

The Nightcap

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ANNUAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

**San Antonio
June 9th**

website is now available for registering:

<http://txaaconvention.org>

The Texas State Convention rotates around the state. Only once in every six years does it come to San Antonio. This is a event filled with AA speakers and fellowship. Members from all overTexas will attend.

The hotel is on IH10, just north of Loop 410. Easy access and free parking.

Omni at the Colonnade

**Free parking
Flyers for registration available**

**Lambda 39th
Anniversary
June 17th**

7pm BBQ

8:15pm Speaker

Madison Square
Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall –
upstairs

319 Camden

**Everyone
Welcomed**

TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKSHOP

June 25th at 1:30pm

Meeting at the Serendipity Meeting House
10929 Nacogdoches Rd., Ste 5, San Antonio, TX 78217

Guest speaker: Richard Hammer, Program Adminsitrator, Haven for Hope

And

AA Panel Discussion

"Carrying the message into treatment facilities"

A.A. in San Antonio is busy

We are not a glum lot

16th Annual A DAY IN RECOVERY

Saturday, 30th of September, 2017

"The Triangle and the Home Group"

Facilitated by K.C. H., Eric G. and Jimmy D.

Location: St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Ave.,
78213

For additional information

please contact Shane: 210-400-7793

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE:

<http://www.aasanantonio.org>

[At Events](#)

2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

July 2-5, 2020
Detroit, Michigan

More information in 2019 will be revealed.
What can you do today? Some of us put
away one dollar a day into a savings account.
When the time comes...we are ready !

Rush Hour Group

8607 Wurzbach Rd.

At the Center Bldg. P

IN JUNE

On the 3rd.

5:30pm

Speaker: Carrie B.

Watch for the "What's Happening at your Group" If your Group is hosting an event...email the information for inclusion in the Nightcap & Whats Happening to: csosa@dslextreme.com

Regional and Local Forums

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

The Southwest Regional Forum to be held the weekend of October 20-22, 2017 at the San Antonio Marriott Northwest, in San Antonio, Texas located at 3233 NW Loop 410 at Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78213-2866. Telephone Number: 210.377.3900.

Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017. The Orientation for First-time Attendees is at 6:30 p.m. and the opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Forum closes promptly at noon on Sunday, October 22, 2017. There is no registration fee for the Forum. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to

Bookstore & Office

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

Bookstore Hours: Monday 9am to 6pm
Tuesday-Friday 9am to 5pm

210-821-6325
Tomi or Virginia
Call us if you have a question.

Things We Cannot Change

Kathy M. passed away on May 3rd.

Kathy was an AA member with 22 years of sobriety, and well known at Goliad Group and other Groups she attended, and was a Club Manager of the Winner's Club. There will be a Memorial service at Winner's Club in early June. Call the Club for more information.

Her presence will be missed.

Melissa H. passed away on May 17th.

Melissa was a long time member of Group Twelve and attended the 11am Meeting. Memorial service is in the planning stage.

She will be missed.

Ray M. passed away on Saturday, May 20th.

Ray was known by many AA members, and for many different reasons, as a group member, as a counselor who helped alcoholics, and for several years he made the Weekend in SA badges, each one by hand, presenting each person who attended the Conference, a badge in calligraphy. Ray will be missed at many groups by many members.



There is a NEW program at the Central Service Office level.

Yes... it's service

This "Brainstorming" Group meets monthly. The Last Tuesday of each month at 11:45am.

We think and then act!

We are senior AA member who wish to help other seniors in our community find A.A.

We could use some help from our local members who are over 60. We don't buy "green" bananas so we are not asking for a long commitment!

Wednesday is Volunteer Day at the Central Service Office 9am to 4pm

Location: 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

Just drop in and volunteer.
Sobriety requirement: sober.



COMING NEXT MONTH **Keep an eye out for these.**



- **Meeting Directory**

In June the local meeting directory will include "bus route" information.

- **Postcards for Tourists**

Project for showing where AA meetings are downtown and near the Airport. We will need your help with distribution.

Ask Me About
Sober
Over
Sixty

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



Watch for these Price tags in the Bookstore shelves.

Items that we have reduced the sales price will have these tags!

Grapevine Books

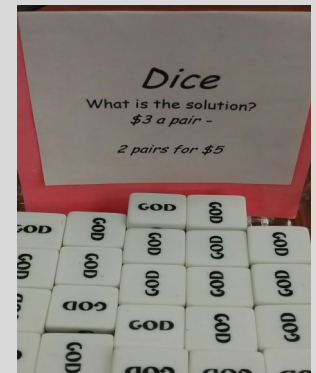
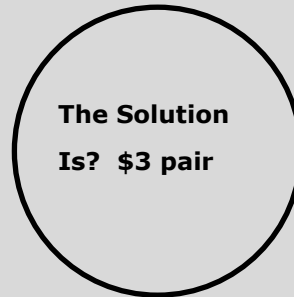
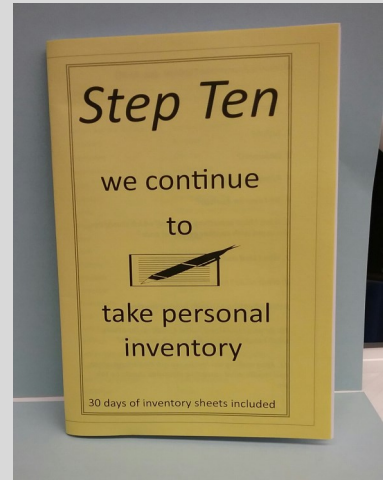
That are reduced for this sale while supplies last

\$10.00 each

- Home Group
- A.A. Around the World
- Emotional Sobriety
- Sober & Out
- El Grupo Base Corazón de AA

Step Ten Booklet

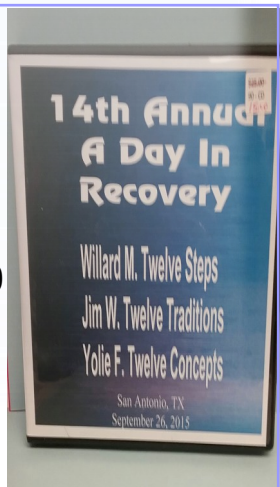
\$2.75 each
30 day Supply of Sheets.



On Sale Today \$9.00

Speaking on AA Topics

- Willard M.**
- Jim W.**
- Yoli F.**



Butterfly Box

20% off

Original Price \$30

Clearing Sale Price \$24.00





What's Happening at Groups

Send your Groups information and let other members know what's happening in San Antonio A.A.

The Common Solution Group

St. George Episcopal Church
6904 West Ave. 2nd. Floor
San Antonio, 78213

**Meets on Tuesday
8pm**

closed step study

NEW! Hondo Group

Church of Christ Church
2302 Ave M.
Hondo TX 78861

Building behind the church

Monday at 7pm

Open

Big Book Study



Women of Wonder Group

Moved- Same time—Same day
St. Francis Episcopal Church
San Antonio, TX 78240

NEW!

Live Learn Laugh Group

St. Francis Episcopal Church
4242 Bluemel
San Antonio, TX 78240

Saturday at 5:30pm

open discussion

Big Book Sunday Study

10am—Open

8607 Wurzbach Bldg. P

Using Primary Purpose Group of Dallas' study guide, we expect to start at the beginning again on June 4th.

Call prior to confirm date.

Contact information available at Central Service Office:

210-821-6325

The Windcrest Group

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

**Thursday
7pm**

Open discussion

NEW!

Serendipity Womens Meeting

**Wednesday
at 7pm**

**Book Study
10929 Nacogdoches Rd. ste 5
San Antonio, TX 78217**

Near Wurzbach Parkway

New Braunfels Group

New Braunfels Two-Four Club
1142 Eikel St.
New Braunfels , TX 78130

Meets everday at 5:30pm
open discussion
none smoking

GRUPO LIBERTAD

Bilingual

**Open Discussion
Saturdays
At 4pm**

Iglesia San Juan de los Lagos
3231 El Paso St. #5
San Antonio , TX 78207

Group Soledad

english speaking meeting

**Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
314 Merida
San Antonio, TX 78207**

**Open Discussion
Monday thru Friday
6pm
Saturday at 11am**

Men of Faith Group

**Winner's Club
5723 Kenwick
San Antonio, TX 78238**

**Meets Sundays
3pm
open discussion**

**Big trucks can park on
the street.**



**Central Service Office Representatives
Monthly General Membership Meeting (CSOR Meeting)
Meets on Monday, June 19th. at 6pm**

New Officers (January - June 2017)

Chairperson: Kris J. - Gruene Rd Group
Co-Chairperson: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group
Secretary: Tami S. - Rush Hour Group
Alt Secretary: Patricia S. - Boerne Womens Group
Greeter: Justin B. - Golden Ticket Group

Board Alaison: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group

Nominating Committee (January - Deember 2017)

Regan F. - Acceptance Group Greg H. - Halt Group

Telephone
Committee

meets at
5:15pm

Archives Room



**CENTRAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO**

Communications Committee
is currently looking for individuals to join our committee. Please inquire by calling CSO. If interested please leave name, cell number or email address with the office.



**More to come with
your ideas!!!**

WEBSITE:
WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG

Skyping the CSOR Meeting

The Communication Committee would like to speak with a Group in a town outside of San Antonio.

A group that would like to participate in the San Antonio Central Service Office but find that the driving distance is an obstacle to their becoming an active part of the Central Service Office Representatives.

The Communication Committee believes that "skyping" the meeting could be a solution to the distance dilemma.

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Definition of skyping:
A software application and online Service that enables voice and video-phone calls over the Internet.
.....

If your Group is interested in participating in this trial run of Skyping the Central Service Office Representatives Meeting,

**Contact: Gilbert V. Or Greg H.
Email:**

SACSOCommunicatiostions@gmail.com

**A View From the Communications Committee
of the Central Service Office Representatives
CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SAN ANTONIO**



"Nowadays every bottle seems
to say 'drink me'."

The Communications Committee is currently looking for individual(s) to join our committee.

Please inquire by calling CSO.

If interested please leave name, cell number or email address with the office.

12 Step List

The Central Service Office maintains an A. A. 12 step list provided by the individuals.

Speaker List

The Central Service Office maintains an A.A. speaker list for use by the groups and service structures.

Bookstore

Your Central Office keeps a complete stock of A. A. General Service Conference approved literature. We also keep a complete stock of the Grapevine books, literature and specialty items including tapes, CD's, wall slogans, posters, and sobriety chips.

Monthly Nightcap is a free newsletter that CSO sends out monthly. This newsletter is a great source to have especially in early sobriety and for all and any newcomers. Please visit the CSO weblink to inquire. **WWW.AASANANTONIO.ORG**

San Antonio AA Archives

The CSO Archives Committee exists to pre-serve our A. A. history here in San Antonio. Our archives provide a repository of this history to carry the message from past generations to current and future generations. Our mission is to document permanently the work of A. A. in this area and have it available to A. A. members. Thanks to your donations.

Opportunities For Service

Get plugged and learn to be of service. Become a CSOR representative for your group. Call CSO for more information.

There are numerous ways to be of service to AA through the Central Service Office of San Antonio. Members interested in any of the opportunities listed herein may complete a volunteer form at CSO.

CSO-CSOR meetings capability is currently under testing by use of SKYPE technology. More information to follow on Skype meetings.

The CSOR's have begun spreading CSO awareness to neighboring cities and town around San Antonio, Texas by mail. This will be an ongoing project and the committee is looking for help. Please inquire by calling the CSO office at 210-828-6235

Communications committee members: Gilbert V. & Greg H.

Email: SACSOCommunications@gmail.com

Central Service Office Representatives - Meeting Notes
Monday, March 20, 2017

Opening: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

Introductions: New CSO Reps & all CSO Reps each rep tells something about their Group
Group announcements: Coffee Pot Volleyball on Sunday at 3pm at the Health Science Center
Spring Branch Picnic coming up in May
2nd Annual City Wide Picnic also in May

CSOR 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 and post for their group

Minutes of previous meeting (February): Approved.

Board Liaison report:

Bruce T. (Board Trustee) -gave the Financial report
 Rose P. (Board Trustee) -gave Board report
 Greg F – (Board Trustee)- Is attending their Intergroup meetings.

Office Manager's report: Tomi BA – Reported they had received 1 10% discount card. This card was designed to bring members to the office for the 1st time. Announced clearance tag sale. Seniors in Sobriety is running well. There is still a need for 60 yrs. plus members to pick up a senior to take to a meeting after treatment bridging this Gap.

Guests:

Lemanda –. Family Fun Fair -all the booths have been accounted for. They did need someone to pay for the face painting booth and a member did that. Still asking for meat donations. (\$250 needed) Send all donations to Christina S., Jim W. or CSO make checks payable to Weekend in SA

Billy S. –TEXAS STATE CONVENTION June 9-11, 2017 at the Omni at the Colonnade. This year's Theme "Fit ourselves to be of Maximum Service" He gave out packets for all the groups with the event program and registration flyers.

Committee Reports:

Archives Committee: Vicki C. - The "Enemies of Paper" train the trainer would be held in the Fellowship Room March 30, 2017. Tami encouraged anyone to come and observe the demonstration. Vicki also passed out flyers for the Walk thru Time presentation of San Antonio AA in the 50's. She also reminded members that anyone can volunteer on most Thursdays from 10-2pm.

Communications Committee: Eric Q. -. Explained the committee's progress with the "online meeting" concept and the excitement behind this project. He and other members of this committee had made a dry run and this had worked out well. More to come on this fantastic outreach to our outlying groups. Email for the committee sacsocommunication@gmail.com

Telephone Committee: Lucy – always encourages back up volunteers. Looking for bilingual volunteers.

Hispanic Intergroup: Juan had a lot to tell us about. The Hispanic Intergroup has been awarded the International Conference for the year 2018. He also told us about a 15-minute radio spot. This is a questions and answer discussion with an AA member about Alcoholics Anonymous. Jalapeno Station. He ask for some assistance, reporting some problems getting through on the HelpLine.

Old Business- None.

New Business-Greg from the Nominating committee ask if something could be put in the nightcap about CSO Board Member requirements

7th Tradition Basket

Close with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Tami S.

Group Contributions

January thru April

Airport Group SA	152.65
Alamo Heights Group	150.00
Boerne Hwy Group	150.00
Boerne Noon Group	500.00
Boerne Womens Group	44.20
Broadway Group	350.00
Buda 2nd Chance	55.50
Buda Big Book Grp	236.25
Change or Die Group	66.90
Colonies North Group	649.05
Community Group	75.00
County Line Group	85.50
District 12	60.00
First One Today Group	100.00
First Things First Group	1,320.00
Friday Night Fix Group	224.55
Generic Group	150.00
Goliad Group	200.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	40.00
Grupo Unidad	30.00
Guilbeau Group	10.00
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	1,843.54
Highland Park Group	30.00
Hope Group SA	15.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	175.00
Keep It Simple Group	50.00
Kirby Group	180.00
Laurel Heights Group	100.00
LaVernia Group	186.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00
Midtown Noon Group	111.39
Mostly Agnostics Group	130.84
New Braunfels Group	220.70
Oasis Group	350.00
Primary Purpose Group (San Antonio)	398.65
River Group	75.00
Road of Happy Destiny	30.00
San Antonio Women's North	80.00
Serendipity Group	146.46
Shalom Group	80.00
Share The Light Group	74.50
Sisters in Sobriety	47.13
Soledad Group	28.00
Spring Branch Group	498.00
Stay in the Solution Group	636.89
Turning Point Group	1,473.43
Woman's Big Book	50.00
Women of Wonder Group	130.00
Work in Progress Group	140.00
Total	\$11,990.13

April

\$3,361.50

Airport Group SA	20.00
Boerne Hwy Group	60.00
Buda 2nd Chance	26.25
Buda Big Book Grp	98.75
Colonies North Group	331.38
Goliad Group	50.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Guilbeau Group	10.00
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	869.81
Highland Park Group	30.00
Laurel Heights Group	35.00
Midtown Noon Group	59.70
New Braunfels Group	51.44
Oasis Group	150.00
Primary Purpose Group (San Anto-	315.00
Road of Happy Destiny	30.00
Serendipity Group	146.46
Soledad Group	10.00
Spring Branch Group	303.00
Stay in the Solution Group	101.84
Turning Point Group	652.87

Grateful For My Sobriety

We have started-up an old tradition!

Birthday Club Sign Up

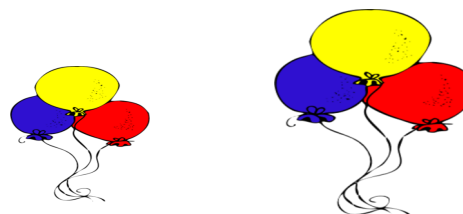
Show your support for CSO and help keep the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve at the same low price.

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"



What's happening at your group?

Email: csosa@dslextreame.com



June

Check out the Flyers on our website: aasanantonio.org or in the Fellowship Room

- June 4th** Treatment Facilities Committee (San Antonio Interdistrict) Meeting - 5pm - Fellowship Room
- May 7th & 21st** Intergrupala Hispana - en español - 7pm - San Antonio (the first & third Wednesday of each month)
- June 9th** Texas State Convention - San Antonio - 2017
- June 11th** District 01F Meeting - 2nd Sunday at 10am
District 12 Meeting
District 1E Meeting
- June 12th** Service Manual Meeting – Fellowship Room - 8802 Tradeway-San Antonio
District 2 Meeting - 2pm - at The River Group
- June 15 & 29th** District 28 Meeting-2nd & last Thursday - 8pm
- June 15th** **Central Service Office Board Meeting - 6pm Fellowship Room**
- June 17th** Lambda Group 39th Anniversary - San Antonio
- June 19th** **Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room**
After Hours Telephone Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Fellowship Room
- June 24th** District 1A Workshop - San Antonio
- June 25th** Treatment Facility Workshop - San Antonio at Serendipity Group Meeting Place
- June 25th** San Antonio Inter-District 3:15pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 1A Meeting - 2pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 16 Meeting - 2pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 17 Meeting - 2pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 18 Meeting - 2pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
PI/CPC Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Grapevine Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm on even months only
Communication Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Correctional Facilities Committee meets at 12:15pm on even months only

2017

- July 12th** Womens Big Book 25th Anniversary - San Antonio
- August 4th** Club Twelve Anniversary - 4-6th - San Antonio
- August 20th** San Antonio Archives - Picture Party - 5-7pm - Fellowship Room (AAMembers only) San Antonio
- Sept 1st** San Antonio Round-up 2017 - Date to be confirmed
- Sept 30th** **A Day in Recovery - 2017 - San Antonio**
- Oct. 20th** Regional Forum - San Antonio 20-22nd October - San Antonio
- Nov 3rd & 4th** **Weekend in SA 2017 - San Antonio Shrine Auditorium**
- Nov 27th** **New CSOR & Board Orientation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**
- Dec 4th** **CSO Open House & Archives Presentation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**



Events Out of Town



July 14th	Southwest Texas Area 68 Summer Workshop - Castroville
Aug 13TH	Capital of Texas Conference - Austin
Sept 8th	Southwest Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Workshop - Bastrop
Oct 13th	Southwest Texas Area 68 General Assembly - Seguin
Nov 3rd	32nd Spirit of Houston Conference - Houston TX
Nov 10th	National Corrections Conference - St. Louis

Volunteering for AA Programs in Bexar County Jail and Annex

If you meet the requirements below, please call our AA liaison to the Bexar County Jail to find out more and to apply:

Maribeth O,
Contact CSO at 2101-821-6325
For Maribeth's contact Phone #

Requirements for Applying:

- 1) Two (2) years of sobriety
- 2) No drug-delivery conviction
- 3) No capital / sex offense convictions
- 4) Five (5) years since on parole, probation, or sentenced to prison
- 5) 5) Willingness to take meetings in once or twice a month

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)
of San Antonio Inter-District



SAN ANTONIO'S SERVICE MANUAL STUDY MEETING

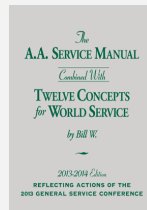
Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday

June 12th at 7pm

LOCATION

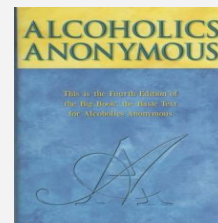
Fellowship Room
8802 Tradway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(next door to Central Service Office)

2 blocks north of Loop 410 and 2 block off of Broadway



Concept Six Guest Speaker
Jonathan S. / Alternate Delegate Panel 66
Southwest Texas Area 68

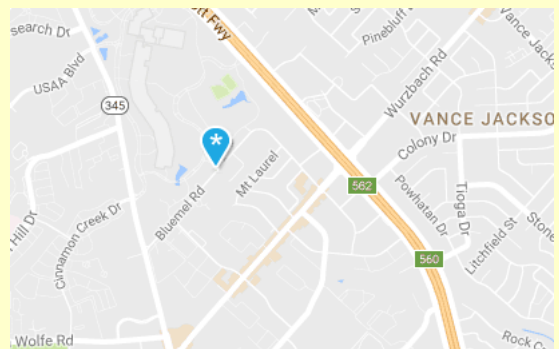
Chapter Six Guest Speaker
Michael P. / Chairperson Panel 66
Southwest Texas Area 68



District 1A Workshop **"Service and Spirituality"**

When : Saturday, June 24th
1-3pm

Where : St Francis Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
4242 Bluemel San Antonio, TX 78240



Continued from the May Nightcap.

If you would like to read the first or second page, go to the website aasanantonio.org and click on Newsletters, there you will find the April & May Nightcap

“Group Safety and Unity”

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Keeping the Focus on Our Primary Purpose

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. would transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors. As noted in the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, “Love and tolerance of others is our code.”

Safety, however, is important to the functioning of the group. By maintaining order and safety in meetings, the group as a whole will benefit and members will be able to focus on recovery from alcoholism and a life of sobriety.

Ultimately, the experience of how these situations are handled can be as varied as our Fellowship. Good judgment and common sense, informed by the Twelve Traditions, seem to provide the best guide.

What Can Groups and Members Do?

Groups and members can discuss the topic of safety, to raise awareness in the Fellowship and seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible for the newcomer, and other members or potential members. This can be the subject of sharing among groups at the district or area level.

Here are some helpful suggestions and reminders:

- Talk about issues of safety before they arise.
- Safety is something each member attending an A.A. meeting can be mindful of.
- Communicate clearly what A.A. is and what it is not.
- Sponsorship plays an important role and sponsors can be helpful in pointing out warning signs or unhealthy situations to sponsees and newcomers.
- A.A. members who are concerned about the words or actions of a sponsor or other member, may find it helpful to speak to someone they trust, their A.A. group, or a professional, as needed.
- Include Safety and the A.A. Meeting Environment as topics for a group inventory.
- Consider developing group guidelines and procedures on safety. Recommend that no one walk to a car alone but be accompanied by a trusted fellow or travel in a group.
- In all discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and place principles before personalities.

Reprint from “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare”, Service material from the General Service Office. With permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

References:

A list of references are available, as well as this article, by going to AA.ORG and search for “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare.”

Southwest Texas Area 68 – Proposals
Brought before the Groups
Pre-General Service Conference Assembly
April 7-9, 2017

Proposal One

Add Accessibilities to Treatment : Add the responsibility of Accessibilities to the Treatment Facilities Committee and reflect this by changing the wording under Area Assembly, Paragraph II, Section B, Item 2, from Treatment

Facilities to read:

Treatment and Accessibilities

First time, needs a simple majority (50% +1) to take back to the groups

If possible we will print the Pros and Cons for this proposal in a later Nightcap.

The Area Voting Assembly will be this coming October. Will your group decide on how to vote?



A.A. and the Camel...

The camel has been one of the A.A. symbols for a very long time primarily in the Akron area. "Dr. Bob would explain prayer by telling how the camels in a caravan would kneel down in the evening, and the men would unload their burdens. In the morning, they would kneel down again, and the men would put the burdens back on.

"'It's the same with prayer,' Dr. Bob said. 'We get on our knees to unload at night. And in the morning when we get on our knees again, God gives us just the load we are able to carry for that day.'" - **Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers, page 229**
 Reprinted with permission from AA World Services, Inc.

Some unknown clever AA wrote a little poem about the A.A. Camel:

"The camel each day goes twice to his knees. He picks up his load with the greatest of ease. He walks through the day with his head held high and he stays for that day completely dry."

Facility WANTS an AA meeting

I Dream Community Center

4462 East Houston St Ste 101

San Antonio, TX 78220

Wants AA meeting. They are offering space to hold an AA meeting. Only an alcoholic can start a meeting. Call the Central Service Office if this interests you.

This is close to WW White Rd on the far East Side. Contact information is available by calling the Central Service Office at 210-821-6325 for information.

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana
 3814 S. Flores St.-Ste A2
 San Antonio, TX 78214
 210-533-9770
 línea de ayuda:210-409-8524

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Hispana de Alcoholicos Anonimos
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 3814 S. Flores Ste #2

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Grupo Doce Pasos
 Grupo El Libro Grande
 Grupo El Mensaje #2
 Grupo Esperanza
 Grupo Gozo y Paz
 Grupo Gracitud
 Grupo Nuevo Sendero
 Grupo Paz y Sobriedad
 Grupo Primera Vez
 Grupo Resurreccion
 Grupo Santa Fe
 Grupo Libertad
 Grupo Volver A Vivir
 Grupo Nuevo Leon
 Grupo Tres Legados
 Grupo Un Paso Hacia Adelante
 Grupo Unidad
 Grupo Rayo de Luz
 Grupo Nuevo Amanecer

Información

"El anonimato es la base espiritual de todas nuestras Tradiciones, recordándonos siempre anteponer los principios a las personalidades."

¿Para qué sirve el anonimato en Alcohólicos Anónimos? ¿Por qué está considerado como la mejor protección que nuestra Comunidad pueda tener para asegurar su continuación y su crecimiento?

Si consideramos la historia de A.A. desde su origen en 1935 hasta hoy día, veremos claramente que el anonimato tiene dos funciones diferentes pero de igual importancia.

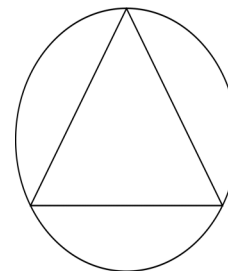
- A nivel personal, el anonimato les da protección a todos los miembros contra ser identificados como alcohólicos, una salvaguarda a menudo de especial importancia para el recién llegado.
- A nivel de prensa, TV, radio, cine y otras tecnologías mediáticas tales como el Internet, el anonimato hace destacar la igualdad de todos los miembros dentro de la Comunidad, refrenando a las personas que pudieran explotar su afiliación A.A. para ganar fama, poder o provecho personal.

Al utilizar medios digitales, los miembros de A.A. son responsables de proteger su propio anonimato y el de los demás. Cuando mandamos mensajes de texto o escribimos en un blog debemos asumir que estamos publicando ante el público. Cuando rompemos nuestro anonimato en estos foros, puede que inadvertidamente rompamos el anonimato de otros.

Reimpreso de (Comprendiendo el anonimato SP47) con permiso de A.A. World Services, Inc."

La oficina central del servicio imprimirá una lista del sitio web del Grupo San Antonio A en la edición de julio del Nightcap.

Envíe su lista a: csosa@dslextreme.com



Nursing Students at Your Meeting

Nursing students, that are not alcoholics, attend open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous as part of their curriculum. The aim is to make them aware of the A.A. program as a resource for the problem drinkers they will very likely encounter in their professional lives.

Usually in the springtime is when the San Antonio A.A. Helpline starts to get those telephone calls from students. The students call us and request information on meetings they may attend in our area. Sometimes the students are timid about asking. Some are unsure of our policy and if they will be received in a friendly manner. We always assure them that you will be delighted to help "professionals" understand our program. We tell them about anonymity in our meetings. We tell that picture taking and recording the meeting is not appropriate. We advise that they come a few minutes early to find a seat. We have referred many nursing students to our "open" AA meetings. We suggest they introduce themselves as "students" so that you will not be offering them a desire chip, which can embarrass the students and single them out in the meeting.

Occasionally a student will need to have a paper signed by their professor to show that they have attended the meeting. If you need to put a telephone number down and choose to, you can put the CSO number on the paper: 210-821-6325 (not the helpline, please.)

Two reminders for information purposes only:

- "open" meetings for anyone to attend, as an observer, not a participant.
- We accept contributions only from our members.

Information on Alcoholism (F-2)

Singleness of Purpose and Problems Other Than Alcohol

Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency." Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Nonalcoholics may attend open A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings. Reprinted from Information on Alcoholism—F2 with permission from AA World Services, Inc.

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The pamphlet above is an excellent source for newcomers. It is free and available at the CSO Bookstore, or you may order it at A.A. World services.

Tradition Six (long form)

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to AA should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An AA group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to AA, such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the

groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the AA name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, AA managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside AA—and medically supervised. While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An AA group can bind itself to no one.

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

Service in Alcohol Anonymous in San Antonio

How fortunate we are to live in a large city! Every AA service committee exists here in San Antonio!

Listed below are the many service committees available here in San Antonio for you to choose from. Some of our members have a particular area of service that they stick with during their sobriety. Other members will enjoy carrying the message in one of the service committees, and then move on to a different commitment. Why? Why not.

Willingness to continue to grow spiritually is a mainstay in our sobriety. Change is also a large part of our spiritual growth. Trying new interests assists in our growth.

Treatment Committees

While A.A. is not affiliated with any form of alcoholism treatment, A.A. Treatment committees are essential in carrying the A.A. message into treatment settings where the suffering alcoholic may be introduced to A.A. for the first time.

This committee meets monthly: 1st Sunday of each month at 5pm @ Fellowship Room

Email the Chairperson: cmte.tfc@gmail.com

Corrections Committee

The purpose of a Corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through prerelease contacts.

This committee meets on even months on the 4th Sunday at 12:15pm @ St. Francis Episcopal Church

Email the Chairperson: cmte.cfc@gmail.com

Cooperation With The Professional Community (C.P.C.)

Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals about A.A.— what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

This committee meets on even months on the 4th Sunday at 1pm @ St. Francis Episcopal Church

Email the Chairperson: picpc.cfc@gmail.com

Public Information Committees

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with Public Information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media.

This committee meets on even months on the 4th Sunday at 1pm @ St. Francis Episcopal Church

Email the Chairperson: picpc.cfc@gmail.com

Archives Committee – San Antonio Archives Committee

Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened.

This committee meets every month on the 1st Thursday at 6:15pm @ Fellowship Room

Email the Chairperson: saarchiveschair@gmail.com