# The Nightcap

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# 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous *San Antonio, Texas*

The 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party of Alcoholics Anonymous is just hours away. This will mark the 13th International Convention, and it is happening in our home town. This historical event will be the biggest gathering of AA and Al-Anon our area has ever seen. As members from around the world emerge on our city, thousands of volunteers will be waiting to greet our visitors with good ole Southwest Texas enthusiasm and warmth. Texas weather will be but a passing thought as we assemble in gratitude for our sobriety.

We will reflect on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and "A Vision for You" that is alive today and stronger than ever. We will party in the park on Thursday because we insist on enjoying life. We will dance the nights away to whatever music we desire. We will watch the Friday night Flag Ceremony at the Alamodome in awe that we are but a small part of a great whole. We will sit in on marathon meetings and workshops, and listen to panels share their experience, strength and hope. We will wander the streets and attractions of San Antonio and will not be able to stop smiling because our convention badges will identify us, and we will be everywhere. The Saturday night and Sunday morning gatherings at the Alamodome will be the bright spot of our weekend, because of the overwhelming emotion of the Lord's Prayer echoing through the rafters of the Alamodome.

The city of San Antonio will long remember Alcoholics Anonymous with favor. Our fellowship will need to be prepared for the onslaught of calls for help that will come to us following this convention, just as happened to Bill & Bob following the Jack Alexander article about AA.

For now, the clock is ticking, and the hour is almost here. Enjoy and come downtown to meet your new friends as we trudge this road of happy destiny together.

Viva San Antonio

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# Volunteers Tee-Shirt Distribution

San Antonio International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

Those Volunteers whose shift assignments start Tuesday, June 29th, can pick up their tee shirts at Club 12 from 3 PM to 5 PM Sunday, June 27th, before the Convention starts. However, if you are not working a Tuesday shift and want to pick up your shirt on the 27th you can do so IF you contact us before June 23rd at sananto-nio2010@aol.com or call 210-744-1749.

Volunteers can receive a maximum of two (2) shirts if they are volunteering for more than one shift on different days. Example: Sally volunteers for Convention Center on Wednesday and Registration on Thursday she would receive two shirts.

All other volunteers can pick up their shirts at the Volunteer Headquarters room in the Convention Center River level :

River room 001 A & B Hours will be: Tue 6 PM to 9 PM Wed 8 AM to 6 PM Thur 8 AM to 6 PM Friday 8 AM to Noon.

# PARKING INFORMATION

San Antonio International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

# SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING

Alamodome LOT A

Approximately 600 spaces available– Does require Handicap Placard or Plate. Cost is \$5 per day, not in and out. Shuttle / Golf Carts will be provided from lot to Convention Center and Alamodome

# Alamodome LOT B

# VOLUNTEER PARKING

Parking passes can be downloaded from our local web site or picked up when you pick up your tee shirt. Your committee chair will also have a supply. These passes will be available after June 23. This lot has 900 spaces; we have 5,000 volunteers so it is on a first come first served basis. There are ample public parking lots in the Downtown area. We will publish a list of these and VIA schedules as we get closer to the convention.

These passes do not guarantee space will be available; parking is on a first come first served basis. The cost is \$5 to enter the lot and re-entry into the lot in the same day will require another \$5 payment. Lot A Hours Lot B Hours

Tuesday, June 29, 2010 10:00am – 10:00pm Wednesday, June 30, 2010 7:00am – 9:00pm Wednesday, June 30, 2010 6:00am – 9:00pm Thursday, July 1, 2010 7:00am – 1:30am Thursday, July 1, 2010 6:00am – 1:30am Friday, July 2, 2010 7:00am – 1:30am Friday, July 2, 2010 6:00am – 1:30am Saturday, July 3, 2010 7:00am – 1:30am Saturday, July 3, 2010 6:00am – 1:30am Sunday, July 4, 2010 6:00am – 2:00pm Sunday, July 4, 2010 6:00am – 2:00pm

# ALAMODOME PARKING RULES APPLY

PARKING LOT C-BUSES ONLY

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HOME OF THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

# **UPCOMING EVENT\$**

For complete information on events around the country and Canada, please check out 'Events' at www.aasanantonio.org.

#### 2010

July 1-4: San Antonio, TX 2010 International Convention 2010ic@aa.org www.aa.org

July 22-25: Lubbock, TX 36th Lubbock Caprock Conv, Box 6511, Lubbock, TX 79493-6511. http://lubbockaaconvention.tripod.com

Aug 6-8: Bryan, TX 24th Aaggieland Conv. Write: Ch., Box 3491, Bryan, TX 77805.

Aug 6-8: Odessa, TX 36th West TX Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 14755, Odessa, TX 79762.

Aug 13-14: Brady, TX 63rd Anniversary Celebration, 1303 N Walnut. For more info: 325 597-3725.

Aug 20-22: Dallas, TX North TX Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 38574, Dallas, TX 75238. www.northtexasroundup.org

Aug 26-29: New York City, NY 52nd ICYPAA. To register online: www.icypaahost.org.

Oct 8-10: Denver, CO SWRAASA. See www.swraasa.org.

### NEW SAN ANTONIO MET-RO AREA MEETING DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!



Pick up your copy of the new directory today!!! The new directories are green in color this time around, but the price remains the same, \$.65.



# Winner's Club

5723 Kenwick, 680-5496

### July Schedule

First Friday of the month is Game Night Bingo/Dominoes/Board Games 8:00pm-11:00pm

Winner's Club has meeting spaces available. Call 680-5496.

# SPANISH

Intergrupal 210 533-9770 Mon-Fri / Noon-5pm

> SPANISH Help-line 210 409-8524 24 hours a day 7 days a week

# **CLUB/GROUP 12**

102 Thames/344-8981

# July Schedule

13 Group Conscience—7pm

26 Board Meeting—7p

**30** Birthday Night—7:30pm

**31** Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7-11am. Come eat pancakes and support the club!

**31** Salsa Night at the Club—7-10pm. Latin Style Dance Lessons from a PROFESSIONAL Dance Instructor. Dance lesions from 7-8pm and then Dance the night away! \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. NO children allowed.

SEE AUGUST NIGHTCAP FOR CLUB 12's ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

# District Meetings

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

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

**District 17:** DCM-Robert P (210 241-8421) Monthly meeting is held at the Serendipity Group location, 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, the third Saturday of each month at 9:00am.

District 18: DCM-Jerry S (210 590-4832) District meets the 2nd Sunday each month, 3:00pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702.

#### SAN ANTONIO SPANISH DISTRICTS

**District 01F:** DCM-Tomas R (385-7817) Monthly meeting is held at 3814 S. Flores, #2, the 2nd Sunday, 1:00pm, en espanol.

**District 28:** DCM-Carlos C (508-0229) Monthly meetings are held at 935 US Hwy 81, #2 San Antonio, TX 78211, the 2nd and last Thursday, 7:00pm, en espanol.

#### SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

**District 01E:** DCM-Mike P (210 520-2849) Rotating monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday. Call for location.

**District 02:** DCM-John B (721 467-2141) or jbourgeois67@yahoo.com. Monthly meeting is held at 2pm the second Sunday of each month. This is a rotating meeting. Please call the DCM for location.

**District 12:** DCM-Tommy F (830-456-0233) Monthly meeting rotates on the 2nd Sunday each month, and is held at 2pm. Call for location and directions.

#### WHERE TO SEND DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Treasurer TX 78229

District **16** Call Mike D for address (210 632-3364)

District **01E** Call Mike P for address (210 520-2849)

District **17** Call Robert P for address (210 241-8421) VOLUME 41 ISSUE 07

TREATMENT FACILITY MEETINGS Chair: Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com)

(tfcsatexas@gmail.com)

#### LAUREL RIDGE

Daily 7-8pm Kathy H—563-0339

VILLA SERENA (VA)

Thursday 7-8pm -

Wednesday 7-8pm call Charles F – 825-2989

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

-call Rosemary M - 422-3520

-call Belinda M - 837-9921

SaMMinistries Transitional Living & learning

Monday 7-8pm

6487 Whitby

6:30-7:30pm

Thursday

Sunday

Ctr

### THE SALVATION ARMY

call Charles F - 825-2989

Friday 7-8pm – call Eli E – 277-9467

BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (BEHAVIORIAL UNIT-5th floor)

Tuesday 7-8pm – call Rosemary M—422-3520

METHODIST HOSPITAL

# REMINDER

The meeting room at the Central Service Office is available for:

- 5th Steps
- District Functions
- Central Service Office Committees
- Any AA related activity

Call Char, Vicky, or Virginia for more info: 210 821-6325

# Women's Big Book 18th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 7:00pm

Please come help us celebrate our Anniversary with refreshments, fellowship and sharing.

# Speaker: - Bob R

Author of

"AA in SA" A History of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Antonio

Location: Alamo Heights United Methodist Church 825 E Basse Rd

> Rooms 202-204 \*\*Babysitting available\*\*

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### Central Service Office Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: Carolyn M (288-2699). Alternate Coordinator: Christi B (213-7239)

Outreach Committee: Chair: Vacant

**CSO Archives Chair:** Sylvia O - The current focus of this committee is not only oral histories but a collection of all information on the AA International Convention to be used in a future display.

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#### INTERDISTRICT/SAMSO:

The Interdistrict meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month, 4:00pm, 8600 Wurzbach, #702. Members include DCMs, Committee Chairs, GSRs and all alternates.

Archives: Pat S

CFC: Ingrid G (326-4932) imgamble@yahoo.com

**Grapevine:** Margaret R (382-1920) margrice0721@aol.com Meets the first Saturday of the month at 8802 Tradeway, next to CSO, 2:00pm.

PI/CPC: Jim L (695-5117) or jblarkin@swbell.net

**Treatment:** Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com) Meets at 8802 Tradeway, the first Sunday each month at 5:00pm (next to CSO).

Bi-Lingual: Art C (290-0476) cashcastro@yahoo.com

Newsletter: Tomi B-A (newssamso@gmail.com)

Treasurer: SAMSO, PO Box 17953, San Antonio, TX 78217

#### Correctional Facilities in the local San Antonio Area

SAF II—Substance Abuse Treatment Facility-Bexar County Offender

Men & Women's Facility Goyen Hall-State Hospital-711 S New Braunfels-South San Antonio

**TX Dept of Criminal Justice Parole Division-Parolees Mtg** Men & Women Facility

2902 NE Loop 410 (near Perrin Beitel) by Rialto Theatre Men & Women-6 months sobriety Tuesday 6:45 (meeting 7:00pm) Room #115 Groups invited to take the meeting.

Bexar County Jail Annex-(across the street from main Jail) Men & Woman's Facility 200 N Comal St (Commerce & Comal) Men and women can chair both meetings (Thursday—10:30am—Women) and (Thursday—11:30am—Men) Contact for information-Ardyn C, 264-4900

#### **Dominquez State Jail**

Men's Facility 6535 Cagnon Rd-South of IH 90 on Loop 1604 Men & Women Monday night 7:00pm and Thursday night 7:00pm Mondays call Tom B Thursdays call Greg S 637-7203/Frank O 830-534-7522/Jeff M 630-9707

**Guadalupe County Jail** Women's Meeting Wednesdays at 5:15pm Contact Shirley M @ 210 257-5205

#### THE NIGHTCAP

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# Central Service Office (CSO) Representatives (Rep)

## **Approved Minutes**

# Monday, April 19, 2010

### 6:00pm

**OPENING:** All participants signed in and Sydney C., led the group in the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Lefty.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Each COR shared their name, group being represented and their sobriety date.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tom N. made the motion that minutes from previous meeting be accepted as is. Maria seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

**VIRGINIA-WORLD CONFERENCE:** Hand out, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-5, H.B. Gonzales Convention Center Training Session Flyer.

GSO NY & Tally Mgmt. Will be present to do training this is the only formal committee. The rest will be by committee/shift leaders.

There will be handicap parking at Lot A at the Alamo dome for \$5.00/day with shuttle to Convention Center.

Still need volunteers.

**CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:** 11 dances, 24-hour marathon, 40+ year panel meeting, Thur-Sun Speaker meetings, topic at 3 locations, hospitality and flag ceremony 98 countries represented.

Volunteers can register/check in on Tue. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm otherwise they have to do general register with everyone else.

www.aa.org preliminary program of meetings. You must register to be a volunteer.

Virginia-phone number 210-455-3633

FINANCIAL REPORT: None

CSO BOARD LIAISON REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

7<sup>TH</sup> STEP TRADITION: The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed.

**CLOSING:** Sydney led the group in the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

**Hi** from Australia. I am flying over to your wonderful country in 15 days time, to attend the International Convention. This will be my first trip out of Australia. I am so excited. I have been sober now 11 years 1 day at a time, and will be traveling with an AA friend and her husband who is in Al-Anon. We have registered long ago and have accommodations. I wanted to say Hi, and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

#### WANT TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE STAY SOBER?

Send us your articles. Please keep stories 600 words or less and confine the subject to matters related to alcoholism. 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.

#### **NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:**

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The **Cotulla Group of AA** is new. They meet at 307 S Main St, Cotulla, TX 78014, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Saint Ann's Room, entrance at carport, rear of church. The group meets on Wednesdays At 7:00pm. POC: 918 798-8108.

**<u>Step Study Group</u>** meets at 4242 Bluemel Rd, Youth Center bldg at St Francis Episcopal Church. The day & time is Tuesdays at 6:30pm, open step study. POC: 213-9344.

The **Oblate Group** has added a new meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. This is an Open Women's Spanish meeting. They meet at 285 Oblate Dr, Recreational Building. POC: 861-3844.

#### **GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS**:

**Grupo Goza Y Paz** has moved to 1855 Rigsby. They meet everyday at 7:00pm. POC: 333-1341.

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

**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 working days. Your cooperation is appreciated.

#### May 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO See insert for group contributions.

Birthday:	Total Birthday	\$00
Individual:	Office Kitty 7th Tradition (8802) CSO Rep Mtg Anonymous Anonymous Board Mtg <b>Total Individual</b>	\$25.66 \$0 \$14.00 \$19.30 \$16.24 <u>\$ 07.00</u> <b>\$82.20</b>
Memorial:	Total Memorial	\$0

## Group Conscience Meetings

Acceptance Last Sunday 6:00pm Colonies North... 1<sup>st</sup> Monday..... 7:00pm Goliad... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday..... 11:15am Group 12... 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdav..... 6:45pm Free at Last As Needed Freedom... 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday..... 7:15pm Grupo Paz y Sobriedad 3rd Wednesday... TBA Highland... As Needed Keep It Simple Last weekday each month Lackland Pyramid... As Needed New Downtown... 1st Saturday... 1:30pm Rush Hour... 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday... 6:45pm Sane and Sober... As Needed Schertz/Cibolo... Last Saturday... 1:15pm Seeds of Grace As Needed Serendipity... Last Monday... 6:30pm Stay in the Solution Last Saturday 1:10pm Universal City... 2nd Monday 8:00pm Walzem Road... As Needed Woman's Big Book... 1st Wednesday. 8:00pm Young and Done... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday.... 9:30pm Young and Golden Yrs...As Needed

# THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

We have recently lost several of our long time members. The loss is sad for us, the example they left us is a treasure beyond words.

<u>Margaret W</u> passed on May 12 at 87 years young. We will miss her quick wit and humor. She was a lady that made her presence known. Margaret's home group was Group 12 and she had 42 years of sobriety.

<u>Winnie N</u> left us on May 17 at 86 years young. We will miss her gracious loving ways. She managed Starlight Counseling Center in San Antonio. Winnie's home group was Group 12. She had 34 years of sobriety.

**Jimmy T** passed on June 3 with 13 years of sobriety. He was a long time volunteer at the Central Service Office as a phone volunteer, and served as alternate after-hours phone coordinator for several years. His service reached many suffering alcoholics. He was a good example of service.

**<u>Ramon</u>** from Grupo Soledad passed May 13 with 1 year of sobriety. He will be missed by his group and all the lives he touched.

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Pat S—17yrs

#### Alamo Heights:

Carl B—3yrs Jim D-3yrs Jorge G—3yrs

#### Group Twelve:

1 year Gary C Victoria D Lisa P Gary C

2 years Misty J

Kim A

3 years

Lori L Rick C Patrick W Peter H

4 years

Richard E



Group Twelve (cont) 5 years Anne E

> 7 years Don G

#### 9 years

Patrick S Keith McC James G

10 years Thomas D Shelby M

Sarah R 12 years

14 years

- Bill S
- 18 years
- Tim S 20 years
- Deborah M
- 21 years
- Eleanor S
- 23 years Lauren C
- 29 years Maria K

31 years Dru D

> 35 years Vangie H

36 years Garland W

37 years Marilyn W

#### 56 years

Mayme Lou B

Lackland Pyramid:

Paul—13yrs

#### Schertz/Cibolo:

Lee H—1yr Cindi H—1yr Michel W-2yrs Mary Ann—2yrs Johnie W-3yrs Bob V-4yrs Laura R-6yrs Cris P-7yrs Carol LS—10yrs Cheryl B—33yrs Dan M-36yrs

#### Serendipity:

Terri N-1yr John M—2yrs Paul A-4yrs Jim C—5yrs Paul T-5yrs

#### **Spiritual Awakening:**

Jose L-16yrs

#### Woman's Big Book:

Kim S-1yr Luci—1yr Vicky F—12yrs Barbara M-23yrs

#### Young and Done:

Chuck M—3yrs Peter H—3yrs Trey V—4yrs

#### Young & Golden Yrs:

Fidelis A—18yrs



SORRY WE MISSED YOUR JUNE BIRTHDAY Lackland Pyramid: Tim R—9yrs

#### **GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

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), Keep It Simple

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

#### **CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A labor of love for our Central Service Office and the San Antonio fellowship.



2010 Suzanne McR Bill McG Pat J Carolyn F David C June V Stacy S

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#### **MOVING?**

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

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