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In memory of the visible, physical presence that was Katy R. and in loving appreciation of the spirit she has so unselfishly given and continues to give to all who knew, or knew of, her. To know Katy, or "Grandmaw", as so many affectionately referred to her, is to know God, as each of us understands God, because the Aspects of God were so beautifully manifest and physically demonstrated through the Channel of God's: Peace, Love, Forgiveness, Harmony, Truth, Faith, Hope, Light, Joy, Comfort and Understanding that was Katy and, spiritually, still is.

By self-forgetting she found and was never in need of forgiveness as she was such a willing and truthful dispenser of this Divine Quality. None who knew Katy will question that though her physical presence has passed from our limited view, the Spirit from her eternal life, to which she has now awakened, shall continue to influence those of us who aspire to Spiritual Growth in this Amazing Fellowship of "God's Kids" on their, sometimes rocky, journey Home, the hearthstone and cupboard of the FATHER as we understand IT to be.

Katy, your so meaningful spiritual growth in this program and your willing dispensation of it to all who willingly (and in some instances, unwillingly) placed themselves in position to receive it, is a monument to your dedication that is eternally etched in the hearts, minds and consciousness of all who seek the freedom from compulsion to over-indulge, which is the Primary Purpose of this program.

We shall miss your physical presence but will know that your spirit is on 12th step call to each of us.

So, until we meet again, our most sincere wish for you, Katy,

MAY YOUR ROAD RISE WITH YOU; MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK; MAY GOD ALWAYS HOLD YOU IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND, MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU AND GRANT UNTO YOU ETERNAL PEACE.

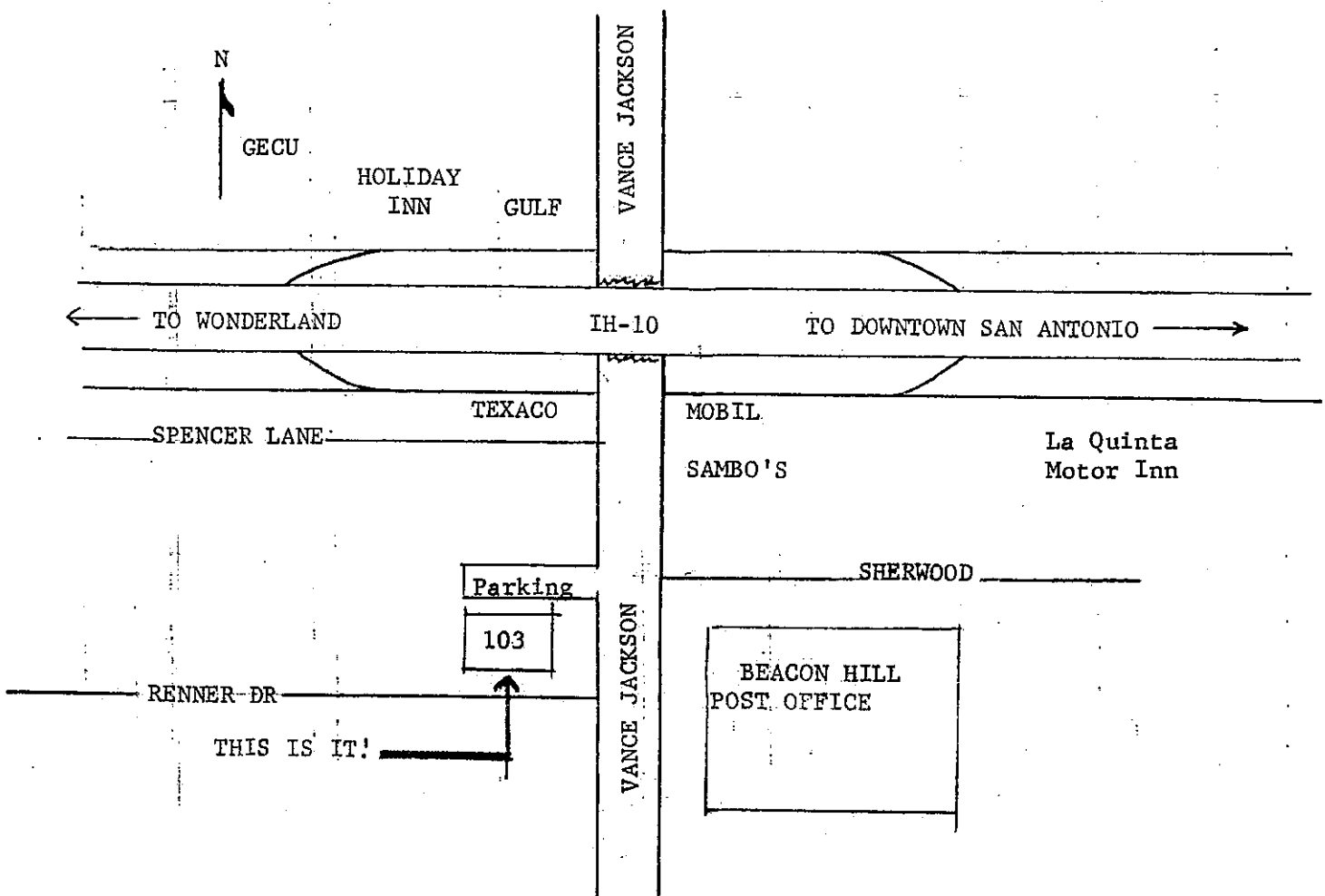
SINCERELY,

Alpine Big Bend Group, Fort Davis End-Of-The-Road Group and Davis Mountain, Indian Lodge Semi-Annual Spring-Fling and Fall-Ball.

THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE IS MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION
THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE IS BEING RELOCATED
THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE IS MOVING OUT OF THE LEXINGTON BUILDING
THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE (SEE DETAILS NEXT PAGE) PLEASE!

+++IMPORTANT NOTICE+++

THIS OFFICE WILL MOVE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1, 1981. THE NEW LOCATION WILL BE 103 RENNER DR, ZIP 78201. THE NEW LOCATION IS ON THE CORNER OF VANCE JACKSON AND RENNER, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET (VANCE JACKSON) FROM THE BEACON HILL POST OFFICE. IT IS A DUPLEX THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED FOR OFFICE USE. THE OTHER SIDE IS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY STATE FARM INSURANCE AS INDICATED BY SIGN ON VANCE JACKSON. YOU CAN PARK IN FRONT OR IN BACK.



THIS MOVE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE BOARD AT THE JUL 7, 1981 MEETING.

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ATTENTION ALL GROUPS - There must be someone out there that would like to get involved in PENAL A. A. If anyone is interested in being the PENAL Chairman, please call the Central Service Office. 226-2523

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GROUP will hold their regular monthly dinner on Sunday, August 30TH. Serving time is 5:00 PM. A \$2.00 donation is requested. Meeting to follow at 6:30 PM. Also, there is an open discussion meeting each day from Noon to 1:00.

A. A. CAMPING GROUP is sponsored by the Lytle A. A. and Al-Anon Groups. Here is an opportunity for the entire family to meet with other families and enjoy the benefits of the fellowship. You don't have a family...come on anyway...everyone welcome. For information call Roger C at 1-772-3413.

V. A. HOSPITAL GROUP holds open discussion meeting every Thursday and Sunday at 8:15 PM in Room G-105. Members, spouses, friends or anyone interested in A. A. is cordially invited.

FRONTIER GROUP is sponsoring a dance at the ARC on the last Saturday of each month. Dancing begins at 9:15 PM and continues until 12:00 midnight. Everyone welcome. Please come and have a good time.

FT SAM HOUSTON GROUP has an open discussion meeting on Mondays at 8:15 PM and a closed discussion meeting on Thursdays at 8:15 PM. The Al-Anon Group is now meeting on Thursdays at 8:15 PM instead of Saturdays.

HELOTES GROUP meets every Thursday at 8:15 with a closed discussion meeting. Al-Anon Group meets at the same time in a separate room. The meetings are held in the PARC Building on the Methodist Church grounds, just beyond Helotes Plaza on Bandera Road. We need a Group in Helotes but they need our help to keep going. Please visit them and give to them what was so freely given to you!

TEJAS GROUP has an open discussion meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 PM. Alateen Group meets on Mondays and Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Al-Anon meetings are on Thursdays at 8:15. The Tejas Group is located at 8301 Speedway behind Park North Hospital.

HAVEN GROUP has cancelled their monthly Barbeque for now. A. A. meetings as usual. Open discussion Tuesdays at 8:15 PM; open speakers meeting Saturdays at 8:15 PM and open speakers meeting Sunday afternoons at 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy lots of good A. A. fellowship with us. The Haven is located at 1640 W Woodlawn, 734-8604.

GOLIAD GROUP holds a regular monthly barbeque on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM. Come join us in the fun and fellowship...the food is good, too.

POTEET GROUP invites you to their open speakers meeting on Fridays at 8:00 PM. Meetings are held in the Community Civic Center. Your presence will be appreciated.

COLONIES NORTH GROUP located at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church (Ironsides & Wurzbach) has added another meeting. This will be a closed discussion meeting on Mondays at 8:15 PM. Other meetings: Wednesdays, closed step meeting; Fridays, open discussion meeting, both at 8:15 PM. Al-Anon meeting on Mondays at 8:15 PM.

GRUPO UNIDAD has a free breakfast on the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 AM, followed by a Spiritual meeting at 11:00. The next one is August 2nd. The Group is located at 3210 W Commerce.

LAMBDA GROUP has closed discussion meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:15 PM. Located at 402 E Carson (corner of Carson and Pine).

YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP meets Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Villa de Tejas, 8301 Speedway. Also meets on Wednesdays at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 8231 Callaghan Rd at 8:15 PM.

PRIEST and RELIGIOUS GROUP have moved their meeting to Oblate College, Student Recreation Bldg behind the college at 285 Oblate Dr. Closed discussion meetings on Sundays at 6:00 PM. Contact persons: Sister Maria, 677-8133; Bro. Dana, 433-6751; Sister Ann M, 824-0368 or Bro. Edward, 735-7318.

CSO BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST HAS BEEN CANCELLED! THE CSOC (GSR) MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CLUB 12, SUNDAY, AUG 9 at 7:00 PM.

PALM BLVD GROUP is a new group in Brownsville, Tx and is located at the First Presbyterian Church Annex, 435 Palm Blvd. Closed Step Meetings on Mondays at 8:00 PM.

31ST Annual Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous for the Southwest Texas Area at the Valley Inn and Country Club - Brownsville, Tx on October 16, 17 & 18th, 1981. Howard C, Conference Chairman, P. O. Box 4856, Brownsville, Tx Zip 78520.

Southwest Texas Area A. A. announces Twin GSR/DCM Workshops. Attend the one most convenient! Alice, Tx August 8th at Wayne's Restaurant (Highway 281 South) and Austin, Tx August 9th at Bonanza Steakhouse, 8006 Research Blvd (3 mi West of I-35, just off SH 183). All DCM's and GSR's urged to attend. All members of A. A. are invited.

3rd Annual Hill Country A. A. Roundup, August 21, 22 & 23, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Tx. For room reservations call Best Western Reservations, 800-528-1234 (toll free) or the Inn of the Hills 512-896-2300. For additional details write: Roundup Chairman, Box 2153, Kerrville, Tx 78028.

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE NOT FREE

It would be nice if all I had to do was make a wish and like magic all the things I want would come true. But that's a fantasyland of dreams...or is it? Can my dreams come true? If not then the Big Book is not telling the truth. And the 12 promises will not be fulfilled in my life.

But the facts are that anyone who works the 12 Steps painstakingly will be amazed that they are beginning to know a new freedom and a new happiness. They will comprehend the meaning of the word serenity and will know peace.

The Big Book can be expressed in two words: power and freedom. Power was what I lacked and freedom was what I longed for. The Big Book shows me how I can get the power I need through the grace of God and the freedom I longed for through working the 12 Steps.

There are two kinds of freedom:	freedom <u>from</u> and freedom <u>to</u> .
<u>FREEDOM FROM</u>	<u>FREEDOM TO</u>
--Compulsion to drink	--Choose sobriety
--Bondage of self	--Enjoy life and friends
--Illicit sex	--Be myself
--Slaverly to people, places & things	--Say "No" with courtesy-Say "yes" with joy
--Worry about past and future	--Be alone but not lonely
--Fear of loneliness, illness,	--Come & go without suspicion
old age, failure & poverty	--Enjoy the beauties of nature

These freedoms can all be mine...but they are not free. Our book says "They are being fulfilled among us--sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. THEY WILL ALWAYS MATERIALIZE IF WE WORK FOR THEM." (anonymous)

A GRATEFUL ALCOHOLIC?

What do we mean when we say "I'm a grateful alcoholic"? Often I hear this said at meetings and I also hear others say they are not ready to term themselves as "grateful alcoholics".

For me, I can only speak for myself, as I understand this expression--- if this is what I am, an alcoholic, if this alcoholism is my disease, then my only sense of gratitude is that thru the program of Alcoholics Anonymous I have found a way of living that releases me from the compulsion to drink beyond my control. I am grateful in this capacity. I am not grateful that the disease of alcoholism has brought pain and confusion to myself and others.

Words are often misused by all people and can bring confusion in place of peace! The words used in our literature "as I understand" are simple and pleasing for this alcoholic!

Jeanne W

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36TH ANNUAL TEXAS STATE A. A. CONVENTION

Hod C (Chairman) reports that the convention was apparently very successful, although a full financial report is not yet available.

There were 1103 registrants; and speakers ranged from New York to New Mexico and Minnesota to Monterrey, Mexico.

There was a world of good fellowship. The banquet and dance were huge successes, as well as the Al-Anon luncheon. More later!

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SALLY, VILLA ROSA AND ARC MEETINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

SALLY MEETINGS:

- August - Grupo Unidad (5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH)
- September - Universal City (2ND & 9TH)
- The Haven (16TH, 23RD & 30TH)

VILLA ROSA:

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| August 4TH | North San Pedro | September 1ST | Grupo Unidad |
| 11TH | Windcrest | 8TH | Serenity |
| 18TH | Valley-Hi | 15TH | Northeast |
| 25TH | North San Pedro | 22ND | Grupo Unidad |
| | | 29TH | Serenity |

ARC MEETINGS:

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| August 1ST | Kerrville | September 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH | Lytle Gp |
| 8TH | Kerrville | | |
| 15TH | Serenity | | |
| 22ND | Serenity | | |
| 29TH | Kerrville | | |

The following Groups have contributed to the Central Service Office during the period of June 25 thru July 23, 1981. (District 1)

Callaghan Road	\$75.00	Laurel Heights	\$20.00	Stepping Stones	\$120.00
Colonies North	150.00	Northeast	60.00	Sunset	40.00
Ft Sam Houston	40.00	North San Pedro	20.00	24 Hour	10.00
Goliad	20.00	Northwest	25.00	Valley-Hi	40.00
Grupo Unidad	15.00	Park North	50.00	Villa Rosa	27.00
Highlands	20.00	Serenity	15.00	Windcrest	30.00
Kingsboro	10.50	SW Loop	30.00	TOTAL	<u>\$817.50</u>

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AREA GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS (JUL '81)

Canyon Lake	\$10.00	Poteet	\$15.00	Cameron-Rockdale	\$13.00
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OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>BUCK-A-MONTH</u>	<u>MEMORIAL</u>
Jim B		\$1.00	
Ernest G		3.00	
William M		6.00	
Evelyn M		6.00	
Wanda K		12.00	
Enrique (Monterrey, Mex)		1.00	
Ann E		12.00	
Larry S	\$5.00		
Dennis B.		6.00	
John G (Lytle)	8.00	12.00	
Helen V		12.00	
Dale B		6.00	
Charles H (Austin)		12.00	
Mrs G N P		12.00	
Hod C for Kate R			\$10.00
Lorraine S		12.00	
Jack S for Kate R			25.00
DuWayne & Cathy F for Florence S			7.00
John Q (Rosharon)	26.00	24.00	
Dorothy T for Kate R		12.00	15.00
Alpine & Ft Davis Gp for Kate R			10.00
Rockdale-Cameron Gp		12.00	
Gene L	20.00		
	<u>\$59.00</u>	<u>\$161.00</u>	<u>\$67.00</u>

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District 1 Active Groups 55 New Groups 0 Discontinued Groups 0

The Pearsall, Tx Group (District 2) is INACTIVE until further notice....

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