

Winners Club

5723 Kenwick San Antonio, TX 78238 680-5496

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Aug 5—Game Night

Aug 13—Open Mic/Karaoke

Sept 2—Game Night

Sept 3—Labor Day "Theme" Dance

Sept 3—Family Fun Day

Sept 17—Domino Tournament

Oct 22—Anniversary

The Winners Club has <u>Night Owl</u> <u>Meetings</u> on Friday and Saturday nights at 10:00pm.

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Club 12 Activities

102 Thames San Antonio, TX 78217 210 344-8981

AUGUST EVENTS

6 Pancake Breakfast

9 Grp Conscience Mtg

19-21 62nd Anniversary

26 Birthday Night

Please call the Club for times and other events.

"You can go on back. He's in his room."

JUNE 2011 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO

See insert for group contributions.

Birthday: David B \$50.00
Total Birthday \$50.00

Individual: Office Kitty \$14.89
CSO Rep Mtg \$16.00
Board Mtg \$11.00
Total Individual \$41.89

Memorial: Total Memorial \$00

Chance of a Lifetime (cont)

by Jere J of San Antonio, TX

<u>Continued from the July Nightcap</u>...Back at Grand Central Station I went outside and walked to the Central Post Office and took a picture of GSO's mailbox, Box 459 - not one's usual photo opportunity when visiting New York! But I just had too.

Tuesday was Char's "belly button" birthday and we celebrated by ordering room service for breakfast before she headed off to the Conference and I went with a group of other guests to visit the GSO and Grapevine offices. What a fabulous experience that was! Both offices are simple, beautiful, and serene. We were shown all the work areas and each staff member's office. Staff members are all members of AA and sober at least six years, and they were all out of the office at the Conference. Most amazing was the Archives office at GSO - so many photos and memorabilia from AA's past including printings of the first edition of the Big Book and the typewriter – so small – that Ruth Hock typed the manuscript of the Big Book on.

Wednesday was another great day! The highlight was a trip to Brooklyn. We took the subway from Times Square to Montaque and Clinton Streets then walked down Montague St to the Brooklyn promenade overlooking the East River to Manhattan. Then we ate dinner at a favorite local pizza place and walked to 182 Clinton St, Bill and Lois Wilson's home that they lost in 1939.

Then we went on to the Brooklyn Group meeting - second oldest Group in the country after Akron! According to group members, it started at 182 Clinton, moved to St George's church, then a convent, then where they meet now - a Quaker meeting place. The meeting is a step study and that night was on Step Two. It was a good meeting but interestingly there wasn't a Big Book or Twelve and Twelve in sight. Their custom is to not hold hands when they say the Lord's Prayer. The group's window shade of the 12 Steps is their original one and frayed at the bottom. It also says "AS SUGGESTED" under "THE TWELVE STEPS OF AA."

My last couple of days I did mostly New York touristy things. I did not see much of Char all week because she was in committee meetings, workshops, and full Conference from early morning until late at night all week. She got out of her last meeting on Saturday about 10:30 a.m. and we were able to take a bus tour around the city, sitting on the upper deck. It was a beautiful day to see New York that way. We also took a ride through Central Park in a horse drawn carriage and ate a New York hot dog on the street! A wonderful last day! I flew home that evening full of gratitude for this chance of a lifetime.

ANOTHER MEMORABLE TRIP

Jere J's article in the Nightcap reminds me of my visit to New York in 2010 for ICYPAA. On Wednesday, August 25, I also took the subway to Grand Central Terminal and the hour train ride to Katonah. After a short \$10 cab ride to Stepping Stones, I got to visit the historic home. It is beautiful and the gardens are even lovelier. Although I had sent an email saying I was coming on the 25th at 1 pm, they were not expecting anyone until 3 pm but fortunately a lady who was working on the grounds called the guide and she came over to show me the place. I bought the Stepping Stones book and carry it in my backpack with me every day. And the walk up the hill to Wit's End was also very nice. I even called our CSO manager and delegate, Char, from the grounds of Stepping Stones. And the lady was nice enough to drive me back to the train station. I'm so glad I got to visit the home of two of the most influential people of the twentieth century. The next day, I got to take a group tour of the General Service Office. It occupies an entire floor of an office building. I got to see some of the people I had met previously when they were here for the International as well as some new ones. I got to meet Adrienne B, a native of Brooklyn and the lady who does PI/CPC. I remember telling her about our PI/CPC conferences. The archives room was lovely and sitting on the table was the big book for the 2004 ICYPAA in Orlando. They showed us where the books are kept prior to being shipped. I felt so lucky and blessed to have had the opportunity to visit the headquarters of our organization. Aside from ICYPAA itself, these were two of the highlights of my trip. by Bill S, Alternate DCM, District 17

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District Meetings

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICTS

<u>District 01A:</u> DCM-Joni W (210 674-6523) Monthly meeting is held at 8600 Wurzbach, #702, Creekview Office Complex, the 2nd Sunday, 3:00pm.

<u>District 16</u>: DCM-Mike D (210 632-3364) Monthly meeting is held at 8802 Tradeway, the first Sunday at 3pm (next to CSO).

<u>District 17</u>: DCM-Robert P (210 241-8421) Monthly meeting is held at the Serendipity Group location, 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, the third Saturday of each month at 9:00am.

District 18: DCM-Jerry S (210 590-4832) District meets the 2nd Sunday each month, 3:00pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702.

SAN ANTONIO SPANISH DISTRICTS

District 01F: DCM-Tomas R (385-7817) Monthly meeting is held at 3814 S. Flores, #2, the 2nd Sunday, 1:00pm, en espanol.

<u>District 28</u>: DCM-Carlos C (508-0229) Monthly meetings are held at 935 New Laredo, #2 San Antonio, TX 78211, the 2nd and last Thursday, 7:00pm, en espanol.

SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

<u>District 01E</u>: DCM-Mike P (210 464-2691) Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday. Call for location.

District 02: DCM-John B (721 467-2141) or jbourgeois67@yahoo.com. Monthly meeting is held at 2pm the second Sunday of each month. Spring Branch Grp location, corner of Hwy 281 & FM 311 in the fire house building.

<u>District 12</u>: DCM-Tommy F (830-456-0233) Monthly meeting rotates on the 2nd Sunday each month, and is held at 2pm. Call for location and directions.

WHERE TO SEND DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

District 01A PO Box San Antonio, Treasurer 29594 TX 78229

District 16

Call Mike D for address (210 632-3364)

District 01E

Call Mike P for address (210 520-2849)

District 17

Call Robert P for address (210 241-8421)



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Central Service Office Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: Carolyn M (288-2699). Alternate Coordinator: Christi B (213-7239)

Outreach Committee: Chair: Vacant. Committee meets the third Monday at CSO, immediately following the CSO Rep meeting at 6:00pm

CSO Archives Chair: Sylvia O (821-6325)

INTERDISTRICT/SAMSO:

The Interdistrict meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month, 4:00pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702. Members include DCMs, Committee Chairs, GSRs and all alternates.

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Archives: Pat S

CFC: Ingrid G (326-4932) imgamble@yahoo.com

Grapevine:

Carie C (887-6649) or ctrevina@aol.com—Grapevine meetings held at 8802 Tradeway (next to CSO) the second Sun of each month, 2:30pm.

PI/CPC: Jim L (695-5117) or jblarkin@swbell.net

Treatment: Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com) Monthly meeting at 8802 Tradeway (next to CSO) the first Sunday, 5:00pm.

Bi-Lingual: Art C (978-4726) hablosamso@gmail.com

Newsletter: Tomi B-A (newssamso@gmail.com)

Treasurer: SAMSO, PO Box 17953, San Antonio, TX 78217

SAMSO Service Workshop September 25, 2011 1-3pm

Where: Doce Pasos
825 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78201
Hosted by:
Districts 01F & District 28

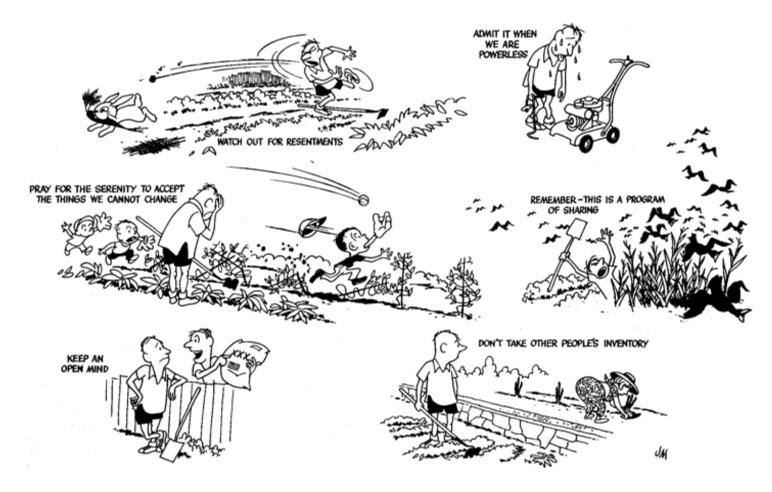
Every AA Member is invited to attend.

Service Committees Represented:

Archives Bilingual Correctional Faciliti4es Grapevine & LaVina Treatment PI/CPC



It was in January 1940 that the "Alcoholic Squad" moved to King School. The meeting still meets every Wednesday night at the same time. This summer, King School will be



Birthday

Colonies North:

Barbara—1yr Margaret V-2yrs John M—5yrs Sonya B—7yrs Darrell B—25yrs Dean W-35yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

David Pamela S Mary M William B Angel R Jay F Juan C Tomas R Kevin S Sylvia R Pátrick B Andrew B Scott F Melba M Kermit M Michael B Stephanie B

2 years

Kimberly S Richard R Cory E James R Ray L Timothy K Elizabeth P

3 years

Robert T Branden G Chris McF Jami H Victor Q Jennifer B Paul G Charles McM

4 years

Juan G Andrew J Harriet K Donnie S Janan L C David M Michael S Amy M Susie J John M Carlos R

5 years

Reggie T Tracy S Adrian S Timothy M Frank O Ryan N Robert A Keith J

Group Twelve (cont) 6 years

Annett R Tina R Zulema G John H Tom McG Patty C Golly W Gym B Dorothy B Hank R Karen K

7 years

Callie W Michael McK Valerie A Marian U Joseph S Sean R Bruce D Kathleen K David G Paul A

8 years Lance D

Joni W Courtney C Shelley G Nathan B

9 years

Thomas H Christine C Randall B Shane T Chad C Nancy R Chad F John S Wayne B April R

10years

Bruce P Mark H Shawn P Jackie M Angela C Shawn P John P Jennifer P Frank M Heather B Anderson B Luis P Jeremy H

11 years

Mohammad S Nora H Marv G Louie M Mike M Bob R Gerald B Keith F David W John G

Group Twelve (cont) 11 years (cont)

Diane A Roger J Nancy K Julia A Shannon M ALS. Michele W Stan C Candy W

12 years

Jeana W Raymond V Cindy H Julio B Michael L Marty R Donald R Carolyn H Ernest M Buck F Michael L Don F Marcus C Sonny H Chrystal H

13 years

Gib M Pat B Donna W

14 years

Teri S Elias B David T Jimmie B Yolanda F

15 years

Patti W Irene P Jane K

16 years

Raymond A

17 years

Nanette S Alicia M Trent W

18 years

Julilis D John C-S Elida D Robert J

19 years

Rick K Bob H Shawn T Richard M Rheta H

Group Twelve (cont) 20 years

Linda B David B Timothy G Linda B

21 years

JoAnn C Jewel S Marty deL

22 years

Pete P Mick A Jode L Richard A Ted H Madonna M 23 years Belinda C

Raul O 25 years

Barbara K Val R Yvonne G Christina S Daniel J Ted W

26 years

Scott R

Group Twelve (cont) 27 years

Virginia B Jeannie R

29 years

Brant K David N Conrad M Jim J Jim M

30 years

Christa D **Durwood C**

31 years

Steve M

32 years Nancy W

33 years

Jerry B

34 years

Frank P

38 years

Alfred M

46 years Paul C

Lackland Pyramid:

Carl P-3yrs Beverly M-16yrs Bill B—35yrs

Serendipity:

Cindy H-1yr Ernest S—1yr Janie T—1yr Randy R—3yrs Loren C-4yrs Dudley—18yrs Jay J—19yrs Richard H—26yrs Chris I-27yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Margaret B-1yr Terri P—1yr Barbara S—4yrs Anne P—13yrs

Young and Done:

Chris M-3yrs Branden G-3yrs

Young & Golden Yrs:

Joni W-8yrs Oscar W—11yrs Melvin O-19yrs Janet F—24yrs Dean W—35yrs Paul C-46yrs

Winners Club:

James W—8yrs Julia LA—29yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Belated AA Birthday Mayme Lou (57 years)

BELATED JULY

Melanie S-28yrs

GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday: Free at Last (Cake & Coffee)

<u>Last Monday</u>: Alamo Heights, Freedom, Young and Golden Years (O-Spk)

First Tuesday: New Downtown (O-Spk) 7:30-9pm

Last Tuesday: Valley Hi, Santa Fe, New Acceptance, Life Support, La

Last Wednesday: Oblate, Woman's Big Book, Northwood, Stay in the

Last Thursday: Goliad, North San Pedro, Stahl Rd, Acceptance, Universal City, Sane and Sober (Open)

Last Friday: Pearsall (Come As You Are), Colonies North, El Libro Grande, Rush Hour, Group 12, Marymont, HALT @ Tezel Road, SW Loop (4th Friday), Hondo, Seeds of Grace (open mtg-last Fri), Keep It Simple

Last Saturday: Schertz-Cibolo, Lambda, Winners Club, Serendipity, Pleasanton

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