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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2010

June 11-13: Shreveport, LA
LASCYPAA, 26th LA State Conf of Young People in AA. To register online: www.lascypaa.org.

June 18-20: New Orleans, LA
42nd Big Deep South Conv, New Orleans Airport Hilton. To register online: www.bigdeepsouth.org.

June 19-20: Lafayette, LA
How to Have a Spiritual Experience, 220 W Willow St, Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 9am-Noon. For more info: ddo42@aol.com.

July 1-4: San Antonio, TX
A.A.'s 75th Anniversary Celebration, and the 13th International Convention. See www.aa.org to register, or pick up a hard copy registration form at your local Central Service Office.

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

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.

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2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

We are now counting days until the biggest event our fellowship in South Texas has ever seen. Members from all over the world will visit San Antonio to be greeted with a howdy and a warm hug. Can you picture the Riverwalk crowded with people wearing 2010 International Convention name badges? God forbid anyone falls in. Hope someone tells them to stand up!!! The street corners, hotels, buses, trolleys, Market Square, we will be everywhere. The volunteers are ready and waiting for the crowd to arrive. The Volunteer Training Session, May 1, was a smashing success and entertaining as well.

ANONYMITY: During the Convention, there will be tens of thousands of Convention participants with large badges and a few thousand people with noticeable colored ribbons and T-shirts standing on street corners and in hotel lobbies. Chances are people will notice and ask "What is this all about?" The simple answer is, "This is the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous."

The city of San Antonio will long remember Alcoholics Anonymous, even after our visitors leave. Be prepared, as there will be an onslaught of calls for help, and businesses, schools, and organizations that will require Public Information. So, in the meantime, we will see you at the party, July 1-4, 2010.

Young and Done 6th Anniversary

*Church of Reconciliation
Brown Hall
8900 Starcrest Drive
San Antonio, TX 78217*

Friday—June 11

7pm—Lazagna Dinner
\$5 Suggested Donation

7-8pm—Silent Auction

8pm—Speaker Mtg
Brandon W

All proceeds will benefit **SAMSO**
(San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization)

Please join us for our
Celebration!!!

AIRPORT GROUP CONFERENCE KICK OFF 1st Monthly BBQ & Speaker Meeting

8802 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217
(Next to CSO)

Sunday, June 20

5:30pm - BBQ

7:30pm—Speaker, featuring
Brian G of San Antonio

For further information:
Peter O 956 451-1625
Cory E 210 459-8705

ARE YOU A LEGACY?

When I showed up to AA January 1973 I never expected I would become a legacy of my early mentors.

My early mentors were older, I was only 27 and they had long term sobriety. Folks like Harold, Florence, Frost, Imogene, Gwen and many others. They were sharing their sobriety to give me a better life.

They were matter of fact when it came to sharing their experience, strength and hope. They also shared their time and funny sayings like "There are no musts in AA" but a whole lot of "You darn well betters;" or "You either grow or go." We made many meetings together, drank lots of coffee and did lots of service work.

I didn't realize I was becoming a legacy. It was because of these early mentors that I am working on 38 years of sobriety. It is because of their sharing that I try to pass their message on. Are you a legacy of those that shared their sobriety?

Submitted by DuWayne (Butch) F of Irving, TX

Late Breaking News

You can make a difference

***Haven for Hope: the new downtown
San Antonio Facility***

***Will have FIVE (5) A.A. meetings
every week***

***Two discussion meetings
(English & Spanish.)***

***A Twelve & Twelve Discussion Meeting
(English & Spanish)
A Big Book (English)***

*The Treatment Facilities Committee
To volunteer or for more information:*

tfcsatexas@yahoo.com

***Or call: Tomi BA 210-364-1108
OR Rosemary M 210-422-3520***

PI/CPC Committee GOES TO SCHOOLS

The purpose of the P.I. Committee (Public Information) service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. The P.I. committee members may visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose.

PTA Meeting Program: Recently the SAMSO PI Committee members were invited to participate in a PTA Meeting program at Brackenridge Academy Elementary School PTA. At the meeting they shared their experience and information about AA with parents in that community. The meeting was translated into Spanish for those needing the translation.

High School: PI committee members visited seven classes from 8:50am to 4:15 pm at Jefferson High School. Sharing information on alcoholism with students.

College: Students at St. Phillips College take an online class that involves a substance abuse unit on Alcoholism. As part of their class they must attend an Open AA meeting. Members of the PI Committee provide comments on their reports after attending an AA meeting.

The UTSA Safe Spring Break Health and Wellness Expo was attended by PI/CPC members.

The University of Incarnate Word. Information for staff and students.

If you want to be an A.A. participant in these activities join the PI/CPC committee at their monthly meeting the 1st Sunday of each month. Come to SAMSO and meet with Jim.

(AA Members must attend PI/CPC Committee Meetings in order to volunteer at Facilities.)

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

The **Open Big Book Study Group** is new. They meet in Bulverde, TX at the Community Bible Church, 7100 N 281. They meet at 7pm on Mon and are an open Big Book Study meeting. **78163**

Grupo Fortgleza is a new Spanish Speaking group that meets at Lady of Mt Carmen, 18555 Leal Rd. It meets on Mon, Tue, and Thu at 7:30pm and is an open discussion meeting. **78221**

GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS:

The **Turning Point Group** has added a new meeting on Sun at 5:30pm. They meet at 1416 N Loop 1604. St Thomas Episcopal Church. The meeting is open discussion and they are currently reading *Living Sober*.

The **Acceptance Group** has had the following changes (*effective June 1*): 7150 Stahl Rd., Rolling Oaks Christian Church-Corner of Nacogdoches and Stahl Rd. behind Sonic / Valero, Meetings in Fellowship Hall **78247**

Monday: 7:30pm, **O-Basics**

Thursday: 7:30pm, **O-Disc** Speaker last Thurs. of month.

Saturday: 7:30pm, **O-BB** Meetings in Fellowship Hall, Family Night-dinner after meeting, Babysitter Sat & Sun

Sunday: 7:30pm, **O-Disc** Babysitter Sat & Sun

The **Halt Group** has changed their Tue and Thu meetings to open meetings. They no longer have babysitting on Mondays. The group meets at Northwest Hills Methodist Church, 7575 Tezel Rd, Education Building behind lot.

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



Group Forum Page

CLUB/GROUP 12

102 Thames/344-8981

June Schedule

08 Group Conscience

25 Birthday Night

26 Micheal Jackson tribute dance! 8-midnight, Soul Grammer (great cover band), free food, door prizes, no children, \$4 members, \$5 non-members

28 Board Meeting

Winner's Club

5723 Kenwick, 680-5496

June 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



District Meetings

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICTS

District 01A: 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 01E: 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)

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 –
 call Charles F – 825-2989

THE SALVATION ARMY
 Friday 7-8pm –
 call Eli E – 277-9467

BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER
 (BEHAVIORAL UNIT—5th floor)
 Tuesday 7-8pm –
 call Rosemary M—422-3520

METHODIST HOSPITAL

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

SaMMinistries
 Transitional Living & learning Ctr.
Monday 7-8pm

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
 6487 Whitby
6:30-7:30pm

Thursday
 -call Rosemary M – 422-3520

Sunday
 -call Belinda M – 837-9921



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

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 (222-0717) margice0721@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

SAMSO Makes Sense

(San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization)

*“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand
Of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible” **

While AA appears to be structured as most large organizations are, it is actually just the opposite. Most organizations take direction from the top down; in AA, the organization runs from the bottom up.

We’ve all heard that the individual is the most important person in AA, and that is true. Without one drunk sharing with another, we would not have a fellowship that extends across the globe. This is the basis of the twelve steps of the program. These steps provide a suggested path to recovery.

Individuals form AA groups that take their direction from a group conscience that does what it feels must be done to carry the message. Groups, while autonomous, are guided by the twelve traditions of AA that were created to protect the whole from the parts and to insure that AA would be there when someone needs help. This –bottom up structure was designed to have every grateful, recovering drunk involved and participating in the future of the fellowship.

Each AA group is part of a District. Districts normally consist of 10-20 committees to carry the AA message and to reach out the hand of AA to those who still suffer. The committees focus on specific activities and populations, providing a contact point and information source for those areas. Each district forms committees to help carry the message and staffs those committees with interested group members.

The committees mirror those established by the General Service Conference in 1951. They include the CFC (correctional facilities committee) to carry the message to those incarcerated; the TFC (treatment facilities committee) that focuses on hospital and rehabilitation facilities; the PI/CPC (public information/cooperation with the professional community) that lets people who may refer clients to AA know just what it is that we do (and don’t do); Archives to collect, preserve and share our history; Bilingual to expand the communication effort; Grapevine and LaViña to encourage use of the AA newsletter in carrying the message; and any other committee that might be needed in a particular area to make sure that the hand of AA is present when needed.

These Districts form an Area that elects a delegate to take their views to the Annual General Service Conference in New York. The Conference is the collective Group Conscience of AA as a whole. Issues and concerns raised by individuals and groups are considered, evaluated, and acted upon by the members attending the General Service Conference. The General Service Board consisting of AA World Service, GSO, Grapevine, and La Viña manage and implement the collective will of the Conference.

The system works quite well and offers everyone a chance to implement the 12th step and permits groups to engage in service work as suggested in Tradition 5. However, when Districts are close together in a tight geographic space, such as a large city, a unique situation occurs. For example, San Antonio has seven 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.

* Grapevine Responsibility Declaration

March 2007 – from SAMSO—written by Doug F. (DCM, District 17)

SHARING SESSION

PHONE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS & THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

Phone volunteers, back-ups, and prospects: everyone's input is important, so please plan to attend this critical session as we prepare for the 2010 International.

Session held at:
Central Service Office
 8804 Tradeway
 San Antonio, TX 78217



210 821-6325
 csosa@stic.net

Saturday, June 12th

2:00-4:00pm

Our 24-hour manned phone service is the most vital service we offer to alcoholics reaching out for help. No matter the time of day or night, when someone picks up "that 100 pound phone" for the first time to call Alcoholics Anonymous, AA in San Antonio and the surrounding 16 counties wants them to talk to a member of AA. It takes many volunteers to provide this service.

We will have 2010 International Convention information for all our volunteers with emergency phone numbers for the Henry B Gonzales Convention Center.

We need to be prepared for the week of the International, and it's just around the corner.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Refreshments will be served.

Remember, we cannot do this without you!

Group Conscience Meetings

Acceptance	Last Sunday	6:00pm
Colonies North...	1st Monday.....	7:00pm
Goliad...	2nd Sunday.....	11:15am
Group 12...	1st Tuesday.....	6:45pm
Free at Last	As Needed	
Freedom...	3rd 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...	1st 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...	1st Thursday....	9:30pm
Young and Golden Yrs...	As Needed	

April 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO

See insert for group contributions.

THANK YOU

Birthday:	Frank S	\$25.00
	Carolyn M	<u>\$12.00</u>
	Total Birthday	\$37.00
 Individual:	Office Kitty	\$19.00
	7th Tradition (8802)	\$82.50
	CSO Rep Mtg	\$12.00
	Board Mtg	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
	Total Individual	\$119.50
 Memorial:	Total Memorial	\$0

June Birthdays

Abundance Happy Hour

Madeline—19yrs

Alamo Heights:

Barbara Q—1yr

Cherry K—16yrs

Colonies North:

Geronimo B—1yr

Anne C—1yr

Eric M—2yrs

Clare M—3yrs

Pablo T—4yrs

Ruben M—8yrs

Sandy Y—8yrs

Cindy R—9yrs

Andrea P—20yrs

Kevin W—29yrs

Fresh Start:

Tawnya B—4yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

Ripley L

Bill S

Cathy D

Alfred R

Anne R

2 years

James B K

4 years

Dolly L

Jim R

Group Twelve (cont)

6 years

David P

Steve O

7 years

Laura J

Carlos G

8 years

David P

9 years

Scott S

12 years

Connie C

13 years

Stephanie C

14 years

John H

Brian G

15 years

Cindi T

20 years

Janice M

21 years

Rai S

24 years

Etura L

Group Twelve (cont)

29 years

Art M

32 years

Delores A

38 years

Nick & Lisa D

39 years

Elaine B

40 years

Maye A

41 years

Art R

46 years

Joan L

Pyramid:

Wayne—2yrs

Marvin—3yrs

Schertz/Cibolo:

Lynn B—1yr

Fredro—8yrs

Daniel C—17yrs

Universal City Sunday:

Frank S—35yrs

Serendipity:

Al D—1yr

Cleo G—1yr

Dawn C—1yr

Karyn H—1yr

Michael M—1yr

Russe L—1yr

Karen B—2yrs

Mark F—2yrs

Pete O'C—2yrs

Colleen B—3yrs

JD—3yrs

Donna L—5yrs

Pam T—6yrs

Andrea A—11yrs

Craig H—14yrs

Bill L—16yrs

David B—16yrs

Daniel C—17yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Donna B—1yr

Janice F—2yrs

Kathy B—5yrs

April W—12yrs

Barbara S—26yrs

Young and Done:

Whit B—6yrs

Brian G—14yrs

Young & Golden Yrs:

Sylvia—2yrs

Brent K—2yrs

David D—16yrs

Arthur M—29yrs

**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

Butch W

Carolyn F

David C

June V

Stacy S

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

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