

The Nightcap

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Welcome to our New Board of Trustees

Rose P. (Tuesday Night Big Book Group) Dale S. (Gruene Rd. Group)
Bruce T. (Freedom Group)

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Central Service Office

The Office - The Board - The CSOR
 Our Common Welfare

Guest Speakers

CSOR Orientation

Refreshments provided

Four Sessions

The CSOR – what are the responsibilities?
 The Board of Trustees and their duties
 The Committees at the Central Service Office
 The Office and The Bookstore

WHERE?
 Fellowship Room
 8802 Tradeway
 San Antonio, TX 78217
(Next door to CSO)
 1/2 mile North of Loop 41: From the Loop 410 take
 Broadway outside of the Loop, turn right on Coe/Coe
 St., go one block and there we are, on the corner.

WHEN?
 Monday
 December 5, 2016
 6:30-7:30pm
The register will close at 6:30pm

Serendipity's **26th** Anniversary
 Saturday, December 10th, 2016

"Serendipity... means an unexpected miracle... We all felt that through our coming to A.A., we had... experienced an unexpected miracle. The gifts we had received as a result of working the 12 steps far exceeded our expectations..."
 (excerpt from Serendipity Group History Writing)

6-7 PM _____
Dinner: BBQ Brisket and Sausage
 'Bring and Share' Sides and Desserts

7 PM _____
Serendipity History

7:30 PM _____
Speaker

9-11:30 PM _____
Karaoke

Serendipity Group
 10929 Nacogdoches #5
 San Antonio, 78217

HAPPY New Year

**Abundance Happy Hour (AHH) is hosting
 Birthday Night on December 31st along with
 the Winner's Club, Inc's New Year's Eve
 Celebration!**

**AHH is a smoking meeting that meets everyday of
 the week from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Main dish theme
 is "comfort food" so we welcome any and all potluck
 dish items and desserts. Remember, it works if you
 work it and you're worth it!**

**This year's New Year's Eve theme is a "Pajama
 Party" so feel free to come in your favorite PJs,
 slippers and snuggles as we ring in the new year
 together!**

**Black-Eyed Peas and Cabbage will be available!
 Sound: by Irma and or Karaoke too!**

LET'S PARTY, THE AA WAY

**Come Celebrate New Years Eve &
 Our Spring Branch Group 13 Year Anniversary**

December 31, 2016
 Dinner Begins at 6:00 pm
 Guest Speaker at 7:00 pm

Randy R. 1-25-96
 Freedom Group

This Is A Pot-luck Event But The
 Main Meal(BBQ)will
 Be Provided By Our
 Spring Branch Group.

Remember, Well Before Our Event, Be Sure
 To Write On The Sign-up Sheet The
 Side-dishes, & Beverages You Would Like To Bring As Well As The Number
 Of Family And Friends Who Are Coming.

Fellowship during the Holidays !
Share your time with a fellow member of A.A.



Club 12

The seven days of Christmas - December 24th through December 31st



COLONIES NORTH ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Note: the location has moved to the church to allow for more of us to celebrate!

Please join us Sunday, January 1 at 6:30 PM
at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church
10226 Ironside inside the Fellowship Hall
for a potluck

celebration of Colonies North history and fellowship.

Good food, good sharing! Lots of gratitude!

Please join us! Bring a favorite dish dessert or side to share!



Goliad Group

Celebrates the holiday!

Saturday , December 17th 3pm- Santa

5:00- Dinner

6:15pm- Speaker - Bruce T.

537 Avondale, San Antonio, TX 78223

210-534-3937

Remember ... Rule 62

Holiday Humor

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Bookstore & Office

Central Service Office
8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(off Loop 410 & Broadway)



210-821-6325
Tomi or Virginia

The Central Service Office is supporting an in-house program that seeks information on the need to carry the message to the senior population in the San Antonio and metro area.

**A NEW Senior in Sobriety AA Meeting
Starts in January**

"Sober Over Sixty"

Where: Fellowship Room

Tuesdays at 10:30am

We are asking for help from Senior AA members...

Those current AA members over 60 to help to start this meeting and support it through its initial start-up stage. See below how this will work: .

There are 4 ways to volunteer:

1. Have your AA Group volunteer to chair this meeting for one month. Sign up by calling the Central Service Office at 210-821-6325.
Groups are signing up today for the future meetings in January through June 2017

How will this work:

Your Group volunteers to chair this meeting for one month as a Group service project. Members from this Group that are over 60 will attend the meeting and one of your group members will

chair the meeting. Meeting readings are ready and available in the notebook kept in the meeting room. Topics are the same as any meeting.

2. Attend this meeting and support it with your presence as an AA member for a week or two, and make announcements about this meeting at your Home Group.
3. Sign up to be a "senior for senior" 12 Stepper. This is a member of AA who is over 60 that is Willing to take the time to talk with a person that is trying to get sober.
4. Sign up to be a "senior for senior first contact." This is a member (suggested a team of two members) that meet the new senior member and accompany them to their first AA meeting, introducing them to other members.

Things We Cannot Change

Biff P - A long time member of the 7am meeting at Club 12 –home group Passed away November 19th. Biff was sober for 24 years.

**Adopt-a-Rack
Program Details**

You or your Group may pick up a rack at the CSO Bookstore for a \$10 fee. Fill out the paperwork and leave it for the PI Committee or take it with you and fill out later.

The PI / CPC Committee.

Ask Me About
**Sober
Over
Sixty**

If you see an A.A. member wearing this button... it means they are willing to answer questions !

They know the the answers!

The Telephone Committee meets in a sharing session each month.

Time: 5:15pm
Place: Archives Room at:
Central Service Office
(prior to the CSOR Meeting)



- A time to share experience and assist each other. Lucy (Chairperson) meets with any volunteers or AA members that come to the meeting. Each month there is a picked topic to talk about.
- Telephone Volunteers can pick up a new directory and 12 step list.

Thursdays are Drop in and Volunteer with the Archives - No training needed

BOOKSTORE NEWS

CSO BOOKSTORE

8804 Tradeway - San Antonio

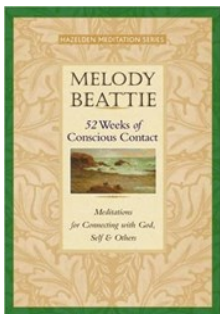
Open Monday 9am-6pm / Tuesday- Friday 9am-5pm



The Bookstore carries all of the items made by Alcoholics Anonymous (Books, pamphlets, signs, and service related workbooks)

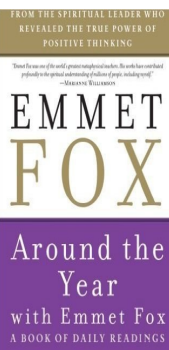
And many different gifts items

Specials - December



Melody Beattie
"52 Weeks of Conscious Contact"

\$13.50



Around the Year with Emmet Fox: A Book of Daily Readings by Emmet Fox

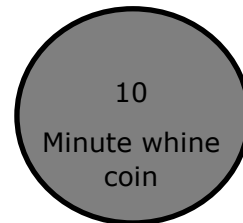
Paperback - \$13.50

New! Golf Ball Marker



\$4.95

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- **AA Speaker CD - \$4 each**
New Cd - Your choice of many different speakers
- **A Day in Recovery CD sets (5 CDs) \$15.00 set**
Willard M. Twelve Steps
Jim W. Twelve Traditions
Yolie F. Twelve Concepts

The Golden Books by Father John Doe



Buy one book or buy the entire set

Individual Book by Topic \$4.95

The entire Set of Books \$49.95

\$ 15





What's Happening at Groups Send your Groups information

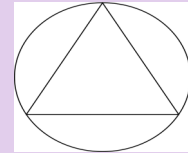
**Highlands Group
Sixty Sixth
Anniversary**

**Saturday
January 14th
6-8pm**

**Speaker: Suzy C.
Join us for free food
Fellowship
Fun**

**New Braunfels Group
At the Two-Four Club
1142 Eikel St, New Braunfels, TX 78130
Monday thru Friday
Noon
open discussion**

**Women of Wonder
Group
Jewish Community
Center
12500 NW Military Hwy.
Rm. 227—2nd floor
San Antonio, TX 78231
7pm - Open**



If BIG trucks can park close to your meeting place, let the CSO know so we direct our visiting truck drivers.

**Rush Hour Group
The Center
8607 Wurzbach Rd #P
San Antonio, TX 78240**

**Speaker Meeting
5:30pm on Saturday**

**Cathy K. - 11 Yrs.
Austin B. - 4 Yrs.**



Moved

Acceptance Group

New address follows:

**Schertz United Methodist Church
3460 Roy Richard Drive
Schertz, TX 78154**

**Off IH35 N
Meetings days & times same
Monday Rm# 111
Sunday & Thursday Rm# 106**

Sisters in Hope Group

Women

Closed discussion

6:15pm

1119 Meadowwalk

San Antonio, TX 78253

(residence)

NEW!

**The Windcrest Group
In Windcrest**

**Windcrest United Methodist
Church
8101 Midcrown Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78239**

**Thursday
At 7pm**

open discussion

**Back of church next to
the Office.**

**Start January 3rd
8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217**



**Sober
Over
Sixty**

open discussion meeting

Folded

**Stepworkers Group
Startzville TX**

Meeting added to existing group

**Guilbeau Group
Wednesday at 7pm
open discussion**

**Northwest Community Church
8900 Guilbeau
San Antonio, TX 782550**

Central Service Office Representatives

Meets on Monday, December 19th at 6pm

The Communication Committee Report Central Service Office Representatives Committee

Telephone
Committee

meets at
5:15pm

Archives Room

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO

MEMBERSHIP:

Every A.A. group in the San Antonio Metropolitan area may be a member of the Central Service Office of San Antonio. They exercise their membership by sending a CSO representative to the monthly meeting at the Central Service Office on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

CSO REPRESENTATIVES:

The Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) is the very core of the Central Service Office. Each A.A. group within the San Antonio Metropolitan Area may elect a member to service as its CSO representative. This allows the groups to vote on issues, voice opinions, and/or inquiries on behalf of their group. The CSOR oversees the actions of the Board of Trustees and has the right to override any Board decision. They inform the CSO of the groups needs and inform the group of the services provided by the CSO. They encourage membership in the CSO committees and inform them of financial needs.

HELP LINE (210)828-6235:

The goal of the CSO board is to have an A.A. member always answer a call for help or information in the San Antonio Metropolitan area 7/24/365. This requires we have volunteers for the after-hour calls, forwarded to their personal phone. The CSO telephone committee is responsible for this service. The CSO telephone committee provides training. We can always use new phone volunteers

CSO TESTIMONIALS:

When I got out of rehab I wish I had heard of the monthly nightcap newsletter. I recall being afraid, alone, scared, homeless and clueless. The newsletter provides so much great information on clubs, social activities, groups, and meeting times. This newsletter is vital and extremely important to any and all newcomers. I am thankful and grateful that a monthly newsletter exists for me today. I don't ever have to be alone if I don't have to. Thank you CSO. Gilbert V.

I discovered the Central Service Office by accident. When I reached out for help I didn't know I was calling a 24 hour hotline staffed and supported by the CSO. Later in recovery I found a treasure trove of materials and literature at the CSO and spent many an hour there browsing the archives, purchasing my next read or enjoying the fellowship of those who worked there or stopped in to pick up a book or enjoy a cup of coffee. And these are only a few of the many wonderful things the CSO does for not only San Antonio but a large portion of Texas. Now I am a Central Service Office Representative for my home group and get to carry the message to my group and many others throughout the city and this great state. I would like to share the story of the CSO with your home group and encourage anyone who is interested to come to the office and see if being a representative is your service calling. Greg H.

When I got back to San Antonio after going to rehab, I didn't know much about meetings in San Antonio and had no program contacts to direct me so I called the CSO hotline and very clearly remember speaking to this very friendly man who was extremely helpful. Eric Q.



AA wants YOU!!!

Central Service Office Representatives - Meeting Notes
Monday, October 17, 2016

Opening: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

Introductions: New CSO Reps & all CSO Reps each rep tells something about their Group

Reminders: CSR sign up and information wall, check your information on signup sheet. Flyers and information in the fellowship room are for CSORs to take to group.

Announcements:

Gratitude boxes are available at front desk if your Group needs one.

CSOR & Board Member Orientation: December 5th. Flyer in your packet

Please leave any flyers or other AA information for CSOR's and others below the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Room. Please pick up and check information to take back to your group.

Introduction of Guests:

Billy S. San Antonio Interdistrict Treatment Chair announced a "How To" workshop 11-13-2016 1:30-3:30 at The Center on Wurzbach. Flyer provided to each rep.

Minutes of previous meeting (September): Secretary - Kris J., Approved. August notes are unavailable.

Board Liaison report:

Paul A. (Board Trustee) - Financials are on track per budget for the year.

Karen H. (Board Trustee) – Archives has appointed Paul B. New Events Display Coordinator. Tami S. attended NAAAW - National AA Archives Workshop. She requested a Spiritual Support letter from CSO for San Antonio to bid for NAAAW conference in 2019. Board nominations will be made and voted on in November. There are 3 positions open.

Office Manager's report: Tomi BA - written report in the CSOR packet.

San Antonio Inter-District CSOR liaison report:

Steven (SAID) - Financials are balanced. There will be a newsletter - new chair is working on it. ASL equipment was used at the meeting and it worked. SAID will have business cards printed to explain SAID functions. CFC is having a workshop 2-2017; looking for volunteers. They will be having a raffle for literature and are looking for items from groups to raffle.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Eric Q. - they will revisit online CSOR meetings.

Archives Committee: Vicki C. - Archives open house at CSO 11-7-2016 10:00am - 8:00pm. AA in San Antonio 1950s presentation and a display for History of Acceptance Group's Anniversary.

Telephone Committee: Lucy J. - All after hours slots are filled and backup list is good. Keep informing members.

Nomination Committee: No report

Hispanic Intergroup: Gustavo - Hispanic AA Convention will be November 4-6,2016 at the Hilton. Flyers are available for registration. Spanish Archives will not be participating with SA Archives due to traditions and anonymity. Hispanic groups are very conservative. Translation equipment will be considered for convention.

New Business - Group needs to elect a CSOR Representative as liaison to the Board of Trustees to take information about our meetings..

7th Tradition Basket

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Group Contributions

October 2016

\$ 4,428.09

Airport Group SA	10.00
Boerne Hwy Group	30.00
Buda 2nd Chance	37.00
Buda Big Book Grp	113.00
Canyon Lake Group	300.00
Canyon Lake Step Workers Group	54.90
Change or Die Group	81.30
Colonies North Group	300.00
County Line Group	89.00
First One Today Group	78.00
Freedom Group	142.20
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	712.28
Hope Group SA	15.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	25.00
Kirby Group	100.00
Ladies First 164 Group	100.00
Laurel Heights Group	15.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	210.00
Midtown Noon Group	69.99
New Braunfels Group	279.55
Oasis Group	100.00
River Group	25.00
Shalom Group	40.00
Sisters in Sobriety	46.85
Solutions Group/Canyon Lake	50.00
Spring Branch Group	117.00
Stay in the Solution Group	109.01
Turning Point Group	1,159.65
Unity Group	8.36

Total 4,428.09



Grateful For My Sobriety

We have started-up an old tradition!

Birthday Club Sign Up

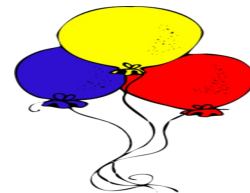
Show your support for CSO and help keep the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve at the same low price.

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety is all it takes.

See the Club section of the 'What's Happening' in San Antonio !

Your sobriety is worth celebrating!

Celebrate your friends anniversary by sending a contribution in their name, with their sobriety"



Gratitude Boxes received in November 2016

Generic Group	\$121.00
Serendipity Group	121.00

Group Contributions

January— October 2016

\$ 34,893.87

a	26.43	Live & Let Live Group	90.00
Acceptance Group	147.96	Love & Laughter Ladies Group	330.00
Airport Group SA	209.00	Lytle Group	22.00
Alamo Heights Group	150.00	Marymont Group	446.00
Boerne Hwy Group	300.00	Midtown Noon Group	284.49
Boerne Noon Group	1,500.00	Monte Vista Group	165.00
Boerne Womens Group	237.30	Morning After Group	150.00
Broadway Group	200.00	Mostly Agnostics Group	100.00
Buda 2nd Chance	165.50	New Beginnings Group (SA)	141.26
Buda Big Book Grp	395.50	New Braunfels Group	1,660.25
Canyon Lake Group	300.00	North San Pedro Group	70.57
Canyon Lake Step Workers Group	54.90	Northeast Group	50.00
Change or Die Group	270.30	Northwood Group	200.00
Coffee Pot	650.00	Oasis Group	500.00
Coker Group	397.00	Primary Purpose Group (San Anto-	820.47
Colonies North Group	892.50	Rigorous Honesty Men's	180.00
Community Group	155.00	River Group	250.00
Cork In The Jug Group	306.25	Road of Happy Destiny	270.00
County Line Group	228.00	Rule 62 Group (San Antonio)	50.42
Cuarta De Dimension	450.00	Rule 62-Devine Group	124.00
District 12	120.00	Rush Hour Group	419.45
First One Today Group	491.46	San Antonio Women's North	104.00
First Things First Group	4,005.00	Schertz/Cibolo Group	367.05
Floresville Group	100.00	Seguin Primary Purpose Group	20.00
Freedom Group	572.97	Serendipity Group	543.13
Friday Night Fix Group	124.00	Shalom Group	148.00
Generic Group	257.00	Share The Light Group	85.13
Goliad Group	300.00	Shook Big Book	87.00
Gruene Road Grp.	336.23	Sisters in Sobriety	134.18
Grupo 3 Legados	59.29	Solutions Group/Canyon Lake	50.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	100.00	Spring Branch Group	647.32
Guilbeau Group	30.00	Stahl Road Group	115.18
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	3,746.41	Stay in the Solution Group	2,042.27
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00	Survivors Group	297.52
Highland Group	84.10	The Solution Group (San Antonio)	60.00
Hope Group SA	55.00	Tuesday Nite Big Book Study	410.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	310.00	Turning Point Group	3,068.04
Jourdanton AA	23.51	Unity Group	56.36
Keep It Simple Group	275.00	Universal City Group	128.03
Keystone Group	49.00	Universal City/Sunday Group	30.00
Kirby Group	440.00	Woman's Big Book	131.39
Ladies First 164 Group	100.00	Woman's Big Book (Kerrville)	2.00
Lambda Group	500.00	Women's Solution-NB	2.25
Last Call Group	196.49	Work in Progress Group	8.01
Laurel Heights Group	285.00	Young & Golden Years Group	20.00
		Young and Done	167.00

What's happening at your group?

Email events to the following address: **Email: csosa@dslextreme.com**



Check out flyers for these events on our website: aasanantonio.org

Dec 1st	The San Antonio Archives Committee Meeting - 6:15pm - Fellowship Room
Dec 4th	Treatment Facilities Committee (San Antonio Interdistrict) Meeting - 5pm - Fellowship Room
Dec 5th	CSOR Orientation - for new and old CSOR's - Fellowship Room - San Antonio
Dec 7th & 21st	Intergrupala Hispana - en español - 7pm - San Antonio (the first & third Wednesday of each month)
Dec 8th & 29th	District 28 Meeting-2nd & last Thursday - 8pm
Dec 10th	Serendipity Group Anniversary - San Antonio
Dec 11th	District 12 Meeting District 1E Meeting
Dec 12th	District 2 Meeting - 2pm - at The River Group District 01F Meeting - 2nd Sunday at 10am Service Manual Meeting – San Antonio
Dec 15th	Central Service Office Board Meeting - 6pm Fellowship Room
Dec 17th	Goliad Christmas Celebration - San Antonio
Dec 19th	Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room After Hours Telephone Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Fellowship Room
Dec 24th-31st	Club 12 - 7 Days of Christmas Dinners - San Antonio
Dec 31st	Winners Club New Years - San Antonio Spring Branch New Years - Spring Branch TX NO MEETING IN DECEMBER San Antonio Inter-District No District Meetings
2017	
Jan 13th	Southwest Texas Area 68 Winter Workshop - Assembly - Killeen, TX
Jan 14th	Working With Others Workshop - Universal City Highlands Group Anniversary - San Antonio
Feb 3rd	Correctional Facilities Conference (CFC) - Southwest Texas Area 68 - San Antonio
Feb 25th	Saturday in SA with AA - San Antonio - Special Event for Weekend in SA
April 1st	Family Fun Fair - Brackenridge Park - San Antonio
April	Southwest Texas Area 68 Assembly - San Antonio
June 9th	Texas State Convention - San Antonio - 2017
July 12th	Womens Big Book 25th Anniversary - San Antonio
August	Club Twelve Anniversary - San Antonio
Sept	San Antonio Round-up 2017 - Date to be confirmed
Sept	A Day in Recovery - 2017 - Date to be confirmed - San Antonio
Oct. 20th	Regional Forum - San Antonio 20-22nd October - San Antonio
Nov 3rd & 4th	Weekend in SA 2017 - San Antonio Shrine Auditorium

Events Out of Town



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2016

Dec 4th 49th Annual Boerne A.A. Dinner - Boerne TX

2017

Jan 13th Southwest Texas Area 68 Winter Workshop - Killeen TX

Jan 20th Coastal Bend Jamboree - Corpus Christi

Nov 10th National Corrections Conference - St. Louis

Calling all

GSRs
DCMs
Group
Committee
Chairs

"SouthwestTexasArea68

2017 Winter Workshop - Jan 13 - Jan 15th

"Rescued From Shipwreck"

Killeen Courtyard by Marriott

1721 East Central Texas Expressway

Killeen, TX 76541

254-616-2000



Volunteer
at
CSO
on
Wednesdays

SAN ANTONIO'S

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY MEETING

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday

Hosted by the Shook Ave Group

LOCATION

University Presbyterian Church

300 Bushnell, San Antonio, TX 78212

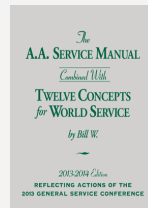
Date: Monday, December 12th Time: 7pm

Concept Twelve Guest Speakers

Yoli F. - SW Regional Trustee

Chapter Twelve Guest Speaker

Deborah T. - Past SA Grapevine Chair



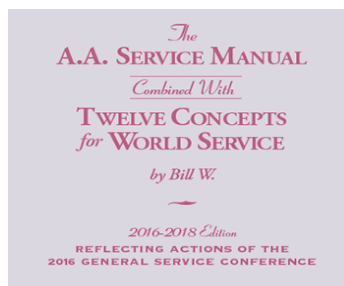
Tradition Twelve (long form)



And finally we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Did you know that the long form of the Traditions is in your Twelve & Twelve on page 189?

A.A. Service Manual /Twelve Concepts for World Service



By: Bill W.

We continue to explore the A.A. Service Manual. This is one book that should be in every Group library. It is full of information. It is very inexpensive. If you want to explore this book before you put one in your Group's Library, there is a copy in the Fellowship Room Library at Central Service Office (CSO) at 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217, open to all AA members.

Topic Two: Two Corporations - Continued from November

The General Service Board is responsible for the General Service Office and the Grapevine. (In the January issue of the Nightcap we will explore the General Service Office.)

The General Service Board takes care of its administrative duties through two corporations, The A.A. World Services Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

In this issue of the Nightcap, we are looking at the second of the two corporations that are responsible for administrative duties of the General Service Board.

Corporation Two: A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

How does A.A. Grapevine, Inc. function? It functions through a corporate board. (Your Central Service Office in San Antonio functions through a corporate board.)

The Corporate Board currently has nine directors

- Two general service Trustees
- Two regional or at-large trustees
- One Class A Trustee
- Three nontrustee directors
- An Executive Editor / Publisher - who is president of the corporation. Is an A.A. member

The board meets quarterly. They consider agenda items such as:

- Circulation
- Finance
- Publishing Operations for both the Grapevine and the LaViña

It holds 4 additional meetings a year as a planning committee of the whole.

The Chairman of the Corporation is always a trustee. And the chairmanship rotates each year between a general service trustee and a regional trustee. Directors are elected each year and may serve four consecutive one-year terms, with two exceptions: regional trustees serve for two years, nontrustee directors who are elected trustees may serve four additional years in that capacity. All directors are voting members of the General Service Conference, which meets for one week in April, and serve on

The Grapevine Office: The executive editor/publisher has oversight responsibility for Grapevine and La Viña operations and reports directly to the Grapevine Corporate Board. There are several members of the Grapevine team: The Controller, senior editor of La Viña, the web editor, office manager, junior accountant, production associate, customer relations coordinator and two part-time editorial assistants.

How is A.A. Grapevine supported? A.A. Grapevine's goal is to be supported by the revenue it receives through the sales of its books and other publishing items.

Grapevine does not accept any contributions from Groups or individuals and does not accept monies from ads or memberships. Funds come from the sales of its subscriptions and other items sold.

The Grapevine has become self supporting, but the La Viña is still considered a "service" piece and is supported by funds from the General Service Board.

The Magazines and other items that Grapevine Publishes and sells

The A.A. Grapevine carries its message in a variety of media. Items that have been published in the Grapevine are presented in one or several of the following forms of media: Magazines, CD's, books, audio Books, MP3s, pocket calendar, wall calendar and service items such as the Serenity Prayer and A.A. Preamble signs. Bulk magazines sales are encouraged.

Why are the Two Corporations Separate?

Bill W. addressed this question in his essay on Concept XI in Twelve Concepts for World Service questions: "Why can't both of them be consolidated into the General Service Board?" Or, "Why can't the Grapevine be merged into AA World Services, Inc., thus placing all active Headquarters operations under a single management?" These questions have already been discussed under previous Concepts. We have concluded that the General Service Board is an unsuitable vehicle for an operating corporation; that because the Grapevine is such a dissimilar operation, and because we ought not concentrate too much money and executive authority in a single entity, there should be no merger of AA World Services and The AA Grapevine. Upon these points we seem well agreed-at least, as of now.

Reprint from "A Guide to AA Grapevine" Chapter Six: AA Grapevine, Inc.

The above statement does not include the entire article. Read more of this article for a better understanding of this question and answer. The "Guide" is available at the Central Service Office Library in the Fellowship Room.

Continued in the January Nightcap. We will look at The General Service Office

The A.A. **Service Manual**, in the section "The Board's Operating Corporations" (Chapter 10, page S74) *And some information from the "A Guide to A.A. Grapevine", Chapter Six, pg. 25*

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Grupo Santa Fe
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Grupo Volver A Vivir
Grupo Nuevo Leon
Grupo Tres Legados
Grupo Un Paso Hacia Adelante
Grupo Unidad
Grupo Rayo de Luz
Grupo Nuevo Amanecer

Eventos

2017 Libertad de la Esclavitud

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Contacto informacion: Bill H.

OFICINA CENTRAL DE SERVICIO DE SAN ANTONIO

MEMBRECIA:

Cada grupo de A.A. en el área metropolitana de San Antonio puede ser miembro de la Oficina Central de Servicio de San Antonio. Ejercitan sus miembros mediante el envío de un representante de las CSO a la reunión mensual en la Oficina Central de Servicio cada tercer (3er) lunes del mes a las 6:00pm.

REPRESENTANTES DE CSO:

Los representantes de La Oficina Central de Servicio (CSOR) son el núcleo de la Oficina Central de Servicio. Cada grupo de A.A. dentro de la zona metropolitana de San Antonio puede elegir a un miembro a servicio como su representante de las CSO. Esto le permite a los grupos votar sobre temas, comentarios o consultas en nombre de su grupo. El CSOR supervisa las acciones de la Mesa Directiva y tiene el derecho de anular cualquier decisión de la Mesa. Informan a la CSO de las necesidades de grupos e informan al grupo de los servicios brindados por las CSO. Promueven la membresía en los comités de las CSO e informan de las necesidades financieras.

LINEA DE AYUDA (210) 828-6235:

El objetivo de la Mesa de la CSO es que un miembro de A.A. siempre responda a una llamada de ayuda o información en el área metropolitana de San Antonio 24/7/365. Esto requiere que los voluntarios tomen llamadas después de horas regulares las cuales son dirigidas a su teléfono personal. El Comité de teléfono de CSO es responsable de este servicio. Este Comité de teléfono brinda entrenamiento, siempre podemos utilizar a nuevos voluntarios de teléfono

TESTIMONIOS DE CSO:

Cuando salí de rehabilitación me gustaría que hubiese oído del boletín mensual Nightcap. Recuerdo estar asustado, solo, sin hogar y desorientado. El boletín proporciona información tanto en clubes, actividades sociales, grupos y horas de reuniones. Este boletín es vital y muy importante para cualquier y todos los recién llegados. Me siento agradecido que hoy existe un boletín mensual para mí. Nunca tengo que estar solo porque no lo es necesario. Gracias CSO. Gilbert V.

Descubrí la Oficina Central de Servicio por accidente. Cuando busque ayuda no sabía que estaba llamando a una línea telefónica de 24 horas de apoyo personal de la CSO. Más adelante en mi recuperación encontré un tesoro de materiales y literatura en CSO, pase horas allí navegando por los archivos, comprando mi próxima lectura o disfrutando de la comunión de quienes trabajaban allí por un libro o disfrutaba de una taza de café. Y estas son sólo algunas de las muchas cosas maravillosas que hace el CSO no solo San Antonio pero una gran parte de Texas. Ahora soy un representante de La Oficina Central de Servicio de mi grupo y llevo el mensaje a mi grupo y muchos otros a lo largo de la ciudad y este gran estado. Me gustaría compartir la historia de las CSO con su grupo y a animar a todo aquel que esté interesado en venir a la oficina y ver si ser un representante es su llamada de servicio. Greg H.

Cuando volví a San Antonio después de ir a rehabilitación, yo no sabía mucho acerca de reuniones en San Antonio y no tenía contactos del programa para dirigirme así que llamé a la línea directa de la CSO y recuerdo muy claramente hablar con este hombre que era muy amable y fue extremadamente útil. Eric Q.



AA LO QUIERE A USTED!!!

Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1 Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2 Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3 Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



4 Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



6 If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



7 Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



8 Worship in your own way.



9 Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10 Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."

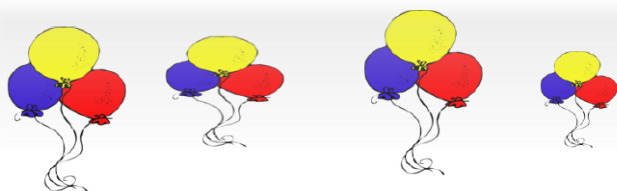


11 Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12 "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

Thanks to all of the AA members who joined the Birthday Club this year. As of December 1st you have raised \$2,156.60 in birthdays contributions. This will go to keep the sales price of the Big Book down to its current price. Join us again in 2017 to continue to keep the Big Book at a price that anyone can afford!



Birthday Club 2016

January

Bill S.	Young & Done Group	21yrs
Paul S.	Gruene Rd Group	40yrs
Robert S.	Boerne Noon Group	45yrs

February

Jim W.	Group Twelve	59yrs
Michiel G	Turning Point Group	27yrs

March

Suzanne McR	Group Twelve	33yrs
Tami S	Rush Hour Group	13yrs
Tammy K	Tuesday Nite Big Book	11yrs
Monica D	Freedom Group	7yrs
Julie B	Spring Branch Group	6Mo
Gregorio M	Spring Branch Group	
Ann T	Boerne Womens Group	
Benna Jean	First Things First Group	

April

Dolly	Sisters in Sobriety	
Carol W .	Sisters in Sobriety	
Debra P.	Rush Hour Group	
Monica D	Freedom Group	7yrs
Kama D.	Spearheads Group	8yr
	San Marcos	
Jere J.	Young & Done Group	23yr
Dewey S.	Stahl Rd Group	41yrs

May

Lee Ann M.	Sisters in Sobriety	5yrs
Jan B.	Bulverde Group	5yrs
Tomi BA	Serendipity Group	30yrs
Evelyn C.	Sisters In Sobriety	

June

Rose P	Tuesday Night Big Book	6yrs
Pam T	Serendipity Group	12yrs
Nancy Lee	Sisters in Sobriety	1yr

July

Paul A.	Serendipity Group	10yrs
Stacey P.	Serendipity Group	5yrs
Keen N.	First One Today Group	1yr
Sydney C.	First Things First Group	8yrs
Julie H.	Woman's Big Book Group	3yrs
Douglas F.	Acceptance Group	18yrs
Jane D.	New Vision Group	5yrs

August

Irene P.	San Antonio North Womens	20yrs
Virginia B.	Turning Point Group	32yrs
Kris J.	Gruene Road Group	10yrs
Carol S.	Share the Light Group	40yrs

September

Julie B.	Spring Branch Group	1yr
Tom T.	Serendipity Group	19yrs
Yolanda G.	Serendipity Group	1yr
Judy K.	Sisters in Sobriety Group	
Mick H.	Serendipity Group	3yrs

October

Karen S.	Tuesday Night Big Book Group	3yrs
Kevin G.	Northwood Group	16yrs
Eldon M.	Mostly Agnostics Group	34yrs
Stephen K.	Oasis Group	5yrs
Dale S.	Gruene Road Group (NB)	32yrs
Pam R.	Group Twelve	39yrs

December

Cheryl A.	Serendipity Group	20yrs
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Grateful For My Sobriety Birthday Club