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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
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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

March 26-28: Killeen, TX
SWTA 68 Pre-General Service
Assembly 2010. See www.aa-swta.org.

April 15-18: Eureka Springs, Arkansas
34th Springtime in the Ozarks. See
www.nwarkaa.org.

April 23-25: Keauhou, Hawaii
22nd Big Island Bash. See
www.bigislandbash.com.

May 27-30: Dallas, TX
24th Gathering of Eagles. See
www.dallasgatheringofeagles.org.

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.

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



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The new
GIVING BACK A.A. GROUP
is having a party!

*Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
231 Vargas
San Antonio, TX 78203*

Saturday, March 13, 2010

**RB and Jazz Your Night Away!
DJ, Band, Dancing and Food!
Raffle!** Proceeds to help
group with AA literature pur-
chase.



Couple = \$35.00
Single = \$20.00

Contact Ronald at 210 818-0683.

FREEDOM GROUP
25th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Dinner: 6pm
Speaker: 7:30pm
Speaker: Shalon T.



Please bring side dishes/dessert

Meats/Coffee/Tea will be provided

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
14700 San Pedro Avenue
(SE corner of 281 and Oak Shadows)

A DEBT I OWE

In Jan. '03 I entered the Patrician Movement for treatment. I had been to AA before, so I began to go the meetings that were brought in from various groups. That's where I met Ben. The meetings gave me hope.

Six months later, in June, I was released from treatment but could not get the electricity turned on in my home for another 30 days. I checked into a motel on the Austin Hwy. All those old feelings of loneliness and fear returned. I decided to go for a walk. Within a block, I found myself standing between two bars. The music and laughter were calling me inside. In that same moment, I realized that there was a pay phone right in front of me and it HAD a phone book! I opened the book and it fell open to the "A's" and Alcoholics Anonymous. I made the call. Of all people to answer the help-line that day was Ben and I knew I could tell him what was going on. He asked me where I was and said to wait right there that he was sending someone to pick me up. In a few minutes a car full of men arrived to take me to Club 12 to a meeting. I stayed there for 3 meetings and someone gave me a ride home.

That was 7 years ago. I have continued to go to meetings. In fact, the first 4 years, I rode a bus to meetings. I have a sponsor that helps me work the steps, have a job and a car and I have had that Spiritual Awakening that we all want and have started trying to give something back. Now, I carry the message to Laurel Ridge Treatment Center every Thursday and answer the AA help-line for a four hour shift every Wed. These little jobs have helped me pay the debt I owe to AA and always give back more than I can give. God has entered my heart in a way that is indeed miraculous. Today, I was at CSO (San Antonio) answering the help line and Ben walked in. My heart was filled with joy as I was able to tell him my story and that this program WORKS when one alcoholic helps another. Hope to see you all at the 2010 International Convention.

by Wayne G, San Antonio, TX

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

The **Medina Group** is new. They meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, 263 Reed (Methodist Church) Medina, TX. They are a non-smoking, open discussion meeting.

The **KYPAA Young People's Group** is new. They meet on Wednesdays at 8:00pm, 980 Barnett, 720 Club, Kerrville, TX. They are an open discussion meeting.

GROUP CHANGES/CLOSINGS:

The **Luling Group** that meets at 801 S. Walnut, Luling, TX, on Monday and Thursday nights at 8:00pm is now a non-smoking meeting.

The **Seguin Oasis Group** that meets at 2365 Huber Rd, Seguin, TX, has several changes in their meetings. Monday thru Friday the 5:30pm has changed to 5:00pm. The 9:00am women's meeting on Saturday has folded. Birthday night is the last Friday of the month.

All 8:00pm Saturday night meetings at the **Serendipity Group** are Candlelight Meetings. The last Saturday of the month is a pot luck/speaker meeting starting at 6:30pm. Their address is 10929 Nacogdoches, #5, Industrial Park outside Loop 410, 2 blocks North of Lady Bird Johnson Park on the left.

As of February 1st there will be no Friday or Saturday 10:00pm Night Owl Meetings at the **Winner's Club**, 5723 Kenwick.

The **New Hope Group** in Kerrville has folded. They met at the Kerrville Christian Center on Mondays.

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 appropriate changes to your current directories.

Group Forum Page

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

March Schedule

- 09 Group Conscience 6:45pm
- 20 "March Madness Dance" Wear your favorite school team jersey, shirt or colors. 8pm-Midnight, DJ Turn, \$4 members/\$5 non-members, no children under 15 allowed.
- 26 Birthday Night 7:30pm
- 29 Board Meeting 6:45pm

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 8:30am.

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- Monthly meetings are held at 935 New Laredo Hwy, #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.



Winner's Club

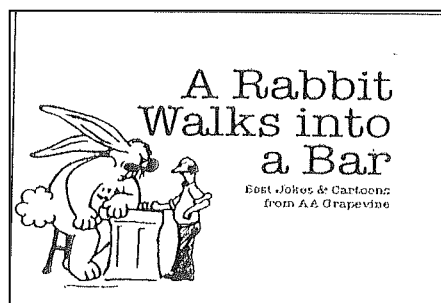
5723 Kenwick, 680-5496

March 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.



New book from the AA Grapevine, *A Rabbit Walks into a Bar*. This new 154 page book is a collection of the best jokes and cartoons over the decades that have appeared in the Grapevine.

Jokes and Cartoons about:

- The Drinking Life
- Newcomers in AA
- Life in AA
- The Victories of Victor E
- AA Wit and Wisdom

Pick up your copy today at the Central Service Office (\$12.00).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Central Service Office Reps:

Telephone After-Hours Service Committee: Coordinator: John H (387-1866).
Alternate Coordinator: Christi B (213-7239)

Outreach Committee: Chair: Pa Trisha W (210 651-6750)

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)

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: Vacant

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

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

CSO Archives

*If you'd like to capture a "longtimer's" personal account of what **REALLY** happened here in San Antonio, we've started an oral history library program. We can set you up with all the supplies, equipment, and training to record narratives of anyone you believe has had an impact on AA in San Antonio and surrounding area. Don't wait until it's too late!*

If anyone would like to design, or design and build, a display greeting visitors to the Central Office, you'll have a free hand to do it the right way—your way!

Let us know if you are interested (821-6325)

TREATMENT FACILITY MEETINGS

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

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-Women's Mtg

Woman's Facility
200 N Comal St
Women only
Friday, 10:30am
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-San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization:

Contact the person listed below if you or your group is interested in carrying the message into these facilities.

LAUREL RIDGE

17720 Corporate Woods Drive
San Antonio, TX

Monday 7-8pm -

call John M - 324-8400
Mission Vista Recovery
Mission Vista Military

Tuesday 7-8pm -

call Steve - 287-2608
Mission Vista Recovery
Mission Vista Military
Navasota Unit

Thursday 7-8pm -

call Steve - 287-2608
Mission Vista Recovery
Mission Vista Military
Navasota Unit

VILLA SERENA (VA)

4455 Horizon Hill

Thursday - 7-8pm -

call Charles F - 825-2989

THE SALVATION ARMY

1324 South Flores

Friday 7-8pm -

call Eli E - 277-9467

LIFETIME RECOVERY

1354 Basse Rd #1, #6

Speaker meeting the last Thursday of every odd month.
6:30-7:30pm
call Rosemary M—422-3520

BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER (BEHAVIORAL UNIT)

111 Dallas Street

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Tuesday - 7-8pm -

call Tomi BA - 364-1108

METHODIST HOSPITAL

8026 Floyd Curl Drive - 6th Floor -Grp Mtg Room

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation

Tue & Wed - 7-8pm—

call Charles F - 825-2989

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HOSPITAL

7400 Barlite

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Tuesday - 7-8pm -

call Mary E - 744-8717

Volunteers of America

6487 Whitby

Specific AA Volunteer Group-no Group rotation.

Thursday - 6:30-7:30pm -

Women only—
call Rosemary M - 422-3520

Sunday - 6:30-7:30pm - Women only—

call Belinda M - 837-9921

Central Service Office Representatives Meeting Approved Minutes Monday, December 21, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

Opening: Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 traditions were read.

Introductions: New COR – Josh from Colonies North, Tom from Goliad, Jessica from Group 12, Poly Ann from Serendipity

Approve Previous Month's Minutes: Minutes approved as presented.

Announcements: 2010 Host Committee Chair – Jim B. had the following notes to share about the international convention. Volunteer kick-off meeting will be Jan 9th at convention center. A professional management company runs the convention – Talley Management. Kick-off meeting is for volunteers to sign up. There will also be online sign up. He stressed not to volunteer so much that you miss the convention, and there will be no volunteers needed during the meetings in the Alamodome. The convention is AA and Alanon. There are no official scholarships to the convention, but groups can provide their own.

Financial Report: Profit and Loss statement circulated with meeting agenda. Art was elected as a finance committee chair.

CSO Board Liaison Report: Suzanne is the new Chair of the CSO Board of Directors, with David C. as the co-chair.

Telephone Service Report: none

Archives Committee Report: none

Outreach Committee Report: none - There is no outreach committee chair. No volunteers came forward.

Old Business: none

New Business: Sidney from First Things First Group was elected Chair of the CSO Reps. Jessica from Group 12 was elected Alternate Chair. Ray from Veterans AA Group was elected Secretary.

Passed the Seventh Tradition basket.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Group Conscience Meetings

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| 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 | |

January 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO

See page 8 for group contributions.

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Birthday: | <i>Bill S</i> | <u>\$15.00</u> |
| | Total Birthday | \$15.00 |
| Individual: | <i>Office Kitty</i> | \$59.38 |
| | <i>7th Tradition (8802)</i> | \$ 7.00 |
| | <i>CSO Rep Mtg</i> | \$23.00 |
| | <i>Board Mtg</i> | <u>\$12.00</u> |
| | Total Individual | \$101.38 |
| Memorial: | Total Memorial | \$0 |

AA International Convention Update

The Kickoff meeting was a huge success. Thanks to all who came to volunteer.

We are making good progress in our volunteer effort as of Feb 9th we have 2,173 volunteers signed up with a little over 31,000 registered for the convention.

We still need your help. You can help by talking up the volunteer effort at your meetings; if someone does not make an announcement please do so.

You can sign up on line www.aa75.org or fill out one of the forms we are passing out. If your Group does not have a supply please send email to www.sanantonio2010@aol.com or call Jim B 210-744-1749 and we will get you a supply. Forms are also available at the Central Service Office in San Antonio.

Love in the Fellowship, Jim B, Host Committee Chair



"My sponsor says if I give the program an hour a day, it will give me twenty-three back."

The Adventures of Clara T.



"I told my sponsor the problem with instant gratification, is that it takes too long."

March Birthdays

Abundance HH:

Jim B—1yr

Alamo Heights:

Cal B—9yrs
John V—13yrs
Cari C—17yrs
Jo C—20yrs
Sue R—32yrs

Group Twelve:

1 year

Ricco O
Gerald L

2 years

Cliff McL

3 years

Marlo M
Albert D
Analise S
Jason M
Stacy McD

4 years

Mike K

7 years

Felix G
Bryant S
William H

8 years

Jim W
Patrick W

10 years

Jerry W
Diane T
Maureen M

11 years

Melody S
Thomas K

13 years

Rafael E

Group Twelve (cont)

14 years

John S

17 years

Carrie C

20 years

Larry L
Freddy S
James G
Charlie R
Joelle H

22 years

Helen J
Barbara D

23 years

Ben C

24 years

John D

26 years

Mario C

27 years

Suzanne McR

28 years

Linda T

29 years

Mexico Mike N

31 years

Ray A

34 years

Jack H

35 years

Gail McE

40 years

Vernon M

Grupo Soledad:

Ramon V—21yrs

Morning After:

Lori H—1yr

Schertz/Cibolo:

Tom B—1yr
Anna—2yrs
Liz F—2yrs
Mark R—3yrs
Becca C—3yrs
Joan K—9yrs
Virginia P—9yrs
Ardyn C—14yrs
Richard C—25yrs

Woman's Big Book:

Michelle E—2yrs
Leslie V—3yrs
Laura M—16yrs
Charlotte M—17yrs
Denise F—17yrs
Jennifer A-B—18yrs

Young and Done:

Alex S—1yr
Nichole—2yrs
Carl P—3yrs
Analise S—3yrs
Marlo M—3yrs

SO SORRY TO HAVE
MISSED YOUR
February
BIRTHDAY



Keep It Simple:

Rosemary M—11yrs

Valley Hi:

Noel M—26yrs

AA Members Take a Meeting Downtown

Every Tuesday evening at 7PM, members of our fellowship take a meeting into the Downtown Baptist Hospital Behavioral Unit.

There you will find one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. Sharing the message of hope.

Like tossing seeds from a bridge, you never know where they land, when they take root or when they flower and produce more seeds.

Gratitude is an action, and these A.A. members are showing their gratitude for sobriety. Join us as we carry the message into facilities in San Antonio. There is always a job opening...the pay is: sobriety.

Treatment Facility Committee: SAMSO

A.A. in Treatment Facilities

What qualifications should an A.A. member have to carry the message to treatment facilities?

1. Good sobriety
2. Personal experience of alcoholism and recovery
3. A common sense approach
4. A cheerful humility
5. Ability to follow directions
6. Dependability
7. Broad knowledge of A.A.
8. Ability to stick to our own business

The A.A. message is carried by sharing our experience, strength and hope.

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Join us to carry the message into Treatment Facilities and Hospitals, come to our monthly meeting and sign up to carry the message into one of the facilities in San Antonio. Our committee meets on the First Sunday of each month at 5PM, Cen-

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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