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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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For Groups Planning Sponsorship Activity

In a article published in the April 1961 AA Grapevine, Bill Wilson stated: "Though three hundred thousand did recover in the last twenty-five years, maybe half a million more have walked into our midst and then out again." "We can't well content ourselves with the view that all these recovery failures were entirely the fault of the newcomers themselves. Perhaps a great many didn't receive the kind and amount of sponsorship they so sorely needed. We didn't communicate when we might have done so. So we AA's failed them."

The following was extracted from Questions and Answers on SPONSORSHIP, An A.A. General Service Conference -approved pamphlet.

How does sponsorship help a group?

The primary purpose of an A.A. group is to carry the message of the recovery program to alcoholics who want and ask for help. Group meetings are one way of doing this. Sponsorship is another. Active sponsorship programs within a group remind all members of the group's primary purpose. They serve to unite a group, keep it mindful of "First Things First."

What procedures can a group set up to sponsor new members?

Carefully planned sponsorship activity within a group is often likely to produce better results than sponsorship left to chance. A typical pattern of planned sponsorship within a local group might include the following:

A regular committee on sponsorship or a Twelfth Step committee, with members rotating

frequently. If there is an intergroup or central office that keeps a list of local groups and the members available for Twelfth Step calls, such a committee may check to see whether the group has enough of its members on the office list to fulfill its responsibility.

Regular assignment of members to greet newcomers at meetings and introduce them around. In large groups, people on a hospitality committee may wear badges for the benefit of the newcomer. In smaller groups, the secretary may, during the announcements, simply ask newcomers to come up and make themselves known after the meeting, so they may be introduced to other members.

Another Suggested announcement: "If any person here does not have a sponsor and wants one, please see the secretary, who will arrange a temporary sponsor." Where this practice is followed at each meeting, members say, it reminds the group of the value of sponsoring and being sponsored.

A file of names, addresses, and phone numbers of newcomers (who wish to volunteer the information) with notations showing sponsor or sponsors for each one.

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. "Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends—this is an experience you must not miss." P.89, Chapter 7, Alcoholics Anonymous.

SAFE HARBOR

My A.A. group is a "Safe Harbor" for my fellow members and me. My reflections include moments of the feelings of joy when a newcomer sits down and we make them welcome. The reaching out to the new person makes a spiritual connection that makes everything in that day worthwhile. What a great journey this is.

This A.A. "Safe Harbor" home group, to me, represents a great part of the third legacy, "Recovery." It is where I can go and get my battery charged with the spiritual juice so necessary for me to keep trudging along this spiritual path of "happy destiny." It is also the launching platform for group members along the spiritual journey into "Service" which is Works. The book of James in the other Big Book states that faith without works is death. Perhaps that is where we get and maintain our knowing by group members being involved in one or more of the seven areas of service as indicated in the Service Manual. Recovery and Service is protected and assured of perpetuation through unity by being involved in A.A. service work. The legacy of "Unity" provides us with ability of being an informed group through the power of knowing the big picture of A.A. outside the group. This is brought about by and through our GSR's, District and Area officers. This results in maintaining an informed group conscience, which then assures the integrity of the home group by adherence to the 12 Traditions. **It all starts with recovery in the home group.**

 **THANK YOU**
District 19 wants to send a special thank you the Broadway Group for the great Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Thank you also to the members of the other District 19 groups who came with their support, and all those who attended that helped make this event the great success it was.

CHANGE NOTICE

It is our intent to publish an informative & timely newsletter. To do so, we need all newsletter items into the Central Service Office **by the 15th** of the previous month. (Example, July's newsletter items are due by June 15th). Thank you for your cooperation.

CSO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

in love and service

- Corky C. Char David A.
- Ed C. Gail Mc Judy F.
- Larry K.

Group Contributions		Apr 02
GROUP		YTD
Acceptance		50.00
Back to Basics		50.00
Broadway	150.00	292.41
Colonies North		224.00
First One Today	15.00	25.00
Families In AA		50.00
Free at Last		30.00
Goliad	120.00	120.00
Grupo Unidad		20.00
Grupo Libro Grande		10.00
Grupo Gozo y Paz	10.00	30.00
Highlands		134.05
Hondo	50.00	150.00
Halt		150.00
Lackland		35.00
Last Call Grp		70.00
Marymont		10.00
New Downtown		8.00
North East		100.00
No. San Pedro	49.80	173.11
Oak Hills		779.86
Rush Hour		148.07
S.A North Women	15.00	30.00
Sunrise		150.00
Tezel Rd Women		86.00
Travis Park	386.07	386.07
Turning Point	100.00	100.00
Twelve	360.00	1,440.00
UC-TGIF		30.00
UC M-Thur		280.00
Windcrest	40.00	40.00
Womens Big Book		96.00
Woodlake	20.00	75.00
AREA		
Boerne Noon		250.00
New Braunfels		60.00
Breathe Easy New Braunfels		20.00
Kerrville Group	34.00	34.00
BIRTHDAYS		570.00

Profit & Loss Statement March 02		
Revenue	Month Ending, Apr	'02 YTD
Sales	10,817.00	32,696.
Nightcap Cont	39.00	279.00
COR Cont	16.00	31.00
Group Cont	1,266.00	5,887.00
Memorial Cont	0	26.00
Individual Cont	146.00	309.00
Birthday Cont	0.	570.00
Total Income	12,284.00	39,739.00
Cost of Sales	7,638	14,168.00
Gross Profit	4,646.00	25,571.00
Operating Expenses		
Advertising (SWBYP)	146.00	489.00
Accountant	0	465.00
Contract Labor	0	90.00
Bank Fees	127.00	447.00
Equipment Leases / Storage	441.00	1,938.00
Nightcap Printing and Postage	129.00	854.00
Office Supplies	102.000	316.00
Postage and Freight	167.00	326.00
Rent Office	912.00	3,648.00
Repairs & Maint	190.00	638.00
Salaries	3,201.00	12,785.00
Supplies	349.00	1,005.00
Taxes Payroll	245.00	760.00
Telephone System	269.00	1,124.00
Utilities	115.00	890.00
Total Opns Expenses	6,773	19,939
Net Income	(1812.00)	(826.00)

POC David B 473-8802	
TREATMENT FACILITIES MTGS	
Monday	
8pm O-Disc Patrician Movement, 222 E. Mitchell Phone: 213-4561	8pm O-Disc S.A.M.M Shelter, 910 W Commerce Phone: 224-5838
7:30 pm O-Disc Southton Juvenile, 3621 Farm Rd. Juvenile Hall	
Tuesday	
8 pm O-Disc Transplant Hospital, 8026 Floyd Curl Phone: 358-4000	8:15pm O Disc Audie Murphy V.A., 7400 Merton Minter Phone: 617-5300
7 pm O Disc S.A.S.H, 5800 S. Presa Phone: 532-8811	8 pm O Disc Women At The Well, 221 Post, Phone: 472-2787
8 pm O-Disc Salvation Army, 1324 Flores Phone: 223-6877	8 pm O Disc Transplant Hospital, 8026 Floyd Curl, Phone: 358-4000
7 pm O-Disc Laurel Ridge 1604 & Redland Rd. Colorado unit Phone: 534-5124	7 pm O- Disc Laurel Ridge, 1604 & Redland Rd.
Saturday	
8:15pm O Disc A.R.C, 10290 Southton Rd Phone: 633-0201	

COR MEETING MINUTES 4/21/02

Attending: Lauren C., **San Antonio North Women's Group** (Chairperson);); Tommie W **Colonies North Group** Bill J., **AHH Group**; ; Joe S., **Schertz-Cibolo Group**; Debbie B., **Walzem Rd. Group**; Ben H. **New Downtown Group**; Jesus S **Road of Happy Destiny Neva Day Women Of Tezel Rd**; Roy H **Highlands**; Jarrod S **Marymont**; Charles C. GSR Visitor; Bill T **State Convention Committee**

Meeting called to order by Lauren C. at 5:30

Previous Meeting Minutes: Accepted with corrections of Phone number of CSO

Presentation: Bill T announced the Texas State Convention will be held in Odessa TX June 13-16 Very reasonable room rates and lots of great fellowship, Please support the State Convention.

Board of Trustees Report: Lauren C . Reported that CSO has had an influx of sales. Financial reports will be available in June issue of the Nightcap

Phone Duty Report: Bill J reported he is currently updating the 12 step list. Volunteers are encouraged to call him @ 680-8211 Volunteers beware if you sign up you will be called on .Thank You

New Business: Nightcap Subscription price increase. Lauren C will take back recommendations to CSO Board. Some suggested solutions were 1. a dollar increase over a 3year period 2. A sudden increase to six dollars a year 3. No increase at all. Currently each issue costs six dollars to provide and CSO charges three dollars .

The deadline for Nightcap articles and information has changed to the 15th of the month. Except for meeting minutes.

Old Business: Nominating Committee for CSO Bd of Trustees was selected .Roy H, Tommy W, Ben H. The committee will Present to the COR's qualified applicants for the November elections.

New COR's Chairperson and Recording Secretary: Lauren C nominated Roy H for new Chairman, Neva D seconds Motion passes. Tommie W Nominated Jesus S for Recording Secretary. Debbie B seconds Motion Carries

Group Concerns : Charles C reported that Bexar County jail annex can now have AA meetings every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm. Contact Charles C 413-1690 for application and instructions.

Adjourned: Lauren C. closed the meeting with the Lord's prayer at 6:15 pm.--Respectfully submitted by Roy H

5th Sobriety Fest

WHERE: Goliad Group,
537 Avondale,

Speakers Food Live Music

WHEN: July 6th, 1:00pm—4:00pm

This is a fundraiser for the Goliad Group Donations are \$5.

NEW DOWNTOWN GROUP

SPAGHETTI DINNER

WHERE: 1501 E Commerce @ Hackberry
223-0591

WHEN: Saturday, June 15

Dinner @ 7:00pm Speaker @ 8:00pm

1YR Danny Q
 Scott S Roseia C
 Bubba S George W
 Denzell S **3YRS**
 Nicole M Debbie M
 James J Lefty Mc
 Cindy K Aron A
 Jeff L Kevin K
 Richard M Richard G
 Sonya W Michael S
 Paula S Danny M
 Michael R Kathy W
 Betsy B David O
 Thomas F Lou B
 Tom T Rene' R
 Lori Mc Fausto C
 Gayle D Bruce B
 Barbara H Bob Z
 Lisa S Sheryl H
 Kathy L Michael S
 Tom T Richard Z
 Dee Dee V **4YRS**
 Rolan Connie C
2YRS Manuel
 Jazzmin T Chris F
 Ken R Shar H
 Joe DeL April W
 George M Faye
 Stephen B **5YRS**
 Brian C Bill A
 Bobby H Leska
 Bethany B Alvin H
 Erik K Ida B
 Ray O Stephanie C
 Mike F Veronica B
 Michael U P.J. J
 Claire K Joe S
 Linda S

6YRS
 John H
 Brian G
 Maria D
 Richard O
7YRS
 Cindi T
 Pam M
 Gilbert N
8YRS
 Ernest M
 Bill L
 Tracy E
 Robin D
 David B
 Rick B
9YRS
 Joe McF
 Daniel C
10YRS
 Rose R
 Michael L
 Jake H
 Mary Lynn H
 Darlene M
 Tim S
11YRS
 Leeda R
 Rene' C
 Rick R
 Kevin W
 Arthur
 Jeanne W
 Sharon G
12YRS
 Janice M
 Jack B

14YRS
 Marc B
15YRS
 Jeff J
 Don G
 Pablo L
16YRS
 Dave E
20YRS
 Ed S
21YRS
 Art M
22YRS
 Mike G
24YRS
 Jim R
 Dolores A
25YRS
 Lorn R
26YRS
 Daniel A
 Margaret T
30YRS
 Nick D
31YRS
 Elaine D
32YRS
 Maye A
36YRS
 Lionel S
38YRS
 Joan L



BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAY NIGHTS

Last Sunday: New Life Group (open speaker), Free at Last
Last Monday: Alamo Hts. Freedom
Last Tuesday: Valley Hi, Windcrest, Santa Fe, New Acceptance, Life Support
Last Wednesday: Oblate, Women's Big Book, Northwood
Last Thursday: Goliad, Devine, Ft Sam, North San Pedro, Stahl Rd, Acceptance Group
Last Friday: Pearsall (Come as you are), SW Loop Colonies North, El Libro Grande, Rush Hour, Group 12, Marymont
Last Saturday: Schertz-Cibolo, Lambda, Winners Club

THIS IS A REALLY GOOD DEAL

Please remember that a subscription to the Nightcap is still only \$3.00 annually. What a great gift to give to someone you sponsor as an anniversary gift, or to give as a gift to someone whose sharing has touched your life. It is a meeting in print and a source of information for all of the activities happening in our area.

Group Forum



NEW GROUPS

SANE SOBER C-Disc
 St. Marks Evangelist Church
 1602 Thousand Oaks, Tues 7:30

TUESDAY NITE BIG BOOK STUDY
 Tuesdays, 8pm, Open meeting
 ST Anthony de Padua Parish
 Faith Formation Center Classroom # 8
 102 Lorenz, San Antonio

Club 12 Activities	
<u>May 7th:</u>	Group Conscience
<u>May 11th:</u>	Dance 8pm-12am
<u>May 18th:</u>	Karaoke with Frito Pie & Chili Cheese Dogs@6:30 Karoke 7pm-12:00
<u>May 19th:</u>	BOD Meeting 12:30pm
<u>May 25th</u>	Dance 8pm-Midnite
<u>May 31st</u>	Birthday Night

Some day we hope that Alcoholics Anonymous will help the public to a better realization of the gravity of the alcoholic problem, but we shall be of little use if our attitude is one of bitterness or hostility. Drinkers will not stand for it.
 Alcoholics Anonymous P 103
 Saturday May 4th 1-4 PM
PI Workshop sponsored by Group 12
 Panel Discussion

"I have seen hundreds of families set their feet in the path that really goes somewhere; have seen the most impossible domestic situations righted, feuds and bitterness of all sorts wiped out. I have seen men come out of asylums and resume a vital place in the lives of their families and communities. There is scarcely any form of trouble and misery which has not been overcome among us."

Bill W., *Bill's Story*, Alcoholics Anonymous. p. 15

Join your local Correctional Facilities Committee today.

Call Paul B. at 820-0689.

District 19 Funshop

OK, so it really is a work-shop, but we are going to have lots of fun.

Hosted by the Walzem Road Group, the workshop will be held Saturday, June 22, from 1-4 pm. It will be held at The Episcopal Church of Resurrection, 5909 Walzem Road, across from McDonald's. The topic will be The AA Group. Many guest speakers will share their experience, strength, and hope. Snacks, coffee and door prizes.

AA IN SA Banner Competition

The winner of the Banner competition at Weekend in SA was **The New Downtown Group**. The banner was the work of Brian F, the design was of the AA circle and triangle in a sky blue background. Included in the background were the Alamo, and Tower of America.

Santa Fe Group
33rd Anniversary
 503 Lovett St-San Antonio Civic Center
 May 4th .Spanish Speakers 3pm
 Dinner 5pm, Dance 6:30
 (en espanol)

Support requested for the following groups

Came to Believe Group
 University Methodist Church, Room 2019
 Thursday, 7:15-8:15 pm
 POC: Dan 734-7042

Fort Sam Houston Group
 8 pm, Thursday
 Road Runner Bldg 2797, Stanley Road

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