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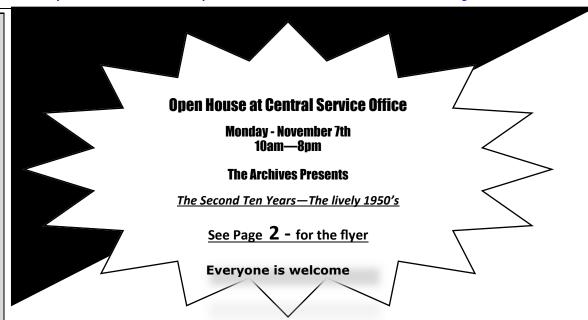
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Fellowship on the Holiday!

Bulverde BBQ

31st Anniversary
November 9th

6:45 Dinner

8pm Speaker: Allen B.

Covered dish in a disposable container is appreciated.

BBQ & beverages provided by the Group

Bulverde Community Center Ammann Rd. Bulverde TX

Acceptance Group 22nd Anniversary Celebration

At their new location in Schertz

Saturday , November 19th 6-9pm

Speaker: Steven S. (Saturday Night Live Group)

Schertz United Methodist Church 3460 Roy Richard Dr (FM 3009) Schertz, TX (off IH35 N.)

Schertz Cibolo Group 38th. Anniversary Celebration Saturday, November 5th.

MOVED! 5-9pm

St. Matthews Episcopal Church 810 Kitty Hawk Universal City, TX

Food - Fellowship - Music - Speakers Speakers begin at 6pm Group provides meat Donated side dishes & desserts appreciated

Open House at CSO Featuring The San Antonio Archives

Monday, November 7th
This Special Time Will Be From 10am - 8pm

Lite-Lunch with the Archivist
"Gratitude Meeting at 12 noon" open discussion led by:
Yolanda F. and Christie K.
Fellowship Room

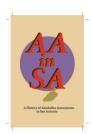
All Members Are Invited 8804 Tradeway

Archives Presentation at 6:30pm
"AA in San Antonio 1950's"
Fellowship Room
Coffee & Cake
Door Prize Drawings throughout the day!

Every person who visits the Bookstore on this day will receive a History Book on AA in San Antonio



Walk Thru Time



Fellowship during the Holidays!

Share your time with a fellow member of A.A.



Club Twelve

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24th at noon - call 210-344-5493

Serendipity Group 10929 Nacogdoches Rd #5 San Antonio, TX 78217

12:30pm "Pot luck" Lunch Bring a pot luck dish. If you can sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish. If not able to...come anyway!

11am - Open Discussion Meeting5:30 - Open Discussion Meeting

8pm - Open Discussion Meeting

Bring a game to play with friends.

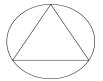
Between meetings there will be fellowship, games and music.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24th.



Hope Group

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church 713 Division St. San Antonio, TX



November 15th

In observation of Gratitude month we will celebrate the AA 12 traditions in the following way:

6:30pm Fellowship (food & refreshments)

7pm Meeting (Traditions presentations)

Traditions 1, 2, 3, 4
Rita L., Panel 52, Delegate

Tradtiions 5, 6, 7, 8
Tony R., Panel 64, Area Secretary

Traditions 9, 10, 11, 12 Barbara R., Panel 66, Area Recorder Goliad Group 537 Avondale San Antonio, TX 78223

Giving Thanks... November 19th.

Goliad Group 52nd. Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

Fun - Food - Fellowship - Music

Speakers: Noon - Jonathan S. 6:15pm - Gerry E.

Dinner at 5pm

Goliad is non-smoking



Winner's Club Thanksgiving

12 noon - 3pm - "Pot luck" Dinner

Food - Fun - Fellowship

Thursday, November 24th

Marathon meetings during the holidays. Sign up to chair a meeting.

Potluck dinner: RSVP with # of people attending at snack bar & sign up to bring a dish.

Bookstore & Office

Central Service Office 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217 (off Loop 410 & Broadway)



210-821-6325 Tomi or Virginia

Seniors in Sobriety

The Central Service Office is supporting an in-house program that seeks information on the need to carry the message to the senior population in the San Antonio and metro area.

We are completing phase I, reviewing the necessity for further action on the part of the San Antonio members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Members are invited to join us on Wednesday at noon. We meet in the Fellowship Room at CSO.

Report on progress will be given to the Board of Trustees and the CSOR's at November meetings.

A <u>NEW</u> Senior in Sobriety AA Meeting Starts in January Where: Fellowship Room

Tuesdays at 10:30am

We are asking for help from Senior AA members...

Those current AA members over 60 to help to start this meeting and support it through its initial startup stage. See below how this will work: .

There are 2 ways to volunteer:

1. Have your AA Group volunteer to chair this meeting for one month. Sign up by calling the Central Service Office at 210-821-6325.

We are signing up Groups for January through June 2017 now. See PAGE 8.

How will this work:

Your Group volunteers to chair this meeting for one month as a Group service project. Members from this Group that are over 60 will attend the meeting and one of your group members will chair the meeting. Meeting readings are ready and available in the notebook kept in the meeting room. Topics are the same as any meeting.

2. Attend this meeting and support it with your presence as an AA member for a week or two and make announcements about this meeting at your Home Group.

Things We Cannot Change

Don S. of Laurel Heights passed away in late October. His presence is missed by his newly made friends at the Groups he attended.

Adopt-a-Rack Program Details

You or your Group may pick up a rack at the CSO Bookstore for a \$10 fee. Fill out the paperwork and leave it for the PI Committee or take it with you and fill out later.

There are hundreds of locations around San Antonio where we can let AA literature carry the message to the alcoholic who is still suffering:

Information paperwork available at the Central Service Office Bookstore. This is a PI/CPC Program.

VOLUNTEER at CSO EVERY WEDNESDAY- 9AM TO 4PM

Sobriety requirement: sober
This is not answering the phones.
No training necessary.

The Telephone Committee meets in a sharing session each month.

Time: 5:15pm

Place: Archives Room at:

Central Service Office (prior to the CSOR Meet-

ing)



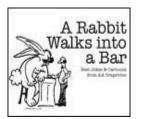
- A time to share experience and assist each other. Lucy (Chairperson) meets with any volunteers or AA members that come to the meeting. Each month there is a picked topic to talk about.
- Telephone Volunteers can pick up a new directory and 12 step list.

BOOKSTORE NEWS CSO BOOKSTORE

8804 Tradeway - San Antonio



Specials - November

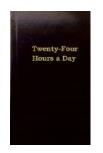


Best Jokes &Cartoons from AA Grapevine \$10.00

- AA Speaker CD \$4 each
- Joe & Charley Big Book Study CD's \$35
- A Day in Recovery CD sets (5 CDs) \$15.00 set

Willard M. Twelve Steps Jim W. Twelve Traditions Yolie F. Twelve Concepts





\$16.50



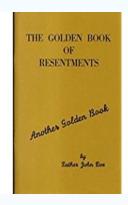
\$2.30 each



The Golden Books by Father John Doe

Buy one or buy the entire set

Individual Book by Topic \$4.95
The entire Set of Books \$49.95





What's Happening at Groups Send your Groups information to share with others

Northeast Group

Saturday at 8:15pm Open Discussion Meeting

Northeast Baptist Hospital Classroom #1 8811 Village Dr. San Antonio, TX 78217

Last Call Group Midnight Meeting

Saturday at 12:15am
Open Discussion Meeting

The Center 8607 Wurzbach Rd. #P San Antonio, TX 78240

Drive behind the complex & park

Strength in Hope Group

1119 Meadowlake San Antonio, TX 78253

Folded





If BIG trucks can park close to your meeting place, let the CSO know so we direct our visiting truck drivers.

Group Soledad

(Previously named Unity Group)
Now meets

Monday thru Friday at 6pm Saturday at 11am

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

314 Merinda St. Room 5



Moved

Acceptance Group

New address follows:

Schertz United Methodist Church 3460 Roy Richard Drive Schertz, TX 78154

Off IH35 N

Meetings days & times same

Friday Big Book Study Group

St. Helena's Episcoapl Church

Meeting House

122 Rock St.

Boerne, TX 78006

9:30am

Big Book Study

Closed

Frontier Group

South Central San Antonio

Saturday at 8:15pm Open Speaker Meeting

Lifetime Recovery Center 10290 Southton Rd. San Antonio, TX 78223

Halt at Tezel Road Group

Saturday at 9am Closed Discussion Meeting

Northwest San Antonio

Northwest Hills Methodist Church 7575 Tezel Rd. San Antonio, TX 78250



Saturday Night Live Young Peoples Group

Saturday at 7pm Open Speaker Meeting

St. George Episcopal Church 4904 West Avenue - 2nd Floor San Antonio, TX 78213

Colonies North Group

Saturday at 8:15pm Open Discussion Meeting

House of Prayer Lutheran Church 10226 Ironside San Antonio, TX 78230

Came to Believe

A 120-page collection of stories by A.A. members who write about what the phrase "spiritual awakening" means to them.

The spiritual adventure of 75 A.A. individual members.

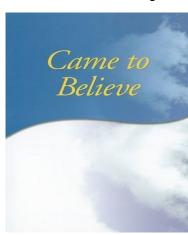
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This is Conference-approved literature.

Available at the Bookstore B-6 - \$6.00

The following stories are directly reprinted from the Book "Came to Believe"

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ON A BIG SCREEN

"I drank for about twenty-eight years, starting out as a social drinker, becoming a periodic drunk, then a compulsive drinker. My drinking cost me my home, my first wife, my children, and just about everything I had ever worked for all my life. I was arrested for being drunk in public; I developed TB, and I knew that my heavy drinking had probably brought it on; in four months, I was in and out of four alcoholic wards in different hospitals. On my release from the last one, I stayed drunk for three solid weeks—and woke up in jail again. I thought I was there, as before, for being drunk in public. But after asking, I found that I had committed a felony.

On a cold morning, I entered the penitentiary to begin a five-year sentence. After being processed and taken to my cell in the receiving unit and hearing that iron door slam behind me, I thought this was the end for me. I had gone just about as far down as I could go, and I felt there was no hope.

In the next five weeks, I sat in that small cell and blamed everyone but myself for all my past and present troubles. No one could be more full of resentment, hate, and self-pity than I was at that time.

One night, while I was in my cell looking at the four walls, my whole past life seemed to open up before me, as if on a big screen. I could plainly see for the first time all the heartaches and misery and pain that I had brought on everyone in the past: my mother and father, my first wife and my children, my present wife, and all my friends. For the first time, I realized none of these people were wrong. I was the one who was wrong. All of the things that had happened to me, I had brought on myself while drinking. I believe this moment was the first time I had been honest with myself in many years.

Soon after that, I received a letter from the clerk of the prison A.A. group. I had a faint idea what A.A. was, but that was all. The letter invited me to come to the meetings if I thought I might have a drinking problem. The next Sunday, I attended my first meeting, and when I left that room I had an open mind and an honest desire to stop drinking for the first time in my life.

I have again accepted God as I once knew Him, and once again I ask for His help each morning when I wake up and give Him my thanks each night when I go to bed. I have my loving second wife back again, and she also is an A.A. member now. Last February, I had my first anniversary in A.A. Today, I am living in a minimum-security prison on a farm. I have a parole hearing coming up, and with the grace of God I will be home soon with my wife and family. If it had not been for the spiritual awakening I had that night in my prison cell, if I had not once again come to believe in a Power greater than myself, none of these things I have today would be possible.

Jefferson City, Missouri

Central Service Office Board of Trustees

Serving Your Central Service Office of San Antonio

There will be an election for three (3) Board of Trustees at this meeting of the **Central Service Office Representatives.**

Yes...Your Home Group decides who will be a Trustee on the Board for the Central Service Office.

Yes....Your CSOR (Central Service Office Representative that you elected at your Home Group votes.

Yes....You and any A.A. member that has the following qualifications can stand for Trustee.

Three Trustees will be elected at this meeting to service from January 2017-December 2019

From the Bylaws:

Trustees are elected at the November general membership meeting to serve for two (2) years beginning the following January 1^{st} . Candidates for trustee shall be named by a nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made by members at a general membership meeting. All nominees must be qualified and all must have agreed to serve.

Qualifications:

- Any person nominated as a trustee must be a member of a registered A.A. group and must have achieved at least five (5) years of continuous sobriety during the five (5) years prior to nomination.
- Any person serving, or nominated to serve, as a trustee shall not be an employee or member of the governing board of any agency licensed for the treatment of alcoholism or other addictive disorders, or operated for education concerning such disorders. This restriction also applies to members of advisory boards of such agencies.
- Any person serving, or nominated to serve, as a trustee shall not be an officer or director of a club where A.A. meetings are regularly held.

Senior in Sobriety

A <u>NEW</u> Senior in Sobriety AA Meeting
Starts in January
Where: Fellowship Room
Tuesdays at 10:30am

Our Group would like to host this meeting for a month

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Group Name: _					
	Group that will chair the meeting for the Senior in Sobriety Meeting is:				
Name					
Telephone #	Email:				
We prefer one of Please call us with	the following months: Jan FebMarch April May June n the dates.				
*** Plance	a print and amail to 1 coord@dclovtrome com or call up at 210-921-6225***				

Central Service Office Representatives

Meets on Monday, Novembert 21st at 6pm

ELECTION TIME: Board of Trustee for 2017-2019 Please bring your nominations and your GROUPS VOTE!

Telephone Committee meets at

meets at 5:15pm

Archives Room

Is will soon be time to elect your Groups new Officers. One of those will be your CSOR.

There is an annual CSOR Orientation on December 5th. This is open to new and old CSOR's

Please plan to attend and learn more about this position. If you do not have a CSOR, then plan to send one of your Group's members to collect the information for the a later time.

New CSO Board members are encouraged to attend and learn about the General Membership and how it functions.



<u>Central Service Office Representatives - Meeting Notes</u> Monday, October 17, 2016

Opening: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions

Introductions: New CSO Reps & all CSO Reps each rep tells something about their Group

Reminders: CSR sign up and information wall, check your information on signup sheet. Flyers and information in the fellowship room are for CSORs to take to group.

Announcements:

Gratitude boxes are available at front desk if your Group needs one.

CSOR & Board Member Orientation: December 5th. Flyer in your packet

Please leave any flyers or other AA information for CSÓR's and others below the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Room. Please pick up and check information to take back to your group.

Introduction of Guests:

Billy S. San Antonio Interdistrict Treatment Chair announced a "How To" workshop 11-13-2016 1:30-3:30 at The Center on Wurzbach. Flyer provided to each rep.

Minutes of previous meeting (September): Secretary - Kris J., Approved. August notes are unavailable.

Board Liaison report:

Paul A. (Board Trustee) - Financials are on track per budget for the year.

Karen H. (Board Trustee) – Archives has appointed Paul B. New Events Display Coordinator. Tami S. attended NAAAW - National AA Archives Workshop. She requested a Spiritual Support letter from CSO for San Antonio to bid for NAAAW conference in 2019. Board nominations will be made and voted on in November. There are 3 positions open.

Office Manager's report: Tomi BA - written report in the CSOR packet.

San Antonio Inter-District CSOR liaison report:

Steven (SAID) - Financials are balanced. There will be a newsletter - new chair is working on it. ASL equipment was used at the meeting and it worked. SAID will have business cards printed to explain SAID functions. CFC is having a workshop 2-2017; looking for volunteers. They will be having a raffle for literature and are looking for items from groups to raffle.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Eric Q. - they will revisit online CSOR meetings.

Archives Committee: Vicki C. - Archives open house at CSO 11-7-2016 10:00am - 8:00pm. AA in San Antonio 1950s presentation and a display for History of Acceptance Group's Anniversary.

Telephone Committee: Lucy J. - All after hours slots are filled and backup list is good. Keep informing members.

Nomination Committee: No report

Hispanic Intergroup: Gustavo - Hispanic AA Convention will be November 4-6,2016 at the Hilton. Flyers are available for registration. Spanish Archives will not be participating with SA Archives due to traditions and anonymity. Hispanic groups are very conservative. Translation equipment will be considered for convention.

New Business - Group needs to elect a CSOR Representative as liaison to the Board of Trustees to take information about our meetings..

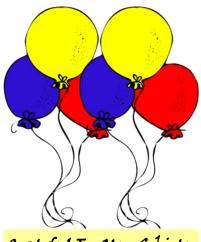
7th Tradition Basket

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Group Contributions

January—September 2016 \$60,465.78

а	26.43	Lytle Group	22.00
Acceptance Group	147.96	Marymont Group	446.00
Airport Group SA	199.00	Midtown Noon Group	214.50
Alamo Heights Group	150.00	Monte Vista Group	165.00
Boerne Hwy Group	270.00	Morning After Group	150.00
Boerne Noon Group	1500.00	Mostly Agnostics Group	100.00
Boerne Womens Group	237.30	New Beginnings Group (SA)	141.26
Broadway Group	200.00	New Braunfels Group	1380.70
Buda 2nd Chance	128.50	North San Pedro Group	70.57
Buda Big Book Grp	282.50	Northeast Group	50.00
Change or Die Group	189.00	Northwood Group	200.00
Coffee Pot	650.00	Oasis Group	400.00
Coker Group	397.00	Primary Purpose Group (SA)	820.47
Colonies North Group	592.50	Rigorous Honesty Men's	180.00
Community Group	155.00	River Group	225.00
Cork In The Jug Group	306.25	Road of Happy Destiny	270.00
County Line Group	139.00	Rule 62 Group (San Antonio)	50.42
Cuarta De Dimension	450.00	Rule 62-Devine Group	124.00
District 12	120.00	Rush Hour Group	419.45
First One Today Group	413.46	San Antonio Women's North	104.00
First Things First Group	4005.00	Schertz/Cibolo Group	367.05
Floresville Group	100.00	Seguin Primary Purpose Group	20.00
Freedom Group	430.77	Serendipity Group	543.13
Friday Night Fix Group	124.00	Shalom Group	108.00
Generic Group	257.00	Share The Light Group	85.13
Goliad Group	300.00	Shook Big Book	87.00
Gruene Road Grp.	336.23	Sisters in Sobriety	87.33
Grupo 3 Legados	59.29	Spring Branch Group	530.32
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	90.00	Stahl Road Group	115.18
Guilbeau Group	30.00	Stay in the Solution Group	1933.26
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	3034.13	Survivors Group	297.52
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00	The Solution Group (SA)	60.00
Highland Group	84.10	Tuesday Nite Big Book Study	410.00
Hope Group SA	40.00	Turning Point Group	1908.39
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	285.00	Unity Group	48.00
Jourdanton AA	23.51	Universal City Group	128.03
Keep It Simple Group	275.00	Universal City/Sunday Group	30.00
Keystone Group	49.00	Woman's Big Book	131.39
Kirby Group	340.00	Woman's Big Book (Kerrville)	2.00
Lambda Group	500.00	Women's Solution-NB	2.25
Last Call Group	196.49	Work in Progress Group	8.01
Laurel Heights Group	270.00	Young & Golden Years Group	20.00
Live & Let Live Group	90.00	Young and Done	167.00
Love & Laughter Ladies Group	120.00		



Grateful For My Sobiety

We have started-up an old tradition!

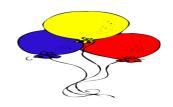
Birthday Club Sign Up Show your support for CSO and help keep the Big Book and Twelve & Twelve at the same low price.

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety is all it takes.

See the Club section of the 'What's Happening' in San Antonio!

Your sobriety is worth celebrating!

Celebrate your friends anniversary by sending a contribution in their name, with their sobriety"



September 2016 - \$3,185.55

Airport Group SA Boerne Noon Group	15.00 500.00	Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad Into Action Group (Lockhart)	10.00 25.00	Rigorous Honesty Men's River Group	180.00 25.00
Cork In The Jug Group	156.25	Laurel Heights Group	30.00	Road of Happy Destiny	30.00
District 12	60.00	Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00	Stay in the Solution Group	170.21
First Things First Group	1,260.00	Mostly Agnostics Group	100.00	Unity Group	8.00
Floresville Group	100.00	North San Pedro Group	70.57	Universal City Group	120.00
Goliad Group	50.00	Primary Purpose Group (SA)	174.52	Woman's Big Book	41.00



Email events to the following address: **Email: csosa@dslextreme.com**

Check out flyers for these events on our website: aasanantonio.org

Nov 3rd The San Antonio Archives Committee Meeting - 6:15pm - Fellowship Room

Nov 5th

Schertz-Cibolo Anniversary Celebration - Universal City - St Matthews Episcopal Church

Treatment Facilities Committee (San Antonio Interdistrcit) Meeting - 5pm - Fellowship Room

Nov 2nd & 16th

Intergrupal Hispana - en español - 7pm - San Antonio (the first & third Wednesday of each month)

nov 9th Bulverde Group 31st Anniversary BBQ - Bulverde TX
Nov 10th District 28 Meeting-2nd & last Thursday - 8pm

Nov 13th District 12 Meeting

District 1E Meeting

Nov 14th District 2 Meeting - 2pm - at The River Group

District 01F Meeting - 2nd Sunday at 10am Service Manual Meeting – San Antonio

Nov 15th Hope Group celebrates Gratitude Month - San Antonio

Nov 17th Central Service Office Board Meeting - 6:30pm Fellowship Room

Nov 19th Goliad Group 52nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration, San Antonio

Acceptance Group Anniverdary - Schertz TX - NEW location

Nov 21st Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room

After Hours Telephone Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Fellowship Room

Board of Trustees for CSO Election - at Central Service Office Representative Meeting - 6pm

Nov 24th Winners Club Thanksgiving Dinner - San Antonio

Serendipity Group Thanksgiving Get Together - San Antonio

Club Twelve Thanksgiving Dinner - San Antonio

Nov 27th San Antonio Inter-District - 3:15pm - St Francis Episcopal Church

District 1A Meeting - 2 pm - St Francis Episcopal Church
District 16 Meeting - 2 pm - St Francis Episcopal Church
District 17 Meeting - 2 pm - St Francis Episcopal Church
District 18 Meeting - 2 pm - St Francis Episcopal Church
PI/CPC Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Grapevine Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Communication Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm

Correctional Facilities Committee Meeting (CFC) - 12:30pm

2016

Dec 5th CSOR Orientation - for new and old CSOR's - Fellowship Room - San Antonio

Dec 110th Serendipity Group Anniversary - San Antonio

2017

Jan 13th Southwest Texas Area 68 Winter Workshop - Assembly - Killeen, TX

Feb 3rd Correctional Facilities Conference (CFC) - Southwest Texas Area 68 - San Antonio
Feb 25th Saturday in SA with AA - San Antonio - Special Event for Weekend in SA

April 1st Family Fun Fair - Brackenridge Park - San Antonio
April Southwest Texas Area 68 Assembly - San Antonio
June 9th Texas State Convention - San Antonio - 2017
July 12th Womens Big Book 25th Anniversary - San Antonio

August Club Twelve Anniversary - San Antonio

Sept San Antonio Round-up 2017 - Date to be confirmed

Sept A Day in Recovery - 2017 - Date to be confirmed - San Antonio
Oct. 20th Regional Forum - San Antonio 20-22nd October - San Antonio

Nov 3rd & 4th Weekend in SA 2017 - San Antonio Shrine Auditorium



Events Out of Town





2016

Nov 18th Brazos Conference 39th - Navasota TX

Nov 25 Pine Forest Retreat

2017

Jan 13th Southwest Texas Area 68 Winter Workshop - Kileen TX

Jan 20th Coastal Bend Jamboree - Corpus Christi
Nov 10th National Corrections Conference - St. Louis

From the Correctional Facilities Committee in San Antonio - Jere J. Chairperson

Area Conference and Assembly in Corpus Christi Oct 7-8.

Two highlights of the weekend were viewing the following DVDs.

"A New Freedom" - very moving video recently published by GSO with clips of current inmates from around the country sharing their experience, strength, and hope. We have begun showing it at units with great reviews by both offenders and volunteers.

Warden Clinton Duffy's talk at the Nevada State AA Assembly in 1972. Duffy had the first AA meeting inside a prison in 1942 at San Quentin prison where he grew up as a child and later became warden.

*** Copies of both are available for viewing or on loan at CSO. ***



CFC is busy and having fun!

Texas State Prisons and Bexar County Jail

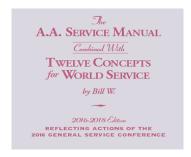
We currently take more than **42 meetings a month into 11 different Texas State Prisons**. Many volunteers travel two hours to and from some units and are glad and grateful to do it. Still not all prisons have AA meetings and those that do have <u>waiting lists from 1-300 offenders</u>.

We also take more than **18 meetings each month into Bexar County Jail**. The meeting rooms are full but most offenders never get the opportunity to attend.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR BOTH TEXAS STATE PRISONS AND BEXAR COUNTY JAIL. PLEASE CONSIDER GETTING TRAINED.

CONTACT cmte.cfc@gmail.com for more information.

A.A. Service Manual /Twelve Concepts for World Service



By: Bill W.

We continue to explore the A.A. Service Manual. This is one book that should be in every Group library. It is full of information. It is very inexpensive. If you want to explore this book before you put one in your Group's Library, there is a copy in the Fellowship Room Library at Central Service Office (CSO.)

Topic Two: Two Corporations

The General Service Board is responsible for the General Service Office and the Grapevine. (In the <u>January issue of the Nightcap</u> we will explore the General Service Office.)

The General Service Board takes care of its administrative duties through two corporations, The A.A. World Services Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

In this issue of the Nightcap, we are looking at the one of the two corporations that are responsible for administrative duties of the General Service Board. In the <u>December issue of the Nightcap</u> we will look at the 2nd. Corporation, The A.A. Grapevine Inc.

Corporation One: A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.)

A.A. World Services, Inc. oversees the General Service Office (G.S.O.) and its services in the United States and Canada, as well as communications with service boards and offices around the world and publishes A.A. books, pamphlets and other items.

How does A.A. World Services, Inc. function? It functions through a corporate board. (Your Central Service Office in San Antonio functions through a corporate board.)

The Corporate Board currently has nine directors

- Two general service Trustees
- Two regional or at-large trustees
- Three nontrustee directors
- One paid staff member
- General manager of G.S.O. who is president of the corporation. Is an A.A. member

The board meets 8 times a year. They consider agenda items such as:

- Budget preparation for the service and publishing operations
- Pricing of new and revised publications
- G.S.O. service activities
- Implementation of Conference and General Service Board recommendations, copyright Concerns and reprint permissions.

How does A.A. World Services, Inc. function? The Corporate Board (Cont'd) Committees of the board (reprint from the AA Service Manual 2016-2018, page S75)

Because of the number and complexity of the issues A.A.W.S. must deal with, the board does much of its work through four committees, which meet separately from the full board meeting and make reports and recommendations to the full board.

- 1. <u>Technology/Communication/Services (TCS)</u>: Addresses the needs of all service assignments and seeks to improve communication between the A.A.W.S. Board and the Fellowship including innovative technologies. This committee is responsible for oversight of G.S.O.'s A.A. website.
- 2. <u>Finance</u>: Has responsibility for salary, and budget, and audit reviews; and self support initiatives
- 3. <u>Publishing</u>: Address reprints, foreign literature, translations, licensing and publishing Concerns.
- 4. <u>Nominating</u>: Nominates new A.A.W.S. directors and general service trustees. All members of this committee are trustee-directors.

How is A.A. World Services, Inc. financed? How does it pay the employees wages, the office rent and expenses of the office?

Financial Support:(reprint from the AA Service Manual 2016-2018, page S76)

According to the Seventh Tradition, every group should be self-supporting. Fellowship contributions to the General Service Office enable the A.A. message to reach vast numbers of alcoholics in the United States, Canada and worldwide.

The General Service Office has two sources of income:

- 1. Group and member contributions to the General Service Office's General Fund.
 - (When your Group contributes to GSO it supports the General Service Office. This is the contribution many groups make as a % of 7th Tradition monies, and/or when you send a personal contribution to Alcoholics Anonymous in New York.)
- 2. Income from the A.A.W.S. publishing.

(When your Central Service Office buys books, pamphlets and other items from A.A.W.S., the Central Service Office is supporting the General Service Office through these purchases. And, when you or your Group buy books or other A.A. materials from the Central Service Office Bookstore, you are also supporting the General Service Office.)

For many years, A.A. groups and members have contributed enough to cover some, but not all of the service expenses. Net income (sales less expenses) from publishing activities provides the remaining funds needed to enable G.S.O. to provide it's vital services

The A.A. **Service Manual**, in the section "The Board's Operating Corporations" (Chapter 10, page S74)

Continued in the December Nightcap. We will look at:

Corporation Two: A.A. Grapevine, Inc.



Special Event: February 25th 2017

See the flyer on the website: aasanantonio.org

S San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
901 N. Loop 1604 W
T San Antonio, TX
Proceeds to Benefit: Central Service Office of San Antonio

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I Would Ask More Of my Higher Powers - More Of A.A. And More Of Myself Sooner

8:15 PM - AA Speaker - Jim W.
3:00 PM - Al Anon Long-Timers Panel 60 Year Sobriety Celebration
4:30 PM - AA Long-Timers Panel Following Speaker:
5:30 PM - Dinner Live Auction Mariachis
7:00 PM - AA Sober Musical Dance - Bret Mullins Live

\$20 Donation (Tickets)

To get Tickets - check ut the volunteers circulating AA Groups or get them by mail or online.

Name: ______ Address: _____ Credit card: _____

Card Member Name (Please Print) Card Number Exp.Date Billing Zip Code

Make checks Payagle to and mail to:Chairman, Weekend in S.A., 16607 Blanco, Suite 401, SATx 78232 Online - www.aainsa.org, Fax 210 - 493 3946

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