

# The Nightcap

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**2011**

**March 4-6:** Georgetown, TX  
[www.chisholmtrailconvention.com](http://www.chisholmtrailconvention.com)

**April 14-17:** Eureka Springs, AR  
Springtime in the Ozarks,  
[www.nwarkaa.org](http://www.nwarkaa.org)

**April 15-17:** Corpus Christi, TX  
SW Texas Area 68 Pre-General  
Service Assembly, [www.aa-swta.org](http://www.aa-swta.org)

**April 15-17:** Keauhou, Hawaii  
Big Island Bash,  
[www.bigislandbash.com](http://www.bigislandbash.com)

**May 1-7:** New York, NY  
Crowne Plaza, 61st General  
Service Conference

**May 26-29:** Dallas, TX  
Gathering of Eagles,  
[www.dallasgatheringofeagles.org](http://www.dallasgatheringofeagles.org)

**May 27-29:** Austin, TX  
XLIX Texas State Hispanic  
Convention, PO Box 142668,  
Austin, TX 78714

**June 24-26:** San Antonio, TX  
TX State Convention, Crowne  
Plaza, [www.txaaconvention.org](http://www.txaaconvention.org)

**July 22-24:** Laredo, TX  
SWTA 68 Summer Workshop,  
details to be announced

**Aug 26-28:** Temple, TX  
SWTA 68 PI/CPC Conference,  
details to be announced

## Office Volunteer Appreciation

A special thank you to all our office phone volunteers who show up on a weekly basis come rain or shine. Your service and dedication are greatly appreciated.

**MON:** Jerry S  
Michael S

**TUE:** Kevin F  
Burt L

**WED:** Wayne G  
Terri P

**THU:** Jimmy R  
Kris J

**FRI:** Linda M  
Maureen M

**BACKUPS:** Michael B  
Carol D

## Spiritual But Never 'Religious'

One of the most common misconceptions about Alcoholics Anonymous is that it is a religious organization. New members especially, confronted with A.A.'s emphasis on recovery from alcoholism by spiritual means, often translate "spiritual" as "religious" and shy away from meetings, avoiding what they perceive as a new and frightening set of beliefs. By the time they walk into their first meeting, many alcoholics have lost what faith they might once have possessed; others have tried religion to stop drinking and failed; still others simply want nothing to do with it. Yet with rare exceptions, once A.A. members achieve any length of sobriety, they have found a source of strength outside themselves—a Higher Power, by whatever name—and the stumbling block had disappeared. *from "About AA—Fall 2003"*



## Broadway Group 38th Anniversary

Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
6720 Broadway  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(Next to Alamo Heights High School)

**Saturday**  
March 19, 2011

Dinner served @ 6:30pm  
Program starts @ 8:00pm

**Speaker: Joe McF**  
*from Bastrop, TX*

*Come enjoy free food, fellowship, fun & a message of Recovery!!!*

Donation of side dishes and desserts gratefully accepted. John @ 508-6039 or Carie @ 887-6649

The Broadway Group meets every Saturday at 8:15pm in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Lutheran Church, 6720 Broadway. This is an Open Meeting and all who are interested in the malady of Alcoholism are welcome to attend.



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# MY HOME GROUP

We would like to run a series of articles about the groups in our greater San Antonio area. These groups are found in the cities and towns of Bandera, Blanco, Boerne, Buda, Canyon Lake, Castroville, Center Point, Comfort, Cotulla, Devine, Driftwood, Dripping Springs, Floresville, Fredericksburg, Gonzales, Hondo, Ingram, Jourdanton, Junction, Kerrville, Kirby, Kyle, Lake Hills, LaVernia, Lockhart, Luling, Lytle, Medina, New Braunfels, Pleasanton, Poteet-Strawberry, San Antonio, San Marcos, Seguin, Selma, Spring Branch, Stonewall, Universal City, Waelder, and Wimberley. Your article should be about a half a page, single spaced, and can be an informative article, historical, or just how you feel about your home group and what it does for your sobriety. Please send your article to CSO, Attn: Char, 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX, 78217, or email to csosa@stic.net.

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**Tuesday Nite Big Book Study:** I came into Alcoholics Anonymous, I guess you could say, a “last gasper,” as the 12x12 calls it. I reached out to a gentleman who had been chairing a meeting at a local club that I started attending. I sat with the man and he helped me to realize that I was powerless over alcohol and showed me how unmanageable my life was at the time. I was living in Jourdanton, TX and the gentleman who helped me gave me a number of a man who also lived down there and had been sober since 1982. I met him at a meeting in Jourdanton and it was only he and I who showed up. We sat and talked about 3 hours and he told me where I could find a solution which I had not done in years. The very next day we went to the Tuesday Nite Big Book Study Group, where I met a host of men and women who had long term, solid sobriety.

I started attending the meeting regularly, found my sponsor (which I still have to this day) and was almost immediately asked to get into service work. My sponsor started guiding me through the steps, and service work seem to get me out of my head. I was told to introduce myself to anyone coming into the meeting that I didn’t know. Wow what a concept.

So today my home group is the Tuesday Nite Big Book Study Group. I am a member in good status, with a service position that I cherish, as the group’s GSR. I was asked by an old-timer I admire to write this article last week. I was honored to do it as I am honored to do anything that Alcoholics Anonymous asks of me.

You ask why this group is my home group, it’s simple. The Big Book is where I find the truth, the solution, and my understanding of a Higher Power that I call God. My group is where I find the fellowship of the spirit. It’s where I found the men and women who reached out and saved my life, and it is the place I go to for guidance to the stream of my Higher Power. In my opinion, it is the best meeting in San Antonio, and I am proud to be a member.

*by Jonathon, GSR & home group member*

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**Kirby Group:** My home group is the Kirby Group. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00pm. The meeting is held at Kirby Baptist Church, in the annex building (behind church). The address is 5114 Seguin St, Kirby, TX.

I first attended this meeting in 1998. The group was founded in 1989 by Louis T. We’re a friendly bunch of alcoholics. I like this group because of the diversity. Usually the meeting topics come from the 24-Hour book. We have new members and old-timers. There’s plenty of fellowship and unity.

Birthday night is the last Thursday of the month where there is lots of food. We’re looking forward to welcoming you to our group.

*by Ron R, home group member*

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**Stahl Road Group:** Stahl Road was the first meeting that I attended in San Antonio. It is small and intimate. Sobriety ranges from 35 years to less than a year. From the start I felt very comfortable and it became my home group. It is located in St Margaret’s Episcopal Church Hall., 5310 Stahl Road.

April 14, 2005 my wife died and I was at Stahl Road at 8:00pm that same day. With the help of AA and my home group I navigated this rough period of time with a lot of help, understanding, and love.

*by Ruben T, home group member*

**NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:**

**Thursday Morning Men's Group** is new and meets at 5084 DeZavala Rd, University United Methodist Church, CAM Building in the back of the church. They meet on Thursdays at 7:00am and are a closed discussion meeting.

The Winner's Club (5723 Kenwick) has a new Spanish speaking group, **Cuarta Dimension**. They meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:15pm and are an open discussion grp.

The **Lambda Group** has added two meetings both at 5:30pm on Monday and Wednesday, open discussion. They meet at 319 Camden, Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

**Grupo Soledad**, 3231 El Paso St, #5 has added a new meeting on Saturdays at 4:00pm. It is an open speakers meeting and is bi-lingual.

**CHANGES/FOLDED**

The **Ole School Group** has changed the time of their Monday meeting to 7:00pm. They are an open Step Study Group that meets at the New Vision Community Church, in the back, 14515 O'Connor Road. (POC: 415-5570) 78247. The group also meets on Thurs- day at 7:00pm.



The **Pleasanton, TX** meeting schedule is as follows:  
**TUE:** 8:15pm O-Disc Pleasanton Grp, 914 Ohio St (house) **78064**, 830 570-0385, Smoking/Non-Smoking

**THU:** 7:00pm O-Disc LONGHORN, All Saints Episcopal Church (red brick bldg), 1/2 mile west of Pleasanton on Hwy 97, next to Shorty's Steak House, SMOKING, **78064**

**SAT:** 8:15pm O-Disc Pleasanton Grp, 914 Ohio St (house) speaker mtg-last Sat only, **78064**, 830 570-0385

**BLANCO GRP** meeting at St Michael's Episcopal Church, 120 Singleton, **78606**, 830 833-4174

**MON:** 7:30pm O-Book Study

**WED:** 7:30pm O-Disc

**SAT:** 7:30pm O-Disc

**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

**Winners Club Activities**

The Winners Club has **Night Owl Meetings** on Friday and Saturday nights at 10:00pm.

**Club 12 Activities**

Please call 210 344-8981 for a schedule of events.

**Funny things said by the police:**



*"I'm sorry Ma'am, but with the unlicensed gun in your purse plus the DWI, you ARE a real criminal."*

*"Do you know why I stopped you, or do you THINK like you drive?"*

*"No you've got that WRONG. I'm even TOUGHER without the badge and gun."*

*"Yeah, I do have bank robbers to catch, but that might be dangerous, so I'm going to play it safe and write you this ticket."*

*"She STARTED it? That's the best you can do? My four-year-old does better than that when I ask why his sister is crying."*

**"HAVE A NICE DAY"**

**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 New Laredo, #2 San Antonio, TX 78211, the 2nd and last Thursday, 7:00pm, en espanol.

**SURROUNDING DISTRICTS**

**District 01E:** DCM-Mike P (210 464-2691) 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. Spring Branch Grp location, corner of Hwy 281 & FM 311 in the fire house building.

**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, TX 78229



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)

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**2011**

Dan McN, David C, Jim S, June V, Pat J,  
Tom T & Stacy S

**COUPON**

**15% Discount**

on the book

**“AA Around the World”**

Writing ten years after his first visit to European AA with his wife Lois in 1950, AA co-founder Bill W had this to say: *“As we journeyed from land to land, we had the same magnificent adventure in kinship over and over again. In Britain we met with the most wonderful love and understanding. In Ireland we were at one with the Irish. Everywhere, everywhere, it was the same. This was something much greater than people cordially meeting people. This was no merely interesting comparison of mutual meeting experiences and aspirations. This was far more; this was the communication of heart to heart in wonder, in joy, and in everlasting gratitude. Lois and I then knew that AA could circle the globe—and it has.”*

**Offer good from now till March 31, 2011.**

**TREATMENT FACILITY  
MEETINGS**

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

**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: Cesar G (387-4565) Meets the third Monday at CSO, immediately following the CSO Rep meeting at 6:00pm

**CSO Archives Chair:** Sylvia O (821-6325)

**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:** Carie C (887-6649) or ctrevina@aol.com

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

**Treatment:** Rosemary M (422-3520) (maysews@yahoo.com) Meeting TBA.

8802 Tradeway (next to CSO).

**Bi-Lingual:** Art C (978-4726) hablosamso@gmail.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 Only Facility—TDC application has to be cleared-210-326-4932

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, 744-2325

Thursdays call Greg S, 637-7203/Jeff M 630-9707

**Guadalupe County Jail**

Women’s Meeting

Wednesdays at 5:15pm

Contact Shirley M @ 210 257-5205

## CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES Approved Minutes Monday, January 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:** New CSO Reps – Bill from Sane and Sober and Ron from the Northwood Group. Each CSO Rep shared their name, group being represented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nelson made the motion that minutes from previous meeting be accepted. Mark seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Weekend in SA is February 26, 2011 at LaVillita. Help is needed with the hospitality committee, call Bret M for information. It will be \$15 for pre-registration. The Drag Show will be on Saturday, February 5 at 7pm at the Church of Reconciliation. San Antonio is hosting the fall voting assembly - the next planning meeting will be at Club 12 February 9 at 6pm, and will be held the second Wednesday of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The new CSO Chair is Mark from Group 12, Jamie nominated, Nelson second, passed. The Alternate Chair is Pollyanne from Serendipity, Mark nominated, Ron second, passed. New Secretary is Maria from the Lambda Group, Lefty nominated, Bill second, passed. The new Alternate Secretary is James from the Kirby Group, Nelson nominated, Lefty second, passed.

**OUTREACH:** None.

**FINANCIAL AND CSO BOARD LIAISON REPORT:** The new Board Liaison is Dan from Schertz-Cibolo Group. The Nightcap will go from \$6 to \$12/yr effective April. You can subscribe for years to come at the \$6 charge until April. A recommendation will be brought to the board to put the Nightcap on-line and to push it at the Weekend in SA. COR's will take the subscriptions back to their groups and solicit. There is a 15% coupon for discounts on medals thru January 31. The discount for cases of books will drop from 20 to 15%.

**TELEPHONE SERVICE REPORT:** None

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bert will be the new Outreach Committee Chair.

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

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

<b>January 2011</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSO</b>		
See insert for group contributions.		
<b>THANK YOU</b>		
<b>Birthday:</b>	<i>Bill S</i>	\$16.00
	<i>Sherry F</i>	<u>\$30.00</u>
	<b>Total Birthday</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>
<b>Individual:</b>	<i>Office Kitty</i>	\$09.24
	<i>CSO Rep Mtg</i>	\$19.86
	<i>7th Tradition</i>	\$23.00
	<i>CFC Quarterly</i>	
	<i>T.L. W</i>	\$04.00
	<i>Board Mtg</i>	<u>\$08.00</u>
	<b>Total Individual</b>	<b>\$64.10</b>
<b>Memorial:</b>	<b>Total Memorial</b>	<b>\$00</b>

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> Tuesday.....	6:45pm
Free at Last	As Needed	
Freedom...	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday.....	7:15pm
Grupo Paz y Sobriedad	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday...	TBA
Highland...	As Needed	
Keep It Simple	Last weekday each month	
Lackland Pyramid...	As Needed	
New Downtown...	1 <sup>st</sup> 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...	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8:00pm
Walzem Road...	As Needed	
Woman's Big Book...	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday.	8:00pm
Young and Done...	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday....	9:30pm
Young and Golden Yrs...	As Needed	

**DEDICATION** March is the anniversary of the death of Ebby T, March 21, 1966. Here is a dedication that Bill W wrote in an AA book that he gave to Ebby at the Long Beach International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1960:

*“Dear Ebby,  
No day passes that I do not remember that you brought me the message “that saved me—and only God knows how many more.”  
In affection, Bill”*

### **Ebby T’s Eulogy by Bill W**

In his seventieth year, and on the twenty-first of March, my friend and sponsor “Ebby” passed beyond our sight and hearing.

On a chilly November afternoon in 1934 it was Ebby who had brought me the message that saved my life. Still more importantly, he was the bearer of the Grace and of the principles that shortly afterward led to my spiritual awakening. This was truly a call to new life in the Spirit. It was the kind of rebirth that has since become the most precious possession of each and all of us.

As I looked upon him where he lay in perfect repose, I was stirred by poignant memories of all the years I had known and loved him.

There were recollections of those joyous days in a Vermont boarding school. After the war years we were sometimes together, then drinking of course. Alcohol, we thought, was the solvent for all difficulties, a veritable elixir for good living.

Then there was that absurd episode of 1929. Ebby and I were on an all-night spree in Albany. Suddenly we remembered that a new airfield had been constructed in Vermont, on a pasture near my own home town. The opening day was close at hand. Then came the intoxicating thought: If only we could hire a plane, we’d beat the opening by several days, thus making aviation history ourselves! Forthwith, Ebby routed a pilot friend out of bed, and for a still price we engaged him and his small craft. We sent the town fathers a wire announcing the time of our arrival. In midmorning, we took to the air, greatly elated—and very tight.

Somehow our rather tipsy pilot set us down on the field. A large crowd, including the village band and a welcoming committee, lustily cheered his feat. The pilot then deplaned. But nothing else happened, nothing at all. The onlookers stood in puzzled silence. Where were Ebby and Bill? Then the horrible discovery was made—we were both slumped in the rear cockpit of the plane, completely passed out! Kind friends lifted us down and stood us upon the ground. Whereupon we history-makers fell flat on our faces. Ignominiously, we had to be carted away. The fiasco could not have been more appalling. We spent the next day shakily writing apologies.

Over the following five years, I seldom saw Ebby. But of course our drinking went on and on. In late 1934 I got a terrific jolt when I learned that Ebby was about to be locked up, this time in a state mental hospital.

Following a series of mad sprees, he had run his father’s new Packard off the road and into the side of a dwelling, smashing right into its kitchen, and just missing a terrified housewife. Thinking to ease this rather awkward situation, Ebby summoned his brightest smile and said, “Well, my dear, how about a cup of coffee?”

Of course Ebby’s lighthearted humor was quite lost on everyone concerned. Their patience worn thin, the town fathers yanked him into court. To all appearances, Ebby’s final destination was the insane asylum. To me, this marked the end of the line for us both. Only a short time before, my physician, Dr Silkworth, had felt obliged to tell Lois there was no hope of my recovery; that I, too, would have to be confined, else risk insanity or death.

But providence would have it otherwise. It was presently learned that Ebby had been paroled into the custody of friends who (for the time being) had achieved their sobriety in the Oxford Groups. They brought Ebby to New York where he fell under the benign influence of AA’s great friend-to-be, Dr Sam Shoemaker, the rector of Calvary Episcopal Church. Much affected by Sam and the “O.G.” Ebby promptly sobered up. Hearing of my serious condition, he had straight-way come to our house in Brooklyn.

As I continued to recollect, the vision of Ebby looking at me across our kitchen table became wonderfully vivid. As most AA’s know, he spoke to me of the release from hopelessness that had come to him (through the Oxford Groups) as the result of self-survey, restitution, outgoing helpfulness to others, and prayer. In short, he was proposing the attitudes and principles that I used later in developing AA’s Twelve Steps to recovery.

It had happened. One alcoholic had effectively carried the message to another. Ebby had been enabled to bring me the gift of Grace because he could reach me at depth through the language of the heart. He had pushed ajar that great gate through which all in AA have since passed to find their freedom under God.



Patty was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn’t find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, “Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!”

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, “Never mind, I found one...”



An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest’s breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, “Sir, have you been drinking?”

“Just water,” says the priest.

The trooper says, “Then why do I smell wine?”

The priest looks at the bottle and says, “Good Lord! He’s done it again!”

# March Birthdays

**Colonies North:**

Jim E—2yrs  
 Nichole E—3yrs  
 Angela R—4yrs  
 Michael C—8yrs  
 Bill S—9yrs  
 Burt C—15yrs  
 Susie R—15yrs  
 Andres M—16yrs  
 Vicki S—17yrs  
 Robin J—24yrs  
 Paul O—27yrs

**Group Twelve:**

**1 year**

Frank P  
 Edward L  
 Jeffrey McL  
 Sam E  
 Scott S  
 James I  
 Laura D  
 Jason Y

**2 years**

Raul C  
 Gerald L  
 Nick S  
 Linda G  
 Russell M  
 Brian H  
 Armando A  
 Gilberto O

**3 years**

Brian H  
 Gilbert de la P  
 Cliff McL  
 Kandie F

**4 years**

Ken J  
 James D  
 Albert D  
 Joe R  
 Michael P  
 Marlo M  
 Erik J  
 Jenny W  
 Chuck H  
 Richard C  
 Bill M  
 Stacy McD  
 Tashley O  
 Analise S

**5 years**

Melanie G  
 KayeLynne I  
 Margaret J  
 Marlo M  
 Greg L

**6 years**

Jerri P  
 Mary Beth S  
 Eddie V  
 Howard N  
 Linda B  
 David H  
 Jerri P

**Group Twelve (cont)**

**7 years**

Chuck L  
 Michael B  
 Rodney P  
 Julie S  
 Bonnie W  
 Kimberly Q

**8 years**

Robert P  
 Karl Van A  
 Bryant S  
 William H  
 Mary W  
 Felix G

**9 years**

Traci M  
 Patrick W  
 Jim W  
 Michael F  
 Leslie G  
 James B  
 Don K

**10years**

Jonathan S  
 Cathy S  
 Chris J  
 Jessica T  
 Mark R

**11 years**

Patrick O  
 Diane T  
 Maureen M  
 Susan B  
 Jim D  
 Delani A  
 Frederick L  
 Jerry W

**12 years**

Derri W  
 Phil J  
 Sheila S  
 Stephanie L  
 James R  
 Melody S  
 Richard W  
 Thomas K  
 Lilia C  
 Mary Alice N

**13 years**

Jonathan E  
 Gina P  
 John H  
 Patsy N

**14 years**

Rafael E  
 Tracy L  
 Dawn B  
 Micah L  
 Mark R  
 Steve B  
 Darrell B

**Group Twelve (cont)**

**15 years**

John S

**16 years**

Michael P  
 Paul M  
 Leigh P  
 Robert W  
 Kay G

**17 years**

Tammy V  
 Michael K  
 Richard H

**18 years**

Carrie C  
 Terris T  
 Charlotte M  
 Jim A

**19 years**

Martha E  
 Virgil E  
 Silky C  
 Cherie O  
 T.J. A

**20 years**

Anita C

**21 years**

Freddy SR  
 Tammy T  
 Charlie R  
 Joelle H  
 Larry L  
 James D  
 Morris R

**22 years**

Douglas J

**23 years**

Kevin R  
 Alfred R  
 Barbara D  
 Helen J

**24 years**

Michael K  
 Ben C  
 Herb C

**25 years**

Chuch J  
 John D  
 Philip A  
 Nan E

**Group Twelve (cont)**

**26 years**

Joe H

**27 years**

Marlo C  
 Tama B

**28 years**

Perry F  
 Linda K  
 Suzanne McR

**29 years**

John B  
 E.B. M  
 Linda T

**30 years**

Mexico Mike N  
 Diana B  
 Henry T  
 Leo L

**32 years**

Ray A

**35 years**

Jack H

**36 years**

Gail McE

**Group Twelve (cont)**

**41 years**

Vernon M

**Keep It Simple:**

Mary M—6yrs

**Northeast Grp:**

Elliot D—12yrs

**Serendipity:**

Randy W—1yr  
 Richard F—2yrs  
 Bonnie K—2yrs  
 Don L—2yrs  
 Michelle R—5yrs  
 Yolanda R—6yrs  
 Lori Ann A—7yrs  
 Nancy A—8yrs  
 Paul M—16yrs  
 Hal B—43yrs

**Woman's Big Book:**

Michelle E—3yrs  
 Leslie V—4yrs  
 Laura M—17yrs  
 Charlotte M—18yrs  
 Denise F—18yrs  
 Jennifer A-B—19yrs

**Young and Done:**

Nichole—3yrs  
 Carl P—4yrs  
 Analise P—4yrs  
 Marlo M—4yrs

**Young & Golden Yrs:**

Kimberly B—7yrs  
 Scott F—26yrs

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**Keep It Simple:**

Rosemary M—12yrs



**GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Last Sunday:** Free at Last (Cake & Coffee)

**Last Monday:** Alamo Heights, Freedom, Young and Golden Years (O-Spk)

**First Tuesday:** New Downtown (O-Spk) 7:30-9pm

**Last Tuesday:** Valley Hi, Santa Fe, New Acceptance, Life Support, La Vernia

**Last Wednesday :** Oblate, Woman's Big Book, Northwood, Stay in the Solution

**Last Thursday:** Goliad, 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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