

The Nightcap

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THE CSO BOOKSTORE IS OPEN UNTIL 6pm on MONDAYS

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16th Annual A DAY IN RECOVERY

Saturday, 30th of September, 2017

“The Triangle and the Home Group”

Facilitated by K.C. H., Eric G. and Jimmy D.

Location: St. George Episcopal Church, 6904 West Ave., 78213

8am to 2:45pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE:

<http://www.aasanantonio.org> - Click on Events

**Windcrest Group
Birthday Party**

Windcrest Group
Windcrest United Methodist Church

8101 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio,
TX 78239

**1st Annual Anniversary
Friday, September 29th
4-7pm**

Everyone is welcome
Speaker—Dietrick W.

Light refreshments &
Movie - “28 Days”



San Antonio Round Up

2017

“Not A Glum Lot”

Labor Day Weekend

September 1st -3rd

El Tropicana Hotel

110 Lexington Ave

San Antonio, TX 78205

Early registration \$25

Register at

www.sanantonioroundup.org

San Antonio A.A. Coming Events



Goliad Group 53rd Anniversary

October 14, 2017

527 Avondale

San Antonio, Texas 78223

210-534-3937

3:15pm - 4:45

Goliad Old Timers Forum (20+ years sobriety)

Day of event place your name/sobriety day/years of sobriety and place in the basket.

Name will be drawn and 5-8 minutes at the podium.

5pm to 6pm

Barbeque Brisket Dinner

6:15pm - 7:15pm

Speaker: Larry B.- Lifetime



WINNER'S CLUB

5723 Kenwick, San Antonio, TX 78238

October 21st

Breakfast -8am

Lunch -11:30am

Dinner - 5pm

Speakers: 10am - 1pm - 7pm

Entertainment

Play-silent aucrtion-raffle-Dance

Flyer will be on our website soon

Aasanantonio.org

Stahl Road Group

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

5310 Stahl Rd

San Antonio, TX 78247

Potluck Dinner & Speaker Meeting

September 28th

Dinner 7pm

Speaker 8pm

Speaker: Tom B.

Cordially invites you and your appetite

Save the date: October 20-22nd

Southwest Regional Forum

Speakers-Workshops-Displays

San Antonio Marriott Northwest

3233 NW Loop 410

San Antonio, TX 78213

Reserve your hotel room now

WEEKEND IN SA COMING SOON NOVEMBER 3RD AND 4TH

Bookstore & Office

Central Service Office
8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(off Loop 410 & Broadway)
210-821-6325
Tomi or Virginia

Things We Cannot Change

Dave M. passed away on August 25th.

What's Happening Booklet

Each month the CSO (Central Service Office) prints a booklet of flyers and event announcements. The flyers come from the Groups and service entities. Your group may email their flyer in a word, pdf or jpg format. Email to: csoa@dslextreame.com or you may mail to 8804 Tradeway, or drop it off personally. We are open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

You can pick up as many copies of the "What's Happening" as you would like for your group.

Looking to connect with seniors who wish to find our program of recovery.

**If you are interested in helping with the committee "Seniors for Sobriety" contact our office:
210-821-6325**

**Wednesday is Volunteer Day at the Central Service Office
9am to 4pm**

Location: 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217
Just drop in and volunteer.
Sobriety requirement: sober.



Meeting at 10:30am on Tuesdays

Thank you!

Saturday Night Live Group

Held a special event and raised funds for the Central Service Office and had great speakers. Thanks to the Group for their special event contribution!



The Coffee Pot is always on at the Bookstore in the Central Service Office location.

BOOKSTORE NEWS**CSO BOOKSTORE****8804 Tradeway - San Antonio**Open Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday- Friday 9am-5pm

The Bookstore carries all of the items made by Alcoholics Anonymous (Books, pamphlets, signs, and service related workbooks)

And many different gifts items

Specials

Watch for these price tags in the Bookstore shelves. They will be marked.

H-3388**\$ 12****The Little Red Book**

"The Little Red Book evolved from a series of notes originally prepared as Twelve Step suggestions for AA beginners. It aids in the study of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and contains many helpful topics for discussion meetings."

Quotes from "Authors Note", pg. 6, The Little Red Book.

Organized by the Twelve Steps:

Step One

Step Two

Step Three

Step Four

Step Five

Steps Six and Seven

Steps Eight and Nine

Step Ten

Step Eleven

Step Twelve

Appendix A: Questions and Answers

Big Book Dictionary and Concordance

LD-200 **\$12.50**

2,200 of the most difficult words and terms in the Big Book

ONLINE BOOKSTORE

aasanantonio.org

Check out your CSO

On-line Bookstore

aasanantonio.org

[Click on Store](#)

[Register for Day in Recovery](#)

[Weekend in SA](#)

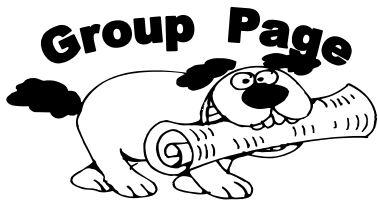
Submit donations for Scholarships

A Day in Recovery 2015 CD sets (5 CDs) \$15.00 set

Willard M. Twelve Steps

Jim W. Twelve Traditions

Yolie F. Twelve Concepts



What's Happening at Groups

**Send your Groups information and let other members
Know what's happening in San Antonio A.A.**

**NEW Meeting
in Poteet Texas**

Poteet Group

330 Tunkhollow
House
Poteet, TX 78065

Highway 16 South to Poteet,
right on 476, left on 2146,
right on Tunkhollow.

Open Big Book Study
Sunday at 6pm

Emiliano G. & Heidi G.

**Friday Night Lights
Group
At Winner's Club**

5723 Kenwick
San Antonio, TX 78238

Is now a Closed Discussion Meeting
with candlelight.

Folded

New Hope Group
Northwest Christina Church
9560 Potranco Rd
San Antonio, TX 78251

Lighthouse Step Study Group
Medina Lake

Beginner's & Newcomers Group

At: St. Pius X Catholic Church

3303 Urban Crest Dr, San Antonio, TX 78209
(at Harry Wurzbach Rd.)

Open Beginner's Meeting
5:30pm—Fridays

Enter through the Fellowship Hall
From behind the Church—Robin Rest



Freedom Group

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
14700 N. San Pedro-Rm. 202
San Antonio, TX 78232

7:15pm open discussion

Off US 281 North

Courage 2 Change Group

Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
206 Flintstone Dr.
Canyon Lake, TX 78133
Portable Bldg.

Canyon Lake

Monday at 6:30pm
open discussion

7am

Wednesday

First One Today Group

At Winners Club
5723 Kenwick
San Antonio, TX 78238
Open discussion

RUSH HOUR GROUP

Speaker Meeting
5:30pm
Saturday—2nd September
Speaker: Yolanda G.
Home Group: Serendipity

At the Center
8607 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, 78240

NEW!

Overcomers Group

Fisherman's House of Prayer
7980 Fm 327
Elmendorf TX

**New Meeting day and hour
Saturday at 10:30am
Thursday meeting dropped**

**2nd Chance Group
Bexar County Reentry
Offices
222 South Comal
Large Meeting Room**

Monday & Friday
noon
open discussion

NEW!

Finding Hope Group

Concordia Lutheran Church
16801 Huebner Rd. Bldg G
San Antonio, TX 78258

Enter back & front doors
closed discussion
Thursday at 6:30pm

Northwest
San Antonio

San Antonio's A.A. Helpline 12 Step Volunteers

As Dr. Bob said, the program of Alcoholics Anonymous can be summed up in two words: love & service. Your service may result in helping save the life of a suffering alcoholic. It will certainly mean that you help many alcoholics, in and out of the fellowship. And, we hope you will help yourself by giving of yourself.

What am I volunteering to do?

A.A. members who give our Helpline Volunteers permission to call them when someone asks to speak with a sober alcoholic

Confidential List – A.A. members' contact information is not given out. The person asking for help gives us their name and number. That information is given to the "Twelve Step" volunteer who has agreed to return the call

Twelve Step volunteers sign up for shifts to accept calls
Sobriety requirement: 1 yr continuous sobriety

San Antonio's A.A. Helpline receives calls from these areas.

San Antonio's A.A. Helpline 12 Step volunteers reach San Antonio and beyond San Antonio and its metro areas.

Our Helpline volunteers take 12 Step requests from:

District 1E south to include Castroville, Floresville, La Vernia, Pleasanton, Lytle, Jourdanton, Devine, Poteet, Elmendorf and Hondo

District 2 north from Spring Branch to Buda

District 12 northwest from Boerne to Junction

District 11 west to include Brackettville, Campwood, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Leakey, Utopia and Uvalde

Please call Central Service Office, 210-821-6325, if you are interested in serving on our 12 Step Call list.



Sharing experience, strength and hope

*"I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere, reaches
out for help, I want the hand of AA
always to be there. And for that: I
am responsible."*

A letter from the San Antonio Archivist to all A.A. members

Thank you all,

On behalf of the Archives committee we would like thank all of the members of the city that came to the "Lefty Legacy Party".

There were warm exchanges and laughter as members shared their own experience and memories. The event was heartfelt. Lefty would have smiled on the occasion.

The committee is full of gratitude. Special thanks goes to Regan, Lori and Miranda from the Acceptance group, they handled the data input and scanned the pictures. We would also like to thank the other volunteers that helped to hang **1600** pictures. That is right, **1600**.

We are excited to be able to share this display at Weekend in SA in November, at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, displaying only on Saturday, November 4th. Please come and share your memories

Yours in service,

Tami S. Archivist

San Antonio Archives

Lefty's Legacy Picture Party

Tell the story behind the story!

Presented AGAIN!

Weekend in SA on Saturday

November 3rd - Saturday only



ARCHIVES PRESENTS

Financial Matters at the Group Level



"helping hands"

"Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" F-3

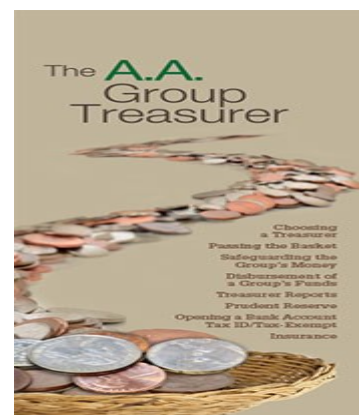
A pamphlet produced by A.A.W.S.

"Self-Support" Green Card F-42

"The A.A. Group Treasurer" F-96

All of these are "FREE" pamphlets are available without cost.

At GSO or at the Central Service Office Bookstore - 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio.



Question #1

Would you like to have a workshop for the following "trusted servant positions" Or just a "sharing" session with those who have held the positions and would like to help AA members with their new service position.

A) Secretary

B) Treasurer

Email: csosa@dslextreme.com—if you are interested. CSO has the space available at no charge.

Question #2

Does your Group have established guidelines for the position of secretary or treasurer?

What should be included in minutes and why minutes are important to AA members, groups and others.

The "How and Why" minutes and financial records are important to A.A. Groups.

Would your Group share these with other Interested groups?

Email: csosa@dslextreme.com—if you are interested. CSO is interested in collecting and sharing group experience with other groups.

Tradition Nine (long form)

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. **Rotating leadership is the best.** The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Central Service Office Representatives
Monthly General Membership Meeting (CSOR Meeting)
Meets on Monday, September 18th. at 6pm

New Officers (July thru December 2017)

- Chairperson: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group
- Co-Chairperson: Steven W. - Stay in The Solution Group
- Secretary: Mike S. - Friday Night Fix Group
- Alt Secretary: Regan F. - Acceptance Group
- Greeter: Justin B. - Golden Ticket Group

- Board Liaison: Gilbert V. - Coffee Pot Group

Nominating Committee (January - December 2017)

- Regan F. - Acceptance Group
- Susan H.-Serendipity Group Greg H. - Halt Group

Telephone
Committee

meets at
5:15pm
In the
Archives Room

All after-hours
helpline
volunteers are
invited to attend

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES OF SAN ANTONIO

Communications Committee is currently looking for individuals to join our committee. Please inquire by calling CSO. If interested please leave name, cell number or email address with the office.

The communications committee and CSOR's have been working diligently on spreading the CSO awareness. We are taking and dropping off free Nightcap newsletters to local treatment centers. If you would like to receive the Nightcap newsletter please visit our website at www.aasanantonio.org.

The Nightcap, is aimed, at informing the AA members and Groups about events and happenings in our area. It serves as a communication tool between groups and districts. The service committee puts announcements in the Nightcap, on the City-Wide calendar that the Office maintains, and on the Website. The website www.aasanantonio.org is funded and maintained by the Office. It is updated daily. Information for the newcomer and other members is available on a PC or on a smart phone. Professionals locate meetings for their clients. Out-of-town visitors locate meetings and connect with a phone volunteer or via the website.



**WELCOME
NEW CSORS**

New CSORs

Gary M. - Schertz-Ciobolo Group

Visiting this month

Nanette S.

Hospitality Chairperson for the
Weekend in SA Committee.

Central Service Office Representatives - Meeting Notes

Monday, July 17, 2017

Opening: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions- Regan read Tradition 7

Introductions: New CSO Reps & all CSO Reps each rep tells something about their Group
New reps this month: Pam and Barbra; Trish (new CSO Board Member)

Reminders: CSOR 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 and post for their group

Minutes of previous meeting June: Approved.

Board Liaison report:

Bruce T. -gave the Financial report explained our finances explaining our numbers and reminding us about the Weekend in SA fund that we won't receive until December. Out of respect for the TX State Convention moved their event to November. Contributions slightly down from last year, but these tend to level out moving to the end of the year. Our expenses are also in line for the year. Explained a rebate was given for Workers' Comp Insurance. All in all, the office is doing well and funds will equal out at years end when we get the monies in from Weekend in SA.

Rose P. (Board Trustee) -gave Board report in detail. Some of this report will be placed in the committees reports that follow. Full minutes and reports will be included in CSOR packets each month. Currently looking old Grapvine publications for the Archive Committee.

Office Manager's report: Tomi BA – The CSO Office is currently looking for Telephone Operators for Mondays and Tuesdays from 9AM-1PM. Requirements are 1 year of sobriety, must have a Home Group, and be a regular meeting attender. The Nightcap has now reached 1,137 email contacts. Please bring these sign-up sheets back to your Home Groups and encourage people to sign-up. Wednesday is volunteer day at the CSO Office from 9AM-5PM. All are welcome.

Guests: Trish (New CSO Board Member)

Billy S. –Treatment Facilities Workshop specifically for CSO Reps will be held at the CSO Office on August 21st at 7:30PM. All are that are interested are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Also discussed getting your Treatment Facilities Rep involved from your Home Groups. If your group does not have a Treatment Facility Rep, then encourage the group to elect one in your Group Conscience.

Committee Reports:

Archives Committee: Vicki C.- Not Present

Communications Committee: Gilbert - Communication report; Letter created "How the CSO serves you" mailed out to surrounding groups was not received by many of the groups. Will start by taking a more centralized focus within San Antonio and branch out from there. The 3000-subscribership goal has reached 1137 as of today. Project SKYPE the "online meeting" is ongoing and he asked for help with this committee. Email for the committee is sacsocommunication@gmail.com

Telephone Committee: Lucy – Asking for some back-up volunteers. Must have 1 year sobriety and a Home Group.

Hispanic Intergroup: Juan- Brought a list of upcoming community events and a listing of addresses for all group meetings in the area. He will have more information to come next month. We are still in need of a translator for Juan during the CSO Rep meetings. This person does not need to be a CSO Rep, just someone who would like to volunteer their time to help.

Nominating Committee: Regan reminded us of the packet in last month set of papers. Nominations are needed ASAP. November is the latest to submit the nomination. She talked about some of the requirements. She invited us to run

Old Business- None.

New Business – None

7th Tradition Basket

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

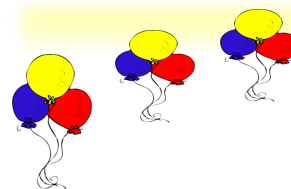
Mike S.

Group Contributions

January thru July \$22,855.81

Acceptance Group	75.00	Keystone Group	60.00
Airport Group SA	212.65	Kirby Group	553.00
Alamo Heights Group	300.00	Laurel Heights Group	185.00
Boerne Hwy Group	210.00	LaVernia Group	186.00
Boerne Noon Group	1,000.00	Love & Laughter Ladies Group	60.00
Boerne Sunday Nite	250.00	Marymont Group	60.00
Boerne Womens Group	136.20	Men of Faith Group	25.00
Broadway Group	350.00	Midtown Noon Group	202.29
Buda 2nd Chance	77.50	Mostly Agnostics Group	280.84
Buda Big Book Grp	373.30	New Braunfels Group	509.87
Callaghan Road Group	10.00	New Vision Group	45.00
Castle Hills Group	761.00	Northwood Group	150.00
Change or Die Group	66.90	Oasis Group	500.00
Coffee Pot	300.00	Primary Purpose Group (SA)	673.65
Colonies North Group	879.28	River Group	150.00
Community Group	175.00	Road of Happy Destiny	60.00
Cork In The Jug Group	225.00	San Antonio Women's North	80.00
County Line Group	85.50	Schertz/Cibolo Group	50.00
District 12	120.00	Seguin Primary Purpose Group	30.00
First One Today Group	150.00	Serendipity Group	146.46
First Things First Group	2,760.00	Sermon on the Mount Mtg	10.00
Freedom Group	200.00	Shalom Group	80.00
Friday Night Fix Group	384.55	Share The Light Group	74.50
Garden Ridge Monday Women's Step Study	220.00	Sisters in Sobriety	203.84
Generic Group	314.00	Soledad Group	58.00
Goliad Group	350.00	Solutions Group/Canyon Lake	50.00
Gruene Road Group	380.00	Spring Branch Group	721.00
Grupo 3 Legados	52.00	Stay in the Solution Group	1,138.07
Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad	60.00	Survivors Group	150.00
Grupo Unidad	90.00	Travis Park Group	75.00
Guilbeau Group	60.00	Tuesday Nite Big Book Study	205.10
Halt @ Tezel Road Group	1,843.54	Turning Point Group	2,231.77
Helotes Nooner Group	250.00	Universal City Group	185.00
Highland Park Group	30.00	Woman's Big Book	150.00
Hope Group SA	45.00	Women of Wonder Group	180.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	260.00	Work in Progress Group	140.00
Keep It Simple Group	100.00	Young & Golden Years Group	40.00

Grateful For My Sobriety



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 date"



For the month of July \$3,279.98

Airport Group SA	20.00	Midtown Noon Group	90.90
Boerne Womens Group	92.00	New Braunfels Group	51.01
Buda Big Book Grp	137.05	Northwood Group	50.00
Colonies North Group	230.23	Primary Purpose Group (SA)	175.00
Community Group	100.00	River Group	25.00
First One Today Group	50.00	Schertz/Cibolo Group	50.00
Freedom Group	200.00	Sisters in Sobriety	156.71
Generic Group	164.00	Soledad Group	10.00
Goliad Group	50.00	Solutions Group/Canyon Lake	50.00
Grupo Unidad	60.00	Spring Branch Group	223.00
Guilbeau Group	50.00	Stay in the Solution Group	131.74
Hope Group SA	15.00	Survivors Group	150.00
Into Action Group (Lockhart)	25.00	Turning Point Group	758.34
Laurel Heights Group	35.00	Woman's Big Book	50.00
Marymont Group	60.00	Young & Golden Years Group	20.00

Birthday Contributions

January thru July 2017

\$1,865.30



Keeping the price of the Big Book down !

What's happening at your group?

Email: csosa@dslextre.me



Flyers are available on the website: www.aasanantonio.org

We would like to have your groups special events on website and in the calendar, and in the handout "What's Happening"...easy to do..send a word or pdg document to csosa@dslextre.me

Check out the Flyers on our website: aasanantonio.org or in the Fellowship Room

- Sept 1st** San Antonio Round-up 2017
- Sept 3rd** Treatment Facilities Committee (San Antonio Interdistrict) Meeting - 5pm - Fellowship Room
- Sept 6th & 20th** Intergrupul Hispana - en español - 7pm - San Antonio (the first & third Wednesday of each month)
- Sept 10th** District 01F Meeting - 2nd Sunday at 10am
District 12 Meeting
District 1E Meeting
- Sept 11th** Service Manual Meeting – Fellowship Room - 8802 Tradeway-San Antonio
District 2 Meeting - 2pm - at The River Group
- Sept 14th & 28th** District 28 Meeting-2nd & last Thursday - 8pm
- Sept 14th** **Central Service Office Board Meeting - 6pm Fellowship Room**
- Sept 18th** **Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – 6pm - Fellowship Room**
After Hours Telephone Committee Meeting - 5:15pm - Fellowship Room
- Sept 24th** San Antonio Inter-District 3:15pm - St. Francis Episcopal Church
District 1A Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 16 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 17 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
District 18 Meeting - 2pm - St, Francis Episcopal Church
PI/CPC Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm
Grapevine Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) - 1pm on even months only
Communication Committee Meeting (San Antonio Interdistrict) -1pm
Correctional Facilities Committee meets at 12:30pm on even months only
- Sept 30th** **A Day in Recovery - 2017 - San Antonio**

2017

- Oct. 20th** Regional Forum - San Antonio 20-22nd October - San Antonio
- Oct 21st** Winner's Club 34th Anniversary - San Antonio
- Nov 3rd & 4th** **Weekend in SA 2017 - San Antonio Shrine Auditorium**
- Nov 27th** **New CSOR & Board Orientation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**
- Dec 4th** **CSO Open House & Archives Presentation - Fellowship Room San Antonio**



Events Out of Town



2017

Sept 8th	Southwest Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Workshop - Bastrop
Oct 13th	Southwest Texas Area 68 General Assembly - Seguin
Nov 3rd	32nd Spirit of Houston Conference - Houston TX
Nov 10th	National Corrections Conference - St. Louis MO

2018-2020

Feb 2nd	64th Annual Coastal Bend Jamboree - Corpus Christi 2018
June 22nd	Texas State Convention - Dallas 2018
June 7th	Texas State Convention - Houston 2019

Meeting Directory 25¢ "open" meetings only

- Sorted by days of the week
- Geographical area of the city

Most meetings in San Antonio are "open" meetings. This directory is only a sampling of those Meetings.

A good hand-out for those carrying the message into treatment facilities, for a reasonable price.

Ask for at the register - item #400

SAN ANTONIO'S SERVICE MANUAL STUDY MEETING

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday

September 11th at 7pm

Concept Nine Guest Speaker

Shane K., G.S.R. Airport Group

Chapter Nine Guest Speaker

Pat B., G.S.R. Halt Group

LOCATION

Fellowship Room

**8802 Tradway, San Antonio, TX 78217
(next door to Central Service Office)**

2 blocks north of Loop 410 and 2 block off of Broadway



AA's Legacy of Service by Bill W.

Reprint from the A.A. Service Manual—permission of AAWS, Inc.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship



CSO Tries New Shipping Method & Saves CFC \$\$

CSO began a trial of a new shipping method proposed by CFC Literature Coordinator Mike C.

The trial has run about a month and a half now and preliminary results indicate a **savings of approximately \$80 a month in shipping costs.**

Thank you, CSO and Mike!

Donate to CFC Literature

The committee receives 40-50 letters per month from inmates requesting Big Books and 12 x 12s that are mailed from the Central Service Office and paid for by the committee.

If you, your group, or your district would like to donate to this literature fund, you can send your donations to:

CFC Committee
P.O. Box 33866
San Antonio, TX 78265



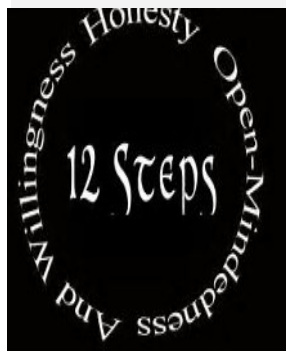
The money collected is for literature only;
no other expenses are paid with money collected from the Green Cans.

Step Twelve

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

THE joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it

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Servants Needed - Women to Women

Immediate Openings for Carrying the Message

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#### Alpha Home - Crosspoint - Selena House (teens)

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Contact Treatment Facilities

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June 2013: My group got sick

A member searches for a cure when he stops liking his meeting

I once belonged to a home group that got sick. People were not rotating out of service, and sponsors were humiliating certain members for the benefit of entertaining the rest of the group. This did not, in my view, make for a healthy meeting!

The group was in upstate New York. It was a speakers' meeting, and there were often newcomers there from a local halfway house. When I first started attending, it seemed to be a pretty decent meeting. There was a mix of older sobriety members sponsoring the new arrivals. Newcomers, often shy, could get out their shares in candlelight. So I made it my home group.

As time went on, I took on commitments, such as group chair and booker. All went well as long as I did the will of my sponsor, but I soon became uncomfortable. It seemed his agenda was becoming more important than the group's legacy of recovery. I found myself at "workshops," which, in my view, actually felt kind of like cult meetings and were not about recovery or area work. Some members didn't seem to be dealing with the Steps at all!

What do I mean by a sick group?

1. When the old-timers don't rotate out of service.
2. When newcomers aren't in service positions, such as coffee-maker, or setting up chairs.
3. When there are social cliques and outcast members.
4. When humiliation is confused with humility (one ought not be belittled—ever—by a sponsor, as we're all only an arm's length away from a drink).
5. When members don't introduce themselves to the new person coming through the door.

When the group leaders govern and aren't trusted servants, that is to say, when the group surrenders its will to them and not to a Higher Power present through the group conscience.

We are here in AA to find recovery. I feel our group became fodder for megalomaniacs who seemed to harm the serenity of the group. Not stepping out of the way to let a group grow can sicken the group as a whole. I've spoken to many a newcomer who put his hand up and was ignored, and never returned to that meeting. I have been on that side of this situation, even with time!

Make no mistake I don't speak for AA. I have almost 19 years in recovery, and I'm quite happy with the results. I know I could have drunk myself into an early grave or killed someone else in the process. Having great AA groups and awesome sponsors has worked for me. I am truly grateful to AA for giving me my life back.

I believe there are two main solutions to a sick group:

- a. Start another group.
- B. Go to another meeting!

There's no reason to suffer in silence. Since it only takes two people to make a meeting, it's worth it to start one! You never know who you'll help.

-- Richard

New York

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Time To Rotate

Principles Before Personalities

Tradition Two: For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Traditionally, rotation ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many groups have alternates to each trusted servant who can step into the service positions if needed.

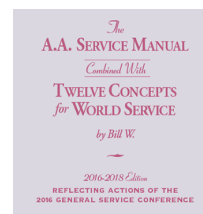
To step out of an A.A. office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth—a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship that we forgo personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us "to place principles before personalities."

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise—we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.

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In San Antonio Service Entities the following positions will be in rotation soon. Generally every two years, in the fall, the service positions rotate. This rotating process allows members to experience the spiritual growth that service in our AA community provides and is passed around for all to share.

Service Committees

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC)

Public Information/Cooperation with the
Professional Community (PI/CPC)

Grapevine Committee

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Service committees

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) local San Antonio

This committee carries the message into those facilities where men and women are locked up and cannot get to a meeting without these volunteers. Bexar county jail, Dominquez and other Texas State prisons.

- Nominations and elections will be held this year on October 29th at the CFC Meeting for the positions of CFC Chair, Alternate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature and Sponsor-by Mail Coordinator.

The term for each of these positions is two years: from January 2018 through December 2020

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) local San Antonio

This committee carries the message to those that are in treatment facilities and other places of recovery. To list only a few: Laurel Ridge, Alpha House, VOA, Haven for Hope and other facilities where recovery is in process.

- Currently collecting names of those who wish to stand. Voting will be Sunday, October 1, at 5pm. During regularly scheduled monthly meeting, in the Fellowship Room. Chair and Co-Chair. Two Years of continuous sobriety is suggested.

The term for each of these positions is two years: from January 2018 through December 2020.

Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC) Local San Antonio

This committee attends health fairs, school functions, DWI Court meetings, educates the medical students, chaplains, and other spiritual leaders on the functions and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Special projects with pamphlets racks and professional presentations and group presentations about what AA is and what AA is not.

- The following positions will be rotating: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections will be in September or October. Committee undecided. Check with current chairperson Jim B.

The term for each of these positions is two years: from January 2018 through December 2020

Grapevine Committee

This is a wonderful service opportunity focused on working with local groups' Grapevine and La Vina Representatives to increase awareness of these vital publications and encourage the Fellowship to use the Grapevine and La Vina in their 12th step work!

- The following positions will be rotating: Chair, Co-Chair, or alternate Chair and a Secretary.

The term for each of these positions is two years: from January 2018 through December 2020
Election will be at the regularly schedule October meeting

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Service committees cont'd

Communication Committee

- The Communication Committee Chairperson rotates every two years. Term is for two years, January 2018 through December 2020.

San Antonio Inter-District

San Antonio Interdistrict is a collaboration between the Alcoholics Anonymous Districts within the San Antonio area. We are comprised of Districts 1A, 1F, 16, 17, 18 and 28. Our purpose is to work together by pooling resources to more effectively carry the message of AA recovery to people within the San Antonio community.

- Nominations and elections will be held this year for DCMC (Chair), Alt.DCMC (Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. The secretary is appointed by the new DCMC. Anyone interested in standing for one of these positions need to attend the October Inter-District meeting on the 29th of October at 3:15pm.

The term of office is two years starting January 1, 2018 through December 2020. It is suggested that elected officers have a minimum of three years of sobriety and be a current or former active member of Inter-District.

Districts

A district is a geographical unit containing the right number of groups.-right in terms of the committee member's ability to keep in frequent touch with them, to learn their problems, and to find ways to contribute to their growth and well-being. Reprint from The A.A. Service Manual with permission of A.A. World Services Inc.

The **district** committee member (D.C.M.) is an essential link between the group General Service Representative (G.S.R.s) and the area delegate to the General Service Conference. As leader of the district committee, made up of all G.S.R.s in the district, the D.C.M. is exposed to the group conscience of that district. As a member of the area committee, he or she is able to pass on the District's thinking to the delegate and the committee. Reprint from The A.A. Service Manual with permission of A.A. World Services Inc

There are 7 districts in the city of San Antonio metropolitan area. Two are linguistic Districts
 District 1A District 16 District 17 District 18 District 28 District 1F

District 1A

- Nominations and elections will be held on September 24th at the regularly scheduled meeting for the following positions: District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term for these positions is two years, January 2018 through December 2020. District level service experience as GSR is suggested for all positions.

District 17

- Nominations and elections will be held on September 24th at the regularly scheduled meeting for the following positions: District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer. Those eligible to stand should be at the voting meeting. The term for these positions is two years. January 2018 through December 2020.

District 16 & District 18 We currently do not have election or rotation information on these districts.

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District 28 and IF are linguistic districts (Spanish speaking)

They come under the umbrella of the "Oficina Integrupal Hispana" (Spanish Intergroup Office)

To find out more about the rotation of Groups and the Intergroup of the Spanish speaking meetings

Attend one of their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. website:www.aasanantoniohispano.org

Central Service Office of San Antonio

The Central Service Office maintains an office for the support of Alcoholics Anonymous activities in the San Antonio Metropolitan area and surrounding districts. Provides a telephone listing and maintains the San Antonio AA Helpline, provides a meeting directory of all meetings in the areas they serve, a website for all to view information on A.A., provides a newsletter " Nightcap" filled with what is happening in AA in San Antonio, as well as a Bookstore that sells AA literature. Provides services as needed for the AA community as needed. In support of its many activities the following committees currently exist:

- Central Service Office Representatives—members (CSOR) elected by each individual group according to each group's decision. They meet monthly at the Fellowship Room. Rotation for each CSOR depends upon their Home Group decisions. **Annual Workshop for new CSOR - November 27th**
- Communication Committee - rotates annually in January—one year term. Selected by CSORs
- Nominating Committee for Board of Trustees - rotates annually in January—one year term. Selected by CSOR's.
- Archives Committee - Chairperson Rotates every two years. See the Archives handbook for additional rotations (Oral Historian, Group Historian, Service Historian.) Approved by Board of Trustees. The Archivist is a non-rotating position. A willingness to learn and know the Twelve Traditions of A.A. is required.
- San Antonio AA Helpline Committee - Chairperson rotates in January of even years and the term of office is 2 years, January 2018 through December 2020. Requirement of 2 years of sobriety, have a home group, regularly attending meetings and ability to coordinate after hours volunteers. There is no rotation requirement for volunteers that answer the phones. A willingness to learn and know the Twelve Traditions of A.A. is required.
- Seniors in Sobriety Committee - Chairperson to rotate every two years. Sobriety requirement one year. Meets monthly at the Fellowship Room. Currently organizing requirements. A willingness to learn and know the Twelve Traditions of A.A. is required.
- Twelve Step Committee - Chairperson to rotate annually. Two years of sobriety requirement. A willingness to learn and know the Twelve Traditions of A.A. is required.
- Special Needs Committee - Chairperson to rotate annually. Sub-committees to include;
 - Hospital Visits
 - Bridge the Gap - cooperation with Treatment Facility Committee (not functioning now)
 - Hearing & Sight impaired
- Workshop and Special Events Ad Hoc Committees - as needed for special projects
- Weekend in SA Committee - This committee rotates within the committee. Visit to volunteer.

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Del 23 al 29 de septiembre del 2017

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sábado 23	Humildad 12 avo. Paso	Tres Legados Nueva Vida	8-9 pm 9-10 pm
domingo 24	7a. Tradición Lenguaje del Corazón	Libertad Volver a Nacer	6-7 pm 7-8 pm
lunes 25	3er. Paso Complejo de Superioridad	Nuevo Sendero Nueva Generación	8-9 pm 9-10 pm
martes 26	Arrogancia 12va. Tradicion	Esperanza Luz Del Mundo	8-9 pm 9-10 pm
miércoles 27	Capitulo 11	Sendero De Luz	9-10 pm
Jueves 28	4a. Tradicion	Nuevo Amanecer	8-9 pm
Viernes 29	5o. Paso Borrachera Seca	Resurrección 24 de Julio	8-9 pm 9-10 pm

Las juntas serán coordinadas por el grupo anfitrión con su respectiva autonomía.

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