

THE NIGHT CAP

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Occasionally the NIGHT CAP editor is asked to print items on activities of clubs, agencies, alcohol-oriented retreats, and other organizations working in the field of alcoholism and drug abuse, but not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous. In some cases, an AA group holds meetings on the premises of these organizations. In such cases, the editor informs the person submitting the news items for publication that only the activities which are part of the AA program (AA group activities) can be published in the NIGHT CAP. When this occurs, the Central Service Office Administrative Board is sometimes accused of running "the whole show," or the editor is accused of being "high-handed." Nothing could be further from the truth. The decision on what can or cannot be published in the NIGHT CAP was made by GSR's from all groups present, who were assembled in a regular GSR meeting held at Club 12 on February 10, 1974.

The Central Service Office Administrative Board functions under General Service Office guidelines, within the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. If any person in AA does not like the way something is being done by the Central Service Office, the thing to do is to discuss the matter with their AA group's GSR. The GSR can then bring the suggestion to the Central Service Office Committee Board for consideration and possible change. This is the AA way--working through the GROUP CONSCIENCE.

Remember the preamble that is used at so many, many AA meetings--especially the following that is underlined:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Dee S., Editor

GOVERNOR CLEMENTS PROCLAIMS AA WEEK

Governor William P. Clements declared Monday, July 9, to Sunday, July 15, as Alcoholics Anonymous Week in Texas. This declaration coincided with the AA State Conference held in Fort Worth.

Here are some of the observations made in his proclamation: "...this illness is known to afflict an estimated 10 million Americans. In Texas, more than 664,650 adults abuse alcohol.

"The annual economic toll of alcoholism in Texas is estimated to be \$1 billion in losses involving business and industry. The total cost/loss in Texas in fiscal year 1978 is estimated at \$2.1 billion.

"The effects of alcoholism reach deep into the social fabric of our State and Nation touching families, friends, co-workers, and innocent victims of alcohol-related crimes and is, therefore, costly as a social condition affecting the lives of all Texans.

"Alcoholism is defined as a progressive illness involving the excessive use of alcohol to the extent of causing continuous adverse affects on the individual, family, and community...

"In Texas and throughout the world the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous has been outstandingly successful in bringing about rehabilitation of alcoholics through help and understanding, and in assisting them to rebuild their lives so that they are contributors to society rather than burdens; and this non-profit, self-supporting group has not only earned acceptance and respect, but has been widely acclaimed for its success and integrity."

(Editor's note: Sorry I didn't hear about this in time to publish in the July issue, but felt you would all like to know that we Texas AA's now have our OWN week!)

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YA GOTTA HAND IT TO OLD JOE. HE CAN REALLY HOLD HIS LIQUOR!

Don't envy Joe. Often the guy who can hold so much is developing a "tolerance" for alcohol. Tolerance is a polite word for NEED!

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EMOTION (Carrying the message?)

"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain."

Emily Dickinson



NEW MEETINGS

COLONIES NORTH AA GROUP: This newly formed group meets on Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on the corner of Ironside and Wurzbach. It is an open discussion group and everyone is welcome.

TEJAS AA GROUP: This new AA group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at 3801 Speedway, northside of Loop 410, between Jackson-Keller and Vance Jackson. These are open discussion meetings and you are welcome.

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AROUND THE AREA

FIRST STEP GROUP will celebrate its THIRD ANNIVERSARY with a BARBECUE on Sunday, August 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be a speaker's meeting and live music. Price is just \$2.50 per person; place is 815 E. Grayson. **BE THERE!**

GSO PARKING SPACE in the Lexington Building's Parking Lot has been changed from Number 18 to Number 19.

CALLAGHAN ROAD AA GROUP has changed its Tuesday night Closed Discussion meeting to an Open Discussion meeting. Still meets at the same place and same time.

UNIVERSAL CITY AA GROUP (SHARING & UNIVERSAL CITY) have been combined into one Group. It is now known as the UNIVERSAL CITY GROUP and meets at the Methodist Church at Winn Ave & North Blvd (as before) with a Closed Discussion on Mondays and an Open Discussion on Thursdays, both at 8:15 p.m.

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CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES

24TH ANNUAL SUBURBAN AA GROUP ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION--Saturday, August 4, 1979, at 2809 Northland Drive, Austin, Texas. **EVERYTHING FREE!** Open House All Day, Coffee, Sandwiches, Cookies, Baby Sitting. Continuous AA Meetings beginning at 10:30 a.m. until ?. For more information call 512-453-9300.

LONE STAR ROUNDUP--August 17, 18, 19, 1979, North Park Inn, Dallas. Make room reservations directly to North Park Inn, PO Box 31448, Dallas, 75231, or phone 214-363-2431. Registration and Dance \$5.00. State and Out-of-State Speakers. To register, write to Lone Star Roundup, PO Box 5112, Richardson, TX 75080.

32ND ANNUAL TOP O' TEXAS ROUNDUP--October 5, 6, 7, 1979 at the Hilton Inn, Amarillo, Texas. Write to Round Up Committee, PO Box 412, Amarillo, TX 79105. Top Speakers of the Nation.

ARIZONA STATE AA CONVENTION--October 26, 27, 28, 1979. Ramada Inn, Tucson, 404 North Freeway. For information write to: 29th Arizona State Convention, Tucson Intergroup Association, 840 South Campbell Ave, Tucson, Arizona 85719, or call 602-624-4183.

ANNUAL HAWAII AA CONFERENCE--November 1, 2, 3, 4, 1979, in Waikiki at the Ilikai Hotel. Write to Hawaii Conference, 1561 B Moku lua Dr., Kailua, HI 96734, or call Barbara H., 808-261-7097. \$40 conference fee includes all meetings, reception, entertainment, dinner and dance, and brunch on Sunday. **LET'S GO!**

HOSPITAL ZONE

VILLA ROSA GROUP holds its open speakers' meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. Groups responsible for furnishing speakers for the month of AUGUST are as follows:

Valley Hi	August 14
Grupo Unidad	August 7, 21, 28

SPEAKERS STILL NEEDED at the Salvation Army (Sally) Group, Wednesday, 8:15 p.m., 1324 S. Flores AND Grupo Del Sol, Friday, 8:15 p.m., 321 Frio City Road.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

THE GSR AND CSOC MEETING will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 7 p.m., at 102 Thames Blvd, Club 12.

GRUPO UNIDAD AA MEETING at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, at 3210 W. Commerce, followed by games. It is planned that this meeting will be held on the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is WELCOME.

24-HOUR AA GROUP, 1203 Fredericksburg Road, holds its regular monthly dinner on Sunday, August 26, at 1 p.m.

COLIAD AA GROUP, 537 Avondale, will hold its monthly dinner on Sunday, August 19, at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. All other Sunday meetings are at 8:15 p.m.

GROUP TWELVE will hold its monthly dinner and games at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, at 102 Thames.

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<u>PIC:</u>	6-20-79	7-20-79	<u>STATS:</u>	6-20-79	7-20-79
John presented a Chalk Talk at an Alanon meeting on alcoholism.			AA		243
			Alanon		32
			Information		154
Nancy W. spoke on alcoholism to two classes at Robert E. Lee High School.			Students		4
			PIC		2
			Total Inquiries		435

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WHO SAYS IT ISN'T GOOD TO HAVE OUR UPS AND DOWNS?

Emotion is a pair of scales upon which the soul rests,
 On one side are fears, pain, frustration, grief and despair;
 On the other, courage, love, joy, contentment and excitement;
 And, however far the scales may dip on either side,
 So will they, in time, dip equally to the other;
 And when they dip, we taste the sweetness or bitterness of life;
 But when they balance, there is no taste but the blandness of monotony.

Harten Buxbaum

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	30.00	90.00	Park North (W)	10.00	45.00
Audubon	10.00	50.00	Park North (F)	0	120.00
Broadway	55.00	210.00	Randolph Fellowship	0	10.00
Callaghan	20.00	220.00	Reality	0	0
Downtown	30.00	210.00	Reliance	0	6.00
Fellowship	0	0	Sahara	20.00	20.00
First Step	0	0	SASH	0	35.00
Ft. Sam Houston	25.00	150.00	Santa Fe	0	0
Frontier	0	30.00	Serenity	15.00	105.00
Goliad	55.00	175.00	Southwest Loop	30.00	60.00
Group 12	100.00	550.00	Spiritual Life	0	0
Grupo Del Sol	0	32.40	Stepping Stones	50.00	280.00
Grupo Unidad	0	50.00	Sunrise	0	5.00
Highlands	20.00	140.00	Sunset	15.00	105.00
Hope	0		The Haven	0	90.00
Kingsboro	0	15.00	Triangle	0	0
Laurel Heights	15.00	120.00	24 Hour	0	60.00
Marymont	0	55.00	Universal City (Transf.)	75.00	200.00
Northeast	0	70.00	VA Hospital	0	60.00
N. San Pedro	40.00	280.00	Valley Hi	40.00	130.00
Northwest	0	120.00	Villa Rosa	50.00	200.00
Northwood	0	100.00	Wesley	6.00	12.00
Open Door	0	105.00	Windcrest	15.00	105.00
			Young People	0	75.00

22 ~~94~~ Groups \$~~441.00~~ 641.00
Buck-A-Month 127.00

AREA

Bandera	0	0	Lytle	0	0
Bridge (N.B.)	10.00	40.00	New Braunfels	0	0
Canyon Lake	0	40.00	Pearsall	0	25.00
Floresville	0	30.00	Pleasanton	0	0
Fredericksburg	0	12.00	Seguin	0	0
Hill Country Grp.	0	0	Women's Serenity (Kerrville)	0	20.00
Kerrville	0	0			

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
None

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Anonymous \$10.00
Mary L. & Bill B. \$20.00
Jan G. \$25.00

BUCK-A-MONTH CONTRIBUTION FORM

Central Service Office - 109 Lexington Ave., Suite 215, San Antonio, Tx. 78205
Please enter my contribution to the BUCK-A-MONTH for _____ months.
Donation is enclosed on the basis of \$1.00 per month.

NAME _____ STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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