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| | For complete information on events please check out 'Events' at | : www.aasanantonio.org | | |
| Inside This | Welcome to the Central Service O | ffice Board of Trustees | | |
| Issue | | an Maating | | |
| Robert S Boerne Noon Meeting Sheila S Turning Point Group | | - | | |
| The Office <u>2</u> | | | | |
| Bookstore <u>3</u> | Robert and Sheila will begin their journey on the CSO Board as of June 15, 2015. Come to the July CSOR general membership meeting on Monday, July 20th and meet both. | | | |
| Group Page <u>4</u> Central Service Office and Bookstore | | ad Bookstore | | |
| What's happening | will be CLOSED July 2nd & 3rd fo | or Independence Day | | |
| Minutes5CSOR MeetingArchivesCommittee | Are you interested in carrying our message to the Military who are in Treatment at a facility on Fort Sam Houston? TX drivers license required. Easy access to facility. Call 210-821-6325 For information. Amy T. will Contact you! | | | |
| Announcements <u>7</u> Speakers Meetings | All are welcome for the | Young and Done Group | | |
| | Woman's Big Book | Celebrates | | |
| Factoria d Anticla O | 23rd Anniversary | 11th Anniversary | | |
| Featured Article <u>8</u> Dr. Earle's | | July 31st | | |
| Interview | Wednesday, July 15 @ 7:00PM | 6:30-9pm | | |
| Finances <u>9</u> Group Contributions | Alamo Heights Methodist Church 825 E. Basse, San Antonio, 78209 | Lasagna dinner | | |
| | ALL are welcome (men too!) at this open AA meeting. Join us for cake, coffee, and our speaker | Speaker: Randy D. | | |
| Calendar <u>10</u> In town | Rita L. (Austin, TX). | \$10 donation appreciated | | |
| Out of town <u>11</u> | Free Childcare Available | | | |
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| Day in Recovery | 7th Tradition Basket contributions will go towards the San Antonio Inter-District Grapevine Committee Subscription Project. | Church of Reconciliation Brown Hall | | |

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Office / Bookstore 210-821-6325 Tomi and Virginia

The Central Service Office serves AA members and groups across a large expanse of South Texas.

We need **Twelve Step Volunteers** that live in towns as far away as Junction, Del Rio, Pearsall, San Marcos, New Braunfels, and Seguin.

When a new person calls we need a list of AA members who are willing to talk with the new person.

It is difficult to keep track of all of the Groups, meetings and AA members, without your help.

If you live in one of the towns miles away from San Antonio, we need you to help us locate **Twelve Step Volunteers.**

Also, If you are involved in any of the following Districts we would like to talk with you about your AA groups. District 2, 11, and 12.

Please call us or email us:

210-821-6325 / csosa@dslextreme.com

Telephone Committee Shares

We provide training if you need it ! How to answer the "helpline" 101. On your own phone or in our Office

Call us... sign-in today! 210-821-6325 CSO

We always can use new phone volunteers.

Things We Cannot Change

John (JD) D. passed away on June 4, 2015. JD was an active member of his home group, Serendipity. He was a member of the after-hours telephone crew, answering the phones on a regular schedule. He worked as a twelve-step volunteer.

Alice Y. passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Alice was a member of the 7am Meeting at Group Twelve.

Speaker List

We **(Your Central Service Office)** maintains a list of AA members who are willing to speak at various AA Group functions.

If your group wants a speaker to come to your meeting, you may contact the Central Service Office, and we will give you the speakers name and contact information.

This is the beginning of an ongoing project. Please be patient as we build your list of speakers. A list that is not used will go away. Consider this list when you need a speaker.



If **you** are willing to be a **speaker** at a group meeting or function, sign-up at the **Central Service Office** by calling **210-821-6325.**

This list can be populated by:

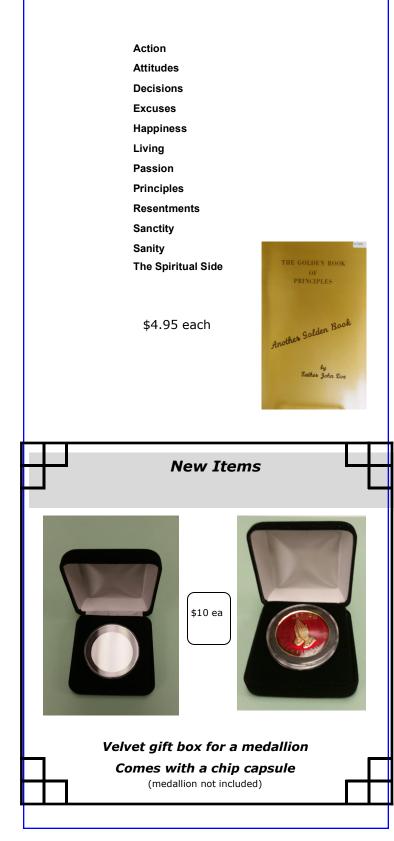
- Speakers: who share their experience in getting sober and staying sober.
- Step Speakers: Speakers who tell their story while talking about the twelve steps of our program.
- Speakers and the Traditions: Speakers who explain the Twleve Traditions.
- Speakers and the Concepts: Speakers who explain the Twelve Concepts.

BOOKSTORE NEWS

The Golden Books

These classic booklets, firmly grounded in the principles of A.A., are helpful personal recovery tools—from examining character defects to understanding your spiritual nature.

Twelve subjects—sold in separate booklets.



Book Review



Living Sober

Some Tips on Living Sober

Published by

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc

New York, NY

32 chapters

Conference Approved Literature

\$6.00

Available at the

Central Service Office Bookstore

Some questions often asked by new non-drinkers – and pages that offer some answers.

What do I say and do at a drinking party?

Should I keep liquor in the house?

How do I explain to people why I am not drinking now?

What about insomnia?



Courage to Change JBSA—Fort Sam Houston A new AA Group on Post

AMEDD Chapel For more information Call: 210-781-9936

Needs fellow AA members to support Group Military ID required to enter Post

Monte Vista Group

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

Room 313B

227 W. Woodlawn Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212 Monday - 7pm open Big Book

Wednesday - 7pm open discussion



closed discussion

Guilbeau Group

Northwest Community Church

8900 Guilbeau

San Antonio, TX 78250

Tuesday & Thursday Noon - open discussion

We would like your support !

Turning Point Group

Spanish Speaking

Meeting

St. Thomas Episcopal Church 1416 N Loop 1604 East Portable Bldg. #3 Behind the sanctuary

> Monday 8:15pm Thursday 6:30pm

Legal Professions Group

St. George Episcopal Church 6904 West Ave San Antonio, TX 78213

> Thursday 8pm

open discussion

Love and Laughter Ladies Group

Northwest Hills Methodist Church 7575 Tezel Road Ed. Bldg. San Antonio, TX 78250

Sunday 7pm open discussion - women's meeting

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Breaking Jars Group

Bandera Rd Unity Church

9431 Bandera Rd

San Antonio, TX 78250

9am

open discussion

Age of Members

Under Ages 21 - **2%** Ages 21 to 30 - **11%** Age 31 to 40 - **15%** Age 51 to 60 - **27%** Age 61 to70 - **15%** Over 70 - **6%**

(2011 Membership Survey, AA World Services, Inc)

Women's Meeting

open Twelve & Twelve

Serendipity Group 10929 Nacogdoches Rd. Ste 5

Wednesday - 7pm

Looking for women to support the meeting !

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

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

The term of office for a group Central Service Office Rep is two (2) years; however, each group may determine the term of office for its representative. Each group may also elect an alternate Central Service Office Rep. All AA members are welcome at a Central Service Office Representative meeting.

On the agenda in July

How to utilize internet technology to increase awareness New Pamphlet for CSO suggestions Board Report & Financial Report

Central Service Office Representatives

Meeting Minutes Monday, May 18, 2015

Opening: Eric Q. Chair opened with the Serenity Prayer: Chesney was absent (Curtis took notes) 5th Tradition

Introduction of all CSOR's Reminder to check CSOR information on sign in sheet

Group events and announcements:

Halt Anniversary 6/20 & Lambda Anniversary 6/13 Introduction of guests: Tammy – SAMSO report SAMSO now called SAID = San Antonio Inter District Service volunteers needed for many positions

Minutes of previous meeting: approved Tom - provided Board financial report Sydney - provided Board report

Office - Virginia announced the need for phone workers this Summer, 1 year sobriety required

Chair's report:

Discussed the need for more awareness for CSO and/or CSORs to represent groups, some ideas to be reviewed during our next meeting include:

Creating a flyer for CSO communication, Robert will bring sample to next meeting List of groups not currently participating in CSO will be provided for next meeting John T. - group conference calls may be utilized by use of internet technology

Weekend in SA was great success...we thank all service volunteers for their support!!!

Committee Report: Volunteers needed for phone duty (1 yr. min sobriety) - see flyer

7th tradition basket Old business – none

New business – Only one Bus is available to International Conference, bus may have 1 or 2 openings Nominating Committee: no updates, documents available

Officers: Chairperson: Eric Q.

Alternate Chairperson:

Secretary: Curtis M.

From The Archives

San Antonio Archives

Tami S., Archivist

Archives Committee meets the 2nd. Monday of the Month at 6pm in the Fellowship Room

Fellowship Room, 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

Join us as we seek out the AA history, group history, and our older members, all in San Antonio.

The Archives Room is Located at Central Service Office 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217 Open Monday thru Friday—9am—5pm

On display currently: The Group Book Is your Group in the book. Submit your groups story

| REPRINT ARTICLE FROM THE ARCHIVES |
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| The |
| Night Cap |
| April 1980 Front Page |
| CONTINUED from the June Nightcap |
| But the San Antonio Group, although disappointed, were more determined than ever. They sent one of Father Jones' "pigeons" to Houston for a week of orientation. |

He attended meetings and came back with the meagre amount of AA literature available at that time, including a Big Book. San Antonio AA had something concrete to go on at last.

The embryonic group held weekly meetings in the Assistant Rector's study at St. Mark's and waited for the telephone calls they expected to receive in reply to an advertisement they had inserted in one of the San Antonio papers. The ad read, "if you want to drink, that's your business - if you want to quit that's our business".

The notice drew a few sufferers and the group struggled along until the bombing of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. Then faced with the acute problems of a nation at war the group disbanded when its members scattered. A small but hopeful beginning had ended.

But the germ of Alcoholics Anonymous had been nurtured with this abortive beginning. Four years later, Apr. 12, 1945, a group of ex-tipplers again called upon Reverand Jones, who was now Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas headquartered in San Antonio.

TO BE CONTINUED in the August Issue of the Nightcap...

FUNDING

The San Antonio A.A. Archives is supported financially by the Central Service Office of San Antonio, individual A.A. members, and group contributions; in keeping with Tradition 7 we do not accept contributions from foundations, educational grants or other sources outside of A.A.

Rush Hour Group

Speaker Meeting At The Center



8607 Wurzbach - Bldg. P San Antonio, TX 78240

1st & 3rd

Saturday of each month at 5:30pm

July Speakers

4th - No speaker

18th – Eduardo J.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS OFICINA INTEGRUPAL HISPANA DE SAN ANTONIO TX.

http://www.aasanantoniohispano.org

<u>TELEFONOS:</u> <u>LINEA DE AYUDA: (210) 409-8524</u> <u>OFICINA: (210) 533-9770</u>

The Hispanic Intergroup now has a website with the

Spanish meetings listed. Check it out !

Be part of the TXSCYPAA

Bid Committee!

Meetings are held on the

First Thursday of the month at 7pm 8900 Starcrest at Church of Rconciliation Brown Hall

Third Sunday of the month at 1:45pm

102 Thames at Club 12

Smokers meeting room

The Service Manual Meeting

July

7pm

Stay In The Solution Group location

St. Francis Episcopal Church 4242 Bluemel, Eductional Bdlg, San Antonio, TX 78240 Concept Seven: Denise T. Alt. Delegate/Panel 64 Chapter Six: Thelma Ann C.—Tuesday Nite Big Book



District 17 Welcomes

their new Alternate DCM

Karen M. from Turning Point Group

Tradition Seven (long form)

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

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

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Interview With the Author of "Physician, Heal Thyself!

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

DR. EARLE

Dr. Earle's story "Physician, Heal Thyself!" appeared in the Second and Third Editions of the Big Book. Dr. Earle was interviewed by telephone at his home in California by a Grapevine staff member.

Continued from May Nightcap— We apologize. The June Nightcap was not current with the story.

I like that Tenth Step pretty well. When you make a mistake--stomp on somebody's toes--you can straighten it out right away. I think that's a pretty valuable Step.

What is your view of the Eleventh Step?

Let me say something which might be heretical to many people. I think that God's will and my will are identical. I think that it was God's will that I become addicted to alcohol and amphetamines so that I could find AA and get sober. And so I feel that the greatest thing that ever happened to me were the alcohol and drugs that I took, because that brought me to where I am, and I need to be here. If the casting director who runs this whole universe were to come to me and say, "Earle, you're going to live your life over again," I would say, "All right, but I want to live it exactly the same way--all the misery, all the drinks, all the amphetamines." All the stuff I took, I'd do it exactly the same way. Why? If I didn't do it exactly the same way, you and I wouldn't be having this conversation and I live on such things. So, the Eleventh Step is great but I don't need to pray for God's guidance. It's here all the time.

So God's will for you is to be sober.

That's right, but he had to get me drunk first.

Is there anything you'd like to say in conclusion?

I think AA is the greatest thing alive. And I think that we do need to check on what's happening in AA, and I think we need to look at AA as a family. AA cannot be the same way it was when Dr. Bob and Bill were here. So I think that we need to go along with changes in AA but let's not forget the Twelve Steps. Let's not forget those suggested Steps that we can use to make ourselves more aware of what's going on. Because to me the greatest thing in life is to be aware of what's happening all the time.

I'm not a church-goer--I'm in church all the time. To me, prayer is utter awareness. I don't know if that makes sense to you but it does to me. It's being aware of things, of what's going on around me all the time, in a given second. That to me is a form of prayer, that to me is a form of righteousness, if you want to use that religious word.

A Buddhist might call that awareness "mindfulness."

Christians call it a state of grace. We in AA have a bit of a state of grace.

The End....

40.00

Contributions Group

2015

Group Contributions May 2015

| Boerne Hwy Group | 30.00 |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Under the Bridge | 80.00 |
| Colonies North Group | 58.00 |
| Goliad Group | 50.00 |
| Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad | 10.00 |
| Halt @ Tezel Road Group | 1,013.19 |
| Helotes Nooner Group | 250.00 |
| Into Action Group (Lockhart) | 20.00 |
| Laurel Heights Group | 25.00 |
| Longhorn Group | 100.00 |
| Pleasanton Group | 100.00 |
| Road of Happy Destiny | 60.00 |
| Saturday Night Live Group | 75.20 |
| Schertz/Cibolo Group | 687.84 |
| Seguin Primary Purpose | |
| Group | 20.00 |
| Serendipity Group | 91.47 |
| Shook Big Book | 100.00 |
| Unity Group | 5.00 |
| Universal City Group | 75.00 |
| Total | C 2 2 5 0 7 0 |

Total \$2,850.70

Contributions to the Central Service Office that do not come from the groups but from AA members and service entities.

Fellowship Room Contributions 229.30

Individual Contributions & Birthdays 500.00 Pat B.

| Jere J. | 22.00 |
|----------|-------|
| Cathy B. | 60.00 |

Memorial Contributions

| In memory of John Mac | |
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| from Jim & Marygene F. | 25.00 |
| Anonymous | 25.00 |
| In memory of Jonathan Pina from Al P. | 50.00 |

Weekend in SA with AA gives the Office a check for \$30,882.79

Thanks to the Groups and AA members who participated at Family Fun Fair, Golf Tournament, and Weekend in SA, the Weekend in SA Committee raised this large sum this past year, which is 16% of our total income needed to make our budget. We budgeted \$30,000.

The Group contributions represent 22% of needed revenue. The Group contributions was budgeted at a total of \$43,000 for the year. We are right on target at this point.

Amount \$ 18,584.44—Group Contributions- Jan to May 2015

Acceptance Group Airport Group SA Alamo Heights Group Amistad Group Big Book Sunday Study Group Boerne Hwy Group Boerne Noon Group Bookmarks Group Broad Highway Group Buda 2nd Chance Buda Big Book Grp Callaghan Road Group Castroville Group Chicago Group Church Under the Bridge Colonies North Group **Community Group** Cork In The Jug Group Cuarta De Dimension First One Today Group First Things First Group Freedom Group Garden Ridge Monday Women's Step Study Generic Group Goliad Group Gruene Road Grp. Grupo 3 Legados Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad Grupo Un Paso Hacia Adelante Grupo Unidad Halt @ Tezel Road Group Helotes Nooner Group Highland Group Hope Group SA Into Action Group (Lockhart) Keep It Simple Group

98.60 Keystone Group 26.50 Kirby Group 130.00 300.00 Lambda Group 1,000.00 25.00 Last Call Group 300.00 106.00 Laurel Heights Group 118.00 150.00 Live & Let Live Group 114.00 750.00 Longhorn Group 100.00 15.09 Love & Laughter Ladies Group 148.50 150.00 Lytle Group 26.80 68.00 Monte Vista Group 120.00 112.00 New Braunfels Group 2,169.72 75.00 Northeast Group 25.00 50.00 Oasis Group 150.00 44.25 Pleasanton Group 100.00 80.00 River Group 125.00 226.00 Road of Happy Destiny 150.00 150.00 Rule 62 Group (San Antonio) 35.00 222.00 Saturday Night Live Group 122.70 300.00 Schertz/Cibolo Group 1,499.91 25.00 Seguin Primary Purpose Group 20.00 3,060.00 Serendipity Group 126.93 240.00 Shook Big Book 100.00 65.00 Sisters in Sobriety 64.00 35.00 150.00 Solutions Group/Canyon Lake 250.00 Spring Branch Group 376.42 286.00 Stahl Road Group 126.40 41.74 Stay in the Solution Group 864.10 50.00 Survivors Group 109.51 8.44 Tuesday Nite Big Book Study 250.70 30.00 Unity Group 15.00 1,013.19 Universal City Group 180.00 500.00 Woman's Big Book 59.30 318.70 Young & Golden Years Group 15.00 30.00 Young and Done 107.61 143.33 500.00

. Member Information

Birthday Contributions: members who wish to contribute to the Central Service Office on their A.A. birthday. Some contribute a \$1 per year, others contribute differently.

What's happening at your group?

Email: csosa@dslextreme.com



| July 5th | District 16 Meeting – 3pm - Fellowship Room |
|----------------------|---|
| | District 2 Meeting |
| | District 12 Meeting |
| | District 01F Meeting |
| July 8th | Presentation to the Professionals- San Antonio – 10:30am at Fellowship Room Grapevine Committee (San Antonio Interdistrict) Meeting - 1pm - Fellowship |
| July 12th | Room |
| 5419 1211 | District 17 Meeting – 2:30pm - Fellowship Room |
| | San Antonio Interdistrict Meeting – 4pm - Fellowship Room |
| July 13th | Archives Meeting – San Antonio – 6pm |
| | Service Manual Meeting – San Antonio |
| July 15th | Womans Big Book Anniversary - San Antonio |
| July 16th | Central Service Office Board Meeting – 6:30pm - Fellowship Room |
| July 19th | District 1A Meeting -3pm - Fellowship Room |
| July 20th | Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room |
| July 26th | PI/CPC Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm - Fellowship Room |
| | District 18 Meeting – 2:30pm - Fellowship Room |
| | Future Events In San Antonio 2015 |
| August 7th | Club 12 Anniversary - San Antonio |
| Sant 10th | Cranoving How to get Published Workshen (SAMSO) |
| Sept 19th | Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO) |
| Sont 26th | A Day in Recovery - Local Conference - San Antonio |
| Sept 26th Oct 3rd | A Day in Recovery - Local Conference - San Antonio Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio |
| Oct 3rd | Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio |
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| Oct 3rd | Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio |
| Oct 3rd Dec 5th | Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO) |
| Oct 3rd Dec 5th | Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO) 2016 - 2017 |



2015 International Convention

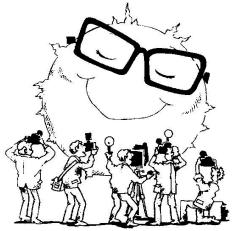
You can watch the flag ceremony on your computer while sitting at home.



One of the highlights of each International Convention is the parade of flags of those countries represented at the convention, which takes place at the Opening Meeting on Friday evening.

There will be an anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. Access to the broadcast, which be available through G.S.O.'s A.A> website (www.aa.org), will begin on Saturday, July 4 and end on Monday, July 6, 2015, at midnight Eastern Daylight Time.

14th Annual A DAY IN RECOVERY



Billy N (Spring Lake Heights, NJ) Jim W (San Antonio, TX) Willard M (Cedar Park, TX)

"THREE LEGACIES"

| 08:00am | REGISTRATION OPENS/BREAKFAST TACOS |
|---------|---|
| 09:00am | Concepts (Service) Billy N (General Service Trustee - New York) |
| 10:15am | BREAK |
| 10:30am | Traditions (Unity) Jim W (San Antonio, TX) |
| 11:45pm | LUNCH provided by the YOUNG and DONE GROUP |
| 01:00pm | Steps (Recovery) Willard M (Cedar Park, TX) |
| 02:15pm | BREAK |
| 02:30pm | Panel Discussion and Q & A (Billy, Jim, & Willard) |
| 04:00pm | CLOSE |

Proceeds to benefit the San Antonio Central Service Office

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2015

Location: St George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Ave, Fellowship Hall

Directions: Outside Loop 410, merge onto NW Military Hwy, turn left onto West Ave, church is on the left.

For additional information: Josef at josefpanvini@gmail.com or 210-837-0408/Rob 210-551-1141

Pre-registrations and donations are greatly appreciated.

| NAME: | Pre-registration (per person) (\$15.00) Door registration (\$20 per person) | \$ |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| NAME: | | |
| ADDRESS: | Donations: | \$ |
| | TOTAL (Check) or (Credit Card) | \$ |
| CITY:STATE:ZIP: | Credit Card: (VISA) (MC) (Zip Code |) |
| <i>PHONE</i> #: | | |
| 1. 2. 4. 11 | Card Member Name (Please Print or type) | |
| E-MAIL: | Card Number (Please Print or type) | Exp. Date |

Please make checks payable to: "A Day In Recovery"