



# The Nightcap

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## CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

APR 3-5: AA's 42nd Anniversary in San Antonio (Weekend in SA with AA), La Mansion del Norte, San Antonio, Texas.

APR 24-26: 3rd Annual Heart of Texas AA Conference, Waco, Texas. Write Heart of Texas Conference, P. O. Box 897, Hewitt, TX 76643.

MAY 22-25: Big D Roundup, Dallas Hilton Inn, 5600 N. Central Expressway at Mockingbird, Dallas, TX 75206 (214)827-4100. Write Registration Chairman, Big D. Roundup, P. O. Box 191174, Dallas, TX 75219.

MAY 28-31: 42nd Texas State AA Convention, Marriott Hotel, Dallas, TX. Write Committee Treasurer, 703 Kirkwood Dr., Dallas, TX 75218.

(For more detailed information on all of the above, please call CSO.)

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## PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The Southwest Area of Texas will be hosting the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on April 11, 12, 1987, at the Holiday Inn, 1051 I-35 East, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Make reservations directly to the Inn at (512) 625-8017. Special room rates are \$40 for any size room.

The Workshop begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11 and ends at noon on Sunday, April 12. All GSRs are encouraged to attend.

Marty N., Area Sec.

## WINNERS CLUB DANCE

*Spring is here! Join us to celebrate, hopefully without April showers!*

*You all come--18 April 1987, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 5719 Mobud is the place.*

*Tickets are \$3.00 if purchased in advance; \$3.50 at door.*

*NOTE: The Saturday Nite Live speakers meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 that night only.*

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## CLUB TWELVE NEWS

*The Fiesta Dance will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.*

*The Cherokee Band will furnish great music for dancing. Cost: \$3.00 per person.*

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*Games Night will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 7:15 to 10:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Chili will be served from 6 to 7 p.m.*

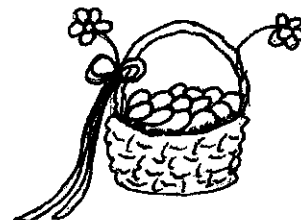
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*The CSOC (GSR) meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 7 p.m.*

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*On Friday, April 24, AA Birthday Night begins at 8:15 p.m.*

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*Happy Easter!*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THERE COMES A TIME...

Changes keep right on coming into my life so it was no surprise that circumstances have brought another change for me.

There comes a time when change is inevitable: That time is now.

It has been fun working at AA Central Service Office most of the time--a real learning experience! But now that I have completed a revision of office procedures, I am confident that things will run smoothly.

There comes a time--and now is that time! Best wishes to the new office manager! And, thanks to all of you who have given me your support and help during my tenure here.

Dee S.

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## The Fourth Tradition

"EACH GROUP SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS EXCEPT IN MATTERS AFFECTING OTHER GROUPS OR A.A. AS A WHOLE."

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the AA spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by AA, the local group is free to work out its own customs.

As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm AA. And there have been such actions--or this Tradition would be unnecessary.

Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all the public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided, "We have all the answers," the lid's off. The group may then decide that, let's say, the Eleventh Tradition is an outdated technicality: "This is a competitive age! We're going to come right out and give AA some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group is AA. Its antics reflect,

NEW GROUPS, NEW MEETINGS, AND CHANGES

THE MARYMONT GROUP HAS TWO NEW MEETINGS: A Beginners Meeting held at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; also, a 12-Step Meeting at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

These two meetings are, of course, held in separate rooms at the Church of Reconciliation, 8900 Starcrest in building behind the church--entrance off of Barrington.

SPECIAL NOTE: START THE DAY THE AA WAY!

Beginning Wednesday, April 1, there will be a 7 a.m. meeting at Club 12 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This is a non-smokers meeting. Coffee is available before the meeting; breakfast tacos are on sale afterwards. Come and join us at the sunrise meeting.

THE LAMBDA GROUP has moved to 1409 N. Main Avenue in mid-town San Antonio. The telephone number has not changed. It is still 225-5611. The meeting schedule remains the same. One each evening at 8:15 p.m. Come Visit!

THE 24-HOUR GROUP previously located at 1203 Fredericksburg Road has moved to 1328 Agarita. Location is the first blue house off I-10 at the Fredericksburg/Woodlawn exit. The meeting schedule will not change; however, the name of the group has been changed to GROUP 24. There is no telephone at the meeting house. If you wish more information, contact may be made with Limon, GSR, at 228-0484.

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not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship.

In a way, the Fourth Tradition is like the Fourth Step: It suggests that the AA group should take honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions, "Would this break any Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities--they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all AA groups.

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# GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CLUB 12, MARCH 15, 1987

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer by Juan S., Chairman. Bob G. read the Twelve Traditions. New GSRs and Alternates were introduced: Kip, Marymont Group; Joe H., Alternate, Marymont Group; Luther, Alternate, Marymont Group. Procedures of the Committee read by Juan S., Chairman.

Fred D. presented the Administrative Board report. Wayne B., read financial report. A written financial report was available and passed out to GSRs to be shared with their individual groups. Wayne also stated that volunteers are needed to help with inventory at the CSO on March 31. If interested, please contact the CSO. Monies available from CSO for Anniversary Round-up, \*monies used to cover cash box shortages from coffee kitty (\*phrase added by Juan S.), and the purchase of a new door lock for the CSO office. It was generally agreed that such discussion and dissention should be discussed at the Administrative Board Meeting and the business-at-hand should be attended to before time ran out.

The minutes of last months meeting were not available, read, or approved.

New Business: Cindy, Hospitals and Institutions:

- Monday Detox--Marymont Group
- Hill Country Hospital--Schertz and Universal City Groups
- SASH--Morning After Group
- Humana Metropolitan Hospital--Freedom Group
- Charter Real Hospital--5:30 Smokers, Club 12
- Salvation Army--Wanderers Group
- SAMM Shelter--Downtown Group
- Detox (Thursday)--Abundance Happy Hour Group
- Casa del Sol--Goliad Group
- SA Chest Hospital--11:00 Non-smokers Group, Winners
- Parkside Recovery Center--Club 12 Non-smokers
- ARC (Halfway House)--Callaghan Road Group
- Our Lady of the Spirit--Lambda Group

Editorial--not present--no report.

PIC--(media). Carolyn B. currently composing letters to the SA Light and Express News to see if they would be interested in running an article about the history of AA in SA the weekend before the April Round-up.

PIC--(schools). No report.

CPC--Gordon M. explained CPC committee is forming. Need volunteers. Gordon will be at the CSO on Saturday A.m.s to speak with volunteers.

Anniversary Committee--Bill T. reported that the Marathon Meetings, open discussion, to be held between speakers at the Weekend in SA conference have all been filled but welcomed anyone who would like to come and join in. Diane stated that we still need volunteers to act as hosts and hostesses at the conference. Please contact her at 653-4086.

Mailing--no report. It was brought up as to whether the Nightcap should continue to be mailed out free to AA members. Motion presented and passed by a majority show of hands. The Nightcap will remain free to members.

Penal--announced that Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Group a volunteer organization meeting will be formed.

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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!)

## 31 Years

Bill J.

## 19 Years

Herb G.

## 18 Years

Signa P.

## 16 Years

Sean O'M.

## 15 Years

Trish F.

## 12 Years

Nancy P.

Katie J.

R. B. M.

## 11 Years

Jo Ann J.

## 10 Years

Wilson "Pete" P.

W. P.

## 8 Years

Nancy F.

William S.

Charlie K.

Jody P.

Lawrence K.

## 7 Years

Ida T.

Jim B.

Karen R.

Haden M.

Ray L.

C. W. W.

## 6 Years

Marie L.

Jennie D.

## 5 Years

Tom W.

Sally H.

Burl J.

Bob T.

## 4 Years

Audrey K.

Donald L.

Gay Ann T.

Terry S.

Teresa B.

Carl B.

Albert M.

Martha W.

## 3 Years

Tom R.

Katina B.

Rita P.

Thomas D.

Jane M.

## 2 Years

C. R. W.

Jim C.

Penny L.

Jim D.

Chris R.

Charles O.

Sandra W.

Marvin K.

John L.

## 1 Year

Sara G.

Donald C.

Alvin R.

Jimmy T.

Gabriel O'C.

John R.

Doug S.

Kevin W.

Michael M.



Happy Birthday  
Feliz Cumpleaños

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## BIRTHDAY PLAN

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Birthday Plan last month! These are listed on page 9.

If you have not donated to the Birthday Plan, just send \$1.00 for each year of sobriety, or 1¢ for each day of sobriety to CSO, 103 Renner, San Antonio, TX 78201.

Remember to note on your check that the donation is for the "Birthday Plan."

Any contribution is welcomed!!!

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KEEP UP YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE NIGHTCAP WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU AT NO COST!

# APRIL 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			8	9	10	11
			15	16	17	18
			22	23	24	25
			29	30		
5	6	7	14	15	16	17
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19	20	21	28	29	30	
26	27	28				

WEEKEND IN SA CONVENTION WEEKEND IN SA begins at 2 p.m.

Starlite Birthdays

Club 12 Fiesta Dance 8 to 12 midnight

Club 12 Games Night. Winners Club Spring Dance 9 p.m.

Winners Club Birthdays  
Lambda Birthdays & Potluck  
Audubon Group Birthdays

24 Birthdays Nites at: El Libro Grande, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Club 12, Brookhollow, Schertz, Marymont. Marymont Potluck 7 pm

Medina Valley Group Birthdays

North San Pedro Group Birthdays

Southside Group Birthdays

Park North, Group 24, & Northwood Birthdays

CSO Admin Board Meeting 7 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR MAY NIGHTCAP!

CSOC (GSR) MEETING CLUB 12, 7 p.m.

Goliad Barbecue at 6 p.m.

Alamo Heights Birthdays

Valley Hi and Windcrest Birthdays

# GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC.

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TO: Newsletter Editors

FROM: Lyla Bonney, Correctional Facilities Desk

DATE: March 3, 1987

SUBJECT: Institutions Correspondence Service

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Because we are still badly in need of male A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with A.A. members in correctional facilities, we have decided to direct our request to the newsletters we have listed here at the General Service Office. The staff thought it might be a good idea to suggest that this request be included in your next newsletter, if possible.

We are enclosing a form to be completed and returned by those in your area who would like to participate. Please feel free to make copies of this form to pass along to interested A.A.s.

Because the ICS has become an increasingly large effort here at G.S.O., the Trustees' Committee on Correctional Facilities at their recent Board Meeting discussed the possibility of dissolving the Institutions Correspondence Service as we know it today in favor of it being coordinated within each delegate area. The committee further discussed the value of additional shared experience and suggestions from all correctional facility committees and interested A.A.s and would appreciate hearing from as many as possible.

We thank all of you in advance for your extra effort in helping to find A.A. members who are willing to write to those who are still waiting for a reply on the "inside." Meanwhile, we all send sincerest gratitude and hope to be hearing from some of the A.A. members in your area soon.

Very truly yours,



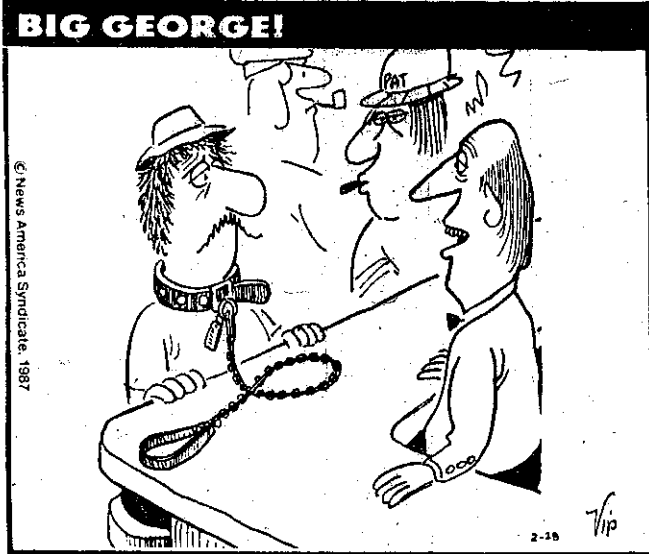
Lyla Bonney  
Correctional Facilities Desk  
General Service Staff

(SEE ICS FORM AT BOTTOM OF NEXT  
PAGE. RETURN FORM TO:  
P. O. BOX 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163)

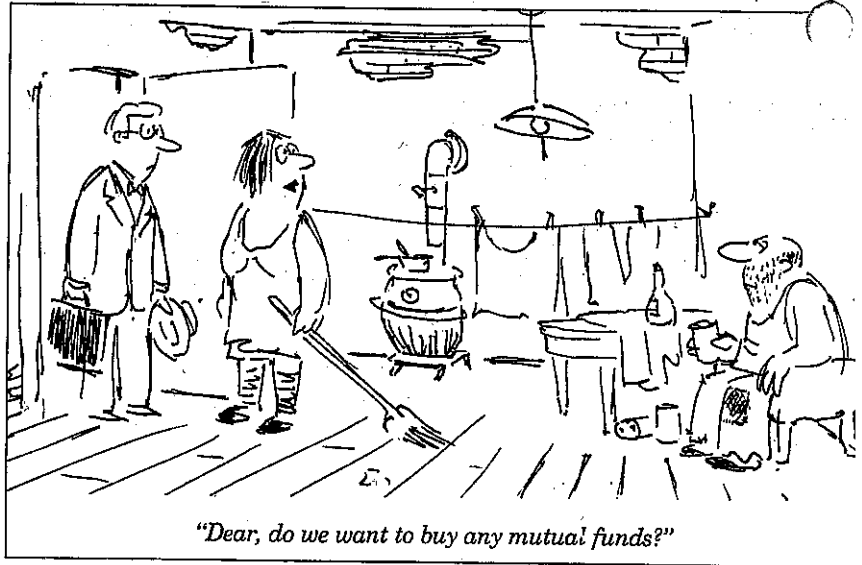
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Enc. ICS Form

# Jokes \* \* Jokes \* \* Jokes



"Back in the doghouse again, I see."



I would like to participate in the Institutions Correspondence Service. We understand this will involve one P.O. Box Number for our group. Each A.A. member interested in taking part will send his or her name as well as the group name and P.O. Box Number when requesting to be listed.

My Group Name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Group P.O. Box Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in the Institutions Correspondence Service on an individual basis.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 1987

GROUP	DISTRICT 1-A	MO	YTD	GROUP	DISTRICT 1-E	MO	YTD
W Abundance		46.73	88.78	Fresh Start			19.31
Bandera		26.56	26.56	Frontier		13.22	13.22
W Mobud Big Book			3.96	Goliad		120.00	180.00
W Mobud Roundtable		22.25	45.50	Highland		25.00	25.00
W Morning After		57.80	105.00	Medina Valley		10.80	29.80
Reality		2.00	2.00	SASH		150.00	150.00
W Sat Night Live			41.44	Serenity		30.00	30.00
W Siesta Ladies			12.00	Valley Hi		50.00	50.00
W Summit Step Study			24.47	New Acceptance		25.00	25.00
W Turning Point			26.41				
Villa Rosa			50.00				
	DISTRICT 1-B				DISTRICT 1-F		
Boerne		96.00	96.00	Grupo Unidad		20.76	20.76
Callaghan Road		80.00	80.00	Kingsboro		10.70	18.20
Colonial Hills			16.36	Santa Fe			24.00
Dietz-Elkhorn			60.00				
Laurel Heights		109.50	109.50	TOTALS		\$2,169.32	\$3,284.27
Oak Hills		480.00	480.00				
Oblate			100.00				
Ranger Creek			30.00				
Twelve		120.00	240.00				
	DISTRICT 1-C						
Alamo Heights		36.00	72.00				
Brookhollow		22.00	48.00				
Easy Does It		28.00	28.00				
Freedom		84.00	159.00				
Marymont			60.00				
Northwood		60.00	60.00				
Reliance		33.00	33.00				
Stahl Road			36.00				
Tejas		25.00	25.00				
Windcrest		40.00	40.00				
	DISTRICT 1-D						
Fort Sam Houston		180.00	180.00				
Downtown		20.00	20.00				
New Life		25.00	25.00				
Northeast			70.00				
Schertz		60.00	60.00				
Universal City		60.00	120.00				
W=Winners Club							
						Total	\$133.65

AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

Hondo			60.00
Marble Falls			60.00
TOTALS		60.00	120.00

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

M. G. G. for Neil B.  
Jeanne B. for Robert G.

BIRTHDAY DONATIONS

T. H. (13 Years)	13.00
Charles H. (25 Years)	25.00
Clara H. (11 Years)	11.00
Fredrick D. (1 Year)	3.65
D. C. R. (8 Years)	8.00
W. O. B. (30 Years)	30.00
Jewell R. (10 Years)	10.00
Roger W. (18 Years)	18.00
Brenda H. (8 Years)	8.00
Candy F. (7 Years)	7.00

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Bill Mc.	Pete G.	George S.	Dennis	Howard C.
John D.	Henry	Jerry B.	V. C. H.	Norman & Morgan
Garnett I.	Lylor W.	Willie A.	Arthur L.	Kopience
Frost U.	Karolen N.	Ellis W.	Hilda & Sheryl	Jeanne W.
Karla S.	Asa C.	Eugene H.	Dan R.	June
Mike	George M.	Billie W.	Raul M.	Suzanne
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