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GALS - WE GOT IT!!

The 12th National Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Conference will be held in San Antonio February 20-22, 1976, at El Tropicana Motor Hotel!

After discussing my plans with many of you and asking your help (in advance) via the Night Cap, I took my campaign literature to Minneapolis, Minnesota and, when the Advisory Board suggested the Conference be circulated to the South, boldly bid for it and - GALS, WE GOT IT!

We wish we could share this great AA experience with every one of you, but rules say "Women Only."

I had attended four previous Conferences, travelling to Wichita, Kansas, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Arkansas and Des Moines, Iowa. Oftentimes, I was the lone Texan there. Possibly, that is why I was elected to the Advisory Board in 1972, and this year elected Chairman. Every year I've thought, "Now THAT Women's AA Conference had to be the best!" But after attending my fifth one this year, I am, today, convinced that it topped all the rest. What an adventure in sharing.

Aside from the talks and sharing sessions, I was especially impressed by the warmth and hospitality. All the Minneapolis Area women made each of us feel welcome, needed and loved. It's being Valentine-month, the ideal theme was "Love." The sense of Fellowship during those three days indeed gave substance to that theme. The close bond between AA women at these Conferences cannot be described, it can only be experienced, felt - and benefitted by.

The success of the 12th National AA Women's Conference in 1976 depends upon the participation of all San Antonio and Southwest Texas Area women. I will be calling on you for assistance, keeping you informed of the areas in which your help is needed, and of our progress through The Night Cap. We have less than a year to "get it all together" and some things have to be started NOW. Time really whizzes by - a day at a time.

Kate R.

BANQUET TICKETS TO OUR 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, APRIL 18, ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR GSR. SPAGHETTI DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS - \$1.50. SPEAKER IS DAVE B. OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. 1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4th STREET. SEE YOU THERE! 7:00 PM.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FEB 1975</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FEB 1975</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	* Sharing	\$.....	S.....
Audubon	10.00	20.00	Northwood	.....	.....
Brees	10.00	20.00	Open Door	10.00	20.00
Bridge (New Braunfels)	10.00	20.00	Pilgrim	50.00	50.00
Broadway	10.00	20.00	Reality	10.00	20.00
Downtown	.....	.....	Reliance	.....	.....
Eastside (New)	.....	.....	Robstown	15.00	15.00
El Carmen	.....	.....	St. Agnes	5.00	5.00
Fort Sam Houston	15.00	15.00	SASH	.....	.....
Frontier	20.00	40.00	Santa Fe	10.00	20.00
Goliad	15.00	30.00	Seguine	5.00	10.00
Group 12	50.00	150.00	Serenity	5.00	10.00
Happy Hour	10.00	10.00	Starr (Inter Group)	35.70	59.34
Harmony	.....	.....	Stepping Stones	12.50	25.00
Highland	20.00	40.00	Sunset	15.00	30.00
Hope	10.00	10.00	The Haven	.....	.....
Kerrville	12.00	24.00	Traditions	15.65	20.90
Women's Serenity (KV)	6.00	12.00	Trinity	.....	.....
Killeen	6.00	6.00	Twenty-Four Hour	6.00	17.50
King William	5.00	10.00	Unidad Grupo	7.00	7.00
Laurel Heights	5.00	45.00	Unity (Monterrey)	.....	.....
Lytle	.....	.....	Universal City	5.00	10.00
Montana Grupo	5.00	5.00	Valley Hi	15.00	30.00
New Braunfels	.....	.....	Villa Rosa	25.00	50.00
Newcomers	.....	.....	Wesley	100.00	100.00
Northeast	10.00	20.00	Windcrest	100.00	100.00
Northwest	25.00	50.00	Woodlawn	.....	.....

* Welcome to a New Group in Universal City

Special Contributions for purchase of copying machine:

Fort Sam Houston - \$25.00; Goliad - \$25.00; King William - \$25.00
Traditions - \$5.00; Villa Rosa - \$25.00.

FROM FAR-OFF BOMBAY, INDIA - A HAND REACHES OUT FOR HELP

limited space, and the possibility of breaking this man's anonymity, prevents us from printing this lengthy letter, but excerpts are quoted below:

Dear Sirs: I am Catholic..an Indian..aged 50..an alcoholic. Through the fellowship of AA, I have not taken a drink for 16½ months..I am the first priest member of AA here in India, and have found it very tough to come to AA.

The purpose of this letter is to request some AA contacts..In case there are any, pass on my name and address to them..I would be delighted ..also to share with them what have received from AA..In India, AA has not made much headway, except in Bombay, we have just 20-groups...in spite of the fairly high incidence of alcoholism. Trusting you will kindly do the needful and thus help me maintain and strengthen my sobriety...eagerly looking forward to hearing from some of you..May God love and bless You all..with ..contented sobriety. Sincerely yours in AA, "O.P"

NOTE: If you would like to write to "O. P.", Contact Jeanne W. at Central Service Office, 109 Lexington Ave., Suite 215, San Antonio - 78205..phone No. 226-2523, and she will furnish you with his name and address.

A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP. - AN OLD PROVERB.

IT TAKES FAILURE!

Who ever started a success story with failure? Who ever proclaimed victory through complete defeat? How out of character for us to moan loudly, "I give up," fully expecting to be "ground to powder." But thus begins the rebirth of an alcoholic.

WE ADMITTED WE WERE POWERLESS over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable. This First Step, though difficult to take, is a profound step into a great Spiritual Experience. In the beginning, the sick alcoholic is so steeped in his illness that this Step pertains only to alcohol, but if the all-gone feeling within him is deeply felt at the time of surrender, there will come an almost immediate release from within and a feeling of peace that most of us miss recognizing in ourselves because alcohol has blunted our sensitivity. Others may notice the calm that descends upon us - even if it lasts only a short time. We call this calmness HOPE, and hope can carry us along, and usually does if we are sincere, until we begin to find help and guidance from other members of AA who have been the fellowship much longer.

Once an alcoholic realizes that he or she really is POWERLESS - that of ourselves we have no power - at that moment, whether we are consciously aware if it or not, we have recognized a Power greater than ourselves. The only problem left then in taking Step Two of the program is to reason it through.

If we admit we are powerless, then the very fact that we exist verifies that there is a Power greater than ourselves existing within us. This exercise in logic can be construed as sane thinking. It would also follow that with a deep and complete surrender within we would, at that moment, by turning our will and our lives over to the care of God - as we understand Him - start our rebirth.

Thus, Steps One, Two and Three are taken, either consciously or unconsciously, and the sick alcoholic is on the road to recovery. A Spiritual experience has truly begun, and it will grow in degree according to the time and effort given to working ALL Twelve Steps of the AA program.

Nina R.

Years ago, Bill pointed out that millions of dying alcoholics have never yet heard AA's language of the heart; do not even know where it is spoken. Will someone be ready to speak it to them if they come? That responsibility is yours and mine. For the sake of the next sick drunk who comes to the door of AA, and for the sake of tomorrow's sobriety for all of us, the A. A. story must never end yesterday - but always be just BEGINNING today.

Gerry O.

Tony F., our present Southwest Texas Area Delegate, and Kate R., past Delegate, were among those past and present Delegates and Trustees of the General Service Conference, New York, who attended the 2nd Annual A.A. Southwest Region Delegate's Assembly held March 14-16 in Oklahoma City. The 3-day assembly consisted of open discussions and workshops, concluding with a banquet. The six states composing the Southwestern Region are: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Gerry O.

The 1975 General Service Conference will be held in New York April 21-26; THE 10TH ANNUAL PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP will be held April 5-6, VICTORIA, TEX. 77901, Holiday Inn 2705 Houston Hwy. Sharing sessions Saturday & Sunday. Reserve rooms direct, commercial rates. GSRs, Secretaries and all interested AAs are urged to attend. If you cannot attend yourself, please have someone from your group to represent you.

Clyde M., Area Sec.-Treas.

HERE'S WHERE THE ACTION IS!! IN 1975.....
 6TH ANNUAL EAST TEXAS ROUNDUP, April 4-6, Con-
 tessa Inn, 717 US Highway 259 South, Longview,
 Texas 75601. Make room reservations direct. Come
 enjoy fine speakers and warm E. Texas Fellowship.
 AAs - Alanons, register or write to: East Texas
 Roundup, PO Box 2082, Longview. Super hospital-
 ity. The finest of everything to thrill all.

HELP A BUNCH WITH YOUR BUCK-A-MONTH

34TH OKLAHOMA STATE CONFERENCE, Oklahoma City --
 May 16-18, Skirvin Plaza Hotel, PO Box 1677, ZIP
 73101 - Reservations direct. AAs, Alateens, Ala-
 nons, mail \$5.00 registration to: Conference Com-
 mittee, P. O. Box 20488, Oklahoma City, Okla-
 homa 73120. Theme: Unity - Service - Recovery.

NIAGARA AA BLOSSOM TIME CONVENTION, 11TH ANNUAL,
 May 9 - 11, Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls,
 Ontario. AA - ALANON - ALATEEN PANELS. Regis-
 tration, dance and Banquet, \$11.00. Write: Nia-
 gara AA Convention, St. Catherines, Ontario, Box
 294.

HUB OF THE PLAINS CONVENTION, 1ST ANNUAL, May 30
 - June 1st, South Park INN, (South Loop 289 Off
 Indiana Ave.), hear marvelous speakers, great MCs
 Make room reservations direct: Convention Dept.,
 Lubbock, Texas, 79413, 3021 S. Loop 289. Alateen
 Mini-Convention included. Put Lubbock on your
 175 calendar.

NEW MEXICO'S ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE. May 30 -
 June 1, La Fonda Hotel. Notify Registration Chm'n
 as soon as possible: PO Box 604, Santa Fe, N.M.

POSITIVELY NEGATIVE

We drank for happiness and found grief. We drank
 for joy and found misery. We drank for sophisti-
 cation and became boors. We drank for friendship
 and made enemies. We drank for sleep and awakened
 unrested. We drank for strength and felt weak.
 We drank "medicinally" and got sicker. We drank
 for relaxation and got the shakes. We drank for
 bravery and became afraid. We drank for confi-
 dence and became doubtful. We drank to make con-
 versation easier and slurred our speech. We drank
 to feel heavenly and ended up feeling like hell.
 We drank to forget and were forever haunted. We
 drank for freedom and became slaves. We drank
 to erase our problems and saw them multiply. We
 drank to cope with life and invited death.

SOLD COBER

Starkle, starkle little twink,
 Who the deuce you are I think?
 I'm not under what they call
 The affluence of incohol.
 I'm not drunk as thinkle peep,
 I'm just a little slort of sheep.
 Tee martoonies make a guy
 Fool so feelish - don't know why!

GROUP NEWS

THE OPEN DOOR GROUP Secretary, Dean
 E., reports that beginning in Ap-
 ril their format will change to a
 Closed Discussion, with the 12 Steps
 as discussion topics, and the last
 Friday of the month Birthday night.
 They hope Y O U will come and help
 them to have enjoyable, strong and
 thorough discussions each Friday
 at 8:15 PM, 6904 West Ave. Leaders
 are: April 4th - Mary and Chet A.
 11th - Gene and Merle D. 18th -
 Kate R. 25th -- To be announced.
 Please come!

THE HAVEN GROUP wishes to thank all
 the people for their support and
 attendance at their 3rd Anniver-
 sary celebration. Just proves that
 not even rain and bad weather can
 dampen the spirit of AA fellowship.

THE DOWNTOWN GROUP's GSR, Joe W.
 reports that a FUN and GAMES PARTY
 will be held each Saturday night at
 8:15, The Sahara Club, 809 E. Eucl-
 lid. Bring your partner, a crowd,
 or just yourself. But come on!

Don't forget-The Buck-a-Month Club!
 The NEW V A HOSPITAL meetings got
 off to a great start at the Audie
 Murphy VA Hospital on March 13, at
 8:15 PM, Room E 136 - will be regu-
 lar Thursday meetings from now on.
 Administration Officials send "Many
 thanks" to San Antonio A.A. members
 for this exceptional support. They
 feel that the attendance and inter-
 est shown is indicative of an ac-
 tive and successful program, soon to
 be inaugurated for alcoholic vete-
 rans. George M.

The new address of the WESLEY GROUP
 is Christ the King Church, 2610 Pe-
 rez, Room 13 Gymnasium. Meetings:
 Thursday, 8:15 P.M., Open Speaker -
 Sunday, 5 P.M., Closed Discussion.

Buck-a-Month Buck-a-Month

The FORT ARANSAS GROUP meets every
 Monday ay 8:00 PM in the Old School
 Band Hall, and invite you to attend
 their meetings any time you're on
 the Gulf Coast.

NEW Alanon Group, St Vincent de Paul
 Church, 403 Cedarhurst, 8:15 PM Mon.
 & Fri. Discussion, 3rd Fri. Open. 410
 W access between Valley Hi & Hwy 90

BY GEORGE, I THINK I'VE GOT IT!

What does AA mean to me? Very simply - my life. I am one of those alcoholics who firmly believes this is my one and only chance, that should I relapse and take that first drink, it would be downhill all the way to the inevitable end of every drinking alcoholic - death, or worse.

I did not come to AA for myself, but for a friend. I was aware that I had a real drinking problem, was probably alcoholic, but I'd previously had a year of non-drinking life - a more miserable, unhappy year I can't imagine. Every problem and torment was still there, only magnified because I had no alcoholic anesthetic to dull the edges - just stark reality. So..when I came to AA for myself, it was with resignation to end less years ahead of unhappy existence as I'd previously experienced it. But when I talked to and looked at people who had some time in the program, I knew I wanted what I could see in their eyes and hear in their voices. That unique glow they radiated was surely something I had never had.

What has it been like during my 9-months of sobriety? For me, it's been a gradual shifting of gears from reverse to forward. I had to develop three attitudes in order to be receptive to the AA program: Willingness, honesty, and listening without criticism. None of these was easy, nor, as I have learned, are they constant.

For me, it has been trusting the guidance of those recovering alcoholics who have led me into the path they have walked; a constant altering of attitudes and values through exchange of experiences at many, many closed discussion meetings. It has been despair and joy, serenity and turmoil..acceptance and rebellion..patience and impatience. It has been the thrill of having friends say, "I don't know what you've done to yourself, Wen, but you're different. You smile, you look happy." At these time, I think, "By George, I think I've got it!"

Above all, my sobriety has brought a gradual awareness of people and of a world not of my making. A spiritual awakening, if you will. A realization that I really am not alone in my struggle, that someone cares about me; that I'm not deserted or helpless. I know HOW this program works, the Twelve Steps tell me that. WHY it works, I cannot say...ithas for many, and it is for me. So..what is the A.A. way of life to me? It is learning to live with myself and my fellowman, speaking the language of the heart.

Wen M.

Live so you wouldn't be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip-Will Rogers

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 6, DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid. Monthly dinner, 1 PM
Open Speakers Meeting - 2:15 P. M.

The Central Service Office Committee will meet on April 13, at 7:00 P. M., Club 12, 102 Thames.

Sunday, April 13, GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, Bar-B-Cue, 6:00 P M, Open Speakers Meeting 7:30 PM. Regular Sunday meetings are at 8:15 P M.

S*T*A*R*R

The Southwest Texas Area Round Robin will be held at 8:15 P. M. on March 13, immediately following the CSO Committee meeting, at Club 12, and an interesting program is planned. Tentatively, a TDC Group from Huntsville will conduct the Round Robin, chaired by Tex R., Project Director of the Prison Alcoholism Program. Let's be present to welcome the men. But for the Grace of God, some of us could be in their predicament - today.

Sunday, April 20, 24-Hour Service Group, 1203 Fredericksburg Road. Monthly Dinner, One P. M.

Saturday, April 26, GROUP 12, 102 Thames, Monthly Dinner, 7:00 P. M. Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.25.

BUCK-A-MONTH.....THE BIG 12TH STEP

Jim B., Chairman of STARR

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE NEWS

A. A. World Services is probably the only book publisher in the world which has not increased its prices in 35 years. However, in the past 14 months, paper costs have risen 60%, binding costs 10%, and, effective May 1st, '75 AAWS is forced to raise the price of A. A. literature. Until then, literature orders will be honored at the old price. Prices and quantity-order discounts after May 1, will be listed on a new order form.

YOUR BUCK-A-MONTH CARRIES THE MESSAGERE: TWELFTH STEP CALLS

You've sent in your name to the Central Service Office, but haven't received any 12th Step calls. Ever wonder why? A.A. members who can't be called at work can't be called -- If you can receive calls at work, and some can, please let us know.

If we can contact you Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, then you surely will be called. Our list of names and telephone numbers for 12th Step calls is turned over to A.A. service groups for calls after CSO closes at 4:00 P.M. Check with Club 12, Goliad, The Haven and 24-hour Service and remind them to call you. If you want to be called any specified time, check with the Central Service Office. We depend on your willing cooperation for 12th Step calls, and - we need you!

Jeanne W., Executive Secretary

Thanks to Bob J., our CSO will now be open on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. This is something that has been needed for some time, and a wonderful way to do great VOLUNTEER work.

GO BUCK-A-MONTH FOR LOVE'S SAKER E F E R R A L S - Feb. 20 to March 19

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Registration Forms for our INTERNATIONAL A.A. CONVENTION, July 4-6, as well as for most of the Conventions and Conferences listed elsewhere in THE NIGHT CAP, may be picked up at your Central Service Office.

INSTITUTIONS

PENAL COMMITTEE: Charlene D. reports that several AA members, men and women, attended meetings at the GOREE and WYNNE Prison Units during the month of March.

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THE BUCK-A-MONTH CLUB IS FOR -- YOU!

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE: Sandy L. reports that, beginning the week of April 2, regular Wednesday afternoon meetings will be held at WILFORD HALL, Lackland AFB, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Since this is not an A. A. Group, per se, the Closed Discussion will be conducted by A. A. members as invited guests.

The same is true of the V A Hospital meeting, and San Antonio State Hospital. Greater attendance is needed at the Audie Murphy V. A. meetings, where we have been welcomed enthusiastically by the Administration Officials each Thursday night. Please do attend.

At SASH, the patients are responding well, with improved interest, but more VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to carry the message in early - morning sessions. For details, contact Sandy - 341-2925.

FLASH!!! FLASH! - LATE GROUP NEWS
The REALITY GROUP, 1518 Steves Ave., Calvary Missionary Church, will celebrate its 2nd Anniversary, 8:15 P.M. April 30 at an Open Speakers meeting. Frank S. says there will be "Special Speakers" and refreshments. Come help us celebrate on this joyous occasion. A POST-TEEN ALANON meeting for 18-year olds, or over, will be held on Mondays at 7 PM, Club 12. This is a NEW GROUP. For more information call Tony - 736-3749.

IF YOU DON'T FIND YOUR GROUP'S NAME here or elsewhere in THE NIGHT CAP it is because no news ever reached us from you ...PLEASE...

SEND IN YOUR GROUP'S NEWS EARLY!

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE - AS I UNDERSTAND IT

The Spiritual Life of the AA Program is a beautiful and satisfying experience - one I believe every AA can achieve if they "hang in there" with "Easy Does It."

Through the program I was able, for the first time in my life, to find a God I could trust, talk to, love, and one that didn't scare "hell out of me." AA gave me leeway to find my own God. Mine! Nobody else's. When I expressed doubts, my Sponsor said, "Go to more meetings." I did. Then suddenly, one morning around two o'clock, after nine long months of "alcohol-less" depression, I FOUND MY GOD. He has never left me since, nor I Him. Fears and anxieties left me. Problems I'd pondered for months became as childish riddles; persons I'd feared - closest of friends. Hope welled anew in my heart. I WAS A DIFFERENT MAN. Flowers and women were lovelier; ice cream "nectar of the gods," a T-bone, medium rare, delicious! I was able to help others; they were allowed to help me. AA provided my spiritual sustenance, through fellowship, "Big Book wisdom," and reliance upon a Higher Power. My early religious upbringing, through a whole repertoire of "Thou Shalt Nots," had given me the concept of a God that I greatly feared. I'd never learned to know and appreciate love - as shown by Jesus Christ, although I now believe I experienced it many times. I believe that if I can abide God's will, I'll always receive everything I need, but seldom, if ever, what I thought I wanted. After two-and-a-half years of sobriety, God, as I understand Him, and the teachings of my early years, I can now easily translate into the 12 Steps of AA.

The first three are Steps of the "Holy Spirit." They clearly reveal to me that God's loving Grace has been with me all the time, that this unseen Power brought me to AA. Through the love, encouragement and guidance I've received from the fellowship, the Holy Spirit again revived in my spiritual, physical, and mental being. The next seven Steps of AA I relate to penance, but now I feel hope rather than the shame I always felt when penance was called for as a sacrament by my Church. My mind and my conscience were purged of the vast cesspool of mental corruption that I had accumulated during thirty-five years of drinking. I can seek and accept the will of God through prayer.

The Eleventh Step I call the "Father's." The morning quiet time, prayer, and meditation I have with Him is the core of my spiritual life. It is indeed the Step of the "guiding hand" of a loving Father. The Twelfth Step to me is Christ's. It tells me that as a result of practicing the previous Steps of the Program, my spiritual awakening has taken me back into the real world, unafraid; back into the world I tried twice to leave because of booze; back where I can help my fellowman - where I can "practice these principles in all my affairs." In summary, I say with gratitude that knows no end: AA has given me an attitude that makes me fit for the presence of God. AA has developed in me a state of mind which permits me to nourish my soul through the Holy Spirit. AA has shown me the kind of love and friendship that will enable me to walk for the rest of my life with my hand in the hand of my friend, Christ. "Whitey" M.

P. I. C.

The Public Information Committee offers many thanks to Radio Station K-I-T-E for their help in carrying the AA message the week of March 9. Some twenty taped exposures were provided for public education. Thanks also to those A. A. members who cut the tapes: Fran T., Ben A., Linda K., and Jack H. Theirs - a job well done!

During recent weeks Rick and Ann C. spoke to a group of Counselors at Lackland AFB. Roger B, at Churchill Hi. Del C, at Highlands Hi. Joe W, at Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB. Lee E, at Memorial Hi. Richard V, at Ft. Sam Houston Hi. Karen C spoke three times at Ed White Middle School. Charlie B, at John Marshall Hi and at SAC. Pat B and Frost U,

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P. I. C. ..CONTINUED...

spoke to Reservists at Fort Sam Houston, and Mel C. and Bridget C., along with Tony C., took part in a Community Meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Seguin.

Great credit is due Rick C. for the fine job he has done in setting up these meetings and supplying speakers. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED to carry the AA message. If you care - offer your services in this very necessary and gratifying work by calling Rick at 653-3830. Thank you. Frost U.

LATE - LATE NEWS

IN MEMORIUM

EDWARD R.


MARCH 18

Andy R. reports that THE HARMONY GROUP, 2208 N. Zarzamora, unless its support and attendance picks up soon, will possibly have to disband and close its doors. HARMONY is one of the older Groups in San Antonio. Their Closed Discussion meetings are on Thursdays and Open Speakers - Saturdays, both at 8:15 P. M. A very fine Alanon Gr'p also meets on Thursdays at the same time. HARMONY is desperate for your help. If you care - please attend their next meeting.

Many, many thanks to all of you who sent in news, fillers and articles. Response to our request for these items has been most gratifying. KEEP 'EM COMING! THE NIGHT CAP is YOUR Newsletter for the Southwest Texas Area of AA. Great appreciation also is extended to those who have helped in other ways: Tommy W., my "stencil cutter," Gladys H. local news, Gerry O., Associate Editor, who certainly did a lot of "foot work" in gathering much of the information in this issue, Imogene U. and her crew of other VOLUNTEERS, Sue C., Dean E., and Gerry O., for seeing to the mailing of THE NIGHT CAP and Jean W., for forwarding news from GSO, as well as printing the stencils on the mimeograph. A hearty hug for all of you.

NOTE: Each of us is privileged to work the AA program in the manner that it will keep US sober. The opinions expressed herein are those of the persons expressing such opinion, and not of the AA Membership as a whole. You are urged to express YOUR opinion. Please write it, typed - double spaced - or in longhand, 250 words or less, and mail to Edna McGee, 315 Vance Jackson, Apt. A-8, San Antonio, 78201. If you do not see your article in the very next issue of the NIGHT CAP, please don't despair or feel "slighted." Your efforts will be published, but space limits how many articles we can use in each issue. ALL GROUP NEWS will be used as it is received. DEADLINE for Local News is 15th of prior month, Out-of-town deadline the 22nd. ed.

YO SOY RESPONSABLE. Cuando cualquiera, donde quiera, extienda su mano pidiendo ayuda, quiero la mano de A. A. siempre este alli. Y por eso: Yo soy responsable.

DON'T FORGET


YOUR BANQUET TICKETS - ANNIVERSARY, APRIL 18
 STARR MEETING - CONDUCTED BY TDC - APRIL 13
 YOUR BUCK-A-MONTH IS A. A. AT WORK HERE IN
 SOUTHWEST TEXAS

GSO -- CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE -PRICE INCREASE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1975

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109 Lexington Ave., Suite 215
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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B-2	12 Steps & 12 Traditions (regular edition)	4.00
B-2a	12 Steps & 12 Traditions (pocket edition)	4.25
B-3	A.A.Comes of Age	5.75
B-5	As Bill Sees It (A.A.Way of Life)	5.00

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