

The Nightcap

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III Anniversary

March 24th, 2015

Emmanuel Presbyterian

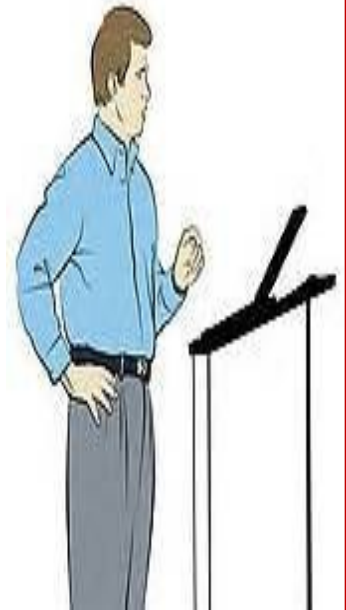
Room 4

713 Division St.

6:30pm Fellowship

sandwiches & refreshments

7pm speaker meeting - Matt M.



Weekend in SA with AA

May 8—9th

Taking registrations now!

At the Central Service Office—Registration form on page

Celebrating San Antonio's 70th AA Birthday



Things We Cannot Change

Joe O’P from the Schertz-Cibolo Group passed from this world on January 22, 2015. Joe celebrated over thirty-three years of sobriety. He will be missed by his friends.

Your Group

- Has your meeting changed?
- Need to update your Groups information
- Need to put an event on the city-wide calendar
- Sign-up your friend for the nightcap
- Question about 12 Step work / 12 Step list
- Need local contact information

Call Virginia or Tomi at 210-821-6325

Wednesday is “Volunteer Day”

at the Office and Bookstore.

No qualifications required other than to be sober!

9am to 4pm

The Nightcap is a monthly publication about AA in the San Antonio and metro areas.

Sign up for the email version.

Send your name and email address to:

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

Immediately following the normal CSOR Meeting on **Monday, March 16th**, there will be a “sharing” time with our Volunteers who answer the **helpline** on a regular schedule.

This is a great time to find out how this service works. Come and ask questions.

If you are a current helpline volunteer and can attend this sharing time, please do. You have the experience to show others how to do this service.

BOOKSTORE NEWS



Some members carry pins and items to trade and pass along to other attendees at the International. Purchase your pins for that purpose at the Bookstore

This offer is good only through April 2015— 20 pins for \$30.00

Decals & stickers



Tealights for gifts



MARCH SPECIAL IN BOOKSTORE

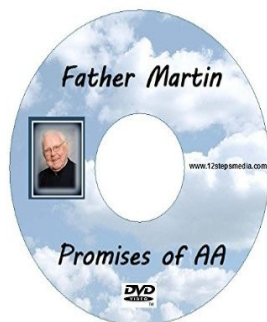
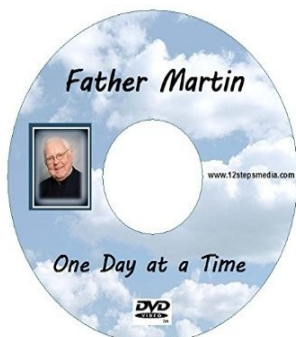


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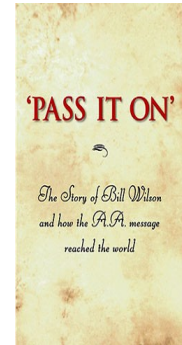
New Titles in the Bookstore

Father Martin "Promises of AA" And "One Day at a Time" Alcoholics Anonymous Discussion

\$34.95 each



Book Review



Biography of A.A.'s co-founder and the development of the Fellowship.

Contains 39 photographs

Published by

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc

New York, NY

25 Chapters

Conference Approved Literature

\$12.00

Available at the

Central Service Office Bookstore

Pass It On

The Story of Bill Wilson and how the A.A. message reached the world.

"Here is Bill W., the man everybody knew and nobody knew. Here too, inextricably entwined with his life, is the dramatic story of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, its early struggles and amazing growth."

Reprinted from Pass It On, with permission of AA World Services, Inc.



The Language of the Heart
starting March 10th

Reading from the beginning to the end of the book and discussing what we read. Join us on this journey.

The Bookmarks Group

5:30pm

closed discussion

Meeting at Fellowship Room = 8802 Tradeway

Bill W. wrote about his experience, strength and hope. He shared this with us in his articles for the Grapevine. The Grapevine published his articles in this one book.

Group Page



Guilbeau Group
Northwest Community Church
8900 Guilbeau
San Antonio, TX 78250
Noon
Tuesday & Thursday



Helotes Noon Group
Adds two meetings

Compass Church

12266 Bandera Rd, Helotes TX.
78023

Tuesday and Thursday

Noon

Near Downtown

Midtown Noon Group

Pearl Street Church

400 Pearl Parkway
San Antonio, TX 78215

Twelve & Twelve

closed discussion



Thursday at noon

Carry The Message Group

River City Community Church
16765 Lookout Rd, Selma, TX
78154

Tuesday

7pm

closed discussion

Meets in the childrens wing of the sanctuary

Rm #204.

Highland Park AA Group

Altersgate United Methodist Church

502 Kayton

San Antonio, TX 78210

Monday - 8:15pm

open discussion

Southeast San Antonio



Keystone Group

Group

NEW TIME

4:30-5:30pm

Every Sunday

St Francis Episcopal Church

4242 Bluemel Rd

San Antonio, TX 78240

Share The Light Group

St. Francis Episcopal Church
4242 Bluemel,
San Antonio, TX 78240

Women's meeting

Closed

book study - 10am

THOUGHT TO PONDER... If I have the courage to begin, I have the courage to succeed.

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 March

Financial report - Vannie C. Board of Trustee

Board Report

Archives Report from The San Antonio Archives Committee

Telephone Committee Report—Sharing Session following the CSOR meeting

Central Service Office Representatives

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 19, 2015

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

Tradition of the month

Introduction of all CSOR's

Reminder to check CSOR information on sign in sheet & sign in

Announcements:

CSORs invited to stay for sharing session about "Helpline" taking place at 7pm tonight.

Information table provides flyers and other letters to be shared with your groups.

Introduction of guests:

Tammy K – SAMSO Liaison – Report

2015 budget not complete but hope to have it next month. District 17 working on picnic

District 18 poorly attended. District 16 chose not to participate in SAMSO, more will be discussed. CFS needs volunteers for Sponsorship by mail. Grapevine needs stories; will have quarterly workshop. John S is Newsletter chair; PICPC moving along; discussed VOA participation; SAMSO wants a CSO liaison Bob with Cibolo Schertz volunteered but left the meeting before vote took place – vote tabled for next meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting: Sydney motioned, Carol seconded it then group approved.

Board Liaison Report: Eric Q. attended – no CSOR updates

Financial Report: Tom C. (Board of Trustees) reported December was ahead of budget; year was ahead due to events such as Weekend in SA which generated \$34,000; group gratuity boxes included. Costs were close to plan; recurring expenses over for archives, employee & professional fees for website. Reiterated CSO service focus. Copy of financial report is available for additional details. Vannie is handling finance going forward.

Board Report: Sydney (Board of Trustees) budget approved; new positions appointed; Bret is Chair; Vannie is Finance.

Office Manager Report: Tomi provided written handout

Committee Repors: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Eric Q. Chair asked if CSO meeting seating arrangement worked for the group, approved.

Young and Done SNL Speaker meeting 1yr Anniversary taking place Saturday 1/24/15, St. George's Episcopal church 6pm – see flyer included.

Officers: Chairperson: Eric Q.

Alternate Chairperson: Nelson W.

From The Archives

San Antonio Archives

Tami S., **Archivist**

Archives Committee meets monthly at 5:30—Fellowship Room

**"Groups of the Month"
On Display**

Spiritual Awakening Group

Grupo Esperanza

Coffee Pot Group

Hope Group

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

REPRINT ARTICLE FROM THE ARCHIVES

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**The
Night Cap**

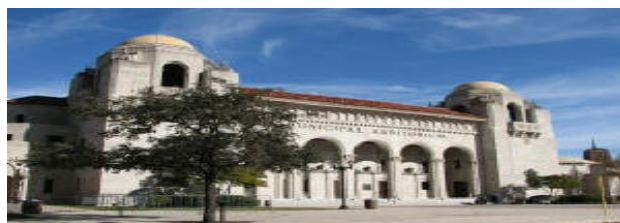
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San Antonio's AA Birthday 1954

On Tuesday, April 13, 1954, San Antonio AA will observe its ninth anniversary with a program at Municipal Auditorium. The Rev. Everett H. Jones, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, the civic-minded individual who was instrumental in bringing Alcoholics Anonymous to San Antonio, will be the principal speaker.

The program will also include Esther E. of Dallas, who did some pioneer work here on the invitation of Bishop Jones. Other members of AA will be introduced. Esther E. holds the longest continuous sobriety of any woman member of AA in Texas.

This program will probably be the outstanding one of the year, and if you miss it you will probably regret it; so make a date now for Tuesday, April 13, 1954, 8p.m., to be present at West Wing of Municipal Auditorium.



The San Antonio Archives

**The Committee meets monthly second Monday at
5:30pm - 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217**

Current Roster

- Tami S. - Archivist
- Jennie S. - SAMSO Archivist
- Paul B. - Committee Chairperson
- Anthony S.
- Liz
- Pamela M.
- Stacy S.
- Steve S.
- Tori R.

Interested in Becoming an Archives Volunteer?

Come to the monthly meeting of those interested

Fellowship Room - 5:30pm - March 9th - 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

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.

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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 February Nightcap

What was your impression of Bill W.?

I thought he was a hell of a great guy. I went back to New York and I met Nell Wing [Bill's nonalcoholic secretary, and some others, and they took me in and introduced me to Bill. He was a great big tall, long, lanky guy. And he and I took to each other just like a duck takes to water. We sat and talked for an hour or two, I think, and we just talked back and forth--what had happened to him, what had happened to me--and we became fast friends almost instantly. He was a guy who felt very deeply about things, and he'd had a remarkable experience that had brought him to the conclusion that he might sober up the world. And to begin with, he went off to do just that--to sober up the world. But pretty soon he quieted down and just sobered up those around him. I went back to New York many, many times and spent time with him. He had a room in a hotel under the name William Griffith. He didn't use his last name because people could find him. He and I would spend all day long talking about things, talking about one thing or another--we shared all kinds of stuff.

Let me tell you about one of my trips back to New York. I looked at Bill and he just looked terrible. And I said, "Bill, how do you feel?" And he said, "I don't feel well at all." I found out that whenever guests came to AA headquarters, Bill would take them down to a little ice cream shop around the corner and he'd buy them ice cream and cake and coffee. He was doing nothing day after day but drinking coffee and eating ice cream and cake. And I said, "Bill, you know, this isn't the best diet." He said, "I guess it's not. What shall I do?" So I put him on a high protein diet and he went on that diet and got to feeling just great. And people said, "Bill, you look so good--what happened?" And Bill said, "My gynecologist put me on a high protein diet."

Have you had periods in sobriety that were emotionally difficult?

Oh my, yes. So did Bill--you know Bill had a long depression. Let me tell you how I got at some emotional rest. Years ago, a medical college in the South asked me to go to Saigon as a visiting professor to help the Vietnamese set up a new department in gynecology and obstetrics. Before I left, I went back to see Bill and Lois and Marty M. and some others, and I spent about eight or nine days back in New York before I went to Asia. Bill took me to the airport and on the way there he said, "You know, Earle, I've been sober longer than anyone else in our organization. After all I was sober six months when I met Bob. But," he said, "I don't have too much peace of mind." He said, "I feel down in the dumps a hell of a lot." So I said, "So do I, Bill. I don't have much serenity either." I was sober by this time maybe sixteen, seventeen years. He said, "Do me a favor. When you get over to Asia, see if you can investigate, firsthand, the various religions in Asia. That means Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism, and Confucianism and ancestral worship and the whole shebang." And I said, "All right, I'll do it." And he said, "Stay in contact with me and maybe we can find something in those religions. After all, we've taken from William James, we've taken from all the Christian religions. Let's see what these others have."

Continued in the April 2015 Nightcap

Group Contributions to CSO 2015



Weekend in SA with AA is a function of the Central Service Office.

When you support the Conference or buy a ticket to the Conference you are Supporting your Central Service Office

What is Weekend in SA with AA?

What's all the buzz?

New to San Antonio?

New to sobriety?

Weekend in SA with AA Is San Antonio's annual Celebration of sobriety!

One thousand of your AA friends gather together to hear speakers share their experience, strength and hope. Speakers sharing their stories.

There will be a speaker from the Al-Anon Family Group

A Spanish speaking speaker. Translation will be provided for everyone.

Lots and lots of *free* food.

Ending with a BIG dance.

Group Contributions January 2015 Total \$5,532.94

Airport Group SA	20.00
Amistad Group	25.00
Boerne Hwy Group	30.00
Bookmarks Group	9.09
Buda 2nd Chance	32.50
Buda Big Book Grp	45.00
Chicago Group	44.25
Colonies North Group	168.00
Community Group	100.00
Cork In The Jug Group	142.50
Cuarta De Dimension	150.00
	1,680.0
First Things First Group	0
Goliad Group	50.00
Grupo 3 Legados	41.74
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Grupo Unidad	30.00
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00
Highland Group	101.70
Hope Group SA	15.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	20.00
Keep It Simple Group	300.00
Kirby Group	30.00
Lambda Group	500.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	88.50
Monte Vista Group	120.00
New Braunfels Group	355.99
River Group	50.00
Spring Branch Group	315.71
Stay in the Solution Group	506.19
Tuesday Nite Big Book Study	137.47
Universal City Group	105.00
Woman's Big Book	59.30

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

Birthday Contributions: Jim W. \$ 696.00 - Anonymous \$372.00

Fellowship Room Contributions: \$511.21

What's happening at your group?

Email: csosa@dslextreme.com



March Events in San Antonio

March 1st	District 16 Meeting – 3pm District 2 Meeting District 12 Meeting District 01F Meeting Grapevine Meeting (SAMS0) – 1pm Treatment Facility Meeting (SAMS0) 5pm
March 8th	SAMS0 (general membership) Meeting – 4pm District 17 Meeting – 2:30pm
March 9th	Archives Meeting – San Antonio – 5:30pm Service Manual Meeting – San Antonio
March 11th	Presentation to the Professionals- San Antonio – 10:30am at Fellowship Room
March 12th	Central Service Office Board Meeting – 6:30pm
March 15th	District 18 Meeting – 1pm District 1A Meeting -2:30pm
March 14th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMS0)
March 16th	Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm
March 24th	Hope Group III Anniversary – San Antonio
March 22nd	PI/CPC Committee Meeting (SAMS0) - 1pm

Future Events In San Antonio 2015

TBA	SAMS0 – city-wide Inventory meeting
April 10th	Illusions & Confusions II Talent Show – Young & Done Group – San Antonio
April 18th	District 17 Picnic – McAllister Park - San Antonio
May 8th	Weekend in SA with AA - at San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
May TBA	District 16 Picnic
May 30 th	Turning Point Group Anniversary - San Antonio
June 20th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMS0)
Sept 19th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMS0)
Dec 5th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMS0)

Future Events Out Of Town

Flyers for these events are available at the Central Service Office

In the Fellowship Room

2015



March 27th

May 22nd

July 2nd

July 17th

Aug 14th

Aug 21st

TBA

TBA

TBA

Oct 16th



SWTA Pre-General Service Conference 2015

29th Annual Gathering of Eagles – Dallas TX

2015 International Convention – Atlanta, GA

SWTA 68 Summer Workshop,

Texas State Convention 2015 - Midland, TX

40th Hill Country Roundup - Kerrville, TX

Capital of Texas Conference – Austin, TX

Stateline AA Retreat – Las Vegas

TXSCYPAA35 – Austin, TX

SWTA 68 Fall Voting Conference, Victoria, TX

I would like to give a shout out to the SAMSO Service Committees for a flawless job they do to serve the recovering alcoholic here in San Antonio and outlying areas.

It was through such service that the AA message was brought to me. I am grateful to be sober, and I am grateful for the opportunity we receive in our city to be able to carry this message again, and again.

There must be some coordination of efforts in order to cover and serve the newest and oldest alcoholic in such a large metropolitan area without stepping on each others toes. I believe that SAMSO does a great job in assisting all of the service committees and all of our Groups.

Thanks SAMSO... Thanks to CFC - Treatment - PI/CPC - Grapevine - Thank you to all the Volunteers Who serve the alcoholic in our city.....

Tomi, Central Service Office Manager

District Meetings are listed on the Calendar. Any member may attend their District meeting.

The Service Manual Meeting

March 9th
7pm

Stay In The Solution Group location

St. Francis Episcopal Church

4242 Bluemel, Educational Bldg

San Antonio, TX 78240

Concept Three:

Lydia P. GSR Women's Big Book

Chapter Three:

Josef P. GSR Tuesday Nite Big Book



**Can your group carry the message into
A facility once a week?**

Once a month?

Treatment Facility Committee

has those opportunities for your group.

Call the Office for Mark Z. (Chairperson)

Contact information: 821-6325

Greetings GSRs and Groups

The San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization (SAMSO) is off to an exciting start to 2015!

There is always more to be done and more volunteers needed. You can help by talking individually with group members, learning their service interests, and encouraging them to join service committees listed below, both to be part of current service efforts and to participate in expanding service work.

SAMSO has voted to have an inventory – the date, time, and location to be determined.

Contact information as well as dates and times for the service committees listed are on the back:

The Archives Committee – the cataloging of SAMSO archives has recently been completed. Volunteers are now needed to gather, preserve, digitize, and display them.

The Bilingual Committee – is available to translate for service events and service flyers, etc. If you are able to translate in writing or orally, call to get on the volunteer list.

The Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) has varied opportunities to serve such as:

Taking meetings into prisons and Bexar County Jail. Inmates want to know how to stay sober now while they are incarcerated and especially when they get out.

Sponsoring inmates by mail. Correspondence is confidential through a PO Box.

Being a contact for inmates when they get out, taking them to their first meeting. AA inmates who go to a meeting their first day out have a greater chance of not returning to prison.

The Grapevine/LaViña Committee (GV/LV)

Will hold four workshops this year to help San Antonio AAs know how to submit articles, art, photos, and cartoons to the magazine. Come to one or all: March 14, June 20, September 19 and December 5 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at St George's Episcopal Church on West Ave.

Participate in the Grapevine/LaViña Subscription Challenge - Get a subscription! Give a subscription! Donate a subscription!

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) committee has endless opportunities for service such as:

Every second Wednesday of the month, an informational meeting for professionals is held at the Central Service Office from 10:30 to noon. Facilitators are needed as well as participants to help answer questions and share experience with the attendees.

Host an AA table at a health fair or conference. Dates, times, & locations vary every month.

AA meetings are held at the DWI court on docket days - always on a Friday, but the dates are different each month.

The literature rack initiative that started early last year is one of the few in the Southwest Texas Area 68. Plans to expand and organize this effort are in the works. To be a part of this project, contact Michele S for at (210) 826-4010 or micheles1883@sbcglobal.net.

The Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) is taking a multitude of meetings into an increasing variety of locations in the San Antonio area. New facilities and coordinators are added regularly.



Jere J. SAMSO Chair

February 15, 2015

SAN ANTONIO

WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MAY 8 & 9, 2015

HOTELS AND SUITES

Hotel Info Call LoneStars Celebrity Services
1 800 848 7119
email: info@lonestarscelebrity.com

Contact for this event is

Roy H., Chairman - 210 365 3506

PARKING INFORMATION

Helping Each Other Get To Meetings
Is An AA Unwritten Tradition
Car Pooling Is A Loving Thing To Do
OR

Ride the Via Bus #2 - 1604 Will Drop You Off
Right At San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
Call Via For Schedules (362 2020) - There are
two # 2 Via Buses so be sure it's #2 - 1604

Visit our Website -- www.aainsa.org

FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING

There are many AA. Conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA. Meetings. Conventions and conferences are special events which require a substantial amount of money. This Conference is funded primarily through registration fees, plus contributions from individual AA. members and AA. Groups. The majority of these contributions are in the form of food, drinks and scholarship money. No baskets are passed. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA. Members, "we pay our own way".

"He stood in the Presence of Infinite Power and Love."

2015 Theme for Weekend in SA

SCHEDULED EVENTS

San Antonio SHRINE Auditorium

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2015

4:00 PM Registration Opens
5:30 PM TBA (AA Spanish)
8:30 PM Steve L. (AA) Brentwood, TN

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2015

7:00 AM Registration Opens
10:00 AM Laura S. (AA) Houston, TX
1:30 PM Dayna D. (AA) Houston TX
3:00 PM Old Times Panel
7:00 PM Krista M. (AA) Irving, TX
8:30 PM Dance - Live Band "Horizon"

Thursday May 7, 2015 - Golf Tournament

Fort Sam Houston Golf Course
1050 Harry Wuzbach Road - San Antonio, TX

1. _____ HBCP _____
2. _____ HBCP _____
3. _____ HBCP _____
4. _____ HBCP _____

@ \$70 Per Person - Golf total \$ _____

For Tournament Information Contact:

Mike C. @ 617 285 6453

email - Mikecavey67@gmail.com

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and Blanco Road

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For Covered Unloading Go Right

SAN ANTONIO REGISTRATION

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AA. BRANCH _____

AA. BRANCH _____

PRE-REGISTRATION (Per Person) \$20.00 _____

Dance Included

DOOR REGISTRATION (\$25 Per Person)

DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$ _____

Golf Registration _____ @ \$70 \$ _____

TOTAL (Check) (Credit Card) \$ _____

Credit Card (VISA) (MC)

(DISCOVER) (DINERS) (Carte Blanche)

Card Member Name (Please Print or type)

Card Number (Please Print or type) Exp. Date

Signature Phone Number

If you are using a credit card to register you may
choose to complete the registration form and

Fax it to 210 493 3946

Make Checks Payable and Mail To:

Chairman, Weekend In S.A.
16607 Blanco Road - Suite 401
San Antonio, Texas 78232-1940

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION