The Nightcap

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UPCOMING EVENT\$

2008

Jan 11-13: South Padre Island, TX 9th S Padre Island Jamboree. Fellowship Club, PO Box 3844, Brownsville, TX 78523.

Jan 18-20: Corpus Christi, TX 54th Corpus Jamboree www.coastalbendjamboree.org.

Jan 18-20: College Station, TX 46th SETA Area 67 Conv., Box 3381, Bryan, TX 77805. cynthtab1212@sbcglobal.net.

Jan 25-27: San Antonio, TX SWTA 68 Winter Workshop. See Events @ www.aa-swta.org.

Feb 14-17: Portland, OR 44th International Women's Conf. Online reg: www.intlwomensconf.org.

Feb 15-16: San Marcos, TX SWTA 68 Correctional Facilities Conference. See Events @ www.aaswta.org.

April 4-6: San Antonio, TX Weekend in SA. See AA Events @www.aasanantonio.org.

June 13-15: Odessa, TX 63rd Texas State AA Convention. www.aadistrict13.org/tsaa.html.



2008 Weekend in SA w/AA activities—See page 7.



A special thank you to our outgoing Board members for 2007, Cary, Pat & Sylvia. Outstanding year!!!

SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

This is a question asked quite often, and I am always surprised to discover that there are many members that do not know about the Central Service Office (CSO) in San Antonio, and the services it provides. We ask for your help to spread the word. Below is a list of some of the many services we offer. The office is always open to your suggestions on increasing this list of services, so please do not hesitate to let us know what we can do for you and/or your group.

► Metro meeting directories, online and hard copy, online map locator for meetings

- ► 12-Step Resouce List
- ► Website (www.aasanantonio.org)
- Monthly newsletter—The Nightcap
 Literature (Newcomer Packets, CSO Booklets, Anniversary Cards, Archival Photos, San Antonio History book
- ► Literature Sales and gift items

► Telephone directory listings for AA in yellow pages

• Coordinating office volunteers

►After hours phone service volunteers and manual of instructions

- ► Office/Clerical support for groups
- \blacktriangleright Office administration
- ► Assistance w/ Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community
- ► Cooperation w/ the San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization

► Cooperation with neighboring Districts & Intergroups

- ► Clearing house for AA events (fliers, etc)
- ► Cooperation with community organizations dealing with alcoholism
- ► Online bookstore
- ▶ Printing services
- ► Quarterly mail-out to all groups
- ► Volume discount for our Big Book

 \blacktriangleright A special mention of our hard working Weekend in SA committee that helps to make all this possible through their service to bring extra revenue into the office, and to our groups and members that continue to support the office.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Club 12 102 Thames

9pm-1am

\$12 in advance/\$15 at the door Heavy Hors d'ocuvres.
1 free door prize ticket and split the pot for cash prizes.

No one under 15 allowed.

Sponsored by the San Antonio subcommittee of the Texas ICYPAA Bid Committee.

BROADWAY GROUP

Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 6720 Broadway (next to Alamo Heights High School)

35th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, January 5, 2008

Dinner: 6:30pm

Play: 7:30pm

Speaker: 8:00pm

The Broadway Group meets every Saturday at 8:15pm. This is an Open Meeting and all who are interested in the disease of alcoholism are welcome to attend.

> 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.)

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DINNER WITH AN OLD FRIEND

We met early in 1986 as I began my journey in sobriety. His journey had started in 1985. I've learned that friendships born through each helping the other in the common fight for a new way of life is a lasting one. Gratitude becomes the common bond as we meet after many years apart. Sobriety, acceptance, and a strong belief in a Higher Power we both choose to call God, is now our way of life.

I used to say that I wished I could "bottle this way of life" and pass it on to the newcomers; but realize that I am grateful for every moment, every experience, all of the pain, and all of the lessons learned, and those still to come. Today I know it is the sum total of those experiences that makes me who I am today.

We sat down at the restaurant, two old friends reminiscing about those early days. Both the passing of time and the disease of alcoholism, have taken almost all of the people that meant so much to us back then. The longer you hang around the more you come to understand the phrase "CUNNING, BAFFLING, and POWERFUL".

We didn't need a physical copy of the Big Book; our coffee was replaced with a diet soda and an iced tea (no sugar; sodium has become a dirty word as I've aged); but this dinner was truly a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous; a closed meeting at that!!! Our topic was "Life on Life's Terms". Sobriety comes at a price, a price worth paying on a daily basis.

We caught up on each others lives-experiences and current realities. Two sober friends, each grateful for those early days; grateful to those that have left us who meant so much to us; grateful that today we can live without drinking, and trudge through life as it comes, trusting in Gods choreography of our lives.

I had been back home for about a half an hour when the phone rang. It was a girl that I've known since the late 80's. She's been struggling for quite some time now, and through her tears she told me she hasn't had a drink in a week.

I hate this disease, but am ever so grateful for my life and my sobriety.

Thank You God!!! Submitted by Richard O of San Antonio, TX

SW Texas Area 68 Servants Panel 58

Congratulations to our Area 68 incoming

officers and committee chairs

Area Officers

Area Officers					
Delegate	Steve Y	caseyocum@burnetpc.net			
Alt. Del	Char	char1285@hotmail.com			
Area Chair Hank S		vhankschl@aol.com			
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WANT TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE STAY SOBER?

Send us your articles. Please keep stories 600 words or less and confine the subject matter to alcoholism related. If you include material from another source such as the Big Book or Twelve & Twelve, please specify which book and page numbers. AA resources only please.

Submit your article to the Central Service Office of San Antonio, 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, Texas 78217, or email csosa@stic.net. Thank you.

> **Reminder...**All information for The Nightcap must be turned into the Central Service Office by the 10th of the previous month. Quite often there are many activities going on at the beginning of the month, and this is the only way we can assure you will receive information in a timely manner. It takes more than a week to put the newsletter together, get it proofed, printed, and have our mailing committee come in to prepare it for bulk rate mailing. Additionally the post office can hold bulk rate mail for up to ten days. Your cooperation is appreciated.

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

The **Body, Mind, Spirit Group** is new. They meet on Tues at 8:15pm and Saturdays @ 4pm, Winner's Club, 5723 Kenwick, 78238. Both meetings are nonsmoking.

GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS:

The **<u>Spring Branch Noon Group</u>**'s zip code is 78070. They meet on Tue and Thurs at the Community Center, Corner of Hwy 281 & FM 311.

The <u>Come As You Are Group</u> in Pearsall, TX has changed the days they meet as well as location. They are currently meeting at 8:00pm on Mon and Fri at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 422 W Brazos, Pearsall, TX 78061. Contact # for the group is 830-334-2276.

The **Total Acceptance Group** at the Winner's Club (5723 Kenwick) has folded their Tue, Thur, and Sat 8:30pm meetings.

The **Freedom Women's Group** meets at 10:30am (not 10am) on Sat, Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 147 N San Pedro, Rm # 206 & 207, 78247.

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

Special Needs Committee

There are no special AA members, but many members have special needs. SAMSO has formed a new ad hoc Special Needs Committee to look into ways to reach out to the alcoholic who is blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard-of-hearing, physically disabled, chronically ill, or has another special need. <u>Anyone interested in serving on this committee,</u> please call temporary chair, Regan, at 422-2315. To be on the Special Needs 12-Step list, please phone CSO at 821-6325.

Deaf interpreters needed. Call CSO 821-6325.

Needed

Alcoholics Anonymous members to volunteer to sign for the deaf at AA meetings.

If you can help with this much needed service, please call the Central Service Office to volunteer. $210{-}821{-}6325$

Group Forum

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RUSH HOUR

SPEAKER MEETING

The Center @ San Antonio

8607 Wurzbach, Bldg P

1st and 3rd Saturday

5:30pm

January Speakers:

05—Julie S (Western Trails-Austin, TX)

19—George W (Rush Hour-San Antonio)

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT...

www.aasanantonio.org

www.aa-swta.org

www.aagrapevine.org

www.aa.org

2008 Pocket

Monthly Calendars

\$6.50

New meeting directories are

here!!! Pick up copies for your

Coming soon, the 3rd edition of

the Spanish Big Book!!!

groups today.

New at CSO:

WINNER'S CLUB

5723 Kenwick, 680-5496

The last Saturday of the month is a Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00pm, and Birthday Celebration @ 8:15pm.

Winner's Club has *meeting space available:* Tues, Thurs, & Sat @8:30pm, and Sun during the day.

Club hours have changed to Sun-Thurs (7am-10pm) and Fri & Sat (7am-11:30pm).

Casino Night previously scheduled for Jan 12 has been postponed until a future date—TBA.

CLUB/GROUP 12

102 Thames/344-8981

DECEMBER

New Years' Eve Dance and Heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets \$12 in advance, which includes free split the pot door prize ticket-the price will be \$15 at the door. 9pm-1am.

JANUARY

01 Office Closed

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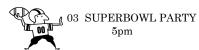
08 Group Conscience 6:45pm

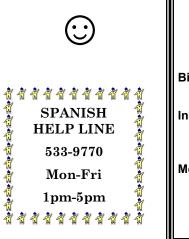
25 Birthday Night 7:30pm

26 Winter Dance 8pm-Midnight

28 Board of Directors Meeting 6:45pm

FEBRUARY





November 2007 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO See insert for group contributions.					
Birthday:	<i>Kimberly G</i> Total Birthday	<u>\$21.00</u> \$21.00			
Individual:	Office Kitty Board Meeting Total Individual	\$20.00 <u>\$ 9.00</u> \$29.00			
Memorial:	Jill F In memory of Claire K Total Memorial	\$40.00 \$40.00			

District Meetings

Monthly meeting is held at 8600 Wurzbach, #702.

Creekview Office Complex, the 2nd Sunday,

District 01E: Contact: Chuck O (649-2113) No

Monthly meeting is held at 3814 S. Flores, #2, the

Monthly meeting is held at Club 12, the first Sunday

Monthly meeting is held at the Serendipity Group location, 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, the second Satur-

gate5014@yahoo.com. District meets the 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:15pm. Meetings rotate location

Monthly meeting is held the first Sunday each month at Denney's Restaurant, IH-10 and

District 28: DCM-Tony G (710-6243) Monthly

meetings are held at 935 New Laredo Hwy, #2 San Antonio, TX 78211, the 2nd and last Thursday,

DCM-Joe L (421-8665) or tail-

district meeting information available at this time.

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

4:00pm. There is a mini-workshop at 3pm.

District 01F: DCM-Carlos F (223-6243)

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

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

District 19: DCM-Michael B (254-6346)

2nd Sunday, 1:00pm, en espanol.

at 3pm. Meeting in front room.

day of each month at 8:30am.

so please call for location info.

Wurzbach, at 5:30pm.

7:00pm, en espanol.

District 18:

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Central Office/Intergroup Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: Mike W (677-0259). Alternate Coordinator: Jimmy T (661-7918).

Outreach Committee: Chair: Margaret R (568-8000 ext. 1054) or margrice0721@aol.com.

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 #.

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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 alternates.

Archives: Chuck K (492-3129) or ckautz@satx.rr.com.

CFC: John C-S (508-6039)

Grapevine: Andres M (875-3424)

PI/CPC: Vicki S (219-9981) or vsparks2@satx.rr.com.

Treatment: Co-Chairs: Cynthia V (422-7248) & Trudi C (999-5665).

Bi-Lingual: Al A (268-7393)

Newsletter: Jere J (temporary) (372-9205) jerej@satx.rr.com

Special Needs: Regan F (temporary) 422-2315

SAMSO ACTIVITIES

<u>PI/CPC</u>: Next meeting-January 6, 4:30pm, Colonies North Group location.

<u>CFC</u>: Next meeting is January 27, 6:30pm, Serendipity Group location. The committee is currently looking for members to carry the message inside the walls to AA members that are locked up and cannot get to an outside meeting. (For 'Sponsor By Mail' - Correctional Facilities, PO Box 33866, San Antonio, TX 78265). Sponsor by Mail contact: Elliot at 666-4126. Committee meets the last Sunday of each quarter (Jan, April, July, Oct).

Treatment: Next meeting-January 13, 5pm, Denny's at Wurzbach & I-H10. We are collecting Bridging the Gap 12-Step Volunteers. Please call CSO (821-6325) if you wish to volunteer. Cross Point (formerly SA Half-Way House) would like weekly meetings in their facility on 225 E Locust St. Security clearance required, this can be handled through their office. The Center for Health Services would like weekly meetings Mon Wed or Fri at 12:00 or 1:00pm. Also meetings needed at the Battered Women's Shelter. Support would be appreciated at the Methodist Transplant Hospital, Tues, 8pm, Mission Vista TF, Thurs, 7:30pm, and Laurel Ridge TF, Thurs, 7pm.

<u>Grapevine</u>: Next meeting-January 18, 6:30pm Colonies North Group location. To get an AA Grapevine or La Viña, call 1-800-631-6025 or go on-line at www.aagrapevine.org. The newly elected co-chairs for 2008-2009 are Andres M and Ernest V.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COORDINATORS

Co-Chairs: Cynthia V 422-7248 & Trudi C 999-5665

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 7:00pm Mission Vista-Joni 831-4606 14747 Jones Maltsberger 7:30pm

17720 Corporate Woods Dr

Transplant Hospital 8026 Floyd Curl—8:00pm Jim L 695-5117

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

<u>SATURDAY</u>

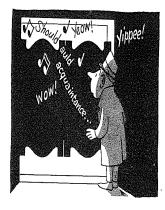
ARC—Ed B 849-2425 10290 Southton Road 8:15pm

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.

THURSDAY Laurel Ridge-Cyndi 422-7248 THE NIGHTCAP

November COR Minutes unavailable for this printing.

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My name is Alex, and I'm a...I'm a...I'm a...

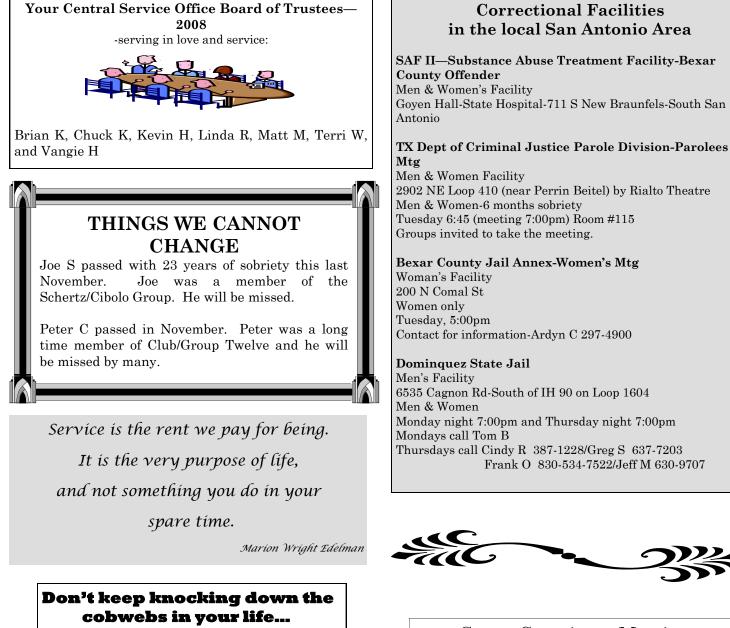




What a night for a twelfth step call! Five years ago we'd have been in a nice, warm bar room minding our own business!



Sorry, but I don't drink when I'm sober!



KILL THE SPIDER!

Below are the tentatively scheduled closings for

your Central Service Office and book store for

2008:

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1

Inventory, Friday, January 11

Inventory, Friday, July 25

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

Independence Day, Friday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 1

Day After, Friday, November 28

Christmas, Thursday, December 25

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27

Day after Christmas, Friday December 26

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31 at noon

Group Conscience Meetings

Acceptance Colonies North... Goliad... Group 12... Freedom... Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Highland... Keep It Simple Lackland Pyramid... New Downtown... Rush Hour... Sane and Sober... Schertz/Cibolo... Seeds of Grace Serendipity... Stay in the Solution Universal City... Walzem Road... Woman's Big Book... Young and Done...

Last Sunday 6:00pm 1st Monday..... 7:00pm 11:15am 6:45pm 7:15pm TBA Last weekday each month 1:30pm 1st Wednesday... 6:45pm 1:15pm 6:30pm 1:10pm 7:30pm 6:30pm Quarterly-Last Wed. 1st Thursday.... 9:30pm

2nd Sunday..... 1st Tuesday..... 3rd Monday..... 3rd Wednesday... As Needed As Needed 1st Saturday... As Needed Last Saturday... As Needed Last Monday... Last Saturday 2nd Monday As Needed

Young and Golden Yrs... As Needed

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Alamo Heights:

Curt H-21yrs

Derrick D-30yrs

Colonies North:

Shane B-2yrs David Z—5yrs Roger L—7yrs Teresa M—12yrs Joe D—15yrs Ray P-17yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

Sherry G Judy M Marilyn M Jen T Jeff T Analise S Susan C

2 years

Jeff H Cathy B Irene H James D Lou G Robyn T Juan V Brianne B Chris Brian U Carlos F William M Lisa D Jennifer Q Wade S

3 years

Matt B Curtis M Greg B Andrew K Kacy C Tyrone M Annette H Linda W

4 years

Stephen H Ginger R Richard T Nancy E Mary Alice A

5 years

Kirk F Julie N Wende Q Walter B Janie S Jay M Julie N Dennis I Traci M

Group Twelve (cont) 6 years Heidi C Marcus F Chad G Barbara L Henry A Steve M John W Necia M John R Kenneth S Benjamin B Jeronimo S Rov B William W 7 years Beth A Bruno A Gilbert F Sandra B Sonva F Noe Z Vincena H Ron G 8 years Eugene R James W Michael L Jim V Jon S Cindy T Carole J Nico H Steve M Judy W 9 years Tracy B Jeffrey W Bill M John H Billie B Albert B Jesse L 10 years Lucv L Daniel Y Kal K David L 11 years Jim A Robert B Mary H Mike H Pa-Trisha W Ben H Kevin H

nuary Group Twelve (cont) 12 years Linda T Bob S Teri H-W David I Randy R Ken S 13 years Richard S Ana H Bill S Terri W Charlie H Johnny E Randy B 14 years Sonya S Pat G Timothy M Teri S 15 years Darlene C Fabian F Irene D Timothy C Irene D Randy R 16 years Jim V Cita C Pat C Louis N Anne S Louis R 17 years Jimmy R Bruce B Chris G 18 years Laura M Paul T Marge B 19 years Jesse G Carl H Nan J Charles B Jan A Joseph S 20 years Tish G Donald R Butch W

21 years

Ron C John A Judi S Rick M Group Twelve (cont) 22 years

> Tim S Mike S David M

24 years G. B Gordon B

Suzanne C Bill W 25years

Arn G Peggy C

27 years Robert H

28 years Charles T

29 years Lloyd M

Larry K Tom H 30 years Derrick D

Susan M 31 years

Jim W 32 years

David G 33 years

Ed H

35 years DeWayne F

So sorry to have missed your **December Birthday!** ප Serendipity: Lloyd S—10yrs

BirthdayS

Group Twelve (cont)

40 years

Jim F

Schertz/Cibolo:

Elana S-1vr

John J—1yr Mark T—1yr

Randy C-1yr

Frank S-3yrs

Frank S—3yrs

Toy G-3yrs

Herb H-4yrs

Steve B—6yrs

Linda M-9yrs

Trish W—11yrs

Louie N-16yrs

Arlev H-43vrs

Cyndi V—2yrs

Ginger-4yrs

Heidi C-6yrs

Years:

Julee C-17yrs

Young & Golden

Teresa K-11yrs

Louis K-13yrs

Wende Q-2yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Scooter M-3yrs

Kimberly B-4yrs

George W-9yrs

Cynthia V—2yrs Connie R—3yrs

Still Have Room For Your Birthday!



GROUP BIRTHDAY NIGHTS

Last Sunday: Free at Last (Pot luck)

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

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 Solution

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)

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

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Fax: For Credit Cards only: 210-822-4491

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