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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2009

<u>Dec 11-13</u>: Primm, NV Stateline Retreat. For reservations see: www.statelineretreat.com.

2010

<u>Jan 15-17</u>: South Padre Island, TX South Padre Island Jamboree. For registration forms see Events at www.aasanantonio.org.

<u>Jan 22-24</u>: Corpus Christi, TX Coastal Bend Jamboree. For registration forms see www.coastalbendjamboree.org.

<u>Jan 22-25</u>: Bahamas Cruise Sober Sisters Weekend at Sea. Www.sobercelebrations.com

<u>Jan 29-31</u>: New Braunfels, TX SWTA 68 Winter Workshop. See Events at www.aasanantonio.org.

Feb 11-14: Orlando FL International Women's Conference. For registration forms see www.internationalwomensconverence.org.

<u>Feb 5-8</u>: Bahamas Cruise Sober Brothers Super Bowl Weekend. www.sobercelebrations.com

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Dear Friends,

Our fellowship celebrates its twenty-ninth Christmas. We are at peace with the world and with Him who presides over us all. Never have we had so much for which to be thankful.

Joined by everyone at AA's World Headquarters, Lois and I send you our perfect faith that the year to come will be counted as AA's finest yet.

In affection, Bill

With permission from the AA Grapevine/December 1964

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Central Service Office (CSO) 8804 Tradeway San Antonio, TX 78217 Phone: 210 821-6325

Monday, December 21, 2009

11:00am to 7:00pm

The invitation is open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous and their families and friends. We will have sandwiches, snacks, and goodies to share. CSO would be non-existent if it were not for the many volunteers who give of their time and resources to keep our office the best it can be. Please stop by to thank your dedicated servants (and be thanked) on December 21st.

SERENDIPITY

19TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

10929 Nacogdoches, #5 (between Wurzbach Parkway & Storage 4 U)

Saturday, December 12



Potluck Dinner: 6:30pm Speaker: 8:00pm

Speaker is **Magnanimous Tim H**Lots of experience, strength and hope to convey.

Directly following speaker will be karaoke and fun activities.

Enjoy Fellowship!!!

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT IS COMING TO OUR SAN ANTONIO FELLOWSHIP IN JULY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF WELCOMING THE AA WORLD FELLOWSHIP TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, PLEASE BE PRESENT AT THE SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION CENTER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010. SEE INFORMATION BELOW.

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

NONE REPORTED

GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS:

The **Legal Professions Group** that meets at 6904 West Ave, St George Episcopal Church on Wednesdays at 8pm is now an open meeting.

The <u>Ft Sam Houston BAMC Groups</u> has folded.

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

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2009-2010

Bill McG Carolyn F Suzanne McR



2010-2011

Chris E David C June V

Stacy S

SWTA 68 Panel 60 Officers

Delegate: Char—San Antonio, TX char1285@hotmail.com 210 946-8374

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361 676-6271

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Group Foru か Page

SPANISH

Intergrupal

210 533-9770 Mon-Fri / Noon-5pm

SPANISH Help-line

210 409-8524 24 hours a day 7 days a week

District Meetings

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICTS

<u>District 01A</u>: DCM-Pat S (834-9024) Monthly meeting is held at 8600 Wurzbach, #702, Creekview Office Complex, the 2nd Sunday, 3:00pm.

<u>District 16</u>: DCM-Carie C (887-6649) Monthly meeting is held at 8802 Tradeway, the first Sunday at 3pm (next to CSO).

<u>District 17</u>: DCM-Regan F (422-2315) Monthly meeting is held at the Serendipity Group location, 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am.

<u>District 18</u>: DCM-Joe L (421-8665) or tailgate5014@msn.com. District meets the 2nd Sunday each month, 3:00pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702.

SAN ANTONIO SPANISH DISTRICTS

<u>District 01F</u>: DCM-Joe P (639-0997) Monthly meeting is held at 3814 S. Flores, #2, the 2nd Sunday, 1:00pm, en espanol.

<u>District</u> 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

<u>District 01E</u>: DCM-Jonathan S (490-4852) Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday. Call for location.

<u>District 02:</u> DCM-Patty H (512-357-6649) Monthly meeting is held at 2pm the second Sunday of each month. This is a rotating meeting. Please call the DCM for location.

<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.

Winner's Club

5723 Kenwick, 680-5496

December Schedule



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

Winner's Club has meeting spaces available. Call 680-5496.

Please call the Club about Christmas and New Year's festivities.

CLUB/GROUP 12

102 Thames / 344-8981

December Schedule



05 DE- CEMBER DECADENCE DANCE—Craziest décor of the year. (We are cleaning out the back room. COME SEE THE MESS!!!) 8PM-12AM—\$4 members, \$5 non members...with DJ Turn!!!

08 GROUP CONSCIENCE-6:45pm

20 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY—PRESENTS FOR THE KIDS, PICTURES WITH SANTA! FOOD, COOKIES 2-4pm.

24—30 7 DAYS OF CHRIST-MAS, FREE MEALS 5:30-7:00pm.

28 BOARD MEETING—6:45pm

30 DECORATING PARTY FOR NEW YEARS. Free pizza for all who help.

31 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE, 8pm-1am...with DJ Turn, free munchies, free party favors!!! \$10 members, \$15 non-members.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Central Service Office Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: John H (387-1866).

Alternate Coordinator: Christi B (213-7239)

Outreach Committee: Chair: Lou G (204-1920)

CSO Archives Chair: Sylvia O - The current focus of this committee is not only oral histories but a collection of all information on the AA International Conven-

tion to be used in a future display.

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.

Archives: Chuck K (492-3129) or cpkautz@gmail.com **CFC:** John C-S (508-6039) shanahanj@yahoo.com

Grapevine: Margaret R (222-0717)

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

Treatment: Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com) Meets at 8802

Tradeway, the first Sunday each month at 4:30pm (next to CSO).

Bi-Lingual: Laura G (625-0056)

Newsletter: Karen I (602-0788) or karennursekaren@gmail.com **Treasurer:** SAMSO, PO Box 17953, San Antonio, TX 78217

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

Dominquez 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 Greg S $\,$ 637-7203/Frank O $\,$ 830-534-7522/Jeff M 630-9707 $\,$

Guadalupe County Jail

Women's Meeting Wednesdays at 5:15pm

Contact Shirley M @ 210 257-5205

The Central Service Office

of San Antonio celebrated <u>60 years</u> this year. The office was founded in 1949, and has been in continual operation since that time, performing various functions as needed by the groups. Of necessity, the office has undergone many changes as the AA Groups grew in size and numbers, and group and individual AA requirements increased. Originally located at 919 Travis Building, the Central Service Office (CSO) has moved several times and currently resides at 8804 Tradeway since 1986.

May we continue to flourish as long as God needs us.

TREATMENT FACILITY MEETINGS

Chair: Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com)

SAMSO-San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization: Contact the person listed below if

you or your group is interested in carrying the message into these facilities

LAUREL RIDGE

17720 Corporate Woods Drive San Antonio, TX

Monday 7-8pm -

call John M – 324-8400 Mission Vista Recovery Mission Vista Military

Tuesday 7-8pm -

call Steve – 287-2608 Mission Vista Recovery Mission Vista Military Navasota Unit

Thursday 7-8pm -

call Steve – 287-2608 Mission Vista Recovery Mission Vista Military Navasota Unit

VILLA SERENA (VA)

4455 Horizon Hill

Thursday – 7-8pm – call Charles F – 825-2989

THE SALVATION ARMY

1324 South Flores

Friday 7-8pm – call Eli E – 277-9467

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Tuesday – 7-8pm – call Tomi BA – 364-1108

METHODIST HOSPITAL

8026 Floyd Curl Drive – 6th Floor -Grp Mtg Room

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation

Tue & Wed - 7-8pm-

call Charles F - 825-2989

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HOS-PITAL

7400 Barlite

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Tuesday – 7-8pm – call Mary E – 744-8717

Volunteers of America 6487 Whitby

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Thursday - 6:30-7:30pm - Women only-

call Rosemary M – 422-3520

Sunday - 6:30-7:30pm - Women only-

call Belinda M – 837-9921

BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (BEHAVIORIAL UNIT)

111 Dallas Street

Central Service Office Representatives Meeting Approved Minutes Monday September 21, 2009

Opening: Nelson opened the meeting.

12 Traditions were read by Art.

Introductions: New CSO Representatives included Ray from Vets in Recovery, Paul C. and Roger J.

from New Beginning, Lee H. from Spring Branch and Jim B. from Stay in the Solution groups. Twenty members were present.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: approved as submitted.

Financial Report: Char stated the overall the CSO was doing well and was ahead of budget. The CSO may be exceeding proposed budget by the end of the year due to an increase in group contributions. Sales were still good for June and July due to the increase in the number of literature sold that reflects the increase in the cost of Big Books. Discounts were given to groups who ordered by the case. Volunteer recognition gifts were reflected in the expense portion of the financials. Year to date balance was reported as \$17,716.94. Year to date budget was \$2,568.98. a question was raised by a CSO representative about the appropriate amount for group contributions. Char responded that group contributions are decided at the group conscious level. They may elect to contribute a percentage or none at all. There are guidelines or suggestions provided by the GSO. Char reminded the membership they were welcome to call anytime to inquire about the financial records.

CSO Representative Chair report: Nelson stated the he has been asked by the Board to collect CSO representative's questions and bring them to the Board meeting. If someone wants to specifically address the Board, they will need to call the CSO and be placed on the agenda. The Board meeting is closed to visitors. Concerns will be discussed at the CSO representatives meeting and if no resolution is reached, then it will be brought to the Board's attention. This is in response to last month's request for a CSO representative wanting to attend the Board meeting as a visitor.

Telephone Service Report: Postcard reminders have gone out to all volunteers. Subcommittees will be formed for phone duties to support the International Convention. John H. will be facilitating and organizing phone duty and call center activity. Over 30 people have signed up as back up volunteers. Thanks go to Jimmy R. for his efforts.

International Convention Update: Char reported that the volunteer kick-off will take place on Jan. 9th at the Convention Center. Char and Vicki will be chairing the Intergroup committee. Phone sharing committee will need extra volunteers especially after hours as we near the convention. Hosts and hostesses will also be needed at the CSO to welcome visitors. Volunteers will also be needed to staff the book sales table at the convention. Suzanne McReynolds will be the team captain for this event. There will be a luncheon at the Menger hotel for Intergroup, AAWS and Grapevine staff. This luncheon will be self-supporting. On Oct. 7th the first meeting will take place for team coordinators, chairs and co-chairs with the GSO staff, and on Nov. 1st the first group meeting for phone service will take place.

Archives Committee Report: none

Outreach Committee Report: none. Reminders and fliers for the Family Fun Fair were given to the members who are asked to announce at their group.

Board Liaison: Carolyn F. was thrilled to see that attendance has increased. She would like to see a list of those groups who do not send a CSO representative so that they can be encouraged to participate in the meetings.

Old Business: Meeting reminders were sent by postcard and email this month. Members liked the additional email reminder and were asked to print legibly on the sign in list to be included. Nominees for the election of new Board members are needed by Oct. 31st. Chris C. and Nelson are on this committee. Voting will take place at the November CSO representatives meeting. Four (4) positions will be open. It would be recommended to have at least two (2) persons be nominated for each vacancy. Forms will be emailed to the members by Donna L.

New Business:

Donna L made a recommendation that the CSO representatives think about sponsoring a city-wide meeting to get publicity about the importance of each group having a representative at the meetings. She suggested modeling the meeting like the Austin city-wide monthly meetings by having a simple pot luck and speaker meeting with no fund raising activity occurring. The recommendation was unanimously supported by the membership. Donna L. will contact the Austin representative for details and to see if he would like to be present at next month's meeting with recommendations.

Paul B. stated that he would like to attend District meetings to announce the importance of having CSO representatives. Art stated that he attended the District 1A meetings and made the announcement. Paul B. stated he would attempt to contact all District representatives.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

SPONSOR BY MAIL **OPPORTUNITY**

Corrections Correspondence—A special kind of service.



We are in need of AA members on the "outside" to correspond with AA members in Correctional Facilities. The bulk of our requests are from male inmates so we are asking for male volunteers particularly.

The Correspondence is handled by an AA coordinator through a PO Box so your personal information and anonymity are completely protected. You will be provided with rules for correspondence required by Correctional Facilities and suggested guidelines to help you when writing AA's on the "inside".

If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with AA's who are confined, please contact Kris J. at 210 410-3970 or by email at sbocajk@jmail.com.

THIS IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR REALLY MEANINGFUL TWELFTH STEP WORK. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Group Conscience Meetings

Group componence meetings				
Acceptance	Last Sunday	6:00pm		
Colonies North	1st Monday	7:00pm		
Goliad	2 nd Sunday	11:15am		
Group 12	1st Tuesday	6:45pm		
Free at Last	As Needed			
Freedom	3rd Monday	7:15pm		
Grupo Paz y Sobriedad	3rd Wednesday	$\overline{\mathrm{TBA}}$		
Highland	As Needed			
Keep It Simple	Last weekday each month			
Lackland Pyramid	As Needed			
New Downtown	1st Saturday	1:30pm		
Rush Hour	1st Wednesday	6:45pm		
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	8:00pm		
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				



"Ease up, Boy, you've been sober for two years now. They're only here for coffee and doughnuts."

October 2009 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO**

See insert for group contributions.

Birthday: **Total Birthday** \$0.00

Individual: Office Kitty \$22.00

Total Individual

7th Tradition/8802 \$48.00 COR Mtg \$14.96 Board Mta \$13.00

Memorial: **Total Memorial** \$0





\$97.96









"I ought to go to an AA meeting tonight, but I can't-my wife's sick."

-with permission of the AA Grapevine

cember Birthday

Abundance HR:

Donnie M-2yrs

Alamo Heights:

Lynn B—1yr Katie C—6yrs

Colonies North:

Letty H—1yr Christi B—5yrs Ernest V—5yrs Christina A-6yrs Debbie H-9vrs Letty V—10yrs

Community:

Gary B-1yr Les S-2yrs

First One Today:

Carole P-24yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

Karen H Shelly S Nina R

2 years

Jennifer Q Stefan Z John O Timothy C Paul S Eric A Jim B Ernesto R

3 years

Tony W CJP Debra M Elizabeth V

4 years

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

5 years

David D Laura W Jeff P David L John Z Asten J

Group Twelve (cont) 6 years

Shawna Andrew L Paul G David H Carlton L David H Christine W Mark P

7 years

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

8 years

Michael H Brian K Sara D Edward H Cindy W George (Billy) W John M

Cindi H 9 years

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

10 years Sam K Mathew B Julie P Darryl S Frank P Refugio A Nick C Shelly B Frank C Erica F Randy F Valentino H Timothy E Kathy H Thomas J Mary R John P David S Shane M Susan P David G Sam R Jimi K Nolan S

Shelly B

Group Twelve (cont) 11 years

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

12 years

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

13 years

Richard L John P Todd M

14 years

Laura T Robert N John K Edward J Donald B

15 years

Dorothy T

16 years

Randal K John Y Constance S Enrique G

17 years

Gary S Shannon W Steve G Sherry D

18 years

Jim H

19 years

Ricardo L Debbie M Richard L Cheryl L Cheryl C Janet R

20 years

William F Leticia V Victor P

21 years

Susan H Stephanie C

Group Twelve (cont) 22 years

Barbara H Charles W James M

23 years

Michael C Corky C Glen C Gerry G

24 years

Bill M Colin A Char Andrew L

27 years

Nancy F Hugh L

28 years

Eric P Marie H Joseph M Richard B

29 years

Daniel B Charles B Joyce G

30 years

Gene H Laurie C William H

31 years

Mel S

Group Twelve (cont) 34 years

Nancy W

42 years

Margaret W Randy C

Pyramid:

George S-2yrs

Schertz/Cibolo:

Jim W-2yrs Kelly A—Źyrs Lika M—4yrs Nancy V—4yrs Rose I—5yrs Jeannie G-6yrs Faye M—7yrs Frank B—7yrs Mary C-10yrs Charles C—12vrs Lane P—22yrs

Winner's Club:

Michael C-23yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Kimi W—1yr Shelly S-1yr Laura W-5yrs Milissa P-5yrs Katie C-6vrs Juli R—7yrs Cheryl B-13yrs Char—24yrs Ann W-25yrs

Young & Golden:

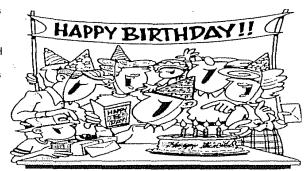
Larry H-19yrs Bruce R-24yrs Ann W—25yrs

> SO SORRY TO HAVE MISSED YOUR November BIRTHDAY



Kirby:

James K-1yr



GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday: Free at Last (Pot luck)

Last Monday: Alamo Heights, Freedom, Young and Golden Years (O-

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

Last Tuesday: 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, 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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