The Nightcap

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2011

Dec 8-11: Las Vegas, NV Stateline Retreat 2011. www.statelineretreat.org

Dec 10: Canyon Lake, TX The Gratitude Tree Meeting, St Andrews Lutheran Church, FM 2673.731-467-2141

Dec 17: Brady, TX Brady Christmas Party, 1303 North Walnut, Contact Brady AA at 325-597-5201.

2012

Jan 6-8: Galveston, TX SETA Convention. PO Box 3381, Bryan, TX 77805. Contact: txplumb57@yahoo.com

Jan 13-15: S Padre Island, TX District 27 Jamboree, 428 Saunders, Laguna Vista, TX 78578. Contact: davidspitx@hotmail.com

Jan 20-22: Edinburg, TX SWTA 68 Winter Workshop, www.aa-swta.org

Jan 26-29: Las Vegas, NV WACYPAA—For info: www.wacypaa15.org

Jan 27-29: Corpus Christi, TX Coastal Bend Jamboreeinfo@coastalbendjamboree.org



The last of its kind. This is the last Nightcap to be snail mailedwe are moving into the digital age. Well, its taken awhile for us to make this move to an electronic version of The Nightcap, but it is finally happening. The first electronic issue will be emailed to subscribers late December. It will be the January 2012 issue.

We have snail mailed our newsletter for 42 years. Actually, we have Nightcaps from the early 1950s, but there was a period of time, and for some unknown reason, the newsletter was not published. It picked back up again in 1969 and has continued on a monthly basis ever since.



The change to a digital newsletter has been slow in coming, but that is generally the AA way. If you are interested in receiving The Nightcap in an electronic format, please fill out the form on the back page. Hard copies will be available at the office.

It has been my pleasure to have published The Nightcap for the last nine years. There was much to write about over the years. Lloyd and I watched the miracles happen and I would attempt to write about them. We saw everything from the fellowship pulling the office out of a financial bind, to opening our arms to the Katrina evacuees. We all rallied around downtown San Antonio to welcome the world here for the 2010 International Convention. We cried at the loss of our oldtimers. We clapped for the newcomer receiving a desire chip. We saw thousands of hopeless alcoholics being directed to meetings and 12-Step calls being arranged. Big Books moved through CSO by the The San Antonio community welcomed AA at their Health case. Fairs, schools and correctional facilities. There has always been a plethora of material for The Nightcap for we are not a glum lot! We will miss the blanket of spiritual warmth that covers this office. We are grateful to have gotten to be of service and welcome the inevitable change coming for us and to your office. Thank you, -Char & Lloyd

CSO will be closed Christmas Day and Monday, December 26, 2011.

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.)

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.

My name is Amy D and was asked to send a little something about my home group to you. Thank you so

much for all that you do at the Nightcap and allowing me to share the love and hope I receive from AA in San Antonio! The **Fort Sam Houston Group** of Alcoholics Anonymous, I'm honored and truly blessed to say, is My

Home Group. It's the best oasis! I receive the joy and love to carry throughout the week with me on post. I'm originally from Ohio and was called to duty to Ft. Sam. When I arrived (FEB 2011) there was no meeting at Ft. Sam yet GOD works in the greatest ways! On March 10th, 2011 I was informed some people were bringing a meeting to my battalion headquarters and I was so moved by those words I cried for joy in the middle of our company formation. I became so excited that I was going to be of service in more way than one. We hit the road with a slow start as an open discussion meeting on Thursday nights, but we grew within the month and even began a second Big Book meeting on Tuesdays. Not only do I feel at home in this group, I get the privilege to make others feel at home too. A lot of our group consist of young soldiers, warriors in transition, and vets that need the love and power of GOD and AA in their lives. I'm so proud to be a part in planting the seeds of Unity, Recovery and Service in their broken lives and watch them grow. It's kept me accountable and active and I wouldn't want it any other way! My home group has taught me balance between military and the AA way of life. We have grown so much since March, our new meeting place is at the AMEDD Chapel, 3125 Garden Ave., Ft. Sam Houston (Bldg# 1398) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1830 (6:30 pm). Currently everyone has been able to get on post without any trouble, and I'm so thankful to the members of the Rush Hour Group who brought the message in the first place. There's never a dull moment and what is best, of course, is the meeting before and after the meeting. When I walk back to the barracks I always have a heart full of gratitude and love accompanied by a permanent grin that I'm told is only found in AA. Hope to see you all there one day... We need YOU more than you need us.

Sending light and love in the Spirit, Amy D (9/20/08) Home Group Member



I chose <u>Marymont</u> as my home group for a very simple reason. They laughed. The meeting before the meeting, the meeting after the meeting and at coffee later at Jim's were all full of laughter. I had not laughed in a long time and I wanted what they had. In those days it was a large meeting, 60-80 drunks all three nights a week. They included me immediately and I felt at home. The group included all ages from teenagers to old timers, I was 53. A similar range of sobriety, a good mix of men and women, all education levels and they were obviously having fun. I had not had any fun in a long time. I knew I was beginning to make some progress when my roommate of 32(at that time and 56 years now) years commented one night that I had started to laugh again. I had not laughed in a long time. *Curt—Home Group Member*

CHANGES/FOLDED GROUPS

The New Downtown Group has moved to 127 McCullough, San Antonio, TX 78207. They meet at 5:15pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Grupo El Mensaje #2 moved to 2623 Perez St, King of Christ Church (building on the side) 78207. They meet everyday at 8:00pm.

The **Serendipity Group** is starting a new meeting at 8:15pm on Tuesdays. It is a 'Selfish and Self-Centeredness Mtg. The group meets at 10929 Nacogdoches, #5. This meeting will begin December 6.

FLORESVILLE GRP meeting at Church of Christ, 3rd & A St, brick bldg in back, 78114 MON: 7:00pm O-Step **WED:** 7:00pm O-BB FRI: 7:00pm O-Disc SAT: 7:00pm O-Disc SUN: 6:00pm O-Disc

BULVERDE, TX

MON: 7:00pm O-BB WHAT DOES THE BIG BOOK SAY? 7100 N 281, Community Bible Church, rear of bldg, Bulverde, TX 78163

BULVERDE GRP meeting at Bulverde Community Center, 1747 E Ammann Rd, Take 281 N to Bulverde Rd, turn left on 1863, go 2.3 mi to Rahe Primary School, Turn left on E Ammann, 78163 MON: 8:15pm O-Disc WED: 8:15pm O-Disc

INGRAM, TX

www.aa12.org

Groups meeting at The Outpost, Hwy 27 & Old Ingram Loop, 3449 Junction Hwy, 78025 6:00pm C-BB, Ingram Solutions MON: TUE: 7:30pm O-Disc, An AA Grp WED: 7:00pm O-BB, Ingram Solutions FRI: 6:45am C-BB, Ingram Solutions SAT: 9:30am C-Disc, Ingram Solutions

> October 2011 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO

See insert for group contributions.

Birthday:	Total Birthday	\$ 00
Individual:	Office Kitty CSO Rep Mtg 7th Trad/8802	\$ 8.00 \$ 9.00
	CFC Mtg Board Mtg Total Individual	\$25.00 <u>\$ 5.00</u> \$47.00
Memorial:	Total Memorial	\$0.00

Help-line 210 409-8524

Winner's Club **December** Activities



- 24 The Club will be open all night
- 25 Christmas Dinner will be s served from noon to 3pm
- 31 Again, the Club will be open all night

Thank you to the groups that participated in Gratitude Month by passing the contribution boxes. We will have a total of the revenue generated by the boxes in next month's issue.



The new San Antonio Metro Area Meeting Directories are here. The covers are a green parchment. Due to the rising cost of printing, the price of the new directories will be \$.75 each. Pick up your groups supplies today.

Signing Court Cards

This is a reminder for those of you who choose to sign the letters of attendance at AA meetings for court appointed people: You may use the Central Office's number (821-6325) on those slips asking for phone numbers, thus protecting your anonymity.

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Congratulations to our Area 68 incoming

officers and committee chairs

Area Officers

Delegate	Pam J
Alt. Del	James H
Area Chair	Denise T
Alt Area Chair	Jonathan
Area Registrar	Stephen S
Area Secretary	Jere J
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The Service Manual Study Meeting!

Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

Rolling Oaks Christian Church 7150 Stahl Rd (Stahl & Nacogdoches-behind Valero) San Antonio, TX 78247 (Acceptance Group location)

Time 6:30pm-8pm Date 09 January

Guest Speaker: Brent B Panel 54 Area 68 Delegate

> **Concept I** 6:30-7:00pm

Refreshments 7:00-7:15pm

Group Discussion Chapter One: "Introduction to General Service" 7:15-8:00pm

<u>Please read</u> <u>Chapter I before the</u> <u>meeting</u>! The A.A. SERVICE MANUAL Combined With

TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE

by Bill W.

2010-2011 Citition REFLECTING ACTIONS OF THE 2010 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

For further information contact Don (210-651-2581.



That phone can truly weigh 1,000 pounds for the newcomer that picks it up for the first time to call Alcoholics Anonymous.

Help to make sure that an AA member is on the other end to answer the call. Sign-up today to answer the phones at the Central Service Office (CSO) or in the comfort of your own home after hours.

Contact Virginia at CSO 210 821-6325. One year of sobriety required.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Sponsor by Mail

Your AA program calls for service, but your time is limited or you have small children at home and can't get out much? Well, here is the service opportunity for you. The Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) is looking for people to sponsor by mail. What this involves is writing to AA members who are incarcerated. This can be done at your convenience and from your home. If you would like more information, please call Paxton at 210 550-9487.



District Meetings

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICTS

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

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

District 17: 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-Vacant

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.

District 28: 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.

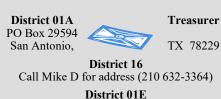
SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

District 01E: 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.

District 12: 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



Call Mike P for address (210 520-2849) District 17

PO Box 33774 San Antonio, TX 78265

District 18 Position vacant at this time.

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	Goliad	2 nd Sunday	11:15am		
	Group 12	1 st Tuesday	6:45pm		
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	Freedom	3 rd Monday	7:15pm		
	Grupo Paz y Sobriedad	3 rd Wednesday	TBA		
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	Lackland Pyramid	As Needed			
	New Downtown	1st Saturday	1:30pm	Ċ	;C
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	Seeds of Grace	As Needed			
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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: Sydney C (887-0101). Committee meets the third Monday at CSO, at the CSO Rep meeting at 6:00pm

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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.

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

Central Service Office Representatives Approved Minutes Monday, September 19th, 2011

Opening: All participants signed in and Pollyanne led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Clemet read the Traditions.

Introductions: CSO Reps: Eric from Alamo Heights Group

Approval of Minutes: none

Announcements:

Kevin from Acceptance Group announced Oct 8th Anniversary.

Pollyanne shared the "Sharing Service" for phone service will be meeting at 6:30 pm at CSO on 9-20-11. She also shared that there are 8 nominations needed for Board Members.

Eric from the Alamo Heights group states the church is re-modeling and that the Monday night meeting at 7:30pm might be held in different rooms to look out for the meeting room.

Clemet from Ft. Sam states the Tuesday and Thursday meeting at 6:30 pm has moved from the Medical Battalion to the AMEDD Chapel.

Frank from the Goliad group shared the group is now non-smoking

Board Liaison /Financial Report: Dan announced that Char will be retiring from Office Manager of CSO by the end of the year. Char would like to find a replacement by Dec.1st to train the New Office Manager. Dan also reported that the Contribution Boxes for November /Gratitude Month are ready to pick up and take back to our groups.

Dan announced that the "Nightcap" will go online in January 2012, More info to come on registering. Char-reviewed the P&L report line item by line item to the CSO Reps.

Committee Reports: Archives- Not Present

Telephone Service- Sharing Session meeting on 9-20-11 6:30 pm at CSO

Outreach Committee: Sydney will be updating the 12 step list. She found some groups do not have representation of CSO Reps. Next meeting 9-28-11 at 6:30 pm at CSO.

Old Business: Nelson motioned to table items due to not enough representation from last meeting. All approved.

New Business:

CSO will be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving and Monday after Christmas.

Pollyanne volunteered to chair the meeting for CSR reps until the end of the year. All voted and approved.

Nelson volunteered to be Alternate Chair , Cindy 2nd all approved.

 $Cindy \ volunteered \ to \ be \ alternate \ Secretary \ all \ voted \ and \ approved.$

7th Tradition basket passed

Closed with The Lords Prayer

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Oper Birthday

Colonies North:

Brian M—1yr David O—3yrs Letty H—3yrs Ernest V—7yrs Christi B—7yrs Cristine A—8yrs Debbie H—11yrs Letty V—22yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year Erica W David McC Megan B Todd S

2 years

Derrick F Charles C Duke D Stephanie S

3 years

Skyler B Nina R Shelly S Karen H

4 years

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

5 years

CJ P Cheryl K Elizabeth V Debra M

6 years

Nancy V Steven S Gary H Mary Ann P Deborah L Dorothy G Ryan B Cindi C Robert C 7 years Jeff P

David D David L John Z Melissa P Jason P Laura W Group Twelve (cont) 8 years Mark P Andrew L Paul G David H Carlton L Andrew I David H Christine W 9 years Jay D Susan W Kelly H Mark K Jenny W 10years Jonathan S Brian K Michael H John M Edward H Sara D Billy W Cindy W Brian K 11 years Richard H Wendy R Debbie H Sherryl C John S Peter H Julian C James H William K Anthony H 12 years Shelly B Refugio A Shane M Jimi K Matthew B David G Thomas J Kathy H Valentino H Susan P Mary R Timothy E Randy F Erica F Frank C Sam R Sam K Nolan S David S Darryl S Nick C Shelley B Frank P Julie P

Group Twelve (cont) 13 years Seamus C Art A Skip W Grace B Edward G Claudia M Bud C Sully H Michael S 14 years Lloyd S Richard G Stephen G Ralph F I ana M Richard G Alfredo B Sandy G 15 years Todd M Cheryl A John P Richard L 16 years Edward J John K Donald B Robert N Laura T 17 years Dorothy T David A 18 vears Enrique G Constance S Randall K John Y 19 years Steve G Shannon W Sherry D 21 years Ricardo I Cheryl C Richard L Janet R Debbie M 22 years Victor p William F Leticia V 23 years Stephanie C Susan H 24 years Barbara H James M Charles W

Group Twelve (cont) 25 years

> Gerry G Michael C Corky C Glen C

26 years

Char Bill McG Collin A Andrew L

27 years John R 29 years

> Hugh L Nancy F

30 years Marie H

Joseph M Eric P

Sue Z 31 years Charles B Daniel B

David G 32 years

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Gene H
William H
Laurie C
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33 years Mel S

35 years

Mike C

Group Twelve (cont) 36 years

Nancy W **44 years**

Randy C

Keep It Simple:

Lackland Pyramid:

Clayton K-7yrs

George S—3yrs

Serendipity:

Cameron J—2yrs Doug D—3yrs Lucy J—12yrs Emily K—13yrs Lloyd S—14yrs Cheryl A—19yrs Corky C—25yrs

Schertz/Cibolo:

Bonnie L—1yr Kevin C—1yr Natalie B—1yr Jerry O—2yrs Lucy G—2yrs Susan V—2yrs Andrew S—3yrs Jim W—4yrs Nancy V—6yrs Rose I—7yrs Mary C—12yrs Pati P—18yrs Lane P—24yrs

Spring Branch: Shawn B—1yr Lorin W—3yrs

Lorin W—3yrs Lee H—28yrs Lee F—30yrs

Winners:

Michael C-25yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Dee Dee G—2 yrs Laura W—7yrs Melissa P—7yrs Katie C—8yrs Juli R—9yrs Char—26yrs Ann W—27yrs

Young and Done:

Charles C—2yrs Erica W—3yrs Katie C—8yrs Brian K—15yrs

<u>Young & Golden</u> <u>Years</u>:

Laird T—11yrs Larry H—21yrs Ann W—27yrs



GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last Sunday: Free at Last (Cake & Coffee)

Last Monday: 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 Vernia

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

Last Thursday: Goliad, North San Pedro, Stahl Rd, Acceptance, Universal City, Sane and Sober (Open), Spring Branch (7am & 12:15pm)

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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