

PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP THEME

AA'S FUTURE--OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Topics that will be discussed at the above workshop on April 5-6 are listed below:

1. Anonymity: Presentation-Discussion
2. Archives: Past Lights the Future
3. AA's Impact on the World: Presentation-Discussion
 - a. Are we becoming too friendly with our friends?
 - b. How AA cooperates.
4. The Committee System: Presentation-Discussion
 - a. Do we trust it?
 - b. Does it eliminate conflict?
5. Literature Helps Carry the Message: Presentation
6. Letting Go of Old Ideas: Presentation-Discussion
 - a. New ways of carrying the AA message.
 - b. Are we becoming too rigid?
7. Communication in Service: Presentation-Discussion
 - a. Responsibility in service.
 - b. Trusted servants.
8. The Seventh Tradition
 - a. Are we fully self-supporting?
 - b. Are we in danger of letting go of authority because we will not take responsibility?
9. Treatment Facilities: How Do We Cooperate?
 How can we coordinate efforts between Intergroups, Central Service Offices, Districts, and Area treatment facility committees?
10. How Can We Better Reach the Young Alcoholic with the Message of Recovery?
11. What's on Your Mind?

All GSR's DCM's, Area Service Committee Chairpersons, and Area Officers are encouraged to attend. This conference provides the opportunity to bring our groups' consciences and our individual opinions to the attention of our Area Delegate before she attends the General Service Conference in New York. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and to participate. Hope to see you in Victoria at the Holiday Inn!

AA AA

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(January, February, March 1986)

- Highlands Group for Travis H.
- Roger W. for Travis H.
- Jack and Dee S. for Russell McK.
- Eugene C. D. for Travis H.
- Larry and Mattie for Bill B.
- Northwood Group for Gene D.
- Garnet I. for Gene D.
- Christi H. for Gene D.
- Frost U. for Gene D.
- Jack and Dee S. for Gene D.

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Special Activities

SPECIAL SPEAKER MEETING!!!SPECIAL SPEAKER MEETING!!!

SPECIAL SPEAKER:

WHO: Come hear Hal M., from Washington, D.C., an International Circuit AA Speaker.
WHEN: Sunday, 6 April 86, 8:15 p.m.
WHERE: Winners' Club, 5719 Mobud (outside NW 410 Loop access road, 1 block north of Bandera Road).
CHAIRMAN: Al D. "The Voice"

SPECIAL MEETING:



Please come in. There is always room for one more!

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HAPPY, JOYOUS, & FREE--7TH ATRYP

THE ANNUAL TEXAS ROUND-UP OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will be held in Victoria, Texas, on May 23, 24, and 25, 1986, at the Holiday Inn.

Room reservation cut-off date is May 5th. For more information regarding registration, etc., write to ATRYP '86, P. O. Box 5125, Victoria, TX 77901.

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SANTA FE GROUP ANNIVERSARY

The Santa Fe Group will be celebrating its 17th Anniversary on April 26, 1986, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of good food, excellent speaker, and dancing until?????

The Santa Fe Group is located at 133 Tommins Street, behind St. Leo's Church.

Come on out and enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun!

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GOLIAD GROUP BARBECUE

The Goliad Group is having their Barbecue on Sunday, April 20, 1986, at 6:30 p.m. There will be an excellent speaker at 7:30, so come early for some delicious food and lots of good AA fellowship!

The Goliad Group is located at 537 Avondale Street, near McCreless Mall.

See you there!

MEMORIES SHARED

When I heard that Gene D. had left us for the BIG MEETING in Heaven, it brought back many pleasant memories of him and others who have been a great influence in my sobriety.

Two memories I'd like to share with you. In 1965, I was asked to speak at the Jamboree in Corpus Christi. I was very frightened for I was not a "name" speaker just plain "vanilla"--an alcoholic. I called Gene D. and asked to talk to him; this is what he told me, "You have only your story to tell; only you have lived it before AA and after you came into AA--this, you can do." It helped me so much and has always remained a support for me in living sober.

The other time he helped me face living again was in 1969, after being fired from a position working in the field of alcoholism and AA, I returned to teaching. I didn't want to go back to teaching and literally walked the floor for days in rebellion--so, again, the night before showing up for work, I called "our friend Gene D." and this is what he told me: "I know how you feel, I have been there too, and when I have to go back to something I've left, I just show up for duty." Now THIS thought is powerful and I have learned is loaded with spiritual growth, for the next 5 years were the most spiritual-growth years of my sobriety.

Pleasant memories aren't they? Bless you, Gene D., and thank you for sharing your strength, hope, and experience with this alcoholic.

Jeanne W.

GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
CLUB 12, MARCH 16, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Donna T., Chairperson, at 7 p.m. Bob, the alternate for 1A was introduced followed by the introduction of the new GSR's: Ellwood, Grupo del Sol Candy, Wesley Group; Charlie, Park North Group; Jeannie G., Coker Group; Polly W., Colonial Hills Group; Marvin S., Reality Group.

Literature on the table was pointed out with special emphasis on the flyers for the 41st Anniversary get-together. The reading of the CSO guidelines was forgone. Helen read the Twelve Traditions and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dave I. conducted the Administrative Board reports as follows: Financial--Dave S. reported that literature sales were up; Hospitals & Institutions--Reported that the GSR list needs updating; Penal--Don S. expressed gratitude for the financial support and literature donation made for the county jail. Two groups will be going up to Huntsville to speak in the next month. Public Information--Lalo A. reported that TV and radio spots in English/Spanish have been ordered. Editorial--absent, no report; Mailing--absent, no report.

Old Business: Al-Anon may sublet a space from CSO for their office. This would enhance AA's ability to move or stay at the present location.

New Business: Janis H. reported the procedure for ticket sales for the 41st Anniversary, April 12, 1986.

The answering service for the CSO will be changed effective April 1. The new service presented a lower bid than the present service and has "patching through" ability.

DCM Reports

1A--Bob LeS. reported that an alternate DCM was elected at the monthly meeting.

1B--Alberto M. reported that the Gratitude Group Thursday night meeting has been discontinued.

1C--Fred D. present, no report.

1D--Fred D. held a monthly meeting. He reported that the Alamo Group Monday meeting has been discontinued. He also mentioned that the Stepping Stones meeting has moved from 1D to 1B. This topic brought forth a discussion which resulted in a recommendation to CSO Administrative Board to print a map with group listings in order for the GSR's to know their district. These maps would be available, along with other literature, at these meetings.

1E--Jim D. reported the monthly district meeting was held with four GSR's participating. Also, the next meeting will be held on April 13 at the SW Loop Group.

1F--No report.

Announcement: The Pre-General Service Conference Workshop will be held in Victoria, April 5

APRIL AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

Mar 31-Apr 07: Audubon Group

Apr 07-Apr 14: Park North Group

Apr 14-Apr 21: Northwest Group

Apr 21-Apr 28: Marymont Group

APRIL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS

SASH: Goliad Group

Horizon: Medical Profession Group

House of Yuki: Polly W. and Genie W.

Thursday Detox: Abundance Happy Hour

Casa del Sol: Kingsboro/Unity Groups

Brookwood: Freedom Group

Monday Detox: Barefoot Nonsmokers Group

Salvation Army: Kingsboro/Summit Groups

Charter Real: Colonies North Group

SA Chest Hospital: Southside/District ID

ARC: Windcrest/District IE

Haven:

The meeting was gratefully adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denny K., Secretary

Even though our "About Alcoholism" article about Lithium had a disclaimer above it, we received a call opposing its publication in the March issue.

We sincerely hope that our readers did not think that we (here at CSO) were suggesting that alcoholics take this drug rather than take the 12 Steps for recovering or arresting his or her illness.

Thanks so much, for your phone call, Tom H. We appreciate hearing from our readers-- this is the only way we have of knowing that THE NIGHTCAP is being read!

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Please note that the deadline date for the May issue of THE NIGHTCAP is earlier than usual. Hope this will not be too inconvenient for anyone. This editor is going out of town on April 25 so need to get it to the printer on the 24th.

Thanks for your help in meeting this date.

Dee S.

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GOLD PLATED AA MEDALLIONS

The Central Service Office can now SPECIAL ORDER ONLY gold plated AA Birthday Medallions for your special people. They sell for \$8.00 each and make a beautiful gift. Please contact Janis for more information regarding these at 733-7562.

CSO also has the medallion ring holders on a neck chain. They look like gold but just can't be at their low, low price!

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AA also has a college SAT--it's a Spiritual Awakening Test. If my behavior has improved, compared to my drinking days, I pass the test!

I found out that 13th Stepping is dangerous-- I ended up married!

Alcohol--pass it up so you can "Pass It On"!

When I came into AA, I didn't have any character defects because I didn't have any character!
Thanks to G. L.

Ranger Creek Group--holds an open discussion meeting at 11 a.m. on Mondays at the Ranger Creek Club House. It is located near Boerne. Just go out I-10 West to Johns Road exit, cross over I-10, turn right to entrance, then turn left. Drive to first stop sign, turn left, continue on to two more stop signs, turn left--the club house will be right in front of you. Approximately 30 minutes from Wonderland Mall. They will really welcome you and would like to have a visit from LB's DCM, Alberto M. (Baby-sitting available.) Call Barbara for more info, 249-9251.

Alpha House Group--has a new address. It has moved from 111 Queen's Crescent to: 127 PRINCESS PASS COURT. Meeting time is the same.

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MEETINGS DISCONTINUED

Alamo Group--has had to fold due to lack of attendance. This was a Monday night meeting held at the First Presbyterian Church on 4th and N. Alamo.

Gratitude Group--has had to fold also. This was a Thursday night meeting held at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 1902 Vance Jackson.

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In Memoriam

Gene D., a past AA Delegate and an over 30-year AA member, died in Weslaco, March 5, 1986. Gene was a good friend to many, very active in service work, and in sponsoring newcomers. He will be greatly missed.

John B., known as "Pops," a member of the Valley-Hi Group, died in March 1986. Pops was a frequent visitor to the Wilford Hall Hospital ARC Unit where he held AA meetings regularly. He will be missed by many.

Bill B., member of the Northwest Group, died on February 20, 1986. He will be missed very much by his many friends.

TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS THAT THEIR BEREAVEMENT MAY BE TEMPERED BY REFLECTIVE THOUGHT UPON THE HAPPINESS SHARED.

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April Birthdays

(These are the ones reported to CSO by various AA Groups-- if yours isn't here, and should be, complain to your Group Secretary!)

30 Years

Bill J.

25 Years

Raul M.

19 Years

Joseph C. H.

18 Years

Herb G.

17 Years

Signa P.

15 Years

Thomas A.
Rudy F.
Sean O'M.

14 Years

Trish F.
Al H.

13 Years

Holly S.

11 Years

Katie J.
R. B. M.
Darrell N.

10 Years

Jo Ann J.
Ginny K.

7 Years

Guillermo B.
Robert F.
Lawrence K.
Charlie K.
Jody P.
William S.

6 Years

Jim B.
Ray L.
Haden M.
Dolores R.
Ida T.
C. W. W.

5 Years

Alice C.
Marie L.
Jennie O.
Jim P.
Sandy S.

4 Years

Mary Lee D.
Sally H.
Burl J.
Chalfant P.
Bob T.

3 Years

Carl (Tony) B.
Teresa B.
Bill G.
Pete G.
Gregory K.
Audrey K.
Greg K.
Christine L.
Albert M.
Mike R.
Perry S.
Maxine W.
Martha W.

2 Years

Lowell A.
Robert B.
Nancy B.
Thomas D.
Gloria H.
Katina M.
Jane M.
Rita P.
Tom R.
Alfredo S.

1 Year

Robert C.
Tommy D.
Dirk H.
John H.
Marvin K.
John L.
Brenda McD.
Charles O.
C. R. W.
Sandra W.



Happy Birthday
Feliz Cumpleaños

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

T O Y O U A L L !

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To support A.A.'s **CONTRIBUTING ACCORDING TO TRADITIONS** essential services, the **General Service Conference** recommends that groups follow the "60-30-10" plan. It works like this:

First, take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments and A.A. literature)

Divide remaining funds as follows:

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CONTRIBUTED \$
60% TO CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE \$
30% TO GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE \$
10% TO SW TX AREA COMMITTEE \$

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEVENTH TRADITION, A.A. accepts no outside contributions at any level. Likewise, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SIXTH TRADITION, A.A. makes no contributions to any outside organization or cause, no matter how worthy.

(Keep this slip for your records)

60%
to your intergroup
or Central Office.

Make check payable to: Central Service Office
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SAN ANTONIO CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

GROUP _____ DATE _____
SENT BY _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TEL OF SENDER _____ AMOUNT _____

30%
to your
General Service Office.

Check payable to: General Fund
Mail to: General Service Office
Box 459
Grand Central Sta.
New York, N. Y. 10163

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

GROUP _____ DATE _____
SENT BY _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
GROUP SERVICE NO. _____ AMOUNT _____

10%
to your
Area Committee.

Make checks payable to: SW TX AREA FUND
Mail to: SW TX AREA FUND
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ROCKPORT, TX 78382

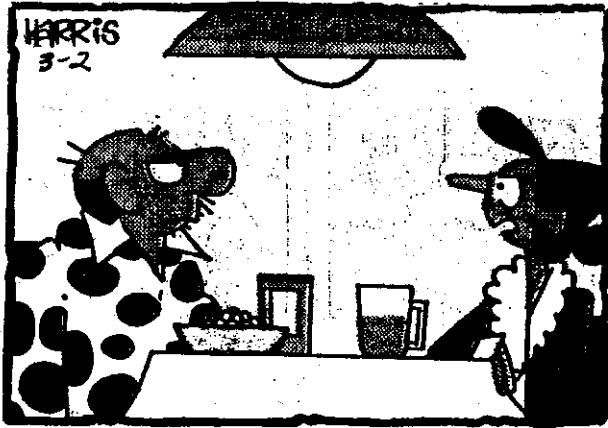
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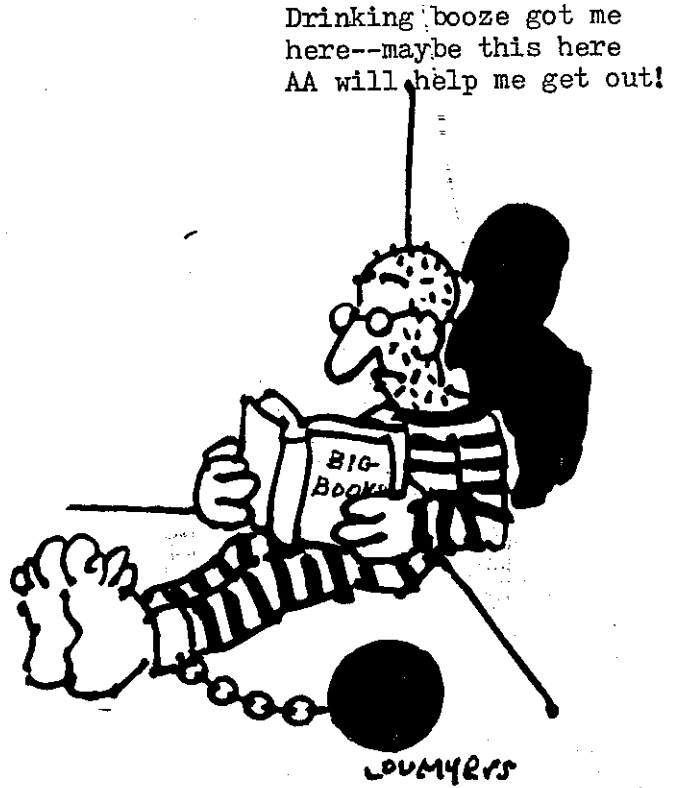
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>6</p> <p>Pre-Gen Serv Conf Workshop, Victoria</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>CSO Admin. Board Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Unity Club Games Night.</p> <p>41st SA AA Anniversary.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>SR Meeting at Club 12, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>District 1C Breakfast.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Goliad Group's Barbecue 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>DEADLINE DATE FOR MAY NIGHTCAP!!</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>North San Pedro Group Birthdays.</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Downtown, Freedom, SW Loop, Colonies North, Brookhollow, Group 12 Birthdays; Marymont Potluck.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Club 12 Games Night; Winners' Club Birthdays; Lambda Potluck. Santa Fe Group 17th Anniversary.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>-Hour Club Dinner</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Alamo Heights Group Birthdays.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Marymont, Valley-Hi, and Windcrest Groups Birthdays.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Park North, Northwood, 24-Hour Group Birthdays.</p>			

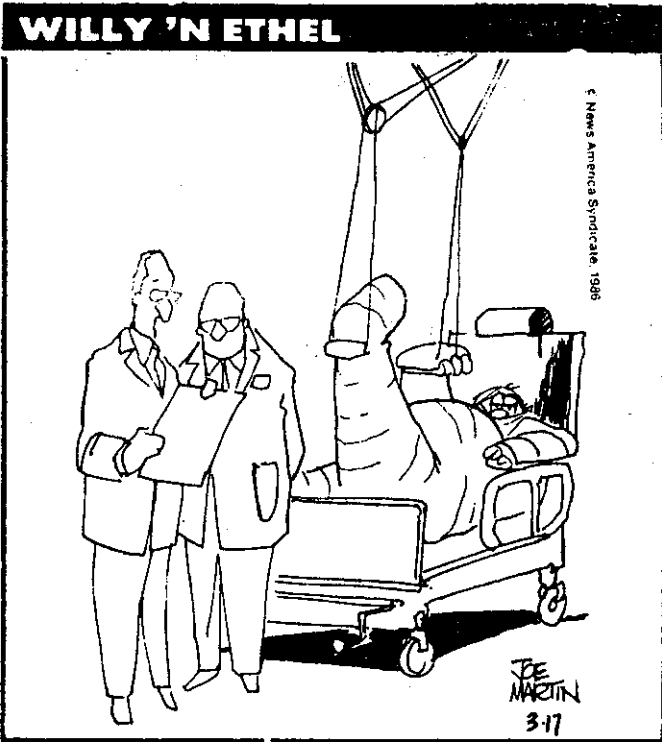
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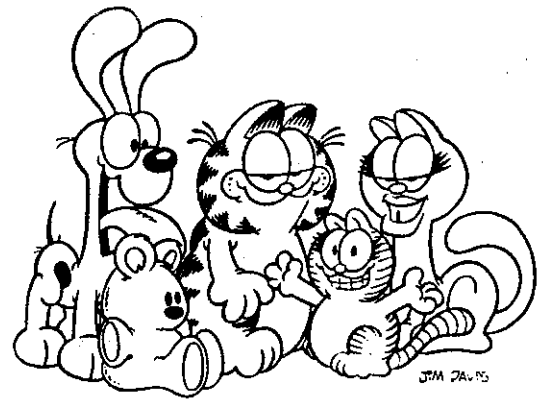
"Pouring beer on cornflakes is not the same as a champagne breakfast!"



LOU MYERS

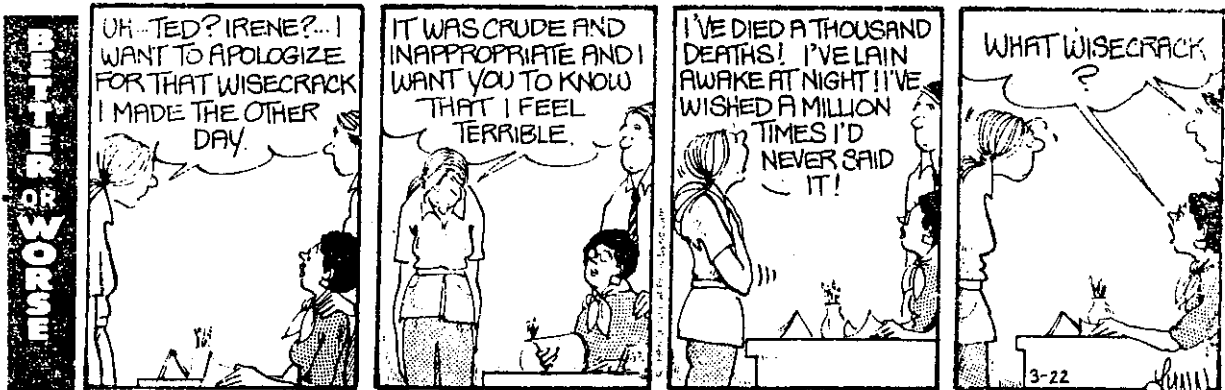


"The last thing he remembers is standing at the foot of a bed saying, 'Love is coming home drunk.'"



JIM DAVIS

Hey! I've been sober 30 days-- now, let me tell you how AA works!



Step 9: "Making direct amends..."

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FEB 25-MAR 25, 1986

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
*W ABUNDANCE HAPPY HR			197.50
*W FRI-SAT NIGHT OWLS			41.35
*W GENERIC			34.00
*W MOBUD BIG BOOK	10.15		31.46
*W MOBUD ROUND TABLE	15.63		27.48
*W MENS MONDAY NIGHT			27.00
*W MORNING AFTER	170.10		259.10
*W SAT NIGHT LIVE	38.68		80.42
*W SIESTA LADIES			26.50
*W SUMMIT	32.23		32.23
*W TURNING POINT			35.66
Reality	35.74		35.74
<u>DISTRICT 1B</u>			
AUDUBON			35.00
BANDERA			49.20
CALLAGHAN ROAD			60.00
COLONIAL HILLS	110.00		210.00
COLONIES NORTH			21.25
LAUREL HEIGHTS	107.00		180.00
PARK NORTH			100.00
TWELVE	120.00		360.00
MEDICAL PROF	130.00		130.00
TWENTY FOUR HR	20.00		20.00
<u>DISTRICT 1C</u>			
ALAMO HEIGHTS			42.00
BROOKHOLLOW			72.00
FREEDOM			174.45
MARYMONT	120.00		180.00
NORTH SAN PEDRO			150.00
STAHL ROAD			45.00
ALPHA HOUSE	50.00		50.00
<u>DISTRICT 1D</u>			
FORT SAM HOUSTON	200.00		200.00
DOWNTOWN			10.00
NEW LIFE	10.00		25.00
SCHERTZ	60.00		65.00
UNIVERSAL CITY	5.00		130.00
UNIVERSAL CITY, SUN			36.00
NORTHEAST	54.00		54.00
<u>DISTRICT 1E</u>			
WILFORD HALL	10.00		10.00
GOLIAD	60.00		157.66
HAVEN			100.00
HIGHLAND	20.00		60.00
LAMBDA			24.67
SASH			100.00
SERENITY			30.00
VALLEY-HI	50.00		241.25
FRONTIER	10.00		10.00
<u>DISTRICT 1F</u>			
GRUPO DEL SOL	7.00		32.85
GRUPO UNIDAD			9.00
SANTA FE			20.00
TOTAL	1445.53		4046.77

MANY THANKS TO THOSE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTING MEMBERS WHO DONATED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:

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- Al M.
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- Roland R.

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AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

New Braunfels	24.00
Kingsland	55.00
TOTAL	79.00

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DEADLINE DATE FOR MAY NIGHTCAP: APRIL 21

Come by your Central Service Office and browse in the well-stocked literature room. Great birthday cards, chips, key-chains, neck chains, and lots of other items are for sale. Remember our tape library, too!

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*W = Groups meeting at Winners Club

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