



# The Nightcap

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## Convention Clipboard

JUL 31-AUG 2: 4th Annual Bryan-College Station Convention, at Ramada Inn, 410 S. Texas Avenue, College Station, TX 77840 (409) 696-4242.

AUG 4-8: Crested Butte Mountain Conference, Crested Butte, CO. Write Crested Butte Mountain Conference, P. O. Box 7349, Dallas, TX 75209 or call 1-800-442-3479. For lodging at Crested Mountain Village call 1-800-282-2013.

AUG 14-16: Lone Star Roundup, Sheraton Park Central, Dallas. Write Lone Star Roundup, Box 835112, Richardson, TX 75083.

AUG 14-16: 4th Annual Midsouth Regional Conference of Young People in AA, Oklahoma City. Write MSRCYPAA, Box 74924, Oklahoma City, OK 73147.

SEP 4-6: Big Country AA Conference, Abilene Civic Center. Write Big Country Conference, 2850 Southwest Dr., Abilene, TX 79605 (915) 698-1358.

SEP 25-27: Kansas State Conference. Held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. All out of State speakers. Write 1913 W. 48 Terrace, Westwood Hills, KS 66205.

OCT 16-18: SW Texas Area Conference, Ft. Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas. Write Chairman, P. O. Box 397, Santa Rosa, TX 78593.

NOV 12-15: Mid-America Big Book Seminar, Camelot Inn, Tulsa, OK 74105. Indepth Study of the Big Book & 12 Steps. Write Big Book Seminar, 18102 S. 158th E. Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008.

(For more information on the above, please call Central Service Office.)

### REACHING OUT FOR HELP

The Bluemel Oaks AA Group would welcome support. This group meets in the IH-10 and Wurzbach area:

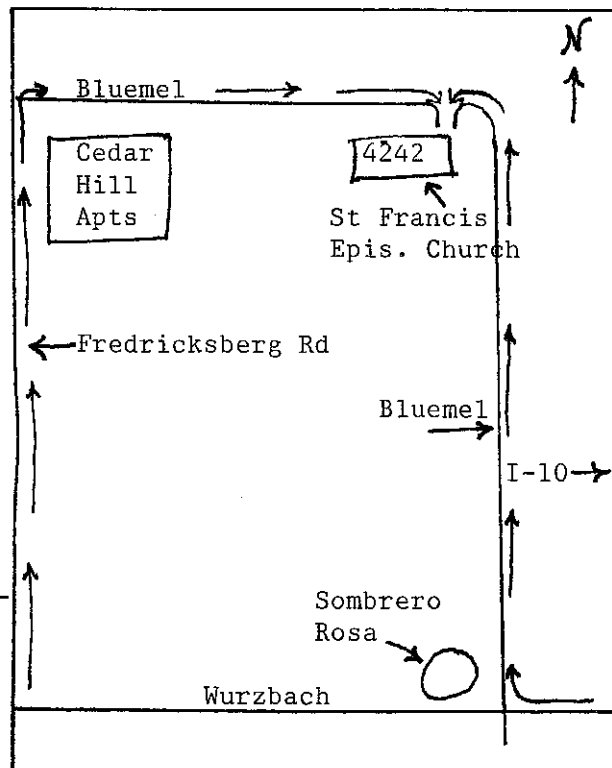
Day--Wednesday

Time--8:15 p.m.

Type--Open Discussion

Place--4242 Bluemel, St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

For your convenience in locating this meeting, please see map below.



# In Memoriam

C L U B 1 2

Dennis B., active in AA for many years, passed away on July 1, 1987. He will be missed by all who knew him.



George S., an active member of AA for many years, passed away in Oklahoma on Tuesday, June 30, 1987. He will be missed.

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

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### NEW GROUPS\*\*NEW MEETINGS\*\*CHANGES

THE DOWNTOWN GROUP has a new meeting that is held on Sunday at 3 p.m. This is a Beginner's Meeting, members with 90 days or less continuous sobriety will participate. Members with more than 90 days of continuous sobriety are welcome to attend but will be asked not to participate. The Downtown Group meets at 1430 E. Commerce.

THE FORT SAM HOUSTON GROUP has a new 12-Step Study meeting. It is held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at 1123 Chaffee Road. All attending are asked to bring their own Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions book.

GRUPO INTERNACIONAL is a new Group. They meet at 309 Grenet from 8 to 9:30 p.m. each day except Sunday. This is a Closed Discussion meeting and is Spanish speaking.

THE HILL TOP SURVIVORS is a new Group and meets on Kelly Security Hill in the Chapel Annex. The phone at the Annex is 925-2013. All meetings are Open Discussion and meeting time is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

THE ST. PETER'S MENS NONSMOKERS GROUP that met at St. Peter Prince of Apostles Catholic Church at 8 p.m. on Tuesday has folded.

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### FAMILY AFFAIR AA RETREAT

This Retreat will be held August 28-30 at St. Joseph's Retreat House.

For more information, call Danna at 226-8381; look for flyers at your group. 2

We invite you to celebrate our

## 38th Anniversary.

Come join us in a day

filled with caring,

sharing, good friends and fun.

Date: Saturday, August 22, 1987

Place: 102 Thames, San Antonio

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Carolyn H.

Al-Anon Speaker: Arbutis O., Brownwood, TX

12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship and Snacks

*"Goodies" prepared by Al-Anon*

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Jim W.

AA Speaker: Charlie C., Venice, CA

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Mexican Buffet

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Dance - "Cherokee" Band

Three (3) \$100 bills will be raffled off throughout the day.

# GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CLUB 12, JULY 19, 1987  
MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Gary L., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The CSO Guidelines were read by Richard P. and Dave S. read the Twelve Traditions. The minutes from the June 14, 1987, meeting were accepted as printed in the July edition of the NIGHTCAP. There were 42 people present. Five new GSR's were recognized and introduced as follows: A. J., Northeast Group; Sean M., Creekview Young Peoples; Shane H., Winners Young Peoples; Henrietta D., Goliad Group; Don P., Frontier Group. Two new alternate GSR's were also recognized as follows: Olivia C., Goliad Group and Maria R., Nurses In Recovery. The meeting was turned over to Fred D., Admin Bd Chairman, who asked for reports from the various committees. Wayne B., Finance Chairman, presented a review of the financial report, which was followed by a question and answer session. The overall opinion of our financial situation was quoted as "good." Fred D. reported that 1055 NIGHTCAPS were mailed out for July. James H., HSI Chairman, reported that Chest Hospital and the SAMMS Shelter were no longer among the institutions which requested meetings. A new facility, the Afton Oaks Hospital, was added to the list. He also asked for volunteers to carry meetings to multiple locations (see end of minutes for list). Dee S., Editorial Chairman, had no report; Jerri McC., PI Chairman, was absent. John R., Penal Chairman, said he had good participation for July and five trips had been made to various locations. He also expressed a need to look into the possibility of carrying the AA message into local halfway houses for ex-inmates. This was followed by some discussion and the idea will be viewed again at a later date. Tom B., Jails, reported the program working well but he does need female volunteers with 1 year of sobriety and no felonies to help carry the message into the jail. Don P. stated he needs volunteers to help at the ARC on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. A volunteer is needed to perform the function of CPC Chairman. Any volunteers can contact CSO or attend the next GSR meeting on August 16 at Club 12.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary L. stated he will write to the SW Texas Area Penal Chairman to find out how to handle reimbursing volunteers who carry meetings to the penal institutions. The CSO Admin Bd By-Laws are still being rewritten and the draft copy should be ready by the next Board meeting, August 11, 1987.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Lady of the Spirit has asked for a donation of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions window shades as they cannot afford to purchase them. Any group interested in providing these should contact CSO. Gary L. asked for volunteers for after-hours phone duty. The list appears below.

DCM REPORTS: 1-A--No report; 1-B--Absent; 1-C--No report; 1-D--No report; 1-E--Absent; 1-F--Linda G. announced a Spanish Assembly in El Paso from July 31 to August 2.

## HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS--AUGUST

Monday Detox.....	Coker Group	Salvation Army....	New Acceptance Group
Parkside Lodge.....	Colonies North	SASH.....	Park North Group
Thursday Detox.....	Abundance Happy	ARC.....	Winners Young Peoples
Humana Metro.....	Creekview Young	Casa del Sol.....	Santa Fe Group
Our Lady of Spirit....	Happy Hour Grp12	Charter Real.....	Brookhollow Group
Afton Oaks.....	Callaghan Group		

## AFTER-HOURS PHONE DUTY--AUGUST

AUG 3-9--Oblate Group	AUG 10-16--New Acceptance Group
AUG 17-23--Southwest Loop Group	AUG 24-30--Morning After/Ft. Sam Groups

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave S., Secretary

# The Eighth Tradition

*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever  
nonprofessional, but our service centers  
may employ special workers.*

Spiritual as it is, AA remains very much of this world. The Eighth Tradition, like the Seventh, focuses on a vulgar five-letter word that isn't actually mentioned in either: Money. Many of us have had to explain to some cynical prospect, "No, I'm not a social worker. I don't get paid for talking with you. I'm doing it because it's the best way to stay sober myself."

This does not mean, of course, that the idea of turning professional has never entered any AA's mind. In the lean years, Bill W. did think of becoming a lay therapist to earn money through his experience in helping alcoholics. But, with a strong nudge from the group conscience, he soon realized that he could never hang out a shingle reading "Bill W., AA Therapist, \$10 an Hour"! It became clear to the early members that no AA should ever ask or accept payment for "carrying this message to somebody else, person to person and face to face."

But new questions arose as membership grew and the word of hope spread, sending thousands of alcoholics in search of AA. The first intergroups or central offices were usually manned by AA volunteers; now, most such offices are so busy that full-time employees are needed as well. Naturally, AA's are better suited to such jobs than are nonmembers--but are these AA's then being paid for doing Twelfth Step work? No. In the office, they are just paving the way for this work. Arranging to get a sick drunk into a hospital, telling a shaky newcomer where the nearest meeting is tonight, they are helping to make it possible for that alcoholic to hear the message "person to person and face to face."

A similar development has taken place at the Fellowship's "headquarters." Once a tiny office for one co-founder (Bill) and one secretary, it has grown into the present General Service Office, fully staffed, with a big mailroom keeping the lines of communication open throughout AA worldwide. The employees, both AA and nonalcoholic, are paid on a scale comparable to that in profit-making enterprises, so that the office force can function dependably. And the AA staff members are in exactly the same position as the AA intergroup employees. Suppose you drop in at GSO one day when you're in New York. Staff members who pause to chat with you may have been working on next year's Conference or corresponding with a group in your home area, helping it to carry the message more effectively. For that, they are paid with biweekly checks. But you may also hear them mention to other staff members plans for taking a newcomer to a meeting in the evening or for giving an AA talk to a neighborhood group the next week. For that, they are paid only with their own continuing sobriety.

In these office jobs and in other assignments, members are actually paid for their business and professional skills. Working at a GSO desk, on Conference-approved books and pamphlets or on the Grapevine, these AA's use their abilities as correspondents, managers, writers, editors, artists, proofreaders--as well as their understanding of AA from the inside. On occasion, volunteers have given their time and talent to all these services, and their contributions are deeply appreciated. But what if the Fellowship decided that all such assignments should be handled only by unpaid volunteers? In present-day AA, there's too great a volume of work to be done in spare hours here and there, and only the rich or the retired could afford to work full-time. If we tried to find in this limited group people qualified for particular tasks, obviously the field would be narrowed down--too often, down to nobody at all.

There would be another problem in using volunteers alone: It seems ungrateful--or, at least, it's socially awkward--to criticize or reject a job done for free. But paid jobs for AA get quite a going-over! Take our literature, for instance. Whatever the subject, we want to be sure that each piece expresses as clearly as possible the view of the group conscience of AA as a whole. So any new project must first be approved by the Conference. Once it is in process, the Literature Committee of the General Service Board keeps a careful eye on it at every stage. Frequently, drastic changes are required. The "finished" product then must be okayed both by that committee and by the Conference Literature Committee, and further revisions are often--

"Now wait a minute!" some old-timer may interrupt. "What's going on here? Didn't Dr. Bob say, 'Let's keep it simple?'" ...

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# 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!)

1 Year

Elizabeth B.  
Geno H.  
Connie E.  
Cynthia  
Loree D.  
John M.  
Kevin S.  
Elizabeth A.  
Anne-Marie K.  
Sandie C.  
George M.  
Kenneth W.  
Kenny B.  
Debbie G.  
Susan Y.  
Yvonne B.

4 Years

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

5 Years

Charles H.  
Arnie L.  
Milly L.  
Annis K.  
Finis "Bo" B.

6 Years

Richard Z.

7 Years

Gina B.  
Bobby G.  
Alan B.  
Scotty McL.

8 Years

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

9 Years

Francis S.  
Andy D.  
Jerry B.  
Mary A.

10 Years

Chris B.

11 Years

Red K.

13 Years

Carol G.  
Pete R.  
Pat B.  
Norman A.

14 Years

Chester R.  
Hod C.  
Al M.  
Hank M.  
Albert G.

15 Years

Bob S.

18 Years

Jerry P.  
Turner A.  
Michael S.

19 Years

John Q.

21 Years

Chester S.

24 Years

Lucille S.

33 Years

Frank P.



Happy Birthday  
Feliz Cumpleaños

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Thanks for letting us share YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

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We at the Central Office are grateful to all of you Birthday Contributors! Names are listed on page 9 for June Birthday Plan Contributors.

The Birthday money you send to this office is used to help pay for the NIGHTCAP and other expenses. If you wish your contribution to go to the General Service Office in New York, please send it direct to them.

We now have Group Contribution and Birthday Contribution envelopes pre-addressed to GSO in New York. If you or your Group would like so have some, please come by CSO and pick them up--they are FREE!

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THE SIMPLICITY OF RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM IS OFTEN DELAYED BY THE CONFUSION OF INTELLIGENCE!

# AUGUST 1987

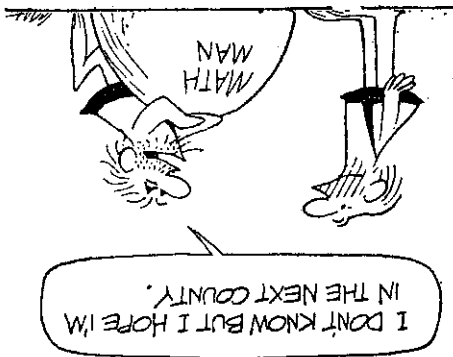
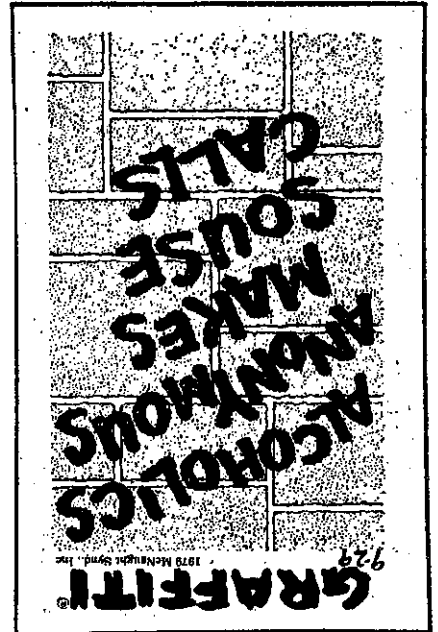
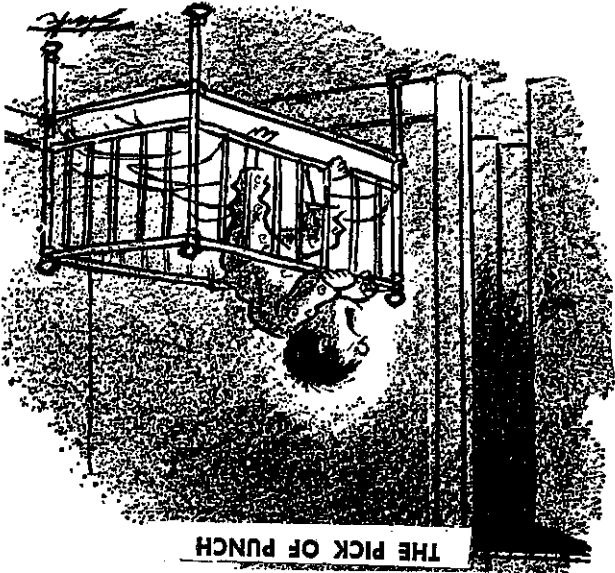
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Starlite Birthdays
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CSO Admin Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	12	13 Medina Valley Birthday Night North San Pedro 12th Anniversary	14	15
16 CSOC (GSR) meeting Club 12, 7 p.m. Soliad Group Bar-B-Que, 6 p.m.	17	18	19	20 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER NIGHTCAP!	21	22 Club 12 38th Anniver
23	24	25 BIRTHDAYS AT: Valley-Hi & Windcrest	26 BIRTHDAYS AT: Park North & Northwood.	27 North San Pedro Group Birthday Night; South-side Group Birthdays.	28 BIRTHDAYS AT: Southwest Loop, Club 12, El Libro Grande, Schertz, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Brookhollow, Marymont, Potluck at Marymont	29 BIRTHDAYS AT: Winners Club; Lambda, Audubon. Potluck at Lambda; Games at Club 12
30	31 BIRTHDAYS AT: Alamo Heights					



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"I need a drink!"

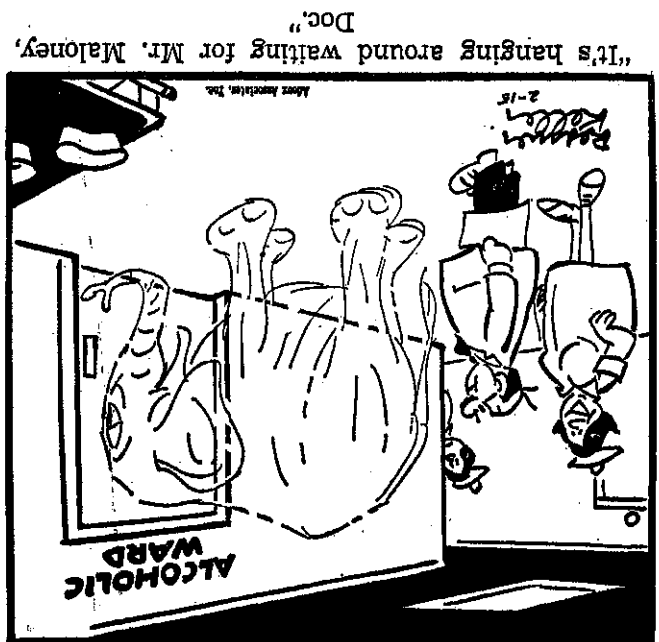


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THE LOCKHORNS

Jokes \* Jokes



ALCOHOLIC WARD

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN JUNE 1987

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
W Abundance	56.00		278.45	Fresh Start			79.31
Bandera	48.81		75.37	Frontier	26.25		106.13
W Mobud Big Book	4.00		15.26	Goliad	60.00		540.00
W Mobud Roundtable	15.99		86.54	Highland	25.00		150.00
*W Morning After			105.00	Kelly Special			45.00
W Night Owls	30.83		30.83	Medina Valley			29.80
Northwest	30.00		60.00	New Acceptance			50.00
Reality			2.00	SASH			150.00
*W Sat Night Live	36.16		118.14	Serenity			60.00
W Siesta Ladies			22.00	Southside	10.00		20.00
W Summit Step Study			24.47	Southwest Loop	20.00		80.00
W Turning Point			51.96	Valley Hi	150.00		210.00
Villa Rosa	50.00		150.00	Wilford Hall	50.00		110.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>				<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>		
Bluemel Oaks	69.00		69.00	Grupo del Sol			5.00
Boerne			96.99	Grupo Unidad	7.00		47.76
Callaghan Road			80.00	Kingsboro			18.20
Colonial Hills			16.36	Santa Fe			<u>40.00</u>
Colonies North			20.00				
Creekview Young People			2.00	TOTALS	1,709.88		8,712.12
Dietz-Elkhorn			60.00				
Family Afterwards			60.60		<u>AREA</u>		
Laurel Heights	100.00		329.50	Hondo			80.00
Medical Professional			72.00	Marble Falls			60.00
Oak Hills			804.00	Kingsland	60.00		<u>60.00</u>
Oblate			100.00				
Park North	60.00		265.00	TOTALS	60.00		200.00
Ranger Creek			30.00				
Twelve	120.00		720.00		<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>			Anonymous			
Alamo Heights	36.00		216.00	Diane C.	TOTAL		25.73
Broadway			100.00				
Brookhollow	50.00		163.00		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		
Brookwood	90.00		90.00	Bill B. (15 Years)			15.00
Bulverde	30.00		30.00	Richard C. (1 Year)			3.65
Coker	50.00		50.00	Maye A. (17 Years)			17.00
Easy Does It			74.50	Katie S. (14 Years)			14.00
**Freedom	119.99		488.94	Jerry S. (14 Years)			14.00
Marymont	60.00		300.00	Hal F. (13 Years)			13.00
North San Pedro			75.00	J. L. (23 Years)			<u>23.00</u>
Northwood			120.00				
Reliance	72.00		125.00	TOTAL			99.65
Stahl Road	60.00		96.00		<u>MEMORIALS</u>		
St. Paul's			38.00	Raul M. For Ben A.			
Tejas			25.00	B. Clark For Mary S.	TOTAL		45.00
Windcrest	30.00		70.00				
	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>				<u>PENAL</u>		
Ft Sam Houston	120.00		480.00	Southwest Loop Group			128.00
Downtown			40.00	Stahl Road Group			10.00
New Life			25.00	Bluemel Oaks Group			9.38
Northeast			124.00	Reliance Group			<u>50.00</u>
Palisades			10.00				
Schertz	60.00		240.00	TOTAL			197.38
Universal City			240.00				

W=Meets at Winners Club.

\*Last month, we reported in error that the W-Morning After Group sent a contribution of \$36.16 in May. This contribution came from the W-Sat Night Live Group and to them we extend our apologies. \*\*Reported in May--should have been June!

Let Us Know BEFORE You Move!

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