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For complete information on events around the country and Canada, please check out 'Events' at www.aasanantonio.org
Drop by the office and pick up flyers for all of the following events listed in this newsletter

Highlands 63rd Anniversary



Saturday, January 25th

6pm - Highlands famous enchiladas

7pm - Speaker: Will W. from West Texas

St George Episcopal Church

Parish Hall

6904 West Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78213

33rd Aniversario

Grupo El Libro Grande

Mary Magdalen Church

1702 Clower St

San Antonio, TX 78207

This Saturday in New Braunfels, Texas

Southwest Texas Area 68 Winter Workshop - Where the G.S.R.'s and D.C.M.'s meet.

All interested AA members are invited and encouraged to come and learn about service.

THE NIGHTCAP'S SPECIAL EDITION ON SERVICE

SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE IN AND AROUND SAN ANTONIO

A.A.'S LEGACY OF SERVICE BY BILL W.

"Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service." Reprint from The A.A. Service Manual, pg 3



Telephone calls in our office
on the helpline during Dec.

Calls—290
Emails— 25

75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the historic publication of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April 1939, the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition of the first printing of the first edition.

Preorders: you may preorder copies at **\$12.00** per copy. Delivery will occur in **April 2014**. All preorders must be paid for at the time of the order. Books that are to be mailed will incur shipping costs.

The cost to mail an individual book will be \$4 (media mail) or \$5.50 (priority/insured/tracked.)

Order your book at the **Central Service Office Bookstore:**

8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217.

Order by mail or telephone (210) 821-6325. Cash – Check – Credit Cards



Things We Cannot Change

Pat S. a long time member of the Winner's Club passed away this month. Pat was active in service for many years. She will be missed

Nadia S. Was a member of Group Twelve.

Speaker Meeting

The Rush Hour Group

At The Center

8607 Wurzbach - Bldg. P, San Antonio, TX 78240



Speaker Meeting
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:30pm

January Speaker

4th - Shane M.

18th - Diana S.

Special Needs Accessibility Committee at CSO

We want to learn about your Group's interest in special needs accessibility for AA members to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the San Antonio and metro area, and how we at CSO can be of assistance. Join the discussion at the CSOR meeting.

Alcoholics who are Deaf or hard of hearing

Alcoholics who live in rural areas/isolated, home or hospital bound

Alcoholics who do not have transportation or unable to drive themselves due to health conditions or DUI

Alcoholics who live in nursing homes/foster care homes

Alcoholics who use a wheel chair, walker, or cane

Alcoholics who are blind or have low vision

Alcoholics who have limited English reading and writing skills

Alcoholics who are single parents that are unable to find suitable child care to attend meetings

Alcoholics who are developmentally disabled

Alcoholics who are single with children

Alcoholics who are young



First Tradition (long form)



Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

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



Signs of Hope Meeting

Meets on Saturday at 5pm

Beginning in January



This meeting will be aimed at assisting the hard of hearing & hearing impaired AA members by providing Interpreters. All groups are invited to assist this group to develop and consider this as Group service by accepting the responsibility to open and close the meeting, and with having enough members to attend and bring topics. Not everybody at the meeting needs to have hearing problems.

We need help in getting this message out to our local AA Groups. Your assistance is appreciated and needed. This is part of the Special Needs Accessibility Committee at the Central Office and we consider this a city-wide meeting.

Call Tomi at CSO 210-821-6325 for more information or to ask questions.

Group Forum Page



Tuesday
5:30pm

Bookmarks Group

New

literature study of AA pamphlets
Closed meeting - for AA members only.

Fellowship Room at CSO
8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217



Serendipity Group

10929 Nacogdoches Rd #5

Sunday

At 6pm

Closed Discussion

Topics from Big Book and/or
Twelve & Twelve

Young and Golden Years Group

Monday at 8pm

Open Discussion

St. Brigid's Catholic Church

6907 Kitchner

San Antonio, TX 78240

Keep It Simple Group

2pm—Sunday through Friday

8607 Wurzbach Rd. Bldg P

San Antonio, Texas 78240

"sure could use some support"

Big Book Sunday Study

10AM ~ Open ~ 8607 Wurzbach
Bldg. P ~ 210.392.8326

A study, not a discussion.

We use the study guide
prepared by the Primary
Purpose Group of Dallas.

Survivor's Group *has moved*

New Location—Same day and time

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
11 St. Luke's Lane
San Antonio, TX 78209

In undercroft of South parking lot

The Legacy Group

8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

Starts meeting in January 2014

This is a study/discussion group that
will study the Steps, Traditions, and
the Concepts using AA books and AA
Literature.

closed meeting
All AA members are welcome.

Meets Thursday at 6:30pm except for
the Thursday before the 3rd. Monday
of the month.

In 2014 we will not meet:

Jan 16th	June 12th	Nov 13th
Feb 13th	July 17th	Dec 11th
Mar 13th	Aug 14th	
Apr 17th	Sept 11th	
May 15	Oct 16	

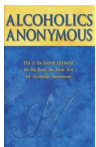
Unity Group *has moved*

215 Apperson Ave, San Antonio, TX 78207
personal residence

Group Twelve Twelve & Twelve Meeting

Saturday at 9:30am

102 Thames
San Antonio, TX 78216



Sisters of Hope Group

Kerrville Church of Christ, Kerrville, TX

closed



Airport Group— meets Wednesday 8pm
Fellowship Room—8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

CSOR Meeting is the Third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at CSO

Fellowship Room - 8802-8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

On the agenda in January

Elect a Chairperson for the next six months term

Orientation for *New Representatives*

Meet the Office Staff

Meet the SAMSO Grapevine Chair for 2014

Chairperson's duties: Writes the Agenda, leads the monthly meeting by the agenda, counts 7th Tradition money and submits to the Office Manager along with the copy of the sign in sheet, attends Board of Trustees Meeting and represents the CSOR's and their business to the Board and works closely with the Office Manager regarding committees and familiarizes themselves with the Office Policy and Procedures Manual & the By-Laws, as well as Traditions. Appoints a "Greeter for each month's meeting" Delegates such duties as needed. Serves for six months.

The Central Service Office Rep serves as a vital link in maintaining two-way communication between the group and CSO. The Central Service Office Rep takes the responsibility for keeping the group informed on CSO matters, and provides CSO with up-dated information of a group contact name and phone number.

CSOR and their alternate are encouraged to learn more about the operations of the Central Service Office.

Each AA group elects a Central Service Office Representative who attends a monthly meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to keep the groups informed of the Central Service Office activities and to allow the Central Service Office Rep to voice the opinion(s) and/or inquiries of his/her group. To be involved in outreach activities as desired. Does your group have a CSOR?

CSOR Meeting Minutes 11/18/13

Meeting begins at 6:00

Tashley opens with the Serenity Prayer

Cindy reads the Twelve Traditions

We had new CSORs: Rachel from Rush Hour and Chesney from First Things First

Tami S. is our new Archivist

Felipe motioned to accept minutes from last meeting as read. We got a second from Cindy.

Doug F. gave our financial report (everything is AOK)

Doug F. gave board meeting report which included that all members were present and Tami S. was elected

Archivist. They ordered 500 commemorative 1st Edition Big Books and they discussed a projected increase in insurance.

Committee reports:

Nominating Committee Report: none

Archives Committee Report: Tami S. states the 2nd Monday of the month they will meet, the budget will be approved in December. The listening center is being put together. She reports that 7 oral histories have already been completed, but that group histories are needed. Please contact Tami S. for more information regarding archives.

Telephone Committee: none

Outreach Committee: none

Old business:

Callie was voted into the Secretary position. Martha motioned, Sydney seconded.

New business:

Voting for the new Board of Trustees: 25 members were present and voting, 4 positions available. The following members stood and gave service resumes: Sydney C., Tom C., Rhonda M., Bret M., and Bill S.

Members voted by ballot.

New members of the Board are as follows: Sydney C., Tom C., Rhonda M., and Bret M.

Office Manager's Report: Tashley O. shares that the Family Fun Fair was successful, the deaf and hearing impaired meeting will begin 1/4/14 and preorders are being taken for the 75th Edition Big Book, and CSO Holiday Hours were announced.

7th Tradition basket was passed.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

Officers: Chairperson:

Alternate Chairperson:

Secretary: Callie

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Interview with the Author of "The Independent Blonde"

Fifth in a series of articles on authors of Big Book stories

Continued from the December edition of the Nightcap.

Behavioral science. A lot of psychology and sociology.

Did you have a career goal in mind with that major or did you just like the subject?

I just knew I wanted to spend my time in some way and I loved to learn and I liked to write. I went to college for nine and a half years. Saturday night I'd go out. I always went out on Saturday night. And at six-thirty on Sunday morning, I'd get up and write my papers. I got people to help me. The day I passed algebra, I was coming down Fifth Avenue and I was crying and laughing. I thought, "I know what makes me happy--accomplishment, doing something that I never thought I'd be able to do." I was exhilarated.

A friend told me, "Work hard and try to get an A." He was working for me to get cum laude and I didn't know what he was doing and I said to myself, "I'm lucky if I stay in school, let alone get an A." But he nurtured me, you know. Everybody nurtured me. I graduated cum laude. I really enjoyed it. When I graduated, the graduates had to walk several blocks--I was on my cane then--and all my friends were in the car driving along behind me. They thought I was going to faint and they said, "Get in the car." And I said, "Get in the car? My God, I worked nine and half years for this. If you think I'm not going to walk in this parade, you're crazy!" It was a wonderful experience.

Do you miss it, a little bit?

No, I live in a Quaker community where there's a lot of things being done. I'm teaching English to migrant workers.

Are you a Quaker?

Yes, now I am. I've been a Quaker for two years. They do things. I like that. It impressed me that a lot of women had lived wonderful lives, men too. So I said to them, "How do you get to be a Quaker?" And they said, "You just write a letter." So I said okay, and I wrote a letter.

How did you feel about a Higher Power when you came into AA?

I didn't believe in God, and I didn't want to hear anything about it. But I said maybe there's a power without him. I was mad at my father and I was mad at men and I didn't want any authority figures. I had a human being in my mind as God. I didn't know if I was more scared of God or my father. But after I got sober I went everywhere. I went to a man who taught that if you think right, you'll be all right. I went to places for two or three years. I went searching around. I believe that there's a universal something in the world. And I don't question it too much, but I know it's there. If I behave right, I'm tuned in on it. I believe in a force because I experienced relief from myself and my emotional problems when I first got sober. You know, everything comes up, one right after the other. It makes you dizzy.

So whatever defensiveness or feistiness you had about the Eleventh Step, you managed to resolve it.

Yes, but I didn't go deeply into a lot of things. For example, making amends--there was nobody left to make amends to. I was by myself. But I went back to my job, because I had quit my job, and I made amends like that. But I didn't do very much other than work with people. I'm much better that way than I am on trying to solve the mysteries of life. Working with people, that's where I get my satisfaction.

AA has given me so much. AA was the greatest education I ever got. Where else could I have gotten that kind of education? For nothing. For a dollar a week?

NANCY F.

This concludes the interview from the Author of "The Independent Blonde"

Group Contributions to CSO

2013



Where does the money go? Funds received at the Central Service Office go to support the Central Service Office of San Antonio activities; according to the purposes as outlined in the Bylaws and as directed by the Board of Trustees.

Group Contributions: January - December 2013

Total \$ 39,875.80

Group Contributions December 2013 Total \$ 4,801.05

Airport Group SA	150.00
Boerne Hwy Group	30.00
Bookmarks Group	12.81
Buda 2nd Chance	24.00
Callaghan Road Group	75.00
Canyon Lake Group	100.00
Chicago Group	25.00
Coffee Pot	8.22
Colonies North Group	150.00
Cork In The Jug Group	178.00
Cuarta De Dimension	25.00
District 12	150.00
Families in Recovery	150.00
Freedom Group	569.15
Goliad Group	50.00
Grupo Esperanza	44.02
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Highland Group	56.36
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	20.00
Keystone Group	60.00
Kirby Group	67.00
Laurel Heights Group	20.00
New Braunfels Group	1,483.99
Northeast Group	11.50
Oasis Group	127.77
River Group	50.00
Rush Hour Group	310.83
Serendipity Group	141.93
Serenity Group-Del Rio	36.00
Spring Branch Group	382.60
Stahl Road Group	47.00
Stone Sober	28.44
Turning Point Group	65.01
Unity Group	6.42
Woman's Big Book	125.00
Young and Done	10.00

A Work in Progress Group	50.00	Lackland Pyramid Group	255.00
Acceptance Group	271.82	Lambda Group	2,000.00
Airport Group SA	250.00	Las Moras Grp/Brackettville	19.60
Alamo Heights Group	113.00	Last Call Group	60.00
Amistad Group	700.00	Laurel Heights Group	494.00
Boerne Hwy Group	210.00	Legal Professions Group	50.00
Boerne Noon Group	1,250.00	Live & Let Live Group	210.00
Bookmarks Group	12.81	Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00
Broad Highway Group	165.00	Lytile Group	49.60
Broadway Group	340.00	Medical Professions Group	85.00
Buda 2nd Chance	101.00	Morning After Group	450.00
Buda Big Book Grp	71.00	New Braunfels Group	1,633.99
Callaghan Road Group	700.00	New Downtown Group	58.70
Canyon Lake Group	100.00	North San Pedro Group	240.00
Chicago Group	140.00	Northeast Group	61.50
Coffee Pot	205.97	Oasis Group	228.77
Colonies North Group	1,000.00	Outsider Group	140.00
Community Group	75.00	Rigorous Honesty Men's	240.00
Cork In The Jug Group	303.00	River Group	300.00
County Line Group	150.00	Rosedale Group	200.00
Cuarta De Dimension	300.00	Rule 62-Devine Group	277.00
District 01A	300.00	Rush Hour Group	1,186.83
District 12	900.00	San Antonio Women's North	294.00
Families in Recovery	150.00	Schertz/Cibolo Group	2,520.00
Fellowship Group (Kerrville)	200.00	Seekers of Sobriety Group	100.00
First One Today Group	266.00	Sequin Oasis Group	100.00
First Things First Group	3,000.00	Serendipity Group	436.25
Free at Last Group	200.00	Serenity Group-Del Rio	143.00
Freedom Group	1,209.15	Sisters in Sobriety	140.80
Ft. Sam Houston	200.00	Solutions Group/Canyon Lake	70.00
Generic Group	150.00	Spring Branch Group	1,487.01
Goliad Group	600.00	Stahl Road Group	225.19
Group Twelve	2,520.00	Starlight Group	50.00
Grupo 3 Legados	30.00	Stay in the Solution Group	1,242.91
Grupo Esperanza	44.02	Stone Oak Big Book Group	454.60
Grupo Nuevo Leon	33.00	Stone Sober	28.44
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	120.00	Survivors Group	350.00
Grupo Primer Vez	51.86	Tuesday Nite Big Book Study	486.45
Grupo Santa Fe	25.00	Turning Point Group	2,871.87
Grupo Unidad	115.00	Unity Group	38.57
Guadalupe River Group	100.00	Universal City Group	192.54
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	1,501.29	Universal City/Sunday Group	60.00
Helotes Nooner Group	500.00	Valley Hi Group	10.00
Highland Group	56.36	Woman's Big Book	305.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	80.00	Women's Solution-NB	51.90
Keep It Simple Group	150.00	Young & Golden Years Group	20.00
Keystone Group	130.00	Young and Done	140.00
Kirby Group	617.00		

Financials are given at the monthly CSOR Meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month. We encourage our Groups to send a representative from their Group to hear the financials read, to hear what is happening across the city, give your group's input, and ask questions. It is nice to have CSOR's that come each month on a regular basis to support the operations of the office and The Bookstore. Currently there are about 22 Groups participating monthly. This is good. However, your group can send a representative without their being an elected CSOR. Your Group's representative can sit in on meetings. They cannot vote if they are not your elected representative.

Financials are available for any member to view while at the office. Your interest is appreciated

January Events in San Antonio



Jan 5th	District 16 Meeting Grapevine Committee Meeting (SAMSO Committee) PI/CPC Meeting (SAMSO Committee)
Jan 6th	Grupo Gratiud Aniversario #3
Jan 11th	Grupo Libro Grande Aniversario
Jan 12th	SAMSO (general membership) Meeting District 2 Meeting District 17 Meeting District 01A Meeting District 01F Meeting District 12 Meeting
Jan 13th	Service Manual Meeting
Jan 16th	Central Service Office Board Meeting District 28 Meeting
Jan 19th	District 1A Meeting District 18 Meeting
Jan 20th	CSOR Meeting (Central Service Office Representatives)
Jan 23th	District 28 Meeting
Jan 25th	Highland Anniversary – San Antonio

Future Events In San Antonio 2014

March 8th	Broadway Group Anniversary-San Antonio, TX
May 30th	Weekend in SA with AA @ San Antonio Shrine Auditorium – Loop 1604
Aug 24th	The International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA) – San Antonio Texas

Future Events Out Of Town 2014

Jan 10th	Gift of the Three Legacies – District 27 Jamboree 2014 – South Padre,TX
Jan 17th	SWTA 68 Winter Workshop – New Braunfels, TX
Jan 24th	Costal Bend Jamboree-Corpus Christi Texas
Feb 21st	Freedom From Bondage – CFC Conference- SW TX Area 68
April 11th	2014 Men's Spring AA 12 Step Weekend
May 22nd	28 th Annual Gathering of Eagles – Dallas TX
June	Texas State AA Convention-Fort Worth,TX
Aug 15th	Capital of Texas Conference - Austin TX
Sept.	A Day in Recovery—San Antonio, TX
Oct 10th	SWRAASA Corpus Christi TX

THE GROUP

Where A.A.'s Service Structure Begins

The fundamental unit in Alcoholics Anonymous is the group; and the groups are at the top of the A.A. structure chart. We will work our way down from there. See *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter I, for charts of the group and general service structures.

Note that A.A. is loosely organized almost directly in reverse of the normal corporate or department chart we are used to seeing. Hopefully, internal matters within any group are resolved at the business meeting (group Conscience) of that group by:

- Involving as many members of the group as possible.
- Expressing the widest range of points of view on the subject.
- Allowing enough time for the members to take all the information into consideration before any final decision is made on an issue.
- Thus resulting in an informed group conscience.

General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Working via the district and area committees, the G.S.R. is the group's link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.'s collective conscience. Sometimes called "the guardians of the Traditions," G.S.R.s become familiar with A.A.'s Third Legacy—our spiritual responsibility to give service freely. Usually elected to serve two-year terms, they:

- Represent the group at district meetings and area assemblies.
- Keep group members informed about general service activities in their local areas.
- Receive and share with their groups all mail from the General Service Office, including the newsletter *Box 4-5-9*, which is G.S.O.'s primary tool for communicating with the Fellowship. G.S.R.s also may assist their groups in solving a variety of problems, especially those related to the Traditions. In serving their groups, they can draw on all the services offered by G.S.O. An alternate G.S.R. is elected at the same time in the event that the G.S.R. may be unable to attend all district and area meetings. Alternate G.S.R.s should be encouraged to share the responsibilities of the G.S.R. at the group, district and area levels. (See *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter 2, "The Group and its G.S.R.," for further information.) Reprint from "The AA Group...Where It All Begins (P-16) pg 22

In addition to the duties above, the G.S.R. has other duties:

Duties: The A.A. Service Manual, Chapter Two, pg S26

When giving reports at your group or district, it's probably best to be brief. Things you might present to the district are: (suggested only.)

Any new group officers or other service position holders.

Who your Alternate GSR is.

What the average attendance is at group meetings.

How your group divides its funds for contributions.

Any problems the group may be facing.

Announce any upcoming events and any group activities.

- G.S.R.s attend district meetings
- They also attend area assemblies.
- Supply their D.C.M.s with up-to-date group information.
- Voting member of the SAMSO service Committee.
- Knowledgeable about materials from GSO.
- Learn about the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
- Serve on group steering committees.
- Work with the group treasurer.

ATTENDING DISTRICT MEETINGS

There are really very few completely new and original problems that develop in groups, so our continuity of experience is extremely valuable to the new GSR. The GSRs may share with their fellow GSRs and the DCM at the district meetings how they dealt with such matters and with what success.

Their experience may be helpful to another group. Also at the district meetings, agenda items that require action at the next area assembly can be discussed. This is a kind of middle ground where such discussion makes us better informed and able to take back to our group any business where a group conscience is needed. We can then take this conscience back to the assembly and make our voice heard.

ATTENDING AREA ASSEMBLIES

There are four area assemblies in the Southwest Texas Area 68. The G.S.R. typically attends all four assemblies. Some groups support the G.S.R. monetarily for their expenses. The area assemblies travel to different cities.

Southwest Texas Area 68 holds two workshop assemblies, one in the Winter (this week in New Braunfels), and another in July (place to be determined.) There is a Pre-General Service Assembly held in the Spring (business assembly), this year it will be April 11th in Kerrville, Texas. The Business meeting in October is a voting assembly, held yearly in October in Temple-Killeen.

At the electoral assembly (held every two years), along with the other G.S.R.s and the D.C.M.s from the whole area, you elect committee officers—and your area's Conference delegate.

Just as you rely on your group for help in your personal recovery, so the A.A. groups of Canada and the U.S. rely on the General Service Conference in maintaining the unity and strength of our Fellowship—our obligation to all the alcoholics of today and tomorrow. It's up to you to keep two-way communication going between your group and the Conference. Via your D.C.M. and your delegate, you can see to it that your group's conscience on matters of importance to all A.A. becomes a part of the consensus when these matters are discussed at the annual Conference meeting in April. In return, you can enable your group to benefit from the meeting's sharing of experience among area delegates and the other Conference members. Your D.C.M. may want to present your delegate's report at a special group meeting. The D.C.M. receives a copy of the Final Conference Report, a full account of proceedings. Copies of the Report are available to groups upon request

ROTATION

In most groups, the GSR is elected to a two year term. DCMs and area officers likewise serve two years. Since rotation is an essential part of service, it is important to have an Alternate GSR to learn something about the job before they assume the responsibility that goes with it. Having someone in the wings who is prepared will give you the freedom to go into and experience other levels of service without feeling that your job is unfinished because there is no one to take your place. If you have been elected GSR without any training, do not despair. Ask the former GSR, or your DCM, for copies of past district meeting and area assembly minutes; read the previous reports, if any, from your group to the district, and learn what is being discussed at the area level. It is an adage in A.A. that by the time you have fully learned how to do your current job - it is time to rotate out of it.

Remember, we strive for progress, not perfection.

Resources for the G.S.R.

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31)

* D.C.M. of their district and District Meetings

The A.A. Group (P-16)

Inside A.A. (P-18)

Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix (F-3)

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Circle of Love & Service (P-45)

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THE DISTRICTS

The Area is divided into districts, which are comprised of groups.

Larger districts may form Sub-Districts, However, at this time there are no Sub-Districts in San Antonio. A district is usually a small geographic part of an area. In San Antonio there are six districts, two of which are comprised of Spanish speaking groups. The Central Service Office also services four districts in the outside of the city of San Antonio.

Districts in San Antonio:

District 16

District 17

District 18

District 1A

District 28

District 1F

Districts served by the Central Service Office that are outside of the City of San Antonio:

District 1E

District 2

District 11

District 12

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Each group's GSR represents their group at their specific district meetings, usually held once a month. Although the format for the conduct of business is determined autonomously by each district, a typical meeting might include: Participating in District business is where a Group begins to connect with AA as a whole

- Receives information from the District Committee Member. (D.C.M.)
 - Reports from the groups via the GSR
 - Discussion of group problems.
 - Discussion of the business of the previous or upcoming area assembly.
 - Discussions of special events such as a workshop that the district may be organizing for the general fellowship.
 - Perhaps a presentation on some aspect of service.
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THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Each district elects a District Committee Member (D.C.M.) who conducts the district meetings, represents the conscience of the district as a voting member at the area assembly and is a member of the area committee. The primary purpose of the DCM is to facilitate district meetings, and stimulate as many groups as possible to be an active part of A.A. as a whole, through representation and participation. Also, they assist the efforts of the GSRs. Many districts assign additional duties to their DCM and his or her alternate. Please see *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter III, for a more complete description of DCM's role and their duties. DCMs are elected, by the GSRs in a district, for a two year term with about one-half elected each year. Many districts elect their DCM in the fall of the year. The new DCM takes office at, or just before, the November Area Assembly.

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In the next three pages your Group will be listed with it's district and the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) contact information. The day and time of your District Meeting will be listed for your information. You can meet your D.C.M. at the Winter Workshop in New Braunfels.

District 01A

*Meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:30pm
The Fellowship Room-8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217*

D.C.M. Raul C.

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District 01A, PO Box 29594, San Antonio, TX 78229*

A Veterans Group
A Vision for You Group
Abundance Happy Hour Group
Afternoon Delight Group
Big Book Sunday Study Group
Chicago Group
Coffee Pot Group
Cork in the Jug Group
First One Today Group
First Things First Group
Free at Last Group
Fresh Start Group
FROGG (Fully Rely on God Gals) Group
Grupo Cuarta Dimension
Halt at Tezel Road Group
Helotes Nooner Group
Keep It Simple Group
Last Call Group
Love & Laughter Ladies Group
Morning After Group
New Vision Group
Night Riders Group
Oasis Group
Recovery Roadrunner Group
Rigorous Honesty Men's Group
Road of Happy Destiny Group
Road of Happy Destiny Grp(Methodist Transplant)
Rosedale Group
Rush Hour Group
San Antonio North Women's Group
Seekers of Sobriety (SOS) Group
Southwest Loop Group
Spiritual Awakening Group
Starlite Group
Stone Sober Group
The Broad Highway Group
Thursday Morning Men's Group
TMI (The Miracle Inside) Group
Unity Group
Valley-Hi Group
Young and Golden Years Group

District 16

*Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm
The Fellowship Room-8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217*

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Alamo Heights Group
Broadway Group
Callaghan Road Group
Castle Hills Group
Colonies North Group
Community Group
Fort Sam Houston Group
Generic Group
Group Twelve
Grupo Aprendiendo A Vivir
Highlands Group
Hope Group (SA)
Keystone Group
Lambda Group GLBT/Straight Friendly
Laurel Heights Group
Legal Professions Group
Life Support Group
Live and Let Live Group
Medical Professions Group
New Beginnings Group (SA)
Northwood Group
Oblate Group
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting
Saturday Night Live Young Peoples' Speaker Meeting
Shook Big Book Group
Stay In The Solution Group
Survivors Group
Thursday Night Men's Meeting
Tuesday Nite Big Book Group
Woman's Big Book Group



District 17

*meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30pm
The Fellowship Room-8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217*

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Acceptance Group
Airport Group
Bookmarks Meeting
Bulverde Group
County Line Women's Group
Families In Recovery Group
Freedom Group
Legacy Group
Marymont Group
North San Pedro Group
Northeast Group
Serendipity Group
Signs of Hope Group
Signs of Hope Group
Sisters in Sobriety Group
Stahl Road Group
Stone Oak Big Book Group
Thousand Oaks Twelve & Twelve Group
Turning Point Group
Young and Done Group

District 18

*meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 pm
The Fellowship Room-8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217*

D.C.M. Greg S.

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Daily Reprieve Group
Frontier Group
Goliad Group
H.O.W. to Live Group
Kirby Group
New Downtown Group
Northeast Community AA Group
OLG/Westside AA Group
Schertz-Cibolo Group
Sober in Southtown Group
Sobriety Under the Bridge Group
Travis Park Group
Universal City Group
Universal City Sunday Group
Walzem Road Group

Spanish language districts in San Antonio

Distrito 28 *Meets twice a month at 8pm
2nd & 4th Thursday—935 New Laredo Hwy #2
San Antonio, TX 78211*

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Grupo El Libro Grande
Grupo Nuevo León
Grupo Tres Legados
Grupo Unidad

Distrito 1F *Meets monthly at 11am on the 2nd Sunday
of the month.-3814 S. Flores #2, San Antonio, TX 78214*

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Grupo Doce Pasos	Grupo Paz y Sobriedad
Grupo El Mensaje	Grupo Primera Vez
Grupo Esperanza	Grupo Santa Fe
Grupo Fortaleza	Grupo Soledad
Grupo Gozo y Paz	Grupo Volveravivir
Grupo Gratitude	
Grupo Nuevo Sendero	

THE DISTRICTS Not in San Antonio that the Central Service Office services

District 01E

Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd. Saturday of the month. Call for location.

D.C.M. Al R.

aricher@subell.net 210-213-1542

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District 01E, 539 Bluffstates, San Antonio, TX 78216*

A Work In Progress Group

Castroville Group

Elmendorf Group

Floresville Group

Hondo Hope Group

Jourdanton AA Group

La Vernia Group

Longhorn Group

Lytle Group

Pleasanton Group

Poteet Group

Rule 62 Group

District 11

Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd. Saturday of the month. Call for location.

D.C.M. Robert P.

parker0852@sbcglobal.net 830-563-3080

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Amistad Big Book Group

Brazos A.A. Group

Grace of God Group

Los Moras Group

Los Moras Group @Kinney Co. Library

New Beginnings Group (Eagle Pass)

New Hope Group of Campwood

Serenity Group

Utopia AA Group

Uvalde Group

District 2

*Meets 2nd. Sunday of the month at 2pm
24 Hour Club, New Braunfels*

D.C.M. Laura W.

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Canyon Lake, TX 78133*

Blanco Group

Breathing Easy Group

Buda Big Book Group

Buda Second Chance Group

Canyon Lake Group

Canyon Lake South Group

Dam River Group

Gonzalez Group

Gruene Road Group

Grupo 25 de Octubre

Grupo Rayo de Luz

Guadalupe River Group

Into Action Group

Kyle Group

Kyle Promises Group

Lakeside Group

Last House on the Block Group

Luling Group

Nada Glum Lot Group

New Braunfels Group

Path to Serenity Group

Rebos Group

San Marcos River Group

Seguin Oasis Group

Seguin Primary Purpose Group

Solutions Group (Canyon Lake)

Spring Branch Group

Sunset Canyon Group

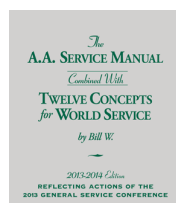
There Is A Solution Group

Unity Group (Gonzalez)

Waelder Group

Wimberley Group

Women's Solution Group



District 12

Rotating monthly meeting on the 2nd. Sunday of the month. Held at 2pm. Call for location and directions

D.C.M. Marty M.

830-370-1214

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211 Group
An AA Group
As Bill Sees It Group
Back to Basics Group
Back to the World Group
Blue Ticket Group
Boerne Hwy Group
Boerne Noon Meeting Group
Boerne Sunday Nite Group
Boerne Womens' Group
Brown Bag Group
Cellar Group
Center Point Group
Cypress Street Group
Fellowship Group
Fredericksburg Big Book Group
Guadalupe Group
Hamster Grenadiers Group
Hill Country Lambda Group
Hi-Noon Group
Ingram Solutions Group
Inside Story Big Book Group
Journey to Freedom Group
Junction Group
Junction Library Group
Ladies Reflection Group
Lakehills Solution Group
Lambda Group
Live & Let Live-Kerrville Group
Lowery Lodge Meeting Group
Medina Group
Outsiders Group
Pedernales Valley Group
Solution Seekers Group (Men)
Starlite Speaker Meeting Group
Stone Sober, Stonewall Group
Stones Meeting Group
Sunday Nite Group
Tivy Road Group

Standing Service Committees

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San Antonio

San Antonio has six active districts and more than 100 groups working to carry the message to a fixed number of locations that are not evenly divided throughout the city. Rather than have each district create and staff its own outreach committees, the Districts in San Antonio have joined together to support one organization, the San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization (SAMSO) that monitors and supports an interdistrict committee structure coordinating AA service activities city-wide. In other words, instead of seven individual district committees reaching out to the confinement facilities, SAMSO coordinates the activities of one committee that is supported by all the groups in San Antonio. This frees resources and doesn't overburden any individual group or district, and it gives the agencies reaching out for AA support one contact to deal with. The SAMSO concept is a simple way to conserve resources and insure that the hand of AA is always available when someone reaches out. SAMSO makes sense.

The above is an excerpt from SAMSO Makes Sense.

SAMSO Makes Sense

March 2007

Written by Doug F.—Past DCM-District 17)

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

SAMSO COMMITTEES—MEETING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

SAMSO (The San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization) meets on the 2nd Sunday at 4pm @ Fellowship Room, 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217. All D.C.M.'s and G.S.R.'s are voting members of this organization. At this meeting all of the following committees give their reports. Four times a year there is workshop given in 4 different locations in the city, giving AA members more information regarding service in San Antonio. These workshops are co-ordinated through the SAMSO meeting: Months of the workshops are February, May, August, November. Become a part of the service committees and the workshops. Bring your Group's opinions and service.

ARCHIVES: SAMSO Archives Committee has the responsibility to gather and care for many of the following: historical documents, memorabilia, correspondence, records, minutes, reports, photographs, scrap book items.

Chairperson: Unassigned. If you are interested in this committee come to the SAMSO Meeting.

BILINGUAL: The Bilingual Committee acts as a translator and a liason between the English and Spanish speaking members of AA. If you can verbally translate from Spanish to English or from English to Spanish, you might want to volunteer with this committee. SAMSO Bilingual Committee owns translation equipment. If you need assistance with an AA event, call the committee or contact by email at

Chairperson: Rosemary M. maysews@yahoo.com 210-422-3520

PI/CPC—PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

The PI/CPC Committee has the combined functions of making the message of what AA does and, perhaps more importantly, what it does not do. Available to portions of the public who express an interest in our fellowship and to various professionals (practicing and student) who may deal with active alcoholics in the course of their work. We strive to establish better communication between AA's and professionals and to find effective ways of cooperating with them without forming any official or implied affiliation with them. Typically our involvement includes such things as participating in health fairs organized for businesses, schools, churches, etc, giving informational talks about AA at schools and other groups, placing literature and our basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, in schools and public libraries, and working with the various professions (medical, legal, the clergy, counselors, the media) to create the desired better mutual understanding and, hence, more effective cooperation. We find committee work interesting, rewarding, and fun. If you would like to contact the committee directly to request our participation in an event, or if you are a member of AA wishing to volunteer for the committee, contact us and attend our committee meeting.

Chairperson: Louise L. lluther@satx.rr.com 210-323-7942

Committee meets 1st. Sunday of each month at 4pm @ 8607 Wurzbach, Bldg. P., San Antonio, TX 78240

CFC—CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: The Correctional Facilities Committee of SAMSO carries the AA message of recovery to jails, prisons, and parole meetings throughout Bexar County and the surrounding area. This type of service work offers meetings to those who suffer from alcoholism.

Chairperson: Bill H. hollawayenterprise@sbcglobal.net 210-275-9226

Committee meets the last Sunday of every other month at 5:30pm @ 8802 Tradeway (next to CSO), San Antonio, TX 78217.

First meeting in 2014 is February 23rd.

SAMSO NEWSLETTER: The SAMSO newsletter is published monthly, and is designed to keep the groups informed of all the different opportunities for service work that are available throughout Bexar County and to keep them informed of any upcoming SAMSO events.

Chairperson: Jennifer M. newsSAMSO@gmail.com 210-381-4421

To receive a copy of this newsletter by email, send a request to the above email address or attend the SAMSO meeting.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE (TFC): The Treatment Facility Committee provides meetings and literature to treatment centers. It provides a contact for treatment centers who wish to have meetings brought into their facilities and coordinates communications between the treatment centers and the groups who provide the volunteers to bring the meetings into the facilities.

Chairperson: Mark Z. mfzoller@gmail.com 210-861-3546

Committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 5pm @ 8802 Tradeway (next to CSO), San Antonio, TX 78217.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE: Grapevine and La Vina. The Grapevine Committee provides information on how the Grapevine and/or La Vina can be beneficial to members of the groups in San Antonio. It provides a contact for those wishing to subscribe or get products and information about Grapevine and La Vina.

Chairperson: Catarino J. cjimenez013@satx.rr.com 210-240-7560

Committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 3pm @ 8607 Wurzbach, Bldg. P., San Antonio, TX 78240

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District-2 is Proud to Host the

Southwest Texas Area 68 2014 Winter Workshop

Friday, January 17

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Sunday, January 19

Location:

Courtyard

By Marriott River Village

750 IH 35 North

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