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If you are retired or you have daytime hours to carry the message to our military men and women call the CSO at 210-821-6325 and talk with Tomi or the Treatment Facility Chairperson, Mark Z.

There is a new program at Fort Sam Houston, a new outpatient program in the daytime. It will require two hours every month, and there is a new inpatient program that will require evening hours every week.

Two separate programs.

This will not be a Group, due to the nature of the program. It will be a facility AA meeting in the hospital.

# **Things We Cannot Change**

Lefty "Lionel R." passed away on April 29th. He was a long time member and supporter of many Groups. He was a part of Club 12 and was an alumni of The Arc. He will long be remembered for carrying the message into correctional facilities, Haven for Hope and any place he wandered into, Service information follows:

Wake: Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-9pm

Wesley Harper United Methodist Church

754 West Court St.

Seguin TX 78155

Funeral: Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11am

Emanuel's Lutheran Church

206 N. Travis St.

Seguin TX 78155

<u>Computer Service</u>: There is a computer with Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher in the Fellowship Room for AA members use. You may use to type group treasurers reports, minutes, or committee reports. You may make copies of these reports here at the Bookstore for a per page charge. Drop by the Office during Office hours.

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Cassette	Tapes

If you have cassette tapes of AA speakers that you no longer want, please drop these off at the CSO Bookstore. We put those in the Fellowship Room and they are given to any AA member who wants them. We do not sell them.

This is a gift to your fellow members.

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 Looking for a Phone Volunteer to work in the CSO Office answering the Helpline each week for 4 hours on a regular schedule

This is an AA Volunteer Position.

One or more years of sobriety and have a home group are the requirements.

There is no experience necessary.

Everytime you work you will be helping another alcoholic to find recovery by giving out meeting information.

Also: looking for back-up volunteers and substitutes.

Virginia will train.

Call the Office or drop by: 210-821-6325



#### Rule 62 Group Group San Antonio 98 **Keep It Simple Group** moved to a new location University United Methodist Church Now meeting in a new building: Now at: St Francis Episcopal Church Christian Assistance Freedom Group 4242 Bluemel, San Antonio, TX 78240 Ministry Building 2pm **Tuesday Night** same time: 7:30pm Monday - Friday Meeting Closed Big Book 5084 DeZavala Rd Is no longer Sunlight of the Spirit **Castroville Group** Friday Night Fix Group Group 1410 Amelia St. **St Frances Episcopal Church** 4242 Bluemel, San Antonio, TX 78240 Castroville, TX 78009 Schertz United Methodist Church Friday 7pm 3460 FM 3009 At 7:30pm Tuesday (Roy Richards Dr.) **Closed Discussion Open Discussion** Schertz, TX 78154 **Big Book** Tuesday at 7pm The 3rd Friday is a speaker Thursday **Closed Discussion** meeting Step Study Meeting **Twelve & Twelve** Bring your own book **Primary Purpose Group Breaking Jars Group** St Frances Episcopal Church Bandera Rd City Church 4242 Bluemel, San Antonio, TX 78240 1602 W Martin St 9431 Bandera Rd San Antonio, TX 78207 San Antonio, TX 78250

Monday & Wednesay 5:30pm Closed discussion

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10am Open discussion



Faith án Esperanza Group Buena Voluntad Baptist Church

**Bi-lingual** 

This group would like your attendance to support this new group

Tuesday Open Speaker Meeting .....

#### 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 May

Financial report - Vannie C. Board of Trustee Board Report

### Central Service Office Representatives

#### Minutes

#### March 16, 2015

Opening: Eric Q. opened with a moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Read by Brian

Introduction of New CSOR'S: None

Introduction of all CSO Representatives:

Announcements: Immediately following CSOR meeting the Helpline Committee with host a sharing session

Introduction of Guests: Curtis: Provided and update on Weekend in SA. Packets for registration are in the CSOR folders for distribution; volunteers are needed and each CSOR are encouraged to have members from their home group volunteer. Hospitality committee are in need of food and money contributions

Sydney C. represented Tammy K for SAMSO Committee: Sydney provided a wealth of information from the March 8, 2015, committee meeting. Jim will be the new Treasurer, Daniella resigned: District 16 will continue to participate with SAMSO

Archives committee needs service workers. Grapevines writing workshop is a success. Treatment Facility Committee needs volunteers to take meetings to Josephine Treatment Center, Methodist Transplant and Hector Garza Center

Minutes: February minutes were approved

Board Liaison Report:

Financial Report: Tom represented Vannie C. lower activity on sales during February; expenses were lower yet a current loss of 3, 800. Weekend in SA will help with breaking even for the year

Board Report: Sydney reported that there was not a quorum at the March 12, 2015 board meeting; Eric Q. Represented the CSOR committee

Office Manager Report: Enclosed in the CSOR packet

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: none

New Business: Sydney reported that the board of Trustees are currently, as part of their monthly education project, are studying the election process and terms for Board members; Solicited CSOR members to volunteer for Nominating Committee: No one volunteered

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket passed Closing: Lord's Prayer

Officers: Chairperson: Eric Q.

Alternate Chairperson: Nelson W.

Secretary: Chesney

#### From The Archives

San Antonio Archives

Tami S., Archivist

Archives Committee meets monthly at 6pm—Fellowship Room, 8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

Join us as we seek out the AA history, group history, and our older members, all in San Antonio.

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

# DISPLAY AT WEEKEND in SA with AA. Come see the archival displays and bring your questions about your Groups history and submit AA members names for their story.

#### **REPRINT ARTICLE FROM THE ARCHIVES**

The

Night Cap

#### April 1980 Front Page

In 1941, a San Antonio Episcopal Priest read the now famous Jack Alexander Articles\* and thus was planted the seed for the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Alamo City, 35 years ago.

The Rev. Everett H. Jones, "our honorary alcoholic", as he affectionately came to be called by San Antonio's early AA members, was Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in 1941, when he worked with a small group of ex-problem drinkers to bring AA to San Antonio for the first time ever.

Although the initial attempt to establish a group here was not successful, their efforts led to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Antonio four years later, on Apr. 12, 1945.

During those pioneering days, the disease Alcoholism had not yet been given its name by the American Medical Association. Anyone who drank to excess, then, was considered to be an outcast of society, with about the same social status as a Leper exiled to a First Century cave in the wilderness.

Jones must have puzzled over naming it, too, having worked with two problem drinkers for some time, both members of his congregation. But he learned from the Alexander piece that Houston had an AA Group. Here was help only a relatively short motor trip away.

#### TO BE CONTINUED in the June Issue of the Nightcap...

What did the Rev. Everett H. Jones do to help start our first group?

#### 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. AA members and Groups can send deducted contributions.

#### Presentation to Professionals

10:30 to noon

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Fellowship Room

8802 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217

210-821-6325

This presentation is being offered by the Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee of the San Antonio Metropolitan Service Organization of Alcoholics Anonymous. The purpose of this committee is to provide accurate information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession.

This presentation is for professionals. As an AA member you are welcome to attend this meeting and learn more about the local PI/CPC committee and how they present the AA program to a professional.

You are also welcome to invite your doctor, lawyer, counselor, teacher, or nurse to attend and learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous.



# Speaker Meeting

#### Rush Hour Group

At The Center 8607 Wurzbach - Bldg. P San Antonio, TX 78240

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Saturday of each month at 5:30pm

#### May Speakers

2nd. Bobby J.

16th. Joe D.



#### Need a place to start a new meeting!

The Community Bible Church 2499 N. Loop 1604 E San Antonio, TX 78232 Tom H. 210-782-4533

Has places available for AA meetings. Call Tom H.

# 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.



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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 April Nightcap**

Now, do I think there is a supreme being, a God? Sure I do. Of course. But do I have any religious beliefs? No. Religion demands that you do certain things and my life in AA isn't like that. AA is a very loose-jointed organization. People say there is only one way to work the program. That's crazy. We talk about the "suggested" Steps, which are guides to recovery, not absolutes. Chapter five of the Big Book says "no one among us has been able to maintain anything like perfect adherence to these principles." If we had all the members of AA standing here, everyone would have a different idea what AA is all about. Bill's idea was different from Dr. Bob's, yours will be different from mine. And yet they're all based on one thing and that is: don't drink, and use the Twelve Steps in your own way.

Do you sponsor people differently now than you did years ago?

I don't think I do. Maybe these days sponsees tend to talk about not only their drinking but a little more about the relationship problems, and so we get into conversations about their wives or sweethearts and some emotional problems.

So whatever changes you find in AA, you're not uncomfortable with them?

Well, some AA groups have turned into kind of psychological forums and that isn't AA to me. Maybe it is, I don't know. But here's the way I feel about it, correct or incorrect: AA is my family, and every family has a mix of people in it. Every family has people who are braggarts who think they know everything--every family does. Every family has people who whine all the time--every family. And every family has people who go out and do very well and succeed at the art of living. So when I hear the whiners--well, they're kind of a bore, but on the other hand, a family always has boring whiners in it.

Did your marriage change after you got sober?

Oh my God, yes--I've been married four times. I was sober about fifteen years before I got divorced the first time. I'd been married thirty years. It was a marriage that was not very successful. My wife and I went on different paths, but we were victims of the idea that good boys and girls don't get divorced. Finally I said to Mary, "You know, I think we ought to get divorced," and she said, "I think so too. We don't have much in common." So we had a very sensible, quiet, straight-forward divorce. But you can't hang from the rope for thirty years and not miss it when it's cut down. So, after that I got married twice for very short times to two very fine women, good friends of mine today. Then I had a long time when I wasn't married and then I met my current wife and we've been married fifteen years. She's sitting right here, by the way, working on the computer.

Is there any Step that is a particular help to you?

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#### Group Contributions March 2015

Big Book Sunday Study Group	106.00
Boerne Hwy Group	30.00
Boerne Noon Group	750.00
Broad Highway Group	150.00
Cuarta De Dimension	50.00
First One Today Group	25.00
Goliad Group	50.00
Gruene Road Grp.	286.00
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	10.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	20.00
Keystone Group	40.00
Kirby Group	100.00
Lambda Group	500.00
Last Call Group	100.00
Laurel Heights Group	20.00
Live & Let Live Group	114.00
New Braunfels Group	1,288.58
Oasis Group	150.00
Saturday Night Live Group	47.50
Sisters in Sobriety	64.00
Stahl Road Group	126.40
	4,027.48



Financials are given at the monthly CSOR Meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month. We encourage our Groups to send a representative from their Group to hear the financials read, to hear what is happening across the city, and ask questions. It is nice to have CSOR's that come each month on a regular basis to support the operations of the office and The Bookstore. Currently there are about 22 Groups participating monthly. This is good. However, your group can send a representative without their being a CSOR. The representative can sit in on meetings and does not have to come each month.

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

#### **Member Information**

Birthday Contributions: members who wish to contribute to the Central Service Office on their A.A. birthday. Some contribute a \$1 per year, others contribute differently.

#### Thank you for your contributions.

Fellowship Room Contributions Individual Contributions Memorial Contributions	\$265.75 20.45
John H. N. San Pedro Group	50.00
Lefty (Lionel R.)	250.00

#### Group Contributions Jan-March 2015 Total \$11,222.22

Airport Group SA	26.50
Amistad Group	25.00
Big Book Sunday Study Group	106.00
Boerne Hwy Group	90.00
Boerne Noon Group	750.00
Bookmarks Group	9.09
Broad Highway Group	150.00
Buda 2nd Chance	32.50
Buda Big Book Grp	45.00
Callaghan Road Group	75.00
Chicago Group	44.25
Colonies North Group	168.00
Community Group	100.00
Cork In The Jug Group	142.50
Cuarta De Dimension	250.00
First One Today Group	25.00
First Things First Group	1,680.00
Generic Group	150.00
Goliad Group	150.00
Gruene Road Grp.	286.00
Grupo 3 Legados	41.74
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	30.00
Grupo Unidad	30.00
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00
Highland Group	230.00 318.70
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Hope Group SA	15.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	123.33
Keep It Simple Group	300.00
Keystone Group	40.00
Kirby Group	130.00
Lambda Group	1,000.00
Last Call Group	100.00
Laurel Heights Group	60.00
Live & Let Live Group	114.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	88.50
Monte Vista Group	120.00
New Braunfels Group	1,871.67
Oasis Group	150.00
River Group	100.00
Road of Happy Destiny	90.00
Saturday Night Live Group	47.50
Schertz/Cibolo Group	424.80
Serendipity Group	35.46
Sisters in Sobriety	64.00
Spring Branch Group	315.71
Stahl Road Group	126.40
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
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Young & Golden Years Group Young and Done	15.00 107.61

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What's happening at your

Email: csosa@dslextreme.com

# May Events in San Antonio

> > >	Check out the Flyers on our website: aasanantonio.org or in the Fellowship Room
May 2nd	SAMSO – city-wide Inventory meeting- 1pm Fellowship Room
May 3rd	District 16 Meeting – 3pm District 2 Meeting District 12 Meeting District 01F Meeting Grapevine Committee (SAMSO) Meeting - 1pm Treatment Facility Committee (SAMSO) Meeting - 5pm
May 7th	Golf Tournament for Weekend in SA with AA - Fort Sam Houston Golf Course
May 8th May 11th	Weekend in SA with AA - at San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Archives Meeting – San Antonio – 5:30pm Service Manual Meeting – San Antonio
May 13th	Presentation to the Professionals- San Antonio – 10:30am at Fellowship Room
May 14th	Central Service Office Board Meeting – 6:30pm
May 16th	District 16 Picnic - O.P. Schnabel Park, San Antonio
May 17th	SAMSO (general membership) Meeting – 4pm District 17 Meeting – 2:30pm
>	District 18 Meeting – 1pm
<b>&gt;</b>	District 1A Meeting -3pm
May 18th	Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room
May 30th May 31st	Turning Point Group Anniversary - San Antonio PI/CPC Committee Meeting (SAMSO) - 1pm
Widy 5150	Future Events In San Antonio 2015
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	Lambda Group Anniversary - San Antonio
June 20th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO) Halt Group Anniversary - San Antonio
Sept 19th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO)
Sept 26th	A Day in Recovery - Local Conference - San Antonio
Oct 3rd	Stahl Road Group Anniversary- San Antonio
, Dec 5th	Grapevine How to get Published - Workshop (SAMSO)

# Future Events Out Of Town

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

## <u>2015</u>

May 22nd	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Eagles – Dallas TX
July 2nd	2015 International Convention – Atlanta, GA
July 17th	SWTA 68 Summer Workshop,
July 26th	Crested Butte Mountain Conference-Crested Butte Colorado
Aug 14th	Texas State Convention 2015 - Midland, TX
	Capital of Texas Conference-Austin, TX
Aug 21st	40 <sup>th</sup> Hill Country Roundup - Kerrville, TX
Oct 16th	SWTA 68 Fall Voting Conference, Victoria, TX
Oct 30th	TXSCYPAA35 – Austin, TX
Dec 10th	Stateline AA Retreat – Las Vegas

# **2015 International Convention Information**

Pre-Registration Deadline: May 12, 2015

More information is available on the G.S.O.'s web site <u>www.aa.org</u> under the 2015 International Convention section. This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available.

New to the 2015 International Convention experience will be a convention app available for download for mobile devices. This will give atattendees instant access to the convention program, schedule changes, maps of the Convention Center and Atlanta area, updates and alerts, and more. Print programs will still be available for attendees.

Convention App will be available in May .....see "aa.org" and click on the International Convention Tab



# **Bus to Atlanta**

There are two seats on the "Bus to Atlanta" available today. This is a "first come" reservation.

The cost for the bus ride is \$200. This does not cover your Convention registration or your hotel. Bus leaves on Wednesday at 7pm...arriving in Atlanta on Thursday at noon.

Call our Office if you are interested. 210-821-6325. \$200 must be paid when you sign-up.

#### Be part of the TXSCYPAA

#### Meetings are held on the

First Thursday of the month at 7pm 8900 Starcrest at Church of Rconciliation Brown Hall

Third Sunday of the month at 1:45pm 102 Thames at Club 12 Smokers meeting room

#### **Bid Committee!**



"The Bright Spot of Our Lives" 2015 SWTA Summer Workshop Hosted by: Districts 3B/3C July 17-19 DoubleTree, Austin-University

I-35 and MLK

The Service Manual Meeting May 11th 7pm Stay In The Solution Group location St. Francis Episcopal Church 4242 Bluemel, Eductional Bdlg San Antonio, TX 78240 Concept Four:

Linda D - Panel 64 PI/CPC Chair Chapter Four: Janice W - District 29

### *Local AA member becomes our Regional Trustee for the Southwest Region of the U.S.*

Yolanda F., (Yoli), an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous in San Antonio for many years, was elected Regional Trustee for the Southwest Region of the United States at the recent General Service Conference in New York. The Southwest Region covers Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

"What is a Regional Trustee", you ask?

There are eight regional trustees, six from the United States and two from Canada, who serve four successive annual terms. No trustee "represents" a geographical section; but all trustees represent the Fellowship as a whole. Regional Trustees bring to the general service board's discussions a regional A. A. point of view and experience that is invaluable.

Candidates are proposed by each area and voted using the third legacy voting procedure. The elected candidate's "resume" covering professional, business and A.A. service qualifications is submitted to GSO by the area delegate.

Yoli has been active in A. A. service in San Antonio and the Southwest Texas Area 68 throughout her sobriety. Her first home group was the 24 Hour Group. Then she called Grupo Sante Fe her "home" for over 20 years. She was GSR for Grupo Sante Fe and DCM for District 01F. During that time District 01F wrote the first proposal with the help of the SWTA 68 Delegate, Bob McG., to have a Grapevine magazine written in Spanish. A letter was sent to them declining this proposal. That didn't stop them. A second proposal was written later with the help of the SWTA 68 Delegate Sandy C. This one was accepted and La Vina was on its way. Yoli has also served as the SWTA 68 Bilingual Chairperson, Grapevine Chairperson for SAMSO and was "pulled from the hat" as SWTA 68 Alternate Chairperson. As SWTA 68 Chairperson, Yoli and a number of A.A. members including Mary S. and the Delegate at the time Roger L., proposed to have a uniform translation of the Spanish Big Book. It was approved by the Conference and brought to fruition in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Spanish Big Book. Yoli served the fellowship as SWTA 68 Panel 50 Delegate from 2000-2002. Her home group for the last 3 years has been the Hope Group. She will start her new service as Regional Trustee Sunday, April 26, following the end of the General Service Conference. "No" is not in her vocabulary. Let's all extend congratulations and well wishes in her upcoming endeavors.

This and much more information about service can be found in The A.A. Service Manual.