

The NIGHT CAP

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LET GO AND LET GOD

AS CHILDREN BRING THEIR BROKEN TOYS WITH TEARS,
FOR US TO MEND,
I BROUGHT MY BROKEN DREAMS TO GOD,
BECAUSE HE IS MY FRIEND.
BUT THEN INSTEAD OF LEAVING HIM IN PEACE
TO WORK ALONE,
I HUNG AROUND AND TRIED TO HELP, IN WAYS
THAT WERE MY OWN.
AT LAST, I SNATCHED THEM BACK AND CRIED,
"HOW CAN YOU BE SO SLOW?"
HE SAID, "MY CHILD, WHAT COULD I DO?
YOU NEVER DID LET GO."

-Author Unknown



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24TH ANNIVERSARY OF AA IN KERRVILLE

The Kerrville Group of AA was organized on August 4, 1950, at the home of John and Virginia L., with the help of Jim S. and Joe and Harriet C. of the Alamo Heights Group; the first meeting was held Aug. 5, with Joe and Mary Jo G., Ann and Frank H., R. H. P. and Herman M. as charter members.

The Group met in private homes until 1952 when they used the Legion Hut. In 1955 they moved to a meeting place at the rear of the building housing the Chatterbox Restaurant and met there continuously until December of 1973 when they opened a new Clubhouse at 720 Tivy.

Today the original Group has expanded to three: Kerrville, Big Book and Women's Serenity Groups, all meeting at the Clubhouse. The combined membership has grown from a few to approximately forty.

A Banquet and Open Speakers Meeting will be held Saturday, August 3, 1974, at 6:30 PM at the Golden Ox Restaurant, 936 Junction Highway (Hwy 27 W), Kerrville, sponsored by the Kerrville Group, to commemorate the 24th AA Anniversary. J. F. MacA. of Hobbs, New Mexico, will speak; Bill S. will chair and the Invocation will be given by the Reverend Phillip

Rigg. Tickets: \$4.00 per person; the committee will appreciate early reservations by writing the Secretary, Kerrville Group, P. O. Box 426, Kerrville, TX, 78028, or calling 512-896-9983. The Kerrville folks invite one and all to join them in their celebration. Bring the family and make a weekend of it at one of the motels nearby!

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

Joining hands in AA fellowship with the Southwest Texas General Service Conference Area is the UNITY GROUP (English-speaking) of Monterrey, N. L., Mexico. Paul W., Secretary, writes that the Group has registered in New York and asked to be included in the Southwest Texas Area "in order that our relationship with AA be through San Antonio so as to continue to receive notices and other contacts in English."

The Group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM at the Union Church of Monterrey; persons to contact are Paul W., 56.-04.-04 and 47.-30.-30 and Jack C., 56.-08.-07. Their mailing address is: UNITY GROUP, Apdo. Postal 2653, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico.

Welcome, friends!! The AA brotherhood is a two-way street. We look forward to sharing our fellowship, strength and hope with each other.

24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA AA

Will be held September 27, 28 and 29, 1974, at El Tropicano Motor Hotel, 110 Lexington, San Antonio, TX. The success of the Conference depends on the Groups and individual members. Speakers are coming from in and out-of-state to share their thoughts and experiences.

Early Bird Registration (Complete Packet), before Sept. 1, \$21.00, includes Registration and Dance, Banquet, Al-Anon Luncheon and Continental Breakfast; after Sept. 1 the cost will be \$22.50. Registration and Dance alone: \$7.00. An early registration helps the Committee and makes it easier for all concerned when the Conference begins at 12 Noon Friday, Sept. 27.

For pre-registration write: Conference Chairman, Southwest Texas Area Conference, P. O. Box 6454, San Antonio, TX, 78209. For more information you may call Beth J., San Antonio, 828-5062.

You can help make this a truly great Conference by attending and sharing. See you there!

BOWLING, ANYONE?

An AA Bowling Team (or teams) for men and women will be formed, if there is sufficient interest. All bowlers may call William (Bill) B., 822-1519 or Charlie McM., 826-3193, and they will start the ball rolling!

LETTERS

--I am back at work, thanks to the good Lord and all the prayers of you people in AA. I also want to thank all of you for your flowers, Get Well cards and best wishes from people all over Texas. I never felt so sure of myself and life as you have made me feel, thanks to my Higher Power as I understand Him, and thanks, many thanks, to all you alcoholics!
-Pete H.

NEW MEETING DIRECTORY

The new AA Meeting Directory for San Antonio and other groups in District 1 will be available soon, therefore Changes to Meeting Directory are not listed in this issue of the Night Cap.

RAMBLING 'ROUND THE AREA

SHELL CENTER GROUP AA

The SHELL CENTER GROUP AA has just registered with the General Service Office in New York and the Southwest Texas General Service Conference Area, according to C. T. J., Secretary. The Group has Open Meetings on Saturdays at 8:00 PM at 614 Oliver St., Corpus Christi, TX. Jerry P. is GSR and Ray M. the Treasurer. Their mailing address is: Shell Center Group AA, P. O. Box 9363, Corpus Christi, TX, 78408.

Welcome to the Area and thanks for sending us the news, C. T. Let us hear from you again soon!

NEW AA GROUP IN FREDERICKSBURG

The BIG BOOK GROUP, 115 E. San Antonio St., in the old Sunday School Building at the rear of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, TX, holds Open Meetings on Thursdays at 8 PM. Norman A. is the GSR. For more information call the Secretary, CSO, at 226-2164.

HONDO GROUP

The HONDO GROUP holds AA meetings every Thursday at 8 PM in the Church of Christ Education Building, 2302 Ave. M, Hondo, TX.

AL-ANON TELEPHONE NUMBER

The San Antonio Al-Anon Intergroup now has a telephone listed as "Al-Anon Family Group Central Office"- 824-0681.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

"Yesterday is a cancelled check;
Tomorrow is a promissory note;
Today is the only cash you have. . .
Spend it wisely!"
"You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow
by evading it today."
"One Today is worth a dozen Tomorrows;
Make it a good TODAY."
"The people who have the fewest worries over
yesterday and tomorrow are the ones who are doing
the best job of living today."

-Bright Star Press



GROUP NEWS

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 4: DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid, Monthly Dinner & Bingo, 1 PM.

Sunday, Aug. 11: THE HAVEN, 1640 W. Woodlawn, Monthly Bar-B-Q, 1 PM. Speakers Meeting, 3 PM. (Other Sundays Meeting at 5 PM).

Sunday, Aug. 18: GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, Monthly Bar-B-Q, 6 PM, followed by a meeting at 7:30 PM. On other Sundays the meeting will be at 8:15 PM.

Sunday, Aug. 25: 24 HOUR GROUP, 24 Hour Service, 1203 Fredericksburg Rd., Monthly Dinner and Bingo, 1 PM.

Saturday, Aug. 31: GROUP 12, Club 12, 102 Thames: Monthly Dinner and Bingo, 7 PM.

Every Saturday: DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid: "Poor Boy Bingo", 8 PM.

24 HOUR SERVICE GROUP 9TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration will be a picnic at Starcke Park in Seguin, TX, on Sunday, Aug. 11. A car pool will form at the Group Clubhouse, 1203 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, at 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited! Bring your own lunch, and a salad or covered dish for all to enjoy. There will be games for adults and children. A good time will be had by all!!!

The 24 Hour Group has added a Closed Discussion meeting on Fridays at 8:15 PM. On Mondays the topic is the 12 Traditions for the Closed Discussion meetings at 8:15 PM.

KERRVILLE 24TH AA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Aug. 3, 6:30 PM, Golden Ox Restaurant, Kerrville, TX. See Page One for details.

Meeting Schedule (all at 720 Tivy, Kerrville, TX):

- KERRVILLE GROUP: Monday, 8 PM, Closed Discussion; Thursday, 8 PM, Open Discussion.
- BIG BOOK GROUP: Wednesday, 8 PM, Closed Disc.
- WOMEN'S SERENITY: Tuesday, 1 PM, Closed Disc.
- ALL GROUPS: Saturday, 8 PM, Open Speakers.

Call Gladys H., Group News Reporter, at 822-1958 with news of Anniversaries, special events, etc. by 20th of month prior to event.



NEW GROUPS

HILL COUNTRY GROUP, La Hacienda, Hunt, TX, began meeting in July, 1974. Holding Open Discussions at 3 PM on Thursdays and Open Speakers at 7 PM on Sundays, invites you to join them in fellowship.

LYTLE GROUP, Cashaway Lumber Co., Lytle, TX, has been re-activated and holds Open Meetings every Wednesday at 8:15 PM. Let's show our support by paying them a visit!

GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, has added an Open Discussion Meeting on Fridays at 8:00 PM.

DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid, holds Open Discussion Meetings on Tuesdays, Closed Discussion Meetings Wednesdays and Open Speakers Meetings Fridays at 8:15 PM. During the month of August, Tuesday Open Discussion Meetings will be devoted to a review and study of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Big Book John H. will chair these meetings. Everyone welcome.

Sahara Club: To Ease The Squeeze due to Energy Crisis, the Club is open from 7:30 to 10 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for Downtown Group meetings at 8:15 PM. The Club has Poor-Boy Bingo Saturdays at 8 PM; the Monthly Dinner is held the first Sunday of the month at 1 PM.

-Corrinne A., Secretary.

ST. AGNES (Spanish Speaking), Education Bldg., St. Agnes Catholic Church, 804 Ruiz: Va a haber una junta el Miercoles, en el edificio enfrente la iglesia católica de St. Inez, la calle Ruiz número 804 para los que hablen español a las 8:15 PM. (Holds Open Speakers Meetings Wednesdays 8:15 PM.)

LAUREL HEIGHTS GROUP, Christ Episcopal Church, 301 W. Russell, holds Open Discussions on Sundays at 5 PM. Lots of lonely people need a Sunday meeting- Come and find some friends!

HARMONY, 2208 N. Zarzamora, holds a Closed Discussion on Thursdays and an Open Speakers Meeting on Saturdays at 8:15 PM. Al-Anon has an Open Meeting Thursdays at 8:15 PM.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE NEWS

VOLUNTEER CORNER

"Life takes on new meaning in AA. 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 not to be missed."

-THE WAY OF LIFE as Bill Sees It, page 90.

Mentioning a few this month who help carry the message in our Central Service Office and in our great groups-- Nancy M., Raul M., DuWayne F., Trish F., Elves S., Imogene U., Corrinne A., Bob S. (New Braunfels), Frank P. (Pleasanton), Jack L., Charlie B., Lee Ray C., Chico R., Liska L., Alec A. and Jim B.

-J. W.

The Night Cap is the combined effort of many people: our contributors; those of you who send quotes, cartoons, fillers, etc- "Smitty", Edna McG., Bonnie P., to mention only a few; Gladys H., Group News Reporter; Imogene U., La Ree M. and Mary C. H., the regular crew who put it in the mail; Beth J., Corrinne A. and Jeanne W., who are always "there" when needed. To these- and many others- thank you. -P. J. F.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held Sunday, August 11, 1974 at 7 PM at Club 12, 102 Thames.

AA ROUND ROBIN

The Southwest Texas Area Round Robin will be held on Sunday, August 11, at 8:15 PM at Club 12, 102 Thames. The San Antonio Inter-city Groups will host the Round Robin with Scott L. as chairman. You all come! Help make this a real Night of AA in Ole San Antone! ! !

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Community Education Sub-Committee of the PIC is as busy as ever during the summer months, according to LaRee M. She reports that Rick C. and Charles B. told of the AA Recovery Program at Roosevelt High School on July 8, 9 and 10, speaking at morning and afternoon sessions to approximately fifty pupils per class. July 10 Van and Betty V. D. spoke on alcoholism to a mixed group at San Antonio College.

Speaking at SAC to a Mental Hygeine Class on July 18 was Regina S. Lee Ray C. talked to 55 nurses at Incarnate Word College on July 24. Students at Lee High School listened to Kay N. and Dean E. on July 26. On July 31 Whitey M. spoke to a Health Class at Ft. Sam Houston.

IN MEMORIAM

Juanita S.-- July 19
Warren M.-- July 22

2ND CHISOLM TRAIL ROUND-UP-- A weekend of fun, sport and fellowship is promised for those attending the 2nd Chisolm Trail Round-Up on August 3 and 4, at the CAMP ON THE LAKE, Paleface LCRA Park, Highway 71 West to FM 2322, near Austin, TX. Bring tents, cots, food, campers, boats, etc.! For information call Austin 453-9300.

THIRD LONE STAR ROUNDUP will be held August 16, 17 and 18 at North Park Inn, Dallas, TX. Registration and dance: \$5.00. To register write Lone Star Roundup, P. O. Box 20070, Dallas, TX, 75220. Make reservations direct to North Park Inn, P. O. Box 31448, Dallas, TX, 75231. Telephone: AC 214, 363-2431.



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

So that we may continue to serve you and the alcoholic who still suffers, we will be including a statement of the groups' contributions to the Central Service Office in each monthly publication of the Night Cap. We wish to remain effective in serving and fulfill the responsibility that we feel in our hearts as sober alcoholics. There are many groups who have made contributions on a quarterly basis and will not show a contribution in the month of June; however, their contributions will be shown in the To Date figure column. For example, if a group contributed \$40.00 in March for the months of March, April, May and June, their contribution would not be shown as being made in June; however it would be shown in the To Date figure column.

Month		To Date
March	\$40.00	\$40.00
April	0	40.00
May	0	40.00
June	0	40.00

In keeping with our legacy of service, we believe having you informed in all matters will perpetuate and insure the unity of AA for all time.

Yours in AA,

Dick E.

Chairman, Financial Committee

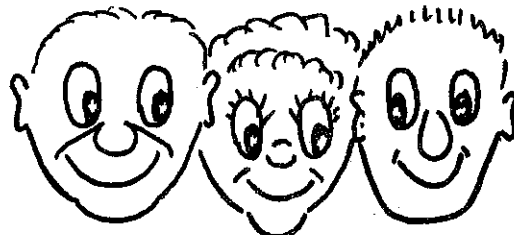
GROUP	JUNE 1974	TO DATE
ALAMO HEIGHTS	\$25.00	\$150.00
AUDUBON	30.00	60.00
BELTON	0	0
BREES	40.00	60.00
BROADWAY	0	55.00
BRIDGE (New Braunfels)	20.00	40.00
GROUP 12	50.00	300.00
DOWNTOWN	0	90.00
EL CARMEN	0	10.00
FRONTIER	10.00	65.00
FT SAM HOUSTON	17.50	112.50
GOLIAD	15.00	75.00
HARMONY	0	10.00
HIGHLANDS	20.00	120.00
KILLEEN	0	12.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS	0	100.00
GRUPO MONTANA	3.00	16.00
NEW BRAUNFELS	10.00	10.00
NORTHEAST	0	45.00
NORTHWEST	10.00	70.00

GROUP	JUNE 1974	TO DATE
NORTHWOOD	\$45.00	\$ 90.00
OPEN DOOR	20.00	60.00
PILGRIM	0	50.00
ROBSTOWN	0	15.00
REALITY	10.00	60.00
SASH	0	50.00
SANTA FE	30.00	80.00
SEGUIN	5.00	30.00
SAN MARCOS	0	12.00
SERENITY	5.00	30.00
ST. AGNES	0	10.00
STEPPING STONES	37.50	37.50
SUNSET	0	85.00
TRINITY	0	20.00
GRUPO UNIDAD	0	5.00
UNIVERSAL CITY	0	6.00
VALLEY HI	15.00	90.00
VILLA ROSA	0	125.00
WESLEY	0	5.00
WINDCREST	0	70.00

I AM RESPONSIBLE.....

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there,
And for that: I am responsible.

Woman at a prayer meeting: "I ain't what I ought to be; and ain't what I'm going to be; but anyway, I ain't what I was."



SMILE

One of our oldtimers has confessed that he joined the fellowship because he couldn't stay fit as a fiddle by getting tight as a drum.

