



# The Nightcap

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## Weekend in S.A. with A.A.

P. O. Box 791985  
San Antonio, Texas 78279-1985

**Friday, April 8 thru Sunday, April 10, 1988**

— PASS IT ON —

This is a once a year benefit for the San Antonio Central Service Office — as well as a celebration of San Antonio's 43rd A.A. Anniversary — We look forward to your support and fellowship —

**Marathon Meetings will start Friday at 3 p.m.**

### SPEAKERS:

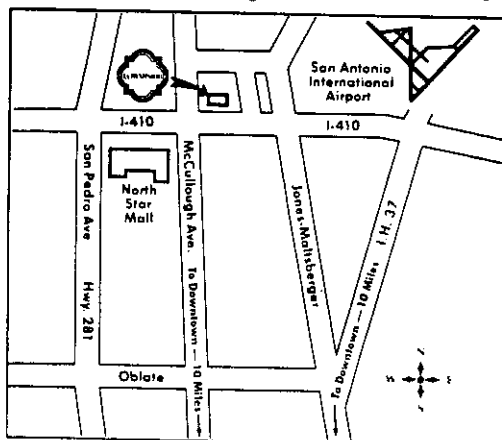
- FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. **George T. - Middletown, Delaware**
- FRIDAY 8:15 P.M. **Polly P. - Fountain Valley, Calif.**
- SATURDAY 10:30 A.M. **Gavin G. - Center City, MN**
- SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. **Ken D. - La Mesa, Calif.**
- SATURDAY 8:00 P.M. **Jerry F. - Huntington Beach, Calif.**
- SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. **Sister Bea - Brea, Calif.**

**Dance**



**Banquet**

La Mansion del Norte has blocked off rooms for us. Please identify yourself for this Weekend in S.A. with A.A.



### **Free registration**

for those who are registered

guests at the

**La Mansion del Norte**

(Limit two per room)

**Interpreter will be**

**provided for the**

**hearing impaired**

**La Mansion del Norte - 37 N.E. Loop 410 - San Antonio, TX. 78216**

**Texas Toll Free No. 1-800-292-7300**

**U. S. Toll Free No. 1-800-531-7208**

**512-341-3535**

# Convention Clipboard

## NEW GROUPS+NEW MEETINGS++CHANGES

APR 8-10: Weekend in SA with AA, San Antonio, TX, Box 791985, San Antonio, TX 78279-1985. For room reservations call 1-800-292-7300 at La Mansion del Norte.

APR 15-17: Youth Enjoying Sobriety Conference, Arizona '88, at Holiday Inn, 180 W. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85701. Write YES 1988, Box 57664, Tucson, AZ 85732.

JUN 9-12: 43rd Texas State AA Convention, Hyatt Regency West Houston, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Write to Treasurer, 3914 Roseland, Houston, TX 77006.

JUL 29-31: Hill Country Roundup, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX. Write Chairman, P. O. Box 33027, Kerrville, TX 78029-33027. Hotel reservations: 1-800-292-5690.

RUSH HOUR AA GROUP now meets in Room 10, 7434 Louis Pasteur Drive, at 5:30 p.m. (Pyramid Building) Daily, Monday thru Friday.

GRUPO NUEVA ESPERANZA is a new group that meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m., 1600 Saltillo at SW 19th Street. This is an Open-Discussion meeting held in the Good Samaritan Center.

NEW AA GROUP has formed and meets at the Laurel Ridge Hospital, 17720 Corporate Woods Drive. This is an Open-Discussion meeting and non-smoking and is held on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. For more information call Debbie at 491-9400.

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### NOTICE

One of our members is looking for two old issues of THE GRAPEVINE.

If you happen to have the March 1987 and May 1987 issues and do not want them, please send them to your Central Service Office.

Thanks.

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### MEMORIAL LETTER

"Dear fellow AAs--my friends,

*The enclosed is given in memory of my beloved brother, a kind and brilliant man, chairman of the Board of a large television company, who finally died of alcoholism.*

*It comforts me to know this money will be used to help others who have the disease we all share.*

God bless you,

Garnett I.

*21-years of sobriety by the Grace of God, our divinely inspired AA program, and all the beautiful people in it."*

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## In Memoriam

ASA C., passed away on February 26, 1988, in Utopia, Texas, where he had lived for a short time. He will be missed by his many friends in this area.

RED T., passed away in San Antonio on March 2, 1988. He was an old timer of 28 years. He will be missed by his many friends and the Highlands and Goliad groups.

HERBERT P., passed away on March 8, 1988, in San Antonio. He had 16 years of AA sobriety and will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

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

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*Most of us alcoholics think that we are a hammer and everybody else is a nail!*

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# GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CLUB 12, MARCH 20, 1988  
MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Charlie C., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The sign-in book was passed and 47 persons signed. New GSRs & Alternate GSRs were recognized. Literature on table was pointed out and all encouraged to take what they needed. CSO guidelines and 12 Traditions were read followed by the Statement of Participation. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the March issue of THE NIGHTCAP. The meeting was turned over to Gary L., Chairman, CSO Admin Bd, who asked for committee reports. H&I Chairman, James H., reported that Detox wants another meeting on Saturdays (no decision made). Finance Chairman, Wayne B., presented the financial statement reviewing and answering questions regarding same. CPC Chairman, Lila S., absent. Editorial Chairman, Dee S., requested that she would like some personal experience articles, after coming into AA, for THE NIGHTCAP. Mailing Chairman, Jack S., absent, but reported 1104 issues were mailed with only about 12 being returned for March. PI Chairman, Jerri McC., absent, but sent report on her activities for the month of March which included a group being interviewed by medical students to learn to spot symptoms for alcoholism. Penal Chairman, John R., thanked everyone for support and reported he has a Correctional Facilities Committee organized with a secretary, treasurer, and chairman. Anyone wishing to contribute, please designate whether it should go to the literature fund, travel expense fund, or general fund. The mailing address is: Correctional Facilities Committee, P. O. Box 65018, San Antonio, TX 78265. GIRs (Group Institutional Representatives) are needed from each group. Contact John at 626-2584 or mail name & phone number to the above address. Jail Chairman, Tom B., asked for more volunteers to carry the message to jails. Requirements are 1 year of sobriety and no felonies. Women meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; men meet at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Draft for new guidelines of policies and procedures for CSO Administrative Board were passed out and GSR's were asked to take a copy back to his or her group. A vote on this new draft will be held at the next CSO Committee Meeting.

DCM REPORTS: 1-A--Donna T. needs more GSRs in her district. 1-B--absent, no report. 1-C--Jeanne B., Alternate, reported on their last meeting and said they will meet regularly on a quarterly basis. 1-D--absent, no report (vacant). 1-E--Gary L. discussed groups responsibility to support GSRs and DCMs for AA functions, after covering groups expenses. 1-F--Jose discussed getting involved in H&I work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that District 1 will have a hospitality room at the Pre-General Conference and food donations are needed; anyone interested, please take your snacks to the hotel hospitality room. There will be an AA meeting at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday Night at the Pre-General Service Conference. There is a new non-smokers meeting at Lackland on Wednesday nights; same place as Wilford Hall meets. The New Acceptance Group 2nd Anniversary will be held on April 7. Pre-registration is requested for the AA in SA Convention; interpreters for the hearing impaired will be at all meetings.

## AFTER-HOUR TELEPHONE DUTY FOR APRIL

April 4 - 10: Fresh Start Group

April 18 - 24: Freedom Group

April 11 - 17: Ft. Sam Houston Group

April 25 - May 1: New Acceptance Group

## HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS FOR APRIL

Monday Detox: 5:30 NS Group (Club 12)

Humana Metro: (On-hold) Abundance Happy Hr.

Salvation Army: 1st 2 wks, Colonies North

last 2 weeks, Marymont Group

Parkside: 1st 3 weeks, Coker Woman's

Last 2 weeks, District 1-C

Thursday Detox: Southwest Loop Group

SASH: 7 a.m. Sunrise Group (Club 12)

Cloudhaven: New Acceptance Group

Ella Austin: Morning After Group (Winners)

Casa del Sol: Sat A.M. Step Group (Club 12)

ARC: Goliad Group

Our Lady of the Spirit: Wilford Hall Group

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F., Secretary



CORRECTIONAL FACILITY COMMITTEE

The Correctional Facility Committee will meet at 130 Saipan at 7 p.m. on each second Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 1988, and we invite all groups who are interested in being represented to send a GIR (Group Institutional Representative). Each GIR will be part of the makeup of the Correctional Facility Committee.

If you wish to send contributions to the CFC, please mail to:

Correctional Facilities Committee  
P. O. Box 65018  
San Antonio, TX 78265

Please designate whether your donation is for the literature, travel, or general fund.

John R., CFC Chairman

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWS

A John F. Kennedy Highschool English class had lots of good questions for a PI volunteer in a guest interview session on alcoholism and recovery on March 9, 1988.

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AA JAIL MEETINGS

Six women AA members are now carrying the message in to the jail, and last week they had 25 participants.

Eight men are taking AA to the jail also.

Please keep up the good work of supporting us with your contributions to the Jail Literature Fund and the Jail Coffee Fund.

Tom B., Jail Chairman

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Once upon a time there was a lion so ferocious that he ate a bull. He felt so great that he roared. A hunter heard him roar and shot him.

MORAL: If you are full of bull--keep your mouth shut!

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS BASED ON LOVE AND HONESTY IN AA

Because our relationships are based on honesty, and fairness, there is no need to test each other. It is wonderful to find someone whom we don't need to play games with who lives up to those things we consider important, right, and beautiful.

AA teaches us that one of the more important aspects of our relationships is that we no longer need to always be right or always strong, or always smart or always "first."

We have enough confidence in ourselves and trust in each other that we can be our real selves at all times.

I do not want to change you. You know what is best for you much better than I. I do not want you to change me, I want you to accept me and respect me the way I am. In this way we can build a strong relationship based on reality rather than a dream. Though we are very close to each other, we each have our own lives and our own goals.

We are together always in our hearts, but not necessarily together in all our activities.

The program of AA gives us a relationship based on Truth and Freedom and Love.

Anonymous

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"A loser is someone who, when lost in the woods, follows some tracks and gets hit by a train."

And, this being Income-Tax month:

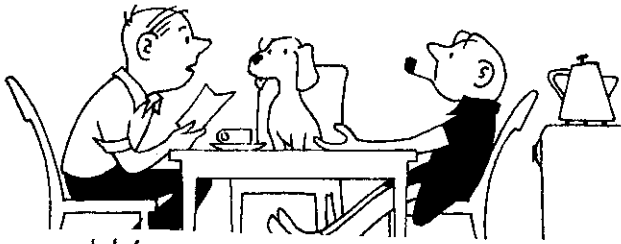
"You've got to hand it to those income tax people. If you don't, they'll get it anyway!"

And, another "loser" is a guy who plays hide-and-seek and nobody tries to find him!

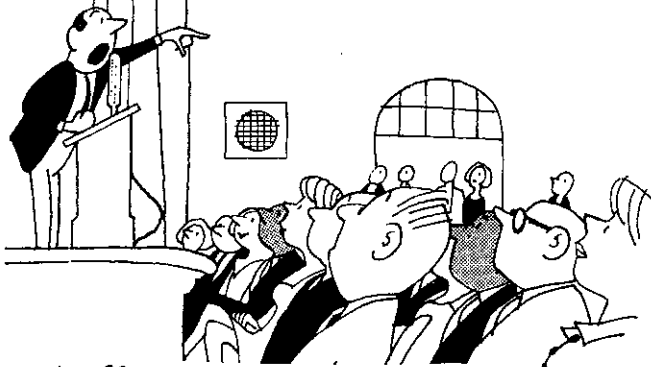
"Age is a matter of mind. IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT DON'T MATTER."

There are all kinds of groups...

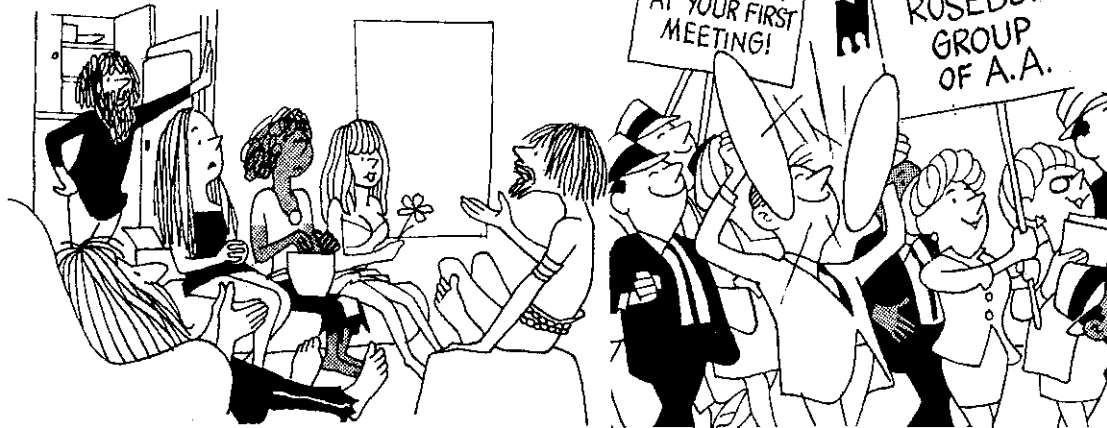
Little groups...



and big groups...



and off-beat groups...



# The Fourth Tradition

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

But wherever two or more alcoholics are gathered together to practice A.A. principles, it is an A.A. group if they say it is.



And you are a member if you say you are!



A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody's living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, "My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic." In another, everybody happily shouts, "Hi, Ann!" And in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name—at a one-hour meeting or a 90-minute meeting. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., 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 A.A. And there *have* been such actions—or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions," Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually."

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 A.A. some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group *is* A.A. Its antics reflect, 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 A.A. 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 A.A. groups. . . .

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# April Birthdays

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

## 1 Year

Robin  
Mike G.  
Dick M.  
Eddie D.  
Kevin Q.  
Chris A.  
Kirk N.  
Ken L.  
Ed A.  
Jana B.  
Donna G.  
Charles H.  
Beth H.  
Jennifer L.  
Paul M.  
Matthew S.  
Rick C.

## 2 Years

Donald C.  
Ramona H.  
Timothy K.  
Alvin R.  
Rita W.  
Tom C.  
Wayne G.  
Blake G.  
Kevin W.  
Gil B.  
John R.  
Allan K.

## 3 Years

Jim D.  
Nancy C.  
Chris R.  
Jim C.  
Marvin K.  
C. R. W.  
Sandra W.

## 4 Years

Rita P.  
Ben P.  
Jane M.  
Thomas D.

## 5 Years

Tom D.  
Patsy F.  
Terry S.  
Bill G.  
Teresa B.  
Audrey K.  
Albert M.  
Susan R.  
Martha W.

## 6 Years

Claudia B.  
Hilda C.  
Sally H.  
Bob T.

## 7 Years

Marie L.

## 8 Years

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

## 9 Years

Nancy F.  
John S.  
Charlie K.  
Jody P.

## 10 Years

Juan S.

## 11 Years

Wilson "Pete" P.

## 12 Years

Jo Ann J.

## 13 Years

Jerry E.  
R. B. M.  
Katie J.  
Nancy P.

## 16 Years

Bill F.  
Trish F.

## 17 Years

Sean O'M.

## 19 Years

Signa P.

## 20 Years

Herb G.

## 32 Years

Bill J.

## BELATED MARCH

Kevin P., 1 Year  
Mike M., 1 Year  
Sean M., 1 Year  
Eric S., 2 Years  
Sarah P., 2 Years  
Al, 3 Years  
Mary Ruth E., 4 Years  
Clem S., 5 Years  
Bob M., 20 Years

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Many thanks to all of you "Birthday Contributors." Anyone wanting to contribute for his or her Birthday (any amount is welcomed), normally, folks contribute \$1.00 per year or 1¢ per day of sobriety. This is a great way to help celebrate your own birthday!!!

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

THANKS FOR LETTING US SHARE  
YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!!

Do your AA Birthday shopping with your Central Service Office! We have many items for gifts for your favorite AA member.

We have bronze and gold plated medallions and a bronze pocket piece. We also have cards, bookmarks, covers for the Big Book, 12 & 12 (regular and gift editions), neckchains with bezel, earrings, lapel pins, lighters, Zippo lighters, keyholders, money clips, and gift certificates.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		 <i>A Little Humility</i>			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Goliad Birthdays*				Goliad Birthdays* NEW ACCEPTANCE GROUP 2ND ANNIVERSARY	AA IN SA CONVENTION	AA IN SA CONVENTION
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AA IN SA CONVENTION		CSO Admin Board Meets		Medina Valley Group Birthdays		Games Night, Club 12
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
GSR MEETING, CLUB 12, AT 7 P.M. Goliad Group Dinner			DEADLINE FOR MAY NIGHTCAP!			CLUB 12: Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 p.m.; Dance beginning at 8 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Atamo Heights Birth- day night.	Birthday Night at Windcrest, Valley Hi, Fresh Start Groups	Birthday Night at Oblate, Park North & Northwood Groups.	Birthday Night at North San Pedro, Southside, and New Acceptance Groups.	BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT: Club 12, El Libro Grande, South west Loop, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies No., Schertz, Brookwood, Marymont. Potluck at Marymont & Downtown.	Birthday Night at: Winners, Audubon, Lambda. Potluck at Lambda Club



\*The Goliad Group celebrates AA Birthdays every Thursday and Sunday.

*April 1988*

**WILLY 'N ETHEL**

WHAT'D YOU GET WRITTEN TODAY?

NOTHING

"NOTHING"? ARE YOU SURE?

WELL...IT COULD BE A LIST OF THE THINGS I LIKE BETTER THAN BEER

3/10

**WILLY 'N ETHEL**

THAT'LL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.. I SENT AWAY FOR THIS HYPNOTIC WATCH AND I NEVER LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT PUTTING ETHEL IN A TRANCE!

3/12

**GAMIN & PATCHES**

THEY SAY IN FIVE BILLION YEARS LIFE ON EARTH WILL BE WIPED OUT

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO GET A HEAD START

3-17 Addison

**STOPS**

**GATE 2**

HOW 'BOUT A QUICK DRINK BEFORE YOU TAKE OFF?

NO THANKS.

I'M ON THE WAGON.

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WHICH HAS A WHOLE NEW MEANING IN AIRPORTS THESE DAYS..

BAR CART

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**CATFISH**

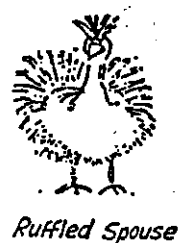
LIEUTENANT, AH HAVE A BAD DRINKING PROBLEM!

THAT'S THE FIRST STEP TO RECOVERY, ADMITTING YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

Wagner

AH'M BROKE AND PAYDAY IS A WEEK AWAY!

31-6



Ruffled Spouse

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY 1988

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	
Abundance Happy Hour		166.00	166.00	Anonymous	426.23
For Women Only		11.08	11.08	Elves & Myrl	20.00
Morning After			72.51	Garnett I.	24.84
Northwest			30.00	Julia L.	20.00
Villa Rosa		100.00	100.00	Karla S.	1.24
	<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>			Mary L.	20.00
Lambda		50.00	100.00	Mike D.	100.00
Laurel Heights		50.00	50.00	Vincent H.	6.00
Park North		60.00	60.00		
Twelve		120.00	240.00		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>				
Alamo Heights			36.00		
Brookhollow		40.00	40.00		
Bulverde		36.00	36.00		
Freedom		60.00	110.00		
Marymont		60.00	120.00		
Northwood		60.00	60.00		
Reliance		37.87	37.87		
St. Pauls		48.00	48.00		
Sunset			100.00		
Windcrest			60.00		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>				
Ft. Sam Houston		180.00	180.00		
New Life			25.00		
Northeast		54.00	54.00		
Schertz			60.00		
Universal City			60.00		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>				
Downtown			25.00		
Frontier		50.22	59.05		
Goliad		60.00	120.00		
Highland		25.00	50.00		
Longhorn			60.00		
Lytle		20.00	20.00		
New Acceptance			25.00		
Southside			10.00		
Southwest Loop		15.00	45.00		
Valley-Hi		20.00	90.00		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>				
Grupo del Sol			5.00		
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>1,323.17</u>	<u>2,365.51</u>		

<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	
Judith V. (2 Years)	2.00
Dolores Y. (11 Years)	11.00
Darlene B. (12 Years)	12.00
Roger W. (19 Years)	19.00
Garnett I. (21 Years)	21.00
Woody B. (31 Years)	31.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>96.00</u>

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and tell us you wish to be put on our mailing list. In the event you move, PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS as soon as possible. The NIGHTCAP costs 8.5¢ to mail to you, BUT if it comes back to us we have to pay an additional 22¢.

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M A N Y T H A N K S

To all the groups and individuals who have contributed to your Central Service Office we send our sincere thanks! Keep up the 60-30-10 Plan and practice the Sixth and Seventh Traditions!

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<u>PENAL LITERATURE FUND</u>		
Fresh Start		17.84
Medical Professional		54.73
New Acceptance		15.00
Night Owls		78.50
Garnett I.	12.84	12.84
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>12.84</u>	<u>178.91</u>

*Happy Easter!*

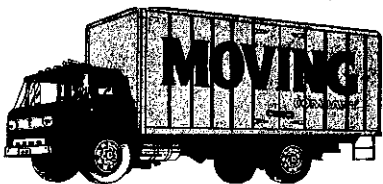
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