



# The Nightcap

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## CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- AUG 1-3: 3rd Annual Bryan-College Station AA Convention, write Chairman, Box 2652, Bryan, TX 77805.
- AUG 5-9: Crested Butte Mountain AA Conference, write Crested Butte Mountain Conference, P. O. Box 7349, Dallas, TX 75209.
- AUG 8-10: Lake Whitney 40th TCYPAA Conference, Write Sec., 611-8 Laramie I.H., Granbury, TX 76048.
- AUG 9-11: West Texas Roundup, write to Chairman, 1801 E. 13th St., Odessa, TX 79761.
- AUG 15-17: 5th District 19 Conference, write Treasurer, Box 2243, Nederland, TX 77627.
- AUG 15-17: 15th Lonestar Roundup, write Chairman, Box 835112, Richardson, TX 75083-5112.
- AUG 29-31: 6th Big Country Conference, write Chairman, 2850 Southwest Dr., Abilene, TX 79605.
- AUG 29-SEP 1: 3rd San Antonio-Austin Roundup (gay and lesbian), write Chairman, Box 15631, San Antonio, TX 78212.
- SEP 19-21: 23rd Fall Assembly and Convention; Flagship Inn, write Chairman, 2121 Airport Freeway, Suite 300, Irving, TX 75062.
- OCT 10-12: Southwest Texas Area Conference, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX. (For more detailed information on all of the above, please call CSO.)



Our own John H., volunteer worker at the Central Service Office, recently received the 1985 Van Dyck Volunteer Award for outstanding service to the San Antonio Council on Alcoholism.

In the near future, we plan to set up an award system for our volunteers--we can't get along without them!

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### WANTED: VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON

Position: Chairperson for Hospitals and Institutions Committee, Central Service Office Administrative Board.

Qualifications: Willingness to grow plus 2 years continuous sobriety.

Duties: Monthly attendance at GSR meeting and Administrative Board meeting; obtains volunteers to take meetings and making sure somebody shows up for all the H & I meeting

Benefits: Being a part of service work in AA.

If interested, please contact Sylvia O. through the Central Service Office.

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A wino took a ride on a cross-town bus. He sat down, lit a cigarette and began reading the advertisements. The bus driver came back and said, "Hey, guy, can't you read? The sign up there says, 'No smoking.'"

"Sure I can read," the wino replied, "but the sign next to it says, 'wear panty hose,' and I ain't paying any attention to that either!"

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

NORTH SAN PEDRO GROUP wants you to come help celebrate their 11th Anniversary on August 14th at 8:15 p.m.--AA and Al-Anon. Speakers are Otis S., AA, and Pat C., Al-Anon. Location is at the San Pedro Presbyterian Church, 1605 Timber Oaks, San Antonio. They promise great food and fellowship!

GOLIAD GROUP invites you to attend their barbeque on Sunday, August 17. There will be fellowship from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The barbeque will be served promptly at 5:30. There will be a speaker meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Y'all come on out for the fellowship, food, and meeting! Location is at 537 Avondale.

GRUPO UNIDAD wants all of us to come and celebrate their 14th anniversary on Saturday, August 30. There will be an AA meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and a free Mexican Dinner and live music will follow. Chairperson for the event is Rudy F. #1; History of Grupo Unidad will be given by Juan R.; Gloria M. and Roland R. will be the AA speakers; Virginia R. will be the Al-Anon speaker. Location is at 3210 W. Commerce--let's all go!

SOUTHSIDE BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP invites all of us to come and celebrate our birthdays with them on the "Last Thursday of the Month." They furnish the cake! They have also begun having Al-Anon meetings at the same time as their AA meetings--8:15 p.m. Location is at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 130 Saipan.

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CORRECTION

THE CHAPTER NINE GROUP that meets at the Winners' Club, now meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. (In last month's issue we incorrectly reported that this meeting was held at 6 p.m.--we are sorry for this error.)

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TAPE LIBRARY

Your Central Service Office has lots of new tapes in the library. These may be checked out for a \$5 deposit. We also have many tapes for sale for \$5 each.

Come by and check us out!

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WINNERS CLUB TO HOLD ELECTIONS

ATTENTION: Election Time at The Winners Club!

DATE: Sunday, 24 August 1986.

TIME: 2 p.m.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED TO NON-CLUB MEMBERS ON THE ABOVE DATE FROM 1 TO 5 P.M.

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LET'S DANCE

Dances are coming to the Winners Club!

Some of us remember when we "lived to dance"! It is even better SOBER--so--we've planned some dances for the remainder of '86!

Saturday Night Live Speakers Meetings will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on dance nights. The Night Owls Meeting will be cancelled on dance nights, third Saturdays.

Dances will be held on September 20 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be no dance in October because of our Big Anniversary Celebration (our third--more on that later). On November 15 we will have our Thanksgiving Dance from 9 to 1. December 20 will be the Christmas Dance from 9 to 1. Our New Year's Eve Dance will be held on December 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (the Turning Point Group will have their meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 on this date).

Come on out--LET'S DANCE!

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CSO REORGANIZED

CSO literature and other stock has been reorganized! All General Service Conference approved material is now in one room; other items that we buy from other sources such as chips, keychains, 24-Hour Books, etc., are in one room.

We have greeting cards, specifically for alcoholics, plus (thanks to the generous discount provided us by John C.) we also have other greeting cards, Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, etc., with display racks.

Come by and see how much better the office looks and have a cup of coffee!

# GSR Meeting Minutes

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CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CLUB 12, JULY 20, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson Donna T., at Club 12. New GSR's and alternates were introduced after the Serenity Prayer: Don, Alternate for Universal City; Don, GSR for Comeback Group; Phil, Alternate for Eisenhower; Mary Ann, GSR for Oblate.

Don read the CSO guidelines followed by Steve reading the Twelve Traditions. Donna T. reviewed the literature at the front table, encouraging GSR's to take as much as possible back to their home group. The minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Administrative Board reports were conducted by Dave S. Financial: Wayne B. reviewed the current balance sheet in an exceedingly thorough manner. Hospital and Institutions: Sylvia O. reported the House of Yuki has closed. Sylvia is looking for a replacement for her job. Editorial: Dee S. reported that the 20th of the month will now be the standard deadline date for the Nightcap. Public Information: Lalo A. reported that three local TV stations are running AA spots. An ad to the Express-News has been accepted. Penal: Don S. reported active visitations to Huntsville this summer. Women AAs have been accepted at Huntsville when female counselors are present. If interested, CSO has the necessary forms for individual approval from TDC. AA meetings are no longer being held at the county jail. Mailing: Al M. requested, in absentia, for Nightcap subscribers to report change of addresses as each returned Nightcap costs \$0.40.

Old Business: The Board has hired Dee S. for office manager. Alice C. will be the assistant manager and applications are being accepted for a third office person to work approximately 15 hours per week.

The Board has felt the need for AA members in San Antonio to be better informed of local AA events and Central Office affairs. As a result, the Board brought before the GSR's a proposal to distribute The Nightcap, free of cost, to any AA who signs up for it. This proposal was approved by the GSR's. GSR's are requested to return to their home group with a sign-up list and then send that list on to the CSO.

New Business: New directories are available for the cost of 10 per dollar.

## DCM Reports

- 1A: Bob present, no report.
- 1B: Not present.
- 1C: Fred D. present, no report.
- 1D: Fred D. present, no report.
- 1E: Not present.
- 1F: Not present.

Announcements: Reality Group will have an anniversary on July 27 with barbeque and two meetings for \$3.00.

Grupo Unidad will celebrate their 14th anniversary on August 30 at 7:30 p.m. with Mexican food followed by a meeting.

North San Pedro Group will have its 11th anniversary on August 14.

Marymont Group now has Al-Anon meetings on Tuesday and Friday.

Southside Big Book Study Group now has an Al-Anon meeting.

## AUGUST AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

July 28-Aug 3: Windcrest Group

Aug 11-Aug 17: Coker Group

Aug 25-Sept 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 4-Aug 10: Marymont Group

Aug 18-Aug 24: Oblate Group

## AUGUST HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS

Monday Detox: Oak Hills Group

Casa del Sol: Comeback Group

SASH: Goliad Group

Thursday Detox: Abundance Happy Hour Group 3

Brookwood: Freedom Group

Charter Real: Marymont Group

ARC: Santa Fe Group

SALLY: Northwest & Audubon Group

SA Chest Hospital: Windcrest/District 10

Respectfully submitted, Dennie K., Secretary

FAREWELL TO CSO DUTIES

As I leave my job at the Central Office, I am wondering how I am going to get along without:

The deep philosophical discussions conducted here by Gene L., Al D., John H., and others.

My weekly fix of chicken salad sandwiches prepared by fellow employee Alice C.

Trying to teach Gene D. how to say "anonymous."

The phone calls from traveling drunks with their appeals of "I surrender."

Telling the Al-Anons in the office next to us that AA members are psychic and so can predict when the Al-Anon telephone is going to ring. (It rings when we tell the poor suffering wife of a practicing alcoholic, "The best thing you can do is call Al-Anon. Here is the phone number...")

Last April, I stood at the doorway greeting AA members arriving at the 41st anniversary celebration. I exchanged greetings with dozens, perhaps hundreds, of AA friends.

Suddenly I was overcome by the realization of what you have given me by allowing me to work at the Central Office for the past two-and-a-half years.

I arrived in San Antonio feeling isolated and somewhat distant from the AA mainstream--and without the ability to jump right in and make friends.

Today, I feel that I belong. And I am filled with so much love for so many of you in AA that I cannot begin to express it.

All because a couple of AA members had faith that I could do this job when the truth was that I did not know the difference between a general ledger and general confusion. (I still don't...Now I can admit it! What are they going to do, fire me?)

I love this job so much that I used to say I would pay y'all to let me work here instead of y'all paying me. (However, I have not said that too loud in the presence of Central Office board members, fearing that they might take me up on it!!!)

Love, Janis

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Many of us used to enter cocktail lounges and bars very optimistically and come out later very misty optically. 4

NIGHTCAP SUBSCRIPTIONS--FREE

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE MANY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS, we are now able to offer subscriptions to THE NIGHTCAP free of charge!

PLEASE send us your name and address so we can put you on our mailing list. Also, if you have a friend who is not receiving THE NIGHTCAP, please send us his or her name and address.

We wish to "spread the word" to as many AA members as possible and because of your generosity, we are now able to do this! As long as we are financially able, we will continue this practice.

Your group General Service Representative (GSR) will be passing around a paper, at meetings, to collect names and addresses of those members not now on our mailing list.

For a subscription to THE NIGHTCAP, at no cost, clip out the form below, fill in the blanks and mail (or bring) to the:

Central Service Office  
103 Renner  
San Antonio, TX 78201

NOTE: In the event you change your address, please let us know--bulk mail is not forwardable and if sent back to us it will cost money. Also, if you wish to discontinue your subscription we will appreciate being advised of this.

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Please put my name on your mailing list to receive THE NIGHTCAP free of charge.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please remember that an individual donation, in any amount, automatically makes you a SUPPORTING MEMBER of the CSO.)

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THE NEW SAN ANTONIO MEETING DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM YOUR CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE (JULY 1986 PRINTING).

THEY ARE SELLING AT 10 FOR \$1.00. GET YOURS TODAY!



# August 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!)

## 32 Years

Frank P.

## 18 Years

Miriam D.

## 17 Years

Turner A.  
Jerry P.  
Michael S.

## 14 Years

Bob S.

## 13 Years

Hod C.  
Chester R.

## 12 Years

Norman A.  
Pat B.

## 10 Years

Red K.

## 9 Years

Chris B.

## 8 Years

Mary A.  
Jerry B.  
Dave C.  
Andy D.

## 7 Years

Fred A.  
Will Ann H.  
Grace McC.  
Nancy S.  
Tom T.

## 6 Years

Alan B.  
Bobby G.  
Kip K.  
Scotty McL.

## 5 Years

Ben C.  
Pete C.  
Richard Z.

## 4 Years

Bo B.  
Charles H.  
Annis K.  
Arnie L.  
Bill P.  
Rudy S. #2

## 3 Years

Conrad M.  
Newell M.  
Deborah S.  
Douglas W.

## 2 Years

Gammon G.  
Virginia G.  
Carol H.  
Mario H.  
John K.  
Ellen K.  
Wilbur L.  
Ellen M.  
Pam McB.  
Jeannie R.  
Gilson S.  
Dean V.

## 1 Year

Walter B.  
Gene D.  
Rick H.  
Gary K.  
J. E. K.  
Jesse M.  
Buzz M.  
Jack McW.  
Bill M.  
Bonnie B. N.  
Bonnie Colleen N.  
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Happy Birthday

Feliz Cumpleaños

The Central Service Office has lots of items for sale that are very appropriate for AA Birthday gifts. Come in and browse around--you may find just what you are looking for to give to that special person on your birthday list!

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### SO HE GOT DRUNK

A He didn't like what someone said about him--so he got

A drunk. He reasoned he had been doing pretty good for

AA AA AA AA AA AA AA sometime now--so he got drunk. Some other AA pretty

A close to him was drinking--so he got drunk. His wife was beginning not

A to understand him again--so he got drunk. He didn't like the way the

A group meetings were being run--so he got drunk. Things in general

A weren't breaking for him by a long shot--so he got drunk. Or was it

A because he really didn't like himself--that he got drunk?

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(Taken from the Lifeline)

"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."

# AUGUST 1986

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		CSO Admin. Board meeting, 7 p.m.		North San Pedro Group Anniversary		District IC Break-fast.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Goliad Group Barbeque. GSR Meeting, Club 12, 7 p.m.			<u>DEADLINE FOR SEP. NIGHTCAP!</u>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Winners Club Elections 24-Hr Club Dinner.	Alamo Heights Birthdays.	Valley Hi, Marymont, & Windcrest Group Birthdays.	Park North, Northwood, 24-Hr Group Birthdays.	North San Pedro Group Birthdays. Southside Group Birthdays.	Downtown, Freedom, SW Loop, Colonies North, Brookhollow, Group 12, Schertz Birthdays; Marymont Potluck.	Winners Club Birthdays; Club 12 Games Night; Lambda Potluck. Grupo Unidada Anniversary.
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STATE CONVENTION REPORT

by Hod C.

The 41st State AA Convention was held at the River Walk Marriott Hotel on June 26 through 29, 1986.

Sunny M. was the Chairperson for the convention. The Co-Chairperson, Ray T., unfortunately, had a heart attack the previous Sunday, was hospitalized and unable to attend. Last report he was out of intensive care and probably going home Monday, June 30th.

There were a total of 10 speakers on the program, including a Young People's Speaker on Saturday afternoon. They came from California, Florida, and one from New Zealand.

Hod C. was the Voice of the Convention and had the assistance of a fine staff of meeting chairpersons whose job was to introduce the speakers.

Sunny's convention committee functioned beautifully, all doing a "bang up" job and we had a very successful convention.

An historical meeting was held on Thursday night by Roy Y. of Kerrville who helped start the first AA group in Texas. He later called on Bob S., Jr., son of Dr. Bob S., who was the co-founder of AA with Bill W. He made an interesting dissertation on his intimate connection with this early beginning.

The Al-Anon luncheon was a sellout, as was the Saturday night banquet. The latter was wall-to-wall in the ball room (approximately 1300 people) and TV monitors were set up in 5 other meeting rooms on the mezzanine floor. I would venture some 2000 to 2500 people squeezed into the hotel to hear the Saturday night speaker.

Some of the interesting points:

- Total attendance--1892 registered
- Drank 315 gallons of coffee
- AA members occupied 546 of the hotel rooms
- Four elevators were loaded to capacity most of the time
- The swimming pool and sauna were well patronized, as were the many hospitality rooms scattered throughout the hotel.

The 1987 State Convention will be held in Dallas, May 28-31. Flyers should be in the mail sometime in February 1987.

NEW MEETING

THE GOLIAD GROUP has announced that they now have a new meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. This is a closed meeting based on "Big Book" tapes by Joe McQ. and Charlie P.

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NO-BOOZE CRUISE

There will be a "No-Booze Cruise" held on January 31 through February 7, 1987. The cruise will take you from Key West (or to Key West), Belize, Cozumel, and the Bahamas.

This is all the information we have at this time, but if you are interested, please call Father Leo Booth at 697-0697 and he will fill you in on the details.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As most of you know, Janis H. is leaving her position as office manager and executive secretary for the Central Service Office. I have been selected to replace her in this job and am really excited about it!

I will continue to do THE NIGHTCAP, as I love doing it, but please continue to send in your articles, news about your group functions; let us know if anyone needs prayers--or has passed away. In other words, please don't take it for granted that "we" know it just because we are here at Central Office.

As Janis' replacement, I am sure that I will need all the help I can get, and am looking forward to getting to know more of you. Come by and say "hello" whenever you are in this vicinity--you will certainly be welcome!

Just a reminder that I have set a standard deadline date for material to be published in THE NIGHTCAP which is the 20th of each month. Please pass along your news, so we can pass it on to others.

Thanks so much.

Dee S., Editor

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