

THE NIGHT CAP

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WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF AA?

After living on skid row for 5 years I asked God to show me a way to quit drinking. That was in 1932. God answered that prayer but not till 1941 when I found AA. God answers prayers, but he picks the time and the place. I am ever so grateful for that. It wasn't easy then, but I wanted to sober up and I was willing to do anything. There was one group at that time and one meeting a week. Times have changed since then. All we had then was the Big Book. But by trying to live what (and how) the 12 Steps taught me, I stayed sober and happy.

Then, in 1948, someone asked me, "What do you get out of AA"? I don't recall what my answer was then, but today, as I look at the Fellowship, I will try to answer that question.

I get fellowship with folks whom I can respect and trust, folks that believe in and practice The Golden Rule of life. I get inspiration for greater effort to attain the highest ideals of relationship with my fellow man, and of my responsibility to him.

I get better understanding of my dependence upon and obligation to The Infinite, and peace of mind, and soul in obedience to His commands.

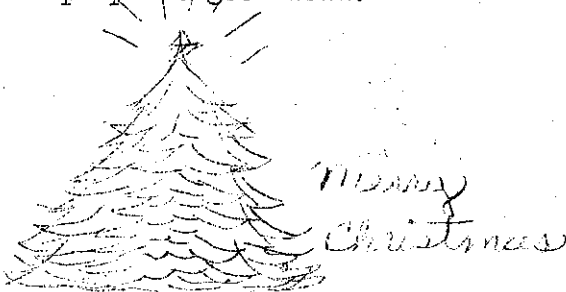
I get the opportunity to extend a helping hand to someone who is as unfortunate as I was, until he too can steer a straight course on that wide path of AA to a new way of life; after which he can teach others to build a mansion of happiness within our AA boundaries.

That's what I get out of AA. I get it by putting into the program the best there is in me, in service to fellow alcoholics who have not yet knocked at the portals of AA.

Today I am only 38 years old and 38 years of being sober and happy is mine only by the Grace of God. I send love and service to all and may God bless all and keep up the good work.

Fred H. (Weslaco, Texas)

Thank you Fred H.! Your message certainly is an inspiration to all of us and we sincerely appreciate you taking the time to share! We hope to hear from you again! (Editor)



SPECIAL NOTICES

THIS IS THE LAST MONTH THAT THIS EDITOR WILL BE ABLE TO DO THE NIGHT CAP! I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed the chore of putting out the NIGHT CAP for these past 10 months! Gathering up all the news from the Central Office, being able to visit with Beth and all others working there, taking all the little scraps of paper and other items home with me, and going through everything and trying to make it all fit on five sheets of paper--WHAT A CHALLENGE! I LOVED EVERY MINUTE!

Truly, it has been an honor and my privilege to serve as Editor for the NIGHT CAP. It gave me the feeling of being worthy and maybe, just maybe, carrying the message to some one who needed it the day their copy was received in the mail.

I also want to thank those of you who answered my pleas for written contributions and financial contributions. Without your help, I couldn't have done my job--so "double" thanks to all of you!

The Central Service Office has asked me to solicit for volunteers to be considered as the new Editor. Anyone that feels they are capable of doing the job, has the necessary time required to do the job, doesn't mind getting ink under their finger-nails occasionally, and knows how to spell, please call Beth at 226-2523.

Yours, with love, in AA,

Dee S.

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THE BUCK-A-MONTH CLUB WILL NOT BE CHANGED! At the November 11 meeting of the Central Service Office Committee and the General Service Representatives, it was decided that we would not double the amount of money necessary to belong to the Buck-A-Month Club. This action rescinds the "contest" for the new name. In the October Issue of the NIGHT CAP it was explained that the Buck-A-Month Club was formed as a way for AA members to give individual support to CSO; then the NIGHT CAP's rebirth in 1973 became a "come on" or "pelon" for being a member of the Buck-A-Month Club. At any rate, to belong to the Buck-A-Month Club you should send \$1.00 for each month (as the name implies); however, anyone that can give more, any amount will most certainly be appreciated.

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NEW MEETINGS

EISENHAUER STEP GROUP: This new AA group offers Closed Discussion Step Meetings on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m., at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, 4115 Eisenhower. Come join them--we all need to know more about the 12-Steps.

WILFORD HALL AA GROUP: This new AA group offers an Open Speaker's Meeting on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m., at Building 2433, across from the Officers' Club, Lackland AFB. For more information contact Joe at 673-5518.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

AROUND THE AREA

THE 24-HOUR GROUP will hold a Christmas dinner at 1 p.m. on December 25. Donations of food are welcomed and everyone is invited to attend this FREE dinner. Because of this special dinner, the regular monthly dinner for December WILL NOT BE HELD.

SASH AA CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 17 at 7 p.m. in the State Hospital's Auditorium. Dr. Gene S. from Starlite will be the guest speaker. After the FEAST, there will be Fellowship, Fun, and Dancing. Our special thanks to the groups and individual members who have already supported us with donations for the party. Each donation will be acknowledged by a personal note of thanks.

HAVEN TALKATHON will be held on New Year's Eve beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Fellowship. The first meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will continue as long as people are present. There will be a 30-minute intermission between each 1-hour meeting. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cookies, coffee, and cokes will be served between meetings. Good speakers from groups all in the San Antonio Area will be there. Come help us celebrate a sober and happy New Year's Eve! We are located at 1640 W. Woodlawn.

THE HAVEN AA GROUP has three meetings a week, Tuesday, Open Discussion at 8:15; Friday, Open Speakers at 10:15; Sunday, Open Speakers at 5 p.m. THEY NEED YOU!

MEETING CHANGE: The Open Door Group which formerly held a Step Meeting on Tuesdays now holds a Big Book Study Meeting on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. This meeting is held at the Holy Spirit Church, 8134 Blanco Road in the Scout Hut at the rear of the Religious Education Center. PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED.

VALLEY HI GROUP, Harbach Christian Church, Harbach at Loop 410, is sponsoring a meeting on December 12, 8:15 p.m., at which Father Martin will be the speaker.

GOLIAD GROUP, 537 Avondale is having their Christmas Dinner, December 16, at 3 p.m. and it is FREE. This will take the place of their regular monthly dinner. An ALKATHON will begin at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24; tamales will be served. If the ALKATHON has to be stopped that night, it will begin again at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day.

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CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES

BROWNSVILLE'S 6th ANNUAL LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY JAMBOREE: January 4,5,6, 1980. For information write to PO Box 3383, Brownsville, TX 78520.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE: January 11,12,13, 1980. To be held at the Red Carpet Inn, PO Box 7350, Beaumont, TX 777 06. For room reservations mail to this address. Banquet, Dance, they will have it all. Theme is "A Declaration of Unity." Make your reservations early.

SHOWBOAT AA ROUND-UP OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF NEVADA: February 1,2,3, 1980. "Young is anyone who still has growing to do." To be held at the Showboat Hotel, 2800 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. \$30 deposit required--cut-off date 1/15/80. or call toll free 800-634-3484 (BE SURE TO MENTION AA CONVENTION).

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HOSPITAL ZONE

SAN ANTONIO STATE HOSPITAL (SASH)--needs volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday to conduct AA meetings. Discussion or speakers meetings on the Alcoholic Unit, Goyens Hall. THE PATIENTS NEED YOU! Contact Libby at 532-8811, Extension 441, if interested.

SALLY AA GROUP--holds its Open Speakers meeting on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m., at 1324 S. Flores. AA groups responsible for furnishing speakers for the month of DECEMBER are:

Goliad Group	December 5, 12
Young Peoples Group	December 19, 26

VILLA ROSA AA GROUP--holds its Open Speakers meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. The AA groups responsible for furnishing speakers for the month of DECEMBER are:

Alamo Heights Group	December 4, 18
Group 12	December 11, 25

VA HOSPITAL GROUP--holds Beginners Discussion meetings every Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in Room E-136, Audie Murphy VA Hospital.

PARK NORTH GROUP--holds Open Discussion meetings at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday in the Hospital Cafeteria, 4330 Vance Jackson.

GRUPO DEL SOL--holds a Friday night Open Speaker's meeting at 8:15 p.m., at 321 Frio City Road. Bi-lingual volunteers needed to help with the meetings.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD of the Central Service Office WILL NOT have a meeting in December.

THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES will hold their regular monthly meeting at Club 12 on Sunday, December 9, at p.m. Current GSR's and newly elected GSR's (for 1980-81) are requested to please come to this meeting as elections will be held for CSOC Chairman and Co-Chairman plus a new Administrative Board member will be elected.

GRUPO UNIDAD AA Meeting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, 3210 W. Commerce, is followed by games. Everyone is welcome.

GROUP 12 will hold its monthly dinner and games at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 29 at 102 Thames, Club 12.

THE 24-HOUR GROUP WILL NOT hold its monthly dinner in December (See "Around the Area").

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**CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE - SAN ANTONIO
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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	0	165.00	Park North (W)	15.00	140.00
Audubon	0	80.00	Park North (F)	0	220.00
Broadway	30.00	365.00	Randolph Fellowship	0	10.00
Callaghan	25.00	290.00	Reality	0	0
Colonies North	0	90.00	Reliance	0	6.00
Downtown	0	240.00	Sahara	0	20.00
Fellowship	0	0	SASH	30.00	65.00
First Step	0	0	Santa Fe	20.00	40.00
Ft. Sam Houston	25.00	250.00	Serenity	15.00	165.00
Frontier	0	40.00	Southwest Loop	0	60.00
Goliad	50.00	310.00	Spiritual Life	0	0
Group 12	100.00	950.00	Stepping Stones	45.00	411.00
Grupo Del Sol	0	41.40	Sunrise	0	5.00
Grupo Unidad	10.00	70.00	Sunset	15.00	165.00
Highlands	20.00	220.00	The Haven	0	130.00
Hope	0	0	Triangle	0	0
Kingsboro	0	15.00	24 Hour	0	75.00
Lambda	10.00	10.00	Universal City	0	400.00
Laurel Heights	15.00	175.00	VA Hospital	10.00	75.00
Marymont	25.00	130.00	Valley Hi	20.00	210.00
Northeast	30.00	120.00	Villa Rosa	25.00	275.00
N. San Pedro	20.00	340.00	Wesley	0	22.00
Northwest	20.00	200.00	Windcrest	15.00	165.00
Northwood	0	250.00	Young People	0	75.00
Open Door	0	105.00			

25 Groups \$630.00
Buck-A-Month \$340.18

AREA

Bandera	0	0	Lytle	0	0
Bridge (N.B.)	10.00	90.00	New Braunfels	0	0
Canyon Lake	0	70.00	Pearsall	0	60.00
Floresville	0	60.00	Pleasanton	30.00	60.00
Fredericksburg	0	12.00	Seguin	0	0
Hill Country Grp.	0	0	Women's Serenity		
Kerrville	0	30.00	(Kerrville)	0	20.00

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Doris N. for Louise Dutcher

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Lorraine S.
29th Southwest Tex. Area Con.
Anonymous

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 _____