

# What's Happening In San Antonio and surrounding towns

## & Birthday Club

### December- 2023

Central Service Office

@CSOSA2020



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Send your Group's events to [manager@aasanantonio.org](mailto:manager@aasanantonio.org)

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# Birthday Club 2023

## January

Paul S	Gruene Rd Group	47 yrs
Karissa E	Bring Your Own Big Book Grp	4 yrs
Bill S	Friday Night Fix Group	28 yrs
Lynn R	A Woman's Way To AA, New Braunfels	36 yrs
Mary H-P	San Antonio North Women's Group	26 yrs
Jim B	Turning Point Group	13 yrs
Chuck H	Gruene Rd Group	43 yrs
Mary A	Group 12	19 yrs

## February

Bill F	La Vernia Group	36 yrs
Ted R	Serendipity Group	9 yrs
Jim W	Group Twelve	66 yrs

## March

Suzanne McR	Group Twelve	40 yrs
Rico	Far West Traditional BB Study	27 yrs
Tami S	Rush Hour Group	20 yrs
Carie C	Women's Journey Grp 12	30 yrs
Cherie W	Turning Point Group	31 yrs
Theron W	Seeds of Grace Group	16 yrs

## April

Gil H	Serendipity Group	15 yrs
Connie S		13 yrs
Jere J	Jay Walkers Grp	30 yrs

## May

David M	First Things First	11 yrs
Paule E	Acceptance Group	12 yrs
Kim M	Tuesday Night Big Book Group	16 yrs
Bailey N	Road of Happy Destiny Group	17 yrs

## June

Wandita T	Starlight Group	32 yrs
Shari O	First Things First Group	2 yrs
Ron C	Starlite Group	50 yrs
Bobby M	La Vernia Group	9 yrs

## July

Paul A	Serendipity Group	17 yrs
Jane D	New Vision Group	12 yrs
Thomas B	Gruene Road Group	14 yrs
Susie S	Schertz-Cibolo Group	43 yrs

## August

Irene H-P	San Antonio North Women's Group	27 yrs
Sheila S		18 yrs
Virginia B	Turning Point Group	39 yrs
Mike S	Stahl Rd Group	30 yrs

## September

Dale S	Gruene Rd Group	39 yrs
Kevin G	Sober Over Sixty Group	23 yrs

## October

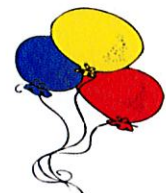
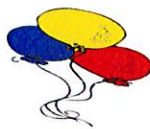
Dale S	Gruene Rd Group	39 yrs
Kevin G	Sober Over Sixty Group	23 yrs

## November

Karen M	Sober Over Sixty Group	14 yrs
Greg F	Serendipity Group	13 yrs

## December

Eduardo J	Northwood Group	27 yrs
Cheryl A	Serendipity Group	27 yrs



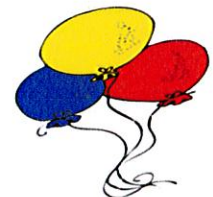
### **Birthday Club Sign-Up**

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 sobriety is all it takes.

Be featured in the special Birthday Club section of the

***"What's Happening in San Antonio."*** our sobriety is worth celebrating!



# Central Service Office of San Antonio



Dear Group Members:

RE: **Birthday Club**

**We need your help getting this letter to your Group members, Live and Virtual.**

We have a tradition that has occurred in San Antonio AA for many years.

**The idea of contributing a dollar (\$1) a year on our A.A. Birthday. A celebration of our sobriety!  
Others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety.**

Members can fill out this form and submit their birthday contribution to CSO, call in with a credit card or go to our website. Birthday contributions may be given in honor of one's own Birthday or an AA Friend's birthday.

Contributions may be listed, with your permission, in one of the Central Service Office publications:

- ***The "What's Happening in San Antonio"*** a publication of events around town and in Groups. We have added a special section called **"The Birthday Club"** at the end of the publication.

These contributions have helped us keep the AA Literature at the same price. Please call me if you have any questions regarding the **Birthday Club** program or anything involving the Office or Bookstore.

With a grateful heart,

Jim Burke  
CSO Manager

## *Grateful For My Sobriety*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I want my contributions to be noted in the following:

- The Nightcap: \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Please include my Home Group Name \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ no
- The Birthday Club in the "What's Happening" \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ no
- Letter of receipt: \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (over \$20)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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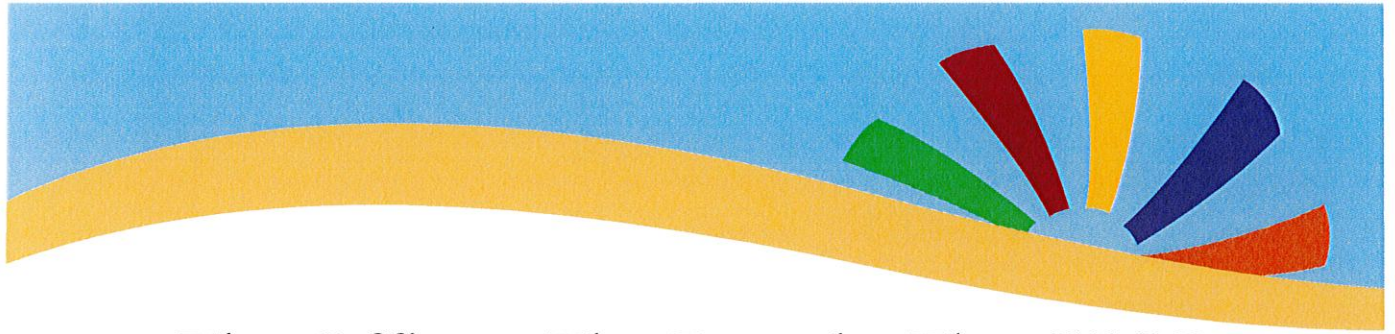


Welcome To  
*Sydney C.*  
Our New  
Volunteer Phone  
Chairperson

*Stand by Phone  
Volunteers  
NEEDED*



*Please send name and phone  
number to  
[manager@aasanantonio.org](mailto:manager@aasanantonio.org)*



The Office - The Board - The CSOR

Our Common Welfare

**January 06, 2023**

## Orientation Workshop

Turning Point Group  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
1416 N Loop 1604  
Portable Building 5  
San Antonio, TX

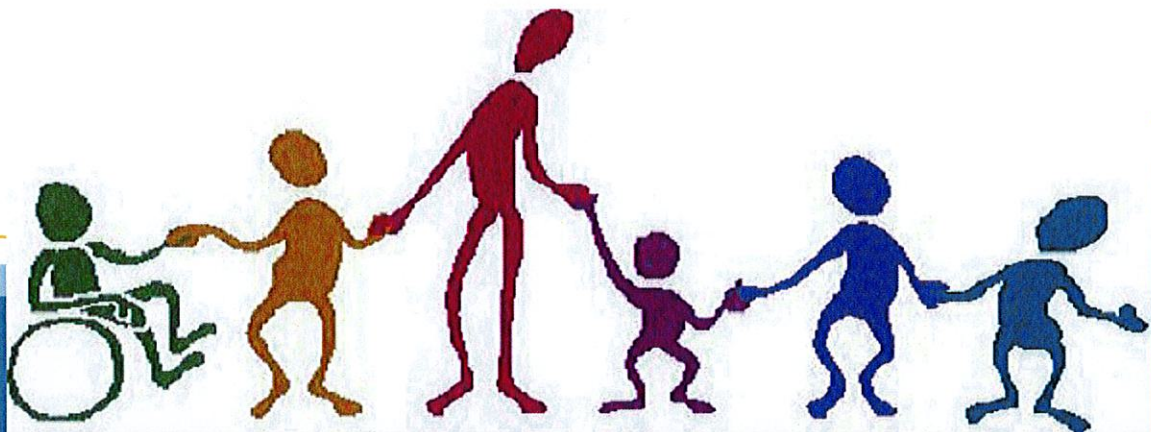
Four Sessions

The CSOR-What are the responsibilities?

The Board of Trustees and their duties

The Committees at the Central Service Office

The Office and the Bookstore



# *12 Tips for Sober Holidays*

**BY: ADAPTED FROM BOX 4-5-9**

- *Line up extra AA activities (help on the phones, speak, empty the ashtrays).*
- *Be host to friends, especially newcomers, at home or at a coffee shop.*
- *Keep your AA telephone list with you at all times.*
- *Find out about holiday meetings or celebrations in your local groups.*
- *Skip any drinking occasions you're nervous about.*
- *If there's one you can't skip, take an AA friend--or keep candy handy.*
- *Don't think you have to stay late (plan an "important date" in advance).*
- *Go to church. Any church. And don't forget about extra meetings.*
- *Don't sit around brooding; catch up on reading, museums, walks, letters.*
- *Don't project holiday temptations: remember "One day at a time."*
- *Even if you cannot give material gifts, enjoy the beauty of holiday love.*
- *Carry the message. Give the joy away, and it will be yours to keep.*

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**December 1989**

Yours in service,  
Sarah B.



## *New Arrivals*

Come by and browse our new arrivals, including new books by Melody B., Jim W. and others.



Don't like driving on 410 or 281. No problem.  
We ship. Please go to our website  
[www.aasanantonio.org](http://www.aasanantonio.org) or call us and we can  
ship your order same day.

**Great for that Xmas gift  
for someone special.**

# SOBER GUARDIANS

★  
*AA Meeting for Veterans  
and First Responders*



**SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM**

RECOVERY ROOM  
LOCATED BEHIND  
THE TWO-FOUR CLUB  
1142 EIKEL ST  
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130







# BACK TO BASICS

**Thursday Nights**

**6:45 - 7:45 (1 Hour Sessions)**

A New Group Begins  
the **FIRST THURSDAY** of Every Month

**Work ALL 12 STEPS in 4 WEEKS**

**Newcomers, Beginners,  
Sober Buddies, Sponsors with  
Sponsees**

## **CLUB 12**

**102 THAMES, SAN ANTONIO**



INTERESTED IN SERVICE????  
JOIN US FOR.....

# PASSING IT ON

A CELEBRATION OF  
GENERAL SERVICE

• HOSTED BY DISTRICT 1A & 16 •

@ **WINNERS CLUB**

5413 BANDERA RD., UNIT 406  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78238

DECEMBER 16, 2023

TIME

**NOON**  
THROUGH  
**3 PM**

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS  
ABOUT SERVICE AND JOIN  
US FOR FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP, AND A PANEL  
OF SPEAKERS WITH  
SERVICE EXPERIENCE TO  
PASS ALONG!

# *Goliad Annual Christmas Extravaganza*



*December 16th, 2023*



*December 16th, 2023*

*Party Begins at 3pm with an Appearance from Santa Himself with presents  
for the Littles.*

*(Kiddos must be present to receive a gift)*

*4:30pm Dinner - \$5 a plate*

*Turkey, Ham W/all the Christmas Trimmings*

*6:15pm Christmas Special Guest Speaker*

*Linda C. W/24yrs from The Goliad*

**Goliad Group 537 Avondale Ave. 78223 (210)549-4081**

LIVE LOVE LAUGH INVITES YOU TO:

# HOLIDAY PARTY

4242 BLUEMEL, SA, TX 78240  
IN CHURCH GATHERING HALL

Toy Drive - Please bring wrapped  
gift-mark for boy or girl and age

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 16**

**6:00 - 9:30 PM**

**HOLIDAY CASUAL ATTIRE**

**SPLIT THE POT**

**DJ AND DANCING**

**FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME!**

**TAMALES AND DRINKS PROVIDED**  
**POTLUCK - SIDES AND DESSERTS**

*Goliad Holiday Saturday  
Dec. Speaker Meetings*

*@ 6:15pm*

*537 Avondale Ave, S.A., TX 78223*

*210-549-4081*



*Guest Speakers:*

*12/2/23: Annette C. W/3yrs from the Goliad Group*

*12/9/23: Greg S. W/18yrs. from the Goliad Group*

*12/16/23: Linda C. W/24yrs. from the Goliad Group*

*(Christmas Party, Santa will be stopping by @ 3pm. Bring the kiddos. Dinner @ 4:30pm) Separate flyer w/details will be out as well.*

*12/23/23: Josh M. W/1yr. From the N.E. Sunrise Group*

**CLUB TWELVE'S**

# Children's Christmas 2023



**SATURDAY DEC 16TH**  
**1PM-3PM CLUB 12**

***PLEASE DONATE \$\$\$***

***OR GIFTS AGES INFANT ~ 13***

**CONTACT KARISA 210-418-9592/210-344-8981**  
**CLUB 12 102 THAMES - SATX - 78216**

**WWW.CLUB12.ORG**

# Chicago Group



Shavano Baptist Church  
5047 De Zavala Road

SATURDAY 7PM  
OPEN SPEAKER



## DECEMBER SPEAKERS

<i>12/2</i>	<i>Jackie L.</i>	<i>Sisters in Action</i>
<i>12/9</i>	<i>Paola M.</i>	<i>Coker</i>
<i>12/16</i>	<i>Juan M.</i>	<i>Halt</i>
<i>12/23</i>	<i>Anne M.</i>	<i>Halt</i>
<i>12/30</i>	<i>Wallace R.</i>	<i>Primary Purpose</i>

11 AM SUNDAY SPEAKER

Hosted by Curtis M.

# December

DEC 03

**GLEN C.**

DEC 10

**BOB S.**

DEC 17

**AL-ANON-JOHN C.**

**AA-SHAWN T.**

DEC 24

**WILL W.**

DEC 31

**MEGAN B.**

**ZOOM: 157 501 938**

**PASSWORD: 1212.**

FOR MORE INFO:

[CLUB12.ORG](http://CLUB12.ORG)

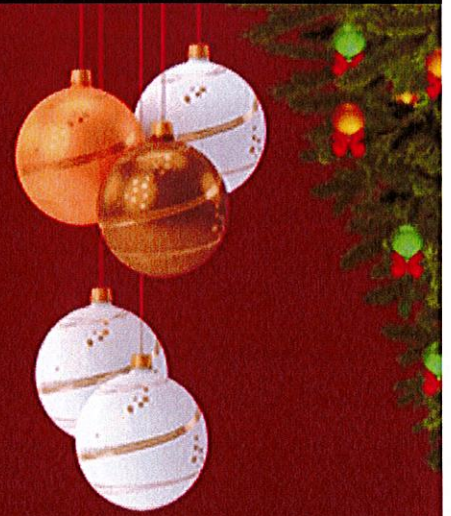
or (210) 344-8981







CLUB 12  
Presents:



*Christmas*  
**Seven Days**  
**DINNERS**

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**MENU:**

Every evening a different Christmas dinner!



December 24th - 30th  
at 6:30 nightly/noon 25th



102 Thames Drive  
SA, TX 78216



ACCEPTANCE GROUP'S

*Birthday Night/Speaker Meeting*

December 28th, 2023

@ 7 pm

Speaker: Chris C.

Holiday Blessings to all!

Schertz Methodist Church  
FM3009 & Green Valley Rd  
3460 Roy Richard Dr  
Room 106  
Schertz 78154



# 2023-24 NEW YEAR SOBERTHON

Hosted by



AA District 12  
Texas Area 68

**Begins:** December 31, 2023 @ 11a  
**Ends:** January 1, 2024 @ 6a

## Location

**American Legion Post 157**

205 12th St, Bandera, TX 78003

Dance

Games

AA/Al-Anon Speakers

Skits

Food

Meetings

Fellowship

Door Prizes

and so much more!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Join  
The  
Committee





# CLUB 12 Newcomer Event



ONE YEAR TRANSFORMATION  
CELEBRATION

Meeting, Fellowship and Festivities

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2PM - 4PM

HULLABALOO!!!



[www.club12.org](http://www.club12.org)  
102 Thames Dr SA, TX 78216

# Attraction vs. Promotion:

How We in A.A. Interact with Family,  
Friends and in our Community

## Questions you will get answered:

**How does A.A. attract new members into our meeting rooms?**

Does A.A. REALLY have a public relations policy?

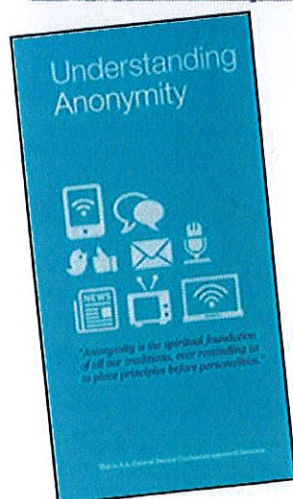
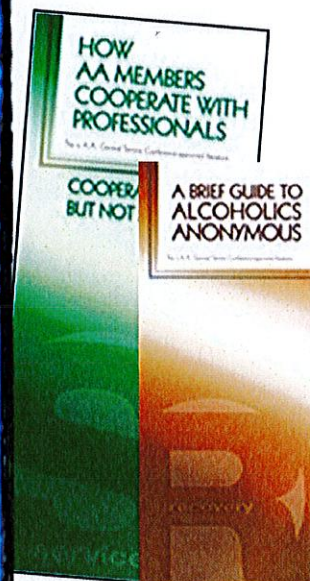
What should we share and NOT share in public about the A.A. program?

How does Anonymity fit into community outreach?

Can individual members share their story with family, friends, healthcare providers, clergy and employers? WHEN, WHY and HOW should they?

What are some of the common misconceptions the public has about A.A.?

What is PI/CPC and who OKs their work?



**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 2pm – 4:30pm**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
1416 N Loop 1604 E**

**Light refreshments will be served!**

Presented by a panel of San Antonio Inter-Service's  
PI/CPC Committee

For more information contact: [sais.picpc@gmail.com](mailto:sais.picpc@gmail.com)





Visual



Speech



Cognitive



Auditory



Motor

# SAIS

## Accessibilities Committee

Meets the 4th Sunday of  
the month, 2 pm

St. Francis Episcopal  
Church

4242 Bluemel

Hybrid Option:

Zoom Mtg ID:

836 7071 4994

password: SAIS

## All are welcome!



2024

# 60th International Women's Conference

**ONLINE!**

INTERNATIONALWOMENSCONFERENCE.ORG



**February 8-11, 2024**  
Live from Portland, Maine

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** broadcast to you from Portland, Maine  
**ENTERTAINMENT** and fellowship Friday and Saturday nights

**HYBRID PANELS:** Attend select panels as they happen live

**EXCLUSIVE** online panels & workshops for attendees

**OPPORTUNITIES** to be of service to other sober women

**\$15**  
Registration

Questions? [IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM)

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY



# Hosted by Northeast Texas, Area 65 October 11th, 12th, 13th \$20 Registration

Visit us at:

[www.swraasa2024.org](http://www.swraasa2024.org)

For Questions: [Registration@swraasa2024.org](mailto:Registration@swraasa2024.org)

REGISTER HERE



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## RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel  
900 E Lookout Drive  
Richardson, TX 75082  
(972) 367.2000  
Hotel block opens November 2023

Registration Cut Off Date: 09/27/2024

**Mail to: PO Box 863582, Plano, TX 75086**

Print Neatly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To: Northeast TX Area SWRAASA 2024**





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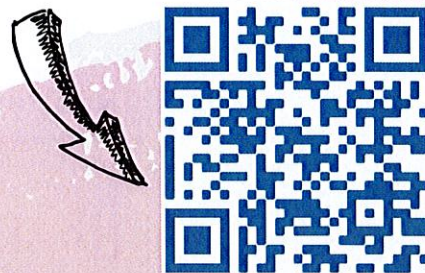
**Organizado por**  
**Noreste de Texas, Área 65**  
**Octubre 11, 12 y 13**  
**\$20 Registro**

**Visítanos en:**

**[www.swraasa2024.org](http://www.swraasa2024.org)**

**Para Preguntas: [Registration@swraasa2024.org](mailto:Registration@swraasa2024.org)**

**REGISTRARSE AQUÍ**



**ESCANÉAME**

**RICHARDSON, TEXAS**

Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

900 E Lookout Drive

Richardson, TX 75082

El bloque hotelero abre en noviembre del 2023

**Fecha límite de inscripción: 27/09/24**

**Enviar a: PO Box 863582, Plano, TX 75086**

Imprimir perfectamente

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**Dirección:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ciudad, Estado, Código Postal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teléfono:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribución de becas:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please direct all  
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P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
Fax: (212) 870-3003

## 2025 International Convention, Alcoholics Anonymous

### Frequently Asked Questions About the 2025 International Convention & Travel to Canada

1. *When and where will the 2025 International Convention take place?*

The 90th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous will be celebrated at the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3 – 6, 2025.

2. *What is the theme of the 2025 International Convention?*

The theme of the 2025 International Convention is “90 Years – Language of the Heart.”

3. *Have A.A. International Conventions been held in Canada before?*

Yes. There have been International Conventions in Toronto (1965), Montreal (1985), and Toronto (2005). As you may know, the Responsibility Statement was adopted at the 1965 International Convention in Toronto.

4. *Are there any restrictions or regulations affecting travel to Canada in 2025?*

Yes. The U.S. and Canada each have restrictions and regulations that apply to citizens and visitors who travel from one country to the other. Border crossing into Canada has significantly changed, particularly in the last two years. (Access links below question #6 for more information.)

5. *Who will have to process forms and applications to gain admission to Canada?*

It is suggested that those who believe they have some past legal incident, such as a DUI or felony that could inhibit their attendance at the 2025 International Convention, seek assistance/information by accessing the Government of Canada link noted below.

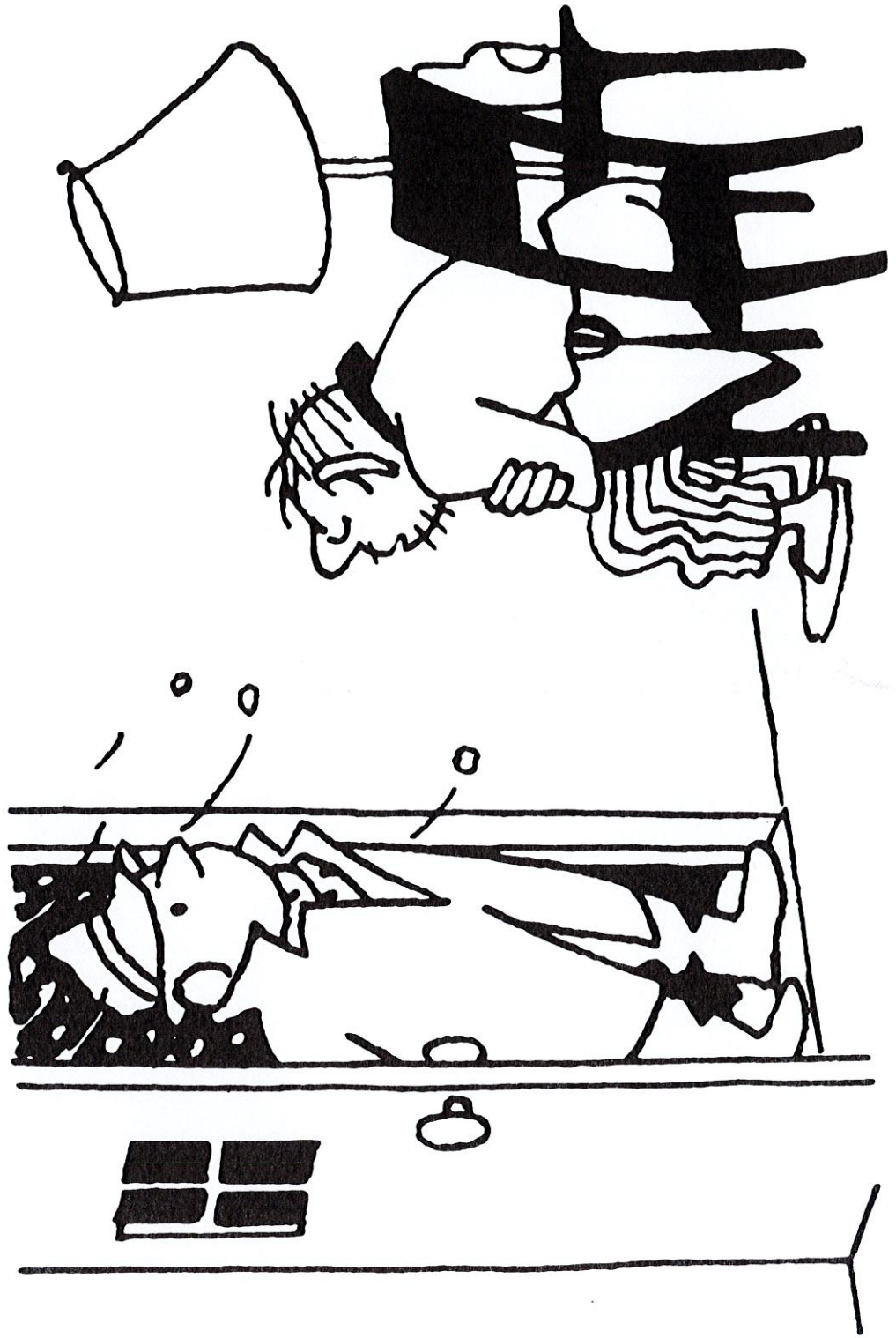
6. *What Canadian travel information is currently available?*

The International Convention assignment at G.S.O. is not yet up-and-running. However, below is a resource to aid members in making plans to attend the 2025 International Convention (most questions can be answered by connecting to the links below). Also, a good travel book on Canada will provide valuable information on needed documents and border crossing requirements, as well as vacation tips.



## WELFTH TRADITION

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



## Dec 2023



**Check out Flyers @ [aasanantonio.org/](https://aasanantonio.org/)"NightCap" or in "What's Happening"**

<b>Dec 7th</b>	<b>CSO Archives Committee Mtg - 6 pm, Club 12 -102 Thames</b>
<b>Dec 7th</b>	Back to Basics - Wally P- 12-Step Workshop-6:45pm Club 12 102 Thames 78216- 12 Steps in 4 weeks- b2b.satx@gmail.com
<b>Dec 10th</b>	<b>R.O.O.T.S- CSO Archives Old Timers Panel-3-5pm-Pot Luck/Fellowship- Hosted by Schertz-Cibolo Group-</b> <b>1201 Oak St, Schertz 78154-Panel- Virginia B; William T; John C-F Contact Daniel-archiveschairpersons@gmail.com</b>
<b>Dec 13th</b>	<b>Central Service Office Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm Club 12 102 Thames 78216</b>
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Passing It On A Celebration of General Service-Winners Club 5413 Bandera Rd Unit 406 78238-Hosted by Dists 1A & 16 Noon- 3pm- Bring questions re:Service - Food, Fellowship & Panel of Speakers w/Service Experience to Pass Along
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Club Twelve's Childrens Christmas Party- 1-3pm- Donate Grift Children Infant to 13yrs or \$\$\$- 102 Thames 78216 Contact Karissa 210-344-8981
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Holiday Party- 4242 Bluemel 78240-Toy Drive-Bring wrapped gift- Mark for boy or girl & age- 6-9:30pm Holiday Casual Attire- Split the Pot, DJ & Dancing- Tamales & Drinks provided- Potluck sides & desserts
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Goliad Grp Annual Christmas Extravaganza-3pm- Santa appears presents for the little ones-Kiddos must be present to receive gift-4:40p dinner \$5. a plate; 6:15pm Speaker- Linda C - 537 Avondale 78223 210-549-4018
<b>Dec 17th</b>	SAIS - 3 PM - St Francis Episcopal Church 4242 Bluemel- Hybrid 836 7071 4994/ PW SAIS
"	Accessibilities Committee- 2:00pm St Francis Episcopal Church 4242 Bluemel-Hybrid Option 836 7071 4994- PW SAIS
"	Correction Facilities Committee - 12:15 pm <b>Odd #d months</b> - Sinterservice@gmail.org for information
"	Grapevine Committee - 2:15pm - calvertglenj@yahoo.com
"	Public Information / Cooperation w/Professional Community - 1pm- cmte.picpc@gmail.com
"	Treatment Facility Committee TFC- 1:15pm -(Hybrid option available)
Contact DCM for Info	<b>Dist 1A Mtg</b> - DCM-district1a@aa-swta.org; <b>Dist 16 Mtg</b> - DCM-district16@aa-swta.org
Contact DCM for Info	<b>Dist 17 Mtg</b> -DCM-district17@aa-swta.org; <b>Dist 18 Mtg</b> -DCM district18@swta.org
Contact DCM for Info	<b>Dist 1F Mtg</b> - DCM- 210-365-1524; <b>Dist 28 Mtg</b> -DCM-210-665-4493
Contact DCM for Info	<b>Dist 1E</b> - DCM- daupllar@yahoo.com <b>Dist 2</b> - DCM- district02@aa-swta.org
Contact DCM for Info	<b>Dist 12</b> - DCM- district12@aa-swta.org; <b>Intergrupal Hispana - en español</b> - 210-533-9770
<b>Dec 18th</b>	<b>Central Service Office Representative (CSOR) Meeting – HYBRID new time &amp; place- PLEASE NOTE</b> <b>In person: 6:30 PM-Alamo Heights UMC 825 E Basse Rd Rm W100- Hybrid ID: 868 9780 1022 PC: 115723</b>
<b>Dec 24th-30th</b>	Christmas Seven Days Dinners- Club 12 102 Thames 78216
<b>Dec 28th</b>	Acceptance Grp- BIRTHDAY Night/Speaker 7pm- Chris C- Schertz Methodist Church-3460 Roy Richard Dr Rm 106 Schertz
<b>2024 San Antonio Future Events</b>	
<b>Jan 7th</b>	Club 12 Newcomer Event-One Year Transformation Celebration- 2-4pm-Hullabaloo
<b>Jan 27th</b>	Attraction vs. Promotion How We In AA Interact w/Family, Friends & Community PI/CPC Committee- 2-4:30pm St Thomas Episcopal Church 1416 Nloop 1604E- Light refreshments served-Contact sais.picpc@gmail.com
<b>2023-24 Events Out of Town</b>	
<b>Dec 28th</b>	New Year Soberthon-Hosted by Dist 12- 12/31 11:00am-1/1/24 6:00am- American Legion Post 157 - 205 12th St Bandera TX 78003- Dance, Speakers, Food, Fellowship, Games, Skits, Meetings, Door Prizes
<b>Feb 8th</b>	60th International Women's Conference-Online-Feb 8-11- Live from Portland, Maine Questions-IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM