The Nightcap

THE NIGHTCAP IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE 8804 TRADEWAY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78217

HELP LINE - (210) 828-6235 ANSWERED 24 HOURS SPANISH HELP LINE - see Page 3

BUSINESS LINE: (210) 821-6325 OFFICE HOURS: MON—9AM-7PM; TUE thru FRI—9AM-5PM FAX AND TDD: (210) 822-4491 E-MAIL: CSOSA@STIC.NET WEBSITE: www.aasanantonio.org

VOLUME 39 December 2008 NO. 12

Home of the 2010 International A.A. Convention **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2008

For complete information on events around the country and Canada, please check out 'Events' at www.aasanantonio.org.

Dec 19: Brady TX

Christmas Party, 1303 North Walnut,

76825. 325 597-3725

2009

Jan 9-11: Tyler, TX 62nd Tyler Anniversary, PO Box 8373, Tyler, TX 75711

Jan 9-11: South Padre Island, TX 10th S Padre Island Jamboree, PO Box 3844. Brownsville, TX 78523.

Jan 23-25: Brownwood, TX SWTA 68 Winter Workshop www.aa-swta.org

Jan 30-Feb 1: Corpus Christi, TX 55th Coastal Bend Jamboree, wwwcoastalbendjamboree.org

Feb 12-15: Salt Lake City, UT 45th International Women's Conf. www.internationalwomensconference. org

Feb 20-22: Kingsville, TX SWTA Corrections Conf. For registration form see 'AA Events' under www.aasanantonio.org

March 27-29: Georgetown, TX 18th Chisholm Trail Convention, Georgetown Community Center, San Gabriel Park, 445 E Morrow St.

April 3-5: San Antonio, TX Weekend in SA w/AA. For registration form see 'AA Events' under www.aasanantonio.org

June 12-14: Austin, TX 64th Texas State AA Convention. www.texasaaconvention.com

12-Step Workshop w/Doug M of Fernandina Beach, Fl

What? Join us for an interactive 12-Step workshop presented by Doug M of Fernandina Beach, FL. Review the 12 Steps of the Big Book the way the first 100 members of Alcoholics Anonymous did. Complete Steps 1-12 by the end of the workshop! Learn how to take others through the work and carry the message of recovery.

Where? 6720 Broadway (in Alamo Heights) San Antonio, TX 78209 (home of the Broadway Group).

When? Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00am-5:00pm

Cost? \$20 per person and includes a 12-Step workbook. (Bring you own Big Book)

Request registration form: twelvestepworkshop@yahoo.com 821-6325

SERENDIPITY 18th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, December 13

6:30pm Potluck Dinner

7:30pm Anniversary Cake

8:00pm Open Speaker Mtg Speaker will be Melissa W from the Marymont Group.

CELEBRATE SOBRIETY AT THE SERENDIPITY GROUP

Karaoke following the meeting.

Other Serendipity News

- Christmas Holiday Marathon Mtgs-Christmas Eve from 8pm to Christmas Day at 9pm
- First Sat of each month Serendipity holds a candlelight mtg 10:30pm-midnight.
- Beginner's meeting on Wednesday at 8pm has a new format.

CSO HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve (Wednesday-December 24) 9am—1pm Christmas Day (Thursday—December 25) Closed

New Year's Eve (Wednesday-December 31) 9am-1pm New Year's Day (Thursday-January 1, 2009) Closed

If God can inspire me to believe it, He can help me to achieve it.

THE NIGHTCAP IS ABOUT, BY AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE AA FELLOWSHIP. OPINIONS EXPRESSED HEREIN ARE NOT TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AS A WHOLE, NOR DOES PUBLICATION OF ANY ARTICLE IMPLY ANY ENDORSEMENT BY EITHER AA OR THE NIGHTCAP. (Exceptions: Quotations from AA books, pamphlets, and the 12 Steps and/or 12 Traditions are reprinted with permission of AA World Services Inc. The AA Preamble, slogans, etc. are reprinted with permission of The Grapevine, Inc.)



TO ALL MEMBERS:

Greetings On Our 10th Christmas

1944

Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World.

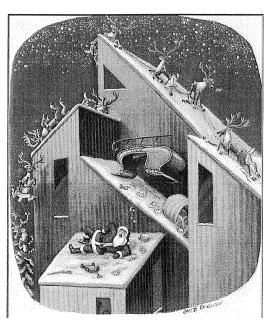
How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing its full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings!

And so,—Merry Christmas to you all—from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson



"*!*!—*/contemporary architecture!"







"Of course they're fake! I saw her at the snow cone stand yesterday."

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

The **Last House on the Block** is a newly listed group in San Marcos, TX 78666. They meet everyday at noon, 5:30pm and 7pm, once on Sunday at 8am. Their address is 322 Smith Lane.

The **New Braunfels 24-Hour Group** has a new men's meeting at 6:45pm on Tuesdays. 1142 Eikel, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

The **Schertz/Cibolo Group** has added a new meeting at 2:30 Mon-Fri. They meet at 414 Bowie, Universal City, TX 78148.

GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS:

The **New Braunfels 24-Hour Group** changed their Monday night 8pm meeting to a closed discussion meeting. Their address is 1142 Eikel, 78130.

The above additions and changes in group information are not listed in the new orange meeting directory, as they came in after the printing. Please make appropriate changes to your current directories.

ATTENTION

法法法法法法法法法

Woman's Big Book will not meet on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve this year due to the Church being closed. The 3 group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, at the Alamo United Heights Methodist Church, 825 East Basse, in the Bell Room. Please call the Central Service Office for alternative meetings those two nights.

October 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO

See insert for group contributions.

Birthday: Total Birthday \$0.00

Individual: Mtg Rm 7th Trad \$04.50 Patricia H \$10.00

Office Kitty \$13.00 Board Mtg \$15.00

COR Mtg \$19.00 Total Individual \$61.50

Memorial: Total Memorial \$0.00

Group Foru か Page

RUSH HOUR SPEAKER MEETING

The Center @ San Antonio 8607 Wurzbach, Bldg P

1st and 3rd Saturday 5:30pm

12/06 Mike C (Coffee Pot)

12/27 Jack F (Rush Hour)

SPANISH HELP LINE

533-9770

Mon-Fri

Noon-5pm

Winner's Club

5723 Kenwick, 680-5496



December Schedule

Christmas Eve Marathon Mtgs 9:00pm-5:00am Regular mtgs start back at 7:00am

> Christmas Dinner 1:00pm-3:00pm w/games to follow

New Year's Eve—Karaoke/Dance 9:00pm—? \$5 members/\$7 non members Marathon Mtgs 1:00am-5:00am

> New Year's Day Dinner 1:00pm-3:00pm Black-eyed peas/ham dinner

First Friday of the month is Game Night Bingo/Dominoes/Board Games 8:00pm-11:00pm

Winner's Club has meeting spaces available. Please call 680-5496 and ask for Kevin.

CLUB/GROUP 12

102 Thames/344-898



Nov 30

Christmas Dec-

orating Party-

Noon-All Day—Help kick off the holidays and decorate the Club.

December

- 09 Group Conscience-6:45pm
- 13 Holiday Dance—8-Midnight—\$4/\$5
- 17 Annual Mtg & Board of Directors Mtg-6:45pm
- 19 Birthday Night-7:30pm
- **20** Noon-Children's Present Wrap Party—help wrap the kids presents!
- <u>21</u>Children's Christmas Party w/Santa— Free-2pm—4pm.

7 Days of Christmas Dinners

- <u>24</u> Tamales/Chili Dinner—Carrie C & Friends-Contact: Carrie 887-6649/6pm.
- <u>25</u> Traditional Turkey & Ham Holiday Dinner. Contact: Louie R 379-5900—12:30pm.
- **<u>26</u>** Enchilada Dinner—Highland Grp— Liz: 273-4650—6pm.
- <u>27</u> Lasagna Dinner—Monday Night Ladies Mtg—Contact: Leeda 887-3124—6pm.
- <u>28</u> Pizza & Salad—Young & Done— Contact: Veronica 385-3082—6pm.
- <u>**29**</u> Spaghetti Dinner—Jeff H & Friends— Contact: Jeff—859-6638—6pm.
- <u>30</u> Pork Loin Tenderloin Dinner— AlAnon—contact: Pat 342-3063 & Charlotte J.

New Year's Eve

<u>31</u> 9pm-1am—New Years' Eve Dance and Heavy hors d' oeuvres. Tickets \$12 in advance and advance ticket includes a free split the pot door prize ticket or the price will be \$15 at the door.

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives;
And the lives of those to come.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Central Office/Intergroup Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: Mike W (233-6593). Alternate Coordinator: VACANT

Outreach Committee: Chair: Debbie H (440-1559). Committee meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6pm, at the Central Service Office.

CSO Archives Chair: Paul B (826-2571) Work has begun on preserving the documents at CSO, removing staples, making copies, preserving paper. The committee also needs individuals interested in making displays, carpenters who can make enclosed book cases, those interested in bulletin board displays, etc. Please contact CSO or Paul at the above #.

INTERDISTRICT/SAMSO:

The Interdistrict meetings are held the first Sunday of the month, 6:30pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702. Members include DCMs, Committee Chairs, GSRs and all al-

Archives: Chuck K (492-3129) or cpkautz@gmail.com

CFC: John C-S (508-6039)

Grapevine: Andres M (875-3424)

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

Treatment: Rosemary M (422-3520) **Bi-Lingual:** Laura G (625-0056)

Newsletter: Karen I (602-0788) or karennursekaren@gmail.com

Special Needs: Regan F (422-2315)

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

District Meetings

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICTS

District 01A: DCM-Pat S (834-9024)

Monthly meeting is held at 8600 Wurzbach, #702, Creekview Office Complex, the 2nd Sunday, 4:00pm.

District 16: DCM-Carie C (887-6649)

Monthly meeting is held at Club 12, the first Sunday at 3pm. Meeting in front room.

District 17: DCM-Regan F (422-2315)

Monthly meeting is held at the Serendipity Group location, 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am.

District 18: DCM-Joe L (421-8665) or tailgate 5014@msn.com. District meets the 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:15pm. Meetings rotate location so please call for location info.

SAN ANTONIO SPANISH DISTRICTS

District 01F: DCM-Joe P (639-0997)

Monthly meeting is held at 3814 S. Flores, #2, the 2nd Sunday, 1:00pm, en espanol.

District 28: DCM-Anastacio E (334-0503) Monthly meetings are held at 935 New Laredo Hwy, #2 San Antonio, TX 78211, the 2nd and last Thursday, 7:00pm, en espanol.

SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

District 01E: DCM-Chuck O (649-2113) Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday. Call for loca-

District 02: DCM-Patty H (512-357-6649

Monthly meeting is held at 2pm the second Sunday of each month at the River Group, 208 W San Antonio, San Marcos, TX.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COORDINATORS

Chair: Rosemary M (422-3520)

TUESDAY

Laurel Ridge-Cyndi 422-7248 17720 Corporate Woods Dr 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Mission Vista-Danny 625-2755 or Brad 364-0554 14747 Jones Maltsberger 7:00pm

University Hospital Project Hope-6:00pm 4502 Medical Drive, FI #9 Charles W. 884-3440

Transplant Hospital 8026 Floyd Curl—8:00pm Floyd L—872-0664

THURSDAY

Laurel Ridge-Cyndi 422-7248 17720 Corporate Woods Dr

Mission Vista-Joni 831-4606 14747 Jones Maltsberger 7:30pm

Audie Murphy VA Hospital Banton D 882-7321 Villa Serena-4455 Horizon Hill 7:00pm

SATURDAY

ARC—Ed B 849-2425 10290 Southton Road 8:15pm

SUNDAY

Transplant Hospital 8026 Floyd Curl—11:00am Charles F—825-2989

We continue to seek members of the Fellowship that wish to Carry the Message. Please share our phone #s and email addresses with any member who needs to discuss service work through the Treatment Facilities Committee.

Correctional Facilities in the local San Antonio Area

SAF II—Substance Abuse Treatment Facility-Bexar County Offender Men & Women's Facility

Goyen Hall-State Hospital-711 S New Braunfels-South San Antonio

TX Dept of Criminal Justice Parole Division-Parolees Mtg

Men & Women Facility

2902 NE Loop 410 (near Perrin Beitel) by Rialto Theatre

Men & Women-6 months sobriety

Tuesday 6:45 (meeting 7:00pm) Room #115

Groups invited to take the meeting.

Bexar County Jail Annex-Women's Mtg

Woman's Facility 200 N Comal St

Women only

Friday, 10:30am

Contact for information-Ardyn C, 264-4900

Dominguez State Jail

Men's Facility

6535 Cagnon Rd-South of IH 90 on Loop 1604

Men & Women

Monday night 7:00pm and Thursday night 7:00pm

Mondays call Tom B

Thursdays call Cindy R 387-1228/Greg S 637-7203

Frank O 830-534-7522/Jeff M 630-9707

Thursday (cont)

Central Service Office Representatives Meeting Approved Minutes Monday, September 22, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

Opening: Donna L. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions read.

Introductions: No new CORs

Approve Previous Month's Minutes: Approved except as noted. New chair for outreach committee is Debbie from Goliad group, not Serendipity.

Announcements: Virginia reported the 7th annual Day in Recovery fundraiser for CSO is coming up. Char reported CSO was in need of assistance with the website. Nov. 17th is the tentative date for the CSO Open House.

Financial Report: Linda reported – Total contributions down and lack of sales. Big loss this month.

Some of the expense this month included: re-keying the office doors \$110, copier expense \$55, dumpster service (3 months) \$63.15, sobriety \$priceless\$. Depreciation should stay the same for a while. Still looking for someone to do a financial inventory. Just enough to make sure everything is recorded and reported accurately.

CSO Board Liaison Report: A/C was fixed by the landlord – no cost! Gratitude boxes are being assembled for donations in November. Meeting space is being used; District 16 meets here, archives interviews.

There was a request from the Al-Anon community to sell some of the more-requested literature. AA and Al Anon literature would not be co-mingled – Al Anon would be in its own separate and distinct location. We would need permission from Al Anon World Services and a \$400 initial investment.

Laura G. is the new translator for SAMSO. There will also be a flyer in Spanish about the basics of CSO. The board voted to allow SAMSO to have info on CSO website, or to have a link.

Telephone Service Report: No report given.

Archives Committee Report: No report given.

Outreach Committee Report: First official "gig" was cancelled. The Outreach Committee informs groups and individuals about CSO and its activities and promotes the Nightcap.

Old Business: Nomination forms for Board of Directors positions are due by October 1st. Turn them in to Donna from Serendipity, Debbie from Goliad, or Paul from Community group, or to Char or Vicki at the CSO office.

New Business: None

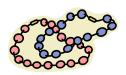
Passed the Seventh Tradition basket.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

CALL OUT TO ALL ARTISTS!

SIXTH ANNUAL AA IN SA ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION







Artist, we are asking that you begin ASAP to create your original art in your chosen medium to be part of our annual silent auction at Weekend in SA with AA.

We are aware that your art donation is indeed a gift of yourself and we value your creativity, time and money.

For information call Liz: 210 273-4650 or email: LLentzPainting@satx.rr.comor fax 210 496-8029

Your Central Service Office Board of Trustees—2008

-serving in love and service:



Bill McG, Chuck K, Linda R, Matt M, Suzanne McR, Terri W, and Vangie H

Group Conscience Meetings

Acceptance	Last Sunday	6:00pm		
Colonies North	1st Monday	7:00pm		
Goliad	2 nd Sunday	11:15am		
Group 12	1st Tuesday	6:45pm		
Freedom	3 rd Monday	7:15pm		
Grupo Paz y Sobriedad	3 rd Wednesday	TBA		
Highland	As Needed			
Keep It Simple	Last weekday each month			
Lackland Pyramid	As Needed			
New Downtown	1st Saturday	1:30pm		
Rush Hour	1st Wednesday	6:45 pm		
Sane and Sober	As Needed			
Schertz/Cibolo	Last Saturday	1:15pm		
Seeds of Grace	As Needed			
Serendipity	Last Monday	6:30pm		
Stay in the Solution	Last Saturday	1:10pm		
Universal City	2nd Monday	7:30pm		
Walzem Road	As Needed			
Woman's Big Book	Quarterly-Last Wed.	6:30pm		
Young and Done	$1^{ m st}$ Thursday	9:30pm		
Young and Golden YrsAs Needed				



Our great friend <u>Cliff M</u> passed away in his sleep. With him at the end was his family. Cliff celebrated 36 years of sobriety this year on July 7th; his 80th birthday was the 20th of June. Cliff was an honored member of Stay in the Solution and Colonies North Groups. Cliff was one of a kind. His candor, strength and friendship were available to anyone who needed help. His words will be in our hearts and his smile on our minds forever.

On October 29, 2008 we lost another member, <u>Abby T</u>. Abby had 16 years of sobriety and was a faithful member of the Valley Hi Group and the Winner's Club.



December BirthdayS

Colonies North:

Ernest V—4yrs Christi B—4yrs Christina A—5yrs Debbie H—6yrs Lexus C—12yrs Letty V—19yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

Jim B John O Paul S Eric A Justin W Stefan Z

2 years

Tim D CJ P Tony T Tony W Debra M John M

3 years

Steven S
Gary H
Robert C
Cindi C
Steven S
Dorothy G
Mary Ann P
Ryan B
Deborah L
Cindi C
Nancy V

4 years

John Z Jeff P David L David D Asten J

5 years

Emily S Andrew L Christine W David H Carlton L David H Tracy B Paul G Mark P Shawna

Group Twelve (cont) 6 years

Susan W Kelly H Lori B Elizabeth V Jay D Jenny W Mark K Joel D

7 years

Michael H Billy W Sara D Brian K John M Cindy W Edward H Cindi H

8 years

Debbie H James H Sherryl C Julian C Richard H Peter H John S William K Wendy F Anthony H Dale H

9 years

Sam R Darryl S Nick C Julie P Frank C Refugio A Shelley B Sam K Valentino H Kathy H Thomas J Jimi K David G Nolan S Shane M David S Randy F Susan P Frank P Hohn P Mary R Matthew B Timothy E

Erica F 10 years

Art A
Bud C
Skip W
Michael S
Seamus C
Edward G
Grace B
Sully H
Claudia M

Group Twelve (cont) 11 years

Kathy M Richard G Stephen G Alfredo B Sandy G Ralph F

12 years

Cheryl B Richard L Todd M John P

13 years

Donald B Laura T Eduardo J John K Robert N

14 years

John F Dorothy T David A

15 years

John Y Randall K Constance S

16 years

Sherry D Shannon W Gary S

17 years

Jim H

18 years

Cheryl C Richard L Debbie M Bob C Ricardo L

19 years

Leticia V Victor P William F

20 years

Stephanie C Susan H

21 years

Charles W James M Barbara H

Group Twelve (cont) 22 years

Gerry G Corky C Michael C Glen C

23 years

Andrew L Char

26 years

Hugh L Nancy F

27 years

Richard B Marie H Eric P Joseph M

28 years

Daniel B Joyce G Charles B

29 years

Laurie C John C William H Gene H

Group Twelve (cont) 30 years

Mel S

33 years Nancy W

41 years

Randy C Margaret W

Schertz/Cibolo:

Phil S—1yr Jim W—1yr Lika V—3yrs Rose I—4yrs Jeannie G—5yrs Frank B—6yrs Faye M—6yrs Flavio L—8yrs Mark W—9yrs Mary C—9yrs Charles C—11yrs Dorthy T—14yrs

Serendipity:

Lloyd S—11yrs

Starlite:

Johnny A-33yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Katie C—5yrs Juli R—6yrs Char—23yrs Ann W—24yrs Barbara M—31yrs

Young & Golden Yrs:

Larry H—18yrs Bruce R—23yrs Ann W—24yrs

SO SORRY TO HAVE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER

Colonies North: Jesse C—2yrs

Starlite:

Jeremy S-1yr

NOVEMBER

Starlite: Art S—10yrs

New Braunfels:

Bonnie F-33 yrs

GROUP BIRTHDAY NIGHTS

Last Sunday: Free at Last (Pot luck)

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

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

<u>Last Tuesday:</u> Valley Hi, Windcrest, Santa Fe, New Acceptance, Life Support, La Vernia

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

Last Thursday: Goliad, Ft. Sam, North San Pedro, Stahl Rd, Ac-

ceptance, 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)

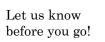
<u>Last Saturday</u>: Schertz-Cibolo, Lambda, Winners Club, Serendipity, Pleasanton

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO, TX 8804 TRADEWAY SAN ANTONIO, TX 78217 NON-PROFIT .ORG U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 2807 SAN ANTONIO, TX

(ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED)

X

MOVING?





12/08



THE NIGHTCAP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Mail to: Central Service Office of San Antonio 8804 Tradeway San Antonio, TX 78217 Fax: For Credit Cards only: 210-822-4491

DATE:			AM	AMOUNT PAID \$	
NEW:	RENEWAL:	ADDRESS CHANGE: Please check one	GIFT:	(\$6.00 x number of years) DONATION:	
PLEASE PR	<u>INT</u> :				
NAME:					
ADDRESS:					
		STATE:			
PHONE:		E-MAIL ADDRE	CSS:	_	
		12 ISSUES PER YEAR	R		
METHOD OI	F PAYMENT:				
Cash	Check	Visa/Mastercard #			
		Expiration Date:	Signature:_		