

The Nightcap

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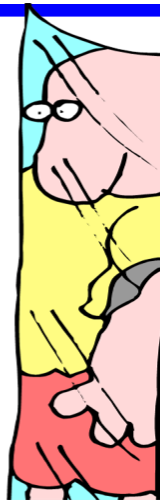
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For complete information on events around the country and Canada, please check out 'Events' at www.aasanantonio.org
Drop by the office and pick up flyers for all of the following events listed in this newsletter



**Sunday, May 19th
1 - 2:30 pm**

**Presented by
The Central Service Office**

With the assistance of Group Twelve, Club 12, and many groups members in San Antonio & the surrounding Metropolitan Area

We will explore all aspects of anonymity as explained in AA literature.

**Ask any question about anonymity.
Explore the myths of anonymity.**

What questions do you want to ask about anonymity?

When is Anonymous Not Anonymous

Where:

Club 12's main meeting hall
102 Thames, San Antonio, TX 78216

Skits - Prizes - AA Pamphlets - Experienced AA members

The cast

Karen M. & Company

Tammy K. & Jere J.

Stacey P. & Charles F.

Al P. & Bill W. & Company

Dianniella S. & Company

Virginia B & Company

Cari C.-Traditionalist

Ardyn C. - Traditionalist

Rhonda Mc. - The Bell Ringer

Curtis M. - The Moderator

The Central Service Office of San Antonio will be closed May 27th, 2013 to celebrate Memorial Day!



Big Book Prices at the Bookstore
Large Print \$10.65
Hard Back regular print \$9.00
Soft Back regular print \$8.50
Pocket \$4.50

Annual Calendar Of Events

The Central Service Office maintains a calendar of events that will include AA Group special events & anniversaries, AA service related events, AA conferences and other AA related activities in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area and surrounding cities. This list is available to any AA member, group or other AA entities.

This calendar will help groups to check what other groups are doing when they plan their events. Help us keep our information current.



Visit the Home Group section of the Bookstore
Items for use in your home group

FREE

There are numerous "Speaker" cassette tapes in the Fellowship Room. Free to any member. Stop by and pick them up. See Virginia or Tomi

Wednesday Is Volunteer Day At CSO

10:00am to 4:00pm

The only requirement for this service work is that you be sober.

There is a variety of tasks that need to be done to keep the office running. Drop in and let Virginia or Tomi know that you are there to volunteer your time to help out at the CSO.

You may spend as little time as you like, or stay the day. Below is a small list of things that need to be done.

Shredding - sorting - sweeping floors -pricing stock

Memo

Fellowship Room

Thursday
10:00 am

Come in and listen to the speaker of the week.

This is an informal CD speaker event.

May Speakers

May 2nd - Jerry J.

May 9th - Trish C.

May 16th - Angie P.

May 23rd - Jack C.

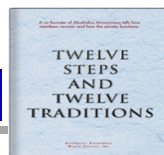
May 30th - Brenda J.



Tradition Five (long form)

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers

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



Weekend in SA with AA

The auditorium was full. More than 900 AA members attended this years Conference.

Many attendees came on scholarship. The Groups and individuals were generous with scholarship funds.

There was plenty of delicious food. Coffee was bountiful and free. Cold drinks were available for a low cost.

The tables downstairs were brimming with AA conversation and fellowship.

The SAMSO service tables held many good points of information.

The tapers "Master Copy" had lots of great speaker tapes to purchase.

The Bookstore (CSO) was open with AA books and lots of fun items to purchase.

The AA and Al-Anon speakers were great!

The "Cow Bell Breakfast" was as always fun and exciting.

Dancing to the Burning Desires music at the close of the evening was a hit.

And, as always The Weekend in SA Committee chairs and volunteers were friendly and doing a fabulous job!

If you missed this event...it will come again next year. Register early & get involved early!

Things We Cannot Change

Jimmy R passed away April 1st. He was a long time member of our program, a member of the Tuesday Night Big Book Group, active member in correctional facility service, and a friend to many. Jimmy will be missed.

Rollin "Eric" P passed away on Sunday, April 21st, after a long battle with COPD. He was active in the Alamo Heights Group, Community Group, and Tuesday Night Big Book Group. He was a regular Volunteer at the Central Service Office answering the helpline. He will be missed by many members.

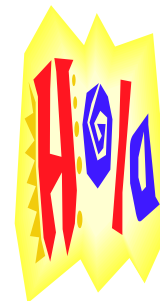
Turning Point Group
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
1416 N Loop I604E
San Antonio, TX 78232
classroom East of the sanctuary

Now has 2 Spanish speaking meetings:

Monday 8:15pm
Open Discussion

Thursday 6:30pm
Open Discussion

Near Hwy 281 and Loop I604



Requested by a member:

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Group Forum Page



Groups that meet at The Center
8607 Wurzbach Bldg. P
San Antonio, TX 78240
Wheelchair accessible

Big Book Sunday Study Group
Sunday 10am-Open Big Book

FROGG (Fully Rely On GOD Gals) Group
Sunday 4pm-Open Discussion—Women

Rush Hour Group
Friday & Saturday 5:30pm-Open Discussion
Sunday - Thursday 5:30pm-Closed Discussion

A Veterans Group
Monday 7pm-Closed Discussion

Keep It Simple Group
Tuesday 2pm-12 & 12
Sunday -Friday- 2pm-Open Discussion

Oasis Group
Sunday through Saturday 12pm Open Discussion

New Vision Group
Saturday 2pm-Open Discussion-Beginners

Last Call Group
Sunday - Saturday-12:15am-Open Discussion

Winner's Club

Groups that meet at The Club
smoking & non-smoking meetings

- The Miracle Inside Group
- Abundance Happy Hour Group
- Night Owl Group
- Stone Sober Group
- Afternoon Delight Group
- Spiritual Awakening Group
- Fresh Start Group
- Morning After Group
- First One Today Group

Smoking Meetings
at
Daily Reprieve Group
Winners Club
Club Twelve

Halt Group

7575 Tezel Rd
San Antonio, TX
78250
We have added 3 new meetings.

12pm

on

Tuesday -Wednesday

Thursday

Lambda Group

8:15pm meeting

every night

Downtown

Madison Square
Presbyteriana
Church

319 Camden
San Antonio, TX 78215

GLBT/straight friendly

Thousand Oaks 12 & 12 Group

St Mark the Evangelist Catholic
Christopher Hall Room 201

1602 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX 78232
Thursday at 7pm

Survivors Group

moved to:
St. Mark's Catholic Church
Old Church Bldg. #1
16702 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX 78232

Name Change

Billy Bob's 12 Step Group

New Name

Unity Group
216 Purcell, San Antonio, TX
78237

Same schedule

Airport Group

Wednesday - 8pm

8802 Tradeway
One mile from the Airport
San Antonio, TX 78217

Grupo Fortaleza

18555 Leal Rd.

San Antonio, TX 78221

Ubicado junto ala Iglecia de Nuestra
Senora del Carmen

Sesiones Lunes a Viernes

7:30 a 9:00pm

Club 12

Play Bingo in May

Group Twelve

New Women's AA Meeting
Wednesday at 9:30am
Discussing topics from the book
"As Bill Sees It"

102 Thames, San Antonio, TX 78216

Acceptance Group

Rolling Oaks Christian Church
7150 Stahl Rd
78247 San Antonio, TX

Tuesday 7:30pm - literature
based meeting

CHANGES:No babysitting at any
meetings

Saturday meeting has folded

"the first step in overcoming mistakes is to admit them"

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Interview With the Author of "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict"

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

Dr. Paul's story, "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" is published in the Third Edition of the Big Book; his remarks on acceptance, which appear on pages 449 and 450, have been helpful to many AA members over the years. This interview was conducted by telephone to Dr. Paul's home in California.

In the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, "Acceptance Was The Answer" on page 407.

Continued from the April issue of the Nightcap

I've said it often and I haven't had any reason to change my mind: the way I see it, I've never had a problem and nobody will ever come to me with a problem such that there won't be an answer in the Steps. That gives me a great deal of confidence. I think the program--the Steps--covers everything conceivable.

I'm getting way off from what you asked me. I can't give short answers. I often tell people that the more I know about something, the shorter the answer, but when I don't know, I just make up stuff.

Did you find it helpful at some point to become familiar with the Traditions?

I find the Steps easier to understand than the Traditions and the Traditions easier to understand than the Concepts. In fact, I find the long form of the Traditions considerably easier to understand than the short form, and I find that the long form is much more specific on the idea that AA is for alcoholics and not for just anybody who wants to come in. A lot of people like that phrase "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking," and people interpret that to mean that if you're willing to not drink, you can call yourself an alcoholic and a member of AA. That's not at all what it says. I think it means that if you're an alcoholic with a desire to stop drinking, that's the only requirement for membership.

How many years have you been sober now?

Twenty-seven.

Twenty-seven years of meetings. Have you seen any changes in the way the meetings are conducted?

All I see is that there are more meetings and bigger meetings and more variety of meetings. I just love to see AA grow. I enjoy meetings. I've been to meetings in Singapore and Hong Kong and Japan, but I think the most interesting was when Chuck C. and Al D. and I were vacationing in the Cayman Islands and we couldn't find any meetings. We were twelfth-stepping alcoholics there and decided we all needed a meeting, so we went to the local newspaper and got some publicity. Then we had a public information meeting, then we got a regular meeting started. As far as I know, that meeting is still going.

So you haven't gotten bored by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Well, I thought about that some years back. Why is it that so many people aren't around any more? Where do they go? It seems to me that most of the people who leave AA leave because of boredom. I made up my mind I wasn't going to get bored, and one of the things I do when I get bored, if I can't think of anything else to do, is to start a new meeting. I've probably started fifteen or twenty. The most recent one was last November. I got a couple of friends together and we started a "joy of sobriety" meeting--it's a one-hour topic discussion meeting and it has to be a topic out of the Big Book and it has to be on the program and how you enjoy living the program. It's fast-moving and we just have a lot of fun. It's a great antidote for depression.

What's the most important thing you've gotten from AA?

This whole thing is so much more than just sobriety. To be sober and continue the life I had before--that would have driven me back to drink. One of the things I really like about AA is that we all have a sense of direction, plus a roadmap telling us precisely how to get there. I like that. All I want out of AA is more and more and more until I'm gone.

Dr. Paul *This concludes the interview with Dr. Paul.*

“This is Alcoholics Anonymous...May I help you?”

Chairperson is Josef P. & the Co-Chair is Joseph E.

Helpline # 210-828-6235

There are currently a few openings



Twelve Step List

This is a list of AA members who have time and are willing to be available to call on persons who ask for an alcoholic to talk with.

This is one to one twelve step work.

CSO maintains the list. Call us at 210-821-6325 if you are interested.

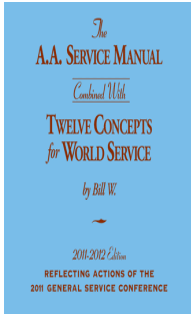
We are responsible

365 Helpline Calls in the office during March

Service Manual Meeting

Goliad Meeting Place

537 Avondale, San Antonio, TX 78223



**7:30-9:00 pm
May 13th**

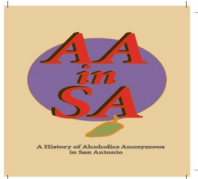
**Concept 5 - Presented by:
Madeline A
Panel 60 Alternate Chair**

**Phone Volunteer Now Needed
CSO office.**

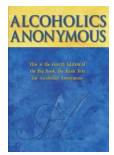
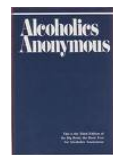
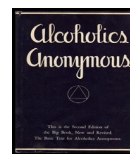
Call Virginia at 210-821-6325.

Sobriety requirement is 1 year.

Training is provided.



AA History Book available at the Bookstore



Archives of San Antonio

Monthly Meeting

2nd Monday at 6:00pm

Central Service Office

Fellowship Room

8802 Tradeway

You are invited to participate.

The Committee is currently looking for a permanent Archivist. If you are interested or know of a person who would be interested contact the CSO office at 210-821-6325 to obtain Stacy S telephone number.



The San Antonio Archives Room Is Open Daily 9am to 5pm

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 Central Service Office Rep serves as a vital link in maintaining two-way communication between the group and CSO. The Central Service Office Rep takes the responsibility for keeping the group informed on CSO matters, and provides CSO with up-dated information of a group contact name and phone number.

CSOR and their alternate are encouraged to learn more about the operations of the Central Service Office.

**CSOR minutes
March 18 2013**

The meeting was opened by Rebecca G at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer

The short form of the 3rd Tradition was read by Angella B

Introduction of new CSO Reps: Don R of the Goliad Group

All CSO reps introduced themselves: 15 present and 2 Board Members

Announcements: AA in SA on April 12th and 13th – Registration and volunteer packets available
Spring Fling – CSO event occurring April 1st

Managers report was read by Rebecca; copy of report is CSOR folders

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved

Board Financial report: Doug F reviewed the P&L

Board Liaison report: Joe L Trustee

New Board Member: John B agreed to fill the empty board position

Committee Reports:

Archive Committee: Tami S meets 2nd Monday each month; Discussed Archivist position that needs to be filled – does not need to be an AA

Telephone Committee: none

Outreach Committee: none

Old Business: Electing a standing Nominating Committee:

3 members volunteered and were approved: Charles B, Clement S, Angela B

Election of new officers. Because it was already April, it was discussed and approved that new officers would be elected in June. Rebecca G agreed to stay on as Chair, Cindy H agreed to stay on as Secretary

New Business: No new business

7th Tradition Basket was passed

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer



May Calendar

4th	District 2 Picnic Grupo Primera Vez Aniversario
5th	District 16 Meeting Grapevine Committee Meeting (SAMSO Committee) PI/CPC Meeting (SAMSO Committee) Treatment Facility Meeting (SAMSO Committee)
9th	District 28 Meeting
11th	District 1E Workshop Play Bingo at Club 12
12th	District 17 Meeting District 01A Meeting District 01F Meeting District 2 Meeting District 12 Meeting SAMSO (general membership) Meeting
13th	San Antonio Archives Meeting Service Manual Meeting
16th	Central Service Office Board Meeting
18th	District 16 Workshop District 1E Meeting
19th	Anonymity Workshop - sponsored by Central Service Office
20th	CSOR Meeting (Central Service Office Representatives) Meeting
23rd	District 28 Meeting
25th	SAMSO Workshop (quarterly) District 18 Meeting



Speaker Meetings

**Group Twelve
Club 12
102 Thames
San Antonio, TX 78216**

May

Friday Night Birthday Night at 8:15 pm

&

Sunday at 11am

The Rush Hour Group

At The Center

8607 Wurzbach - Bldg. P
San Antonio, TX 78240

**Speaker Meeting
1st & 3rd
Saturday of each month**

5:30 pm

**May 4th - John M
May 18th - Kevin B**

**Serendipity
10929 Nacogdoches Rd. Ste 5
San Antonio, TX 78217**

**Speaker Meeting
last Saturday of the month
Pot-luck at 6:15pm**

Meeting begins at 7:15pm

May 25th - Dave S.

Memo to the Fellowship

This page has been converted to a calendar of events, a list of speaker meetings with the speaker name listed. To submit your Speaker Meeting and who your speaker will be, contact the CSO office at csosa@stic.net.

Group Contributions to CSO **2013**



**Group Contributions
March 2013
Total \$ 1,899.22**

Where does the money go?

Funds received at the Central Service Office go to support the Central Service Office of San Antonio activities; according to the purposes as outlined in the Bylaws and as directed by the Board of Trustees.

**Group Contributions:
January - March 2013
Total \$ 10,649.46**

Amistad Group	100.00
Boerne Hwy Group	30.00
Broadway Group	340.00
Cuarta De Dimension	25.00
District 12	75.00
First One Today Group	75.00
Free at Last Group	50.00
Freedom Group	60.00
Goliad Group	50.00
Group Twelve	360.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Last Call Group	60.00
Laurel Heights Group	40.00
Morning After Group	150.00
North San Pedro Group	80.00
River Group	25.00
Rosedale Group	100.00
Rule 62-Devine Group	25.00
Rush Hour Group	16.00
Sisters in Sobriety	45.31
Spring Branch Group	152.91
St. Francis Seekers	30.00

Acceptance Group	12.00
Alamo Heights Group	113.00
Amistad Group	450.00
Boerne Hwy Group	90.00
Boerne Noon Group	250.00
Broad Highway Group	50.00
Broadway Group	340.00
Callaghan Road Group	150.00
Colonies North Group	300.00
Cork In The Jug Group	125.00
Cuarta De Dimension	75.00
District 12	225.00
First One Today Group	75.00
First Things First Group	1,300.00
Free at Last Group	50.00
Freedom Group	60.00
Ft. Sam Houston	75.00
Generic Group	150.00
Group Twelve	1,080.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	30.00
Goliad Group	150.00
Grupo Primer Vez	41.86
Grupo Unidad	25.00
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00
Kirby Group	250.00
Lackland Pyramid Group	50.00
Lambda Group	1,000.00
Las Moras Grp/Brackettville	19.60
Last Call Group	60.00
Laurel Heights Group	90.00
Legal Professions Group	25.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00
Morning After Group	150.00
North San Pedro Group	80.00
Outsider Group	140.00
River Group	75.00
Rosedale Group	100.00
Rule 62-Devine Group	37.00
Rush Hour Group	196.00
Schertz/Cibolo Group	900.00
Serendipity Group	31.42
Serenity Group-Del Rio	78.50
Sisters in Sobriety	45.31
Spring Branch Group	551.91
St. Francis Seekers	30.00
Starlight Group	50.00
Stay in the Solution Group	306.36
Survivors Group	200.00
Turning Point Group	275.00
Universal City Group	117.54
Universal City/Sunday Group	60.00
Woman's Big Book	130.00
Women's Solution-NB	13.96
Young and Done	60.00

**Contributions to Central Service Office
During the month of March**

Birthday Contributions	\$1,079.00
Fellowship Room Contributions	380.87
Individual Contributions	<u>174.20</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 1,634.07

Flyers for these events are available at the Central Service Office Fellowship Room

Future Events In San Antonio

2013

June 10 th 2013	Service Manual Meeting
July 8 th 2013	Service Manual Meeting
July 13 th 2013	Club 12 Bowling
Aug 16 th 2013	Club 12 Anniversary
Sept 14 th 2013	Club 12 Bingo Night
Sept 28 th 2013	Aniversario de Grupo Unidad
Oct 25 th 2013	Texas State Conference of Young People in AA
Oct 19 th 2013	Club 12 Bowling
Dec 14 th 2013	Aniversario de Oficina Intergrupala Hispana

Future Events Out Of Town

Flyers for these events are available at the Central Service Office Fellowship Room

2013

May 3 rd 2013	Heart of Texas Conference - Waco TX
May 23 rd 2013	Gathering of the Eagles - Dallas TX
June 5 th 2013	Austin City Wide Meeting – Austin TX
June 7 th 2013	Texas State Convention – Houston
June 7 th 2013	Founder's Day – Akron OH
July 11 th 2013	55 th Icytaa – Phoenix AZ
July 12 th 2013	SWTA 68 Summer Workshop – Round Rock TX
July 27 th 2013	VIII Aniversario Grupo Ray o De Luz – New Braunfels TX
Aug 16 th 2013	SWTA 68 PI/CPS Conference – Austin TX
Aug 23 rd 2013	38 th Annual Hill Country Round Up – Kerrville TX
Aug 16 th 2013	We Quit Playing God-Dist 90 Convention - Beaumont TX
Aug 16 th 2013	TQCYPAA Frio – Concan TX
Oct 11 th 2013	Southwest Regional Forum - Oklahoma City OK
Oct 18 th 2013	SWTA 68 Fall Conference and Voting Assembly – Weslaco TX
Nov 15 th 2013	TQCYPAA Frio – Concan TX

2014

Aug 15 th 2014	Capital of Texas Conference - Austin TX
Oct 10 th 2014	SWRAASA Corpus Christi TX

GROUP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

These groups celebrate their members sobriety birthdays on the following days:

First Saturday

New Braunfels Group

Last Sunday:

Free at Last (cake & Coffee)

Last Monday:

Alamo Heights
Freedom,
Young and Golden Years (O-Speaker)

First Tuesday:

New Downtown (O-Speaker)
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,

Last Friday:

Pearsall (Come As You Are)
Colonies North
El Libro Grande,
Rush Hour,
Group 12
Marymont
HALT @ Tezel Road
SW Loop (4th Friday)
Keep It Simple
Club 12

Last Saturday:

Schertz-Cibolo
Lambda
Winners Club
Serendipity
Pleasanton