



The Nightcap

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Your trusted servants Brenda F. and Monika O. at CSO wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to thank you for the opportunity of serving you this past year.

Editor's Desk: P E R S P E C T I V E

A special thanks to Jose L. our outgoing Nightcap editor. All of A.A. appreciates the love and hard work you have given to the Nightcap. As the interim editor, I can see the hard work you have done for us.

The Christman holidays are upon us and our thoughts turn to our loved ones, good food, parties and gifts. These are all gratifying things, but I wonder is there more to the days ahead than this? The following article is a point of view that tugs at my conscience and makes me wonder about me.

The Value of a Gift

As a sober member of A.A., I was given sobriety and a chance for a new life. True gifts are free. A paradox of our program is that you must give it away in order to keep it. How much do you and I value these gifts? Does saying I am grateful fit the bill? I think my actions have to answer these questions.

How much do I value the gift I was freely given? From the amount of money I see put into the basket at the end of each meeting, I can assume that you and I were given a gift of little value. Does an average of one Dollar or less per person tell me what my sobriety is worth? Supporting my drinking cost me much more than that and it was killing me. A large number of someone's cared enough before I ever came to A.A. to ensure that the gift of sobriety that was given them would be here when I finally arrived.

If you ever ask the large number of newcomer's how they happened to find you meeting; a large number of them would say CSO or the answering service directed them to us. Will this service be there in the future? Groups and individuals all over San Antonio are planning parties and dinners for the holidays. All these things cost money and we spend it freely when fun is the object. I am all for fun, but can I afford to lose my perspective of what the Christman season means. It means giving-to this alcoholic.

Our CSO is operating in the red (spending more money than they have). Can we (groups and individuals) bestow something back to the fellowship that saved our lives? How much monetary value does one put on sobriety? I know that you and I are worth more than one dollar per meeting. Help give the gift of sobriety: (Knut H.)

Staying sober any day is tough for an alcoholic. The holiday season is even harder than usual possibly because I am packing around old perceptions, feelings, and ideas. Newcomers almost always express fear about staying sober during this time. What do you do? One possible answer is: don't drink, go to meetings, and things will get better. We are no less alcoholic during the holidays. Prayer to a God of your understanding always helps. Maybe I can share a meal or my time with a fellow alcoholic. Do not isolate yourself.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

LOCAL

STATE HOSPITAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dinner and Dance
December 12, 1983
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
SASH Band
Donation - Mail to:
4622 Clark Avenue
Apt. 240
San Antonio, Tx. 78223

GROUP 12 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Convention Center Arena-Dec. 31, 1983
7:30 - 9:00pm A.A. Fellowship
9:00 - 1:00am Walker Colt Band/Entertainment

GOLIAD GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday December 18, 1983 4:30pm
Talkathon:
Christmas Eve 11:00pm - 8:00am
New Years Eve 11:00pm - 8:00am
All Welcome.

UNIVERSAL CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday - December 15, 1983
Methodist Church North Blvd. & Winn Ave.
Classrooms 2&3
Potluck Dinner - 7:00pm
Guest Speaker - Jim Willis 8:15pm
All Welcome.

HOSPITAL MEETINGS (DECEMBER)

STATE HOSP..... Lytle Group
DETOX..... Colonies North
A.R.C..... Valley-Hi Group
SALVATION ARMY..... Northeast Group
RALEIGH HILLS Young Peoples Group
CASA del SOL..... Alamo Heights

VILLA ROSA MEETINGS (DECEMBER)

December 6..... 24-Hour Group
December 13..... Santa Fe Group
December 20..... Alamo Heights Group
December 27..... 24-Hour Group

A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

OUT OF TOWN

38th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF A.A. IN AUSTIN.

Dec. 13, 1983 at the Wyndham Hotel
L. 35 & Ben White Blvd.
6:30pm - 10:00pm Main Ballroom
Tickets \$6.00 each
Sponsored and Hosted by:
Hill Country Intergroup

10th ANNUAL LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY JAMBOREE

Starts Friday - January 6 - 8, 1984
At So. Padre Hilton Resort, So. Padre Island

THE 20th NATIONAL A.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 23 - 26, 1984 in Atlanta, Georgia
at the Marriott Hotel.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

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Dec. 17, 1983 - Annual children's Christmas Party. Santa will greet children of all ages. Party snacks and goodies for all from 1:00pm - 7:00pm.

December 24 - December 30
Traditional Open House, daily 5:00pm till?

December 25 Free complete roast beef Christmas dinner. Serving begins at 1:00pm.

NEW MEETING

Correctional Committee Group
502 West Mistletoe
0 - Speaker Meeting - Mon - 8:15pm
There will be a Correctional Committee Meeting on the first Monday of each Month after Speaker Meeting.

THANKS TO THE INTERIM EDITOR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER -- KNUT H. FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO A.A.

THANKS TO MONIKA O. FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE.

Christmas— 'Twas The Night Before

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
AND ALL THRU THE HOUSE
NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING,
NOT EVEN A MOUSE.

WE REACHED FOR THE BOTTLES
WE'D HID ON THE SHELVES,
FOR THOSE WERE THE PRESENTS
WE'D BOUGHT FOR OURSELVES.

WE NEVER HAD MONEY
TO SPEND FOR A GIFT,
WE NEEDED IT ALL
FOR THAT HOLIDAY LIFT.

NOW THAT WAS OUR CHRISTMAS
BEFORE FINDING A.A.
WE WERE DRINKING OUR CHEER
IN THE USUAL WAY.

THE TREE LIGHTS WERE ALWAYS
SO FUZZY AND DIMMED
'CAUSE WE ALWAYS GOT STINKO
BEFORE IT WAS TRIMMED.

AND ALL CHRISTMAS EVE
THE JOINT WOULD BE ROCKING,
'THOUGH WE KNEW FULLY WELL
WHAT WE'D FIND IN OUR STOCKINGS.

WE FOLLOWED A PATTERN
THAT SEEMED TO BE RIGHT
WASN'T CHRISTMAS THE TIME
WHEN PEOPLE GOT TIGHT?

THAT CHRISTMAS IS PAST
AND A NEW ONE DRAWS NEAR,
BUT WITH ITS APPROACH
WE HOLD NARY A FEAR.

FOR THRU A.A.'s PATTERN
WE'VE FOUND A NEW WAY
TO KNOW A REAL CHRISTMAS
TRULY HAPPY AND GAY.

THE TREE WILL BE BRILLIANT
THE LIGHTS BRIGHT AND CLEAR
AND NOT FROM A BOTTLE
WILL COME CHRISTMAS CHEER.

BUT STRAIGHT FROM OUR HEARTS
A TRUE WARMTH WILL GLOW
REFLECTED BY LOVE
FOR THE FRIENDS THAT WE KNOW.

SO TO YOU, MERRY CHRISTMAS
FULL OF GENUINE CHEER
MAY THE GREEN LIGHT BE YOURS
IN THE COMING NEW YEAR.

** Paul Gardner

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE-SAN ANTONIO, TX
 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
 OCT 28 - NOV 28, 1983

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Alamo	60.00	160.00	Reliance	-0-	-0-
Alamo Heights	134.00	512.00	Sahara	-0-	20.00
Alpha House	-0-	25.00	Santa Fe	-0-	20.00
Audubon	-0-	-0-	SASH	-0-	50.00
Bluemel Oaks	-0-	-0-	Schertz	-0-	240.00
Boerne	-0-	80.00	Serenity	15.00	165.00
Broadway	141.00	331.00	Southwest Loop	30.00	165.00
Callaghan	-0-	440.00	Stepping Stones	-0-	150.00
Coker	-0-	50.00	Summit	-0-	60.00
Colonies North	-0-	1070.00	Sunset	10.00	160.00
Downtown	-0-	70.00	Tejas	-0-	420.00
Eisenhauer	-0-	140.00	Turning Point	13.25	31.01
Fort Sam Houston	50.00	550.00	Twenty-Four Hour	-0-	70.00
Freedom	-0-	150.00	Universal City, Mon	-0-	96.00
Frontier	-0-	10.00	Universal City, Sun	30.00	90.00
Golfad	25.00	345.00	V.A. Hospital	-0-	150.00
Group 12	400.00	1800.00	Valley-Hi	25.00	345.00
Grupo Unidad	-0-	80.00	Villa Rosa	22.40	271.00
Haven	-0-	200.00	Weekend Winners	-0-	-0-
Highland	20.00	220.00	Wesley	-0-	20.00
Kingsboro	5.00	25.00	West Ashby	-0-	-0-
Lambda	18.00	134.00	Wilford Hall	20.00	170.00
Laurel Heights	20.00	240.00	Windcrest	-0-	78.00
Lytle	12.00	26.00	Young People	-0-	93.06
Marymont	-0-	160.00			
New Life	-0-	30.00			
North San Pedro	-0-	250.00	<u>AREA</u>		
Northeast	-0-	235.00	Bandara	-0-	95.00
Northwest	-0-	160.00	Cameron-Rockdale	-0-	63.00
Northwood	-0-	425.00	Canyon Lake	-0-	40.00
Oblate	-0-	80.00	Floresville	-0-	65.00
Open Door	-0-	60.00	New Braunfels Home	-0-	15.00
Park North	-0-	130.00	Uvalde	-0-	44.00
			Yoakum	-0-	45.00

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS
(Nov 1983)

District 1	\$ 1050.65
Area	-0-
Buck-A-Month	105.00
Individual	10.00
Memorial	25.00 (for Robert J.)
	\$ 1190.65

District 1 Active Groups	64
New Groups reported	1
Discontinued Groups	0

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The 60-30-10 Plan
 1st - Take care of basic group expenses-
 (rent, literature, refreshments)
 Divide remaining funds as follows:
 60% to your Intergroup or C.S.O.
 30% to the General Service Office
 10% to your Southwest Texas Area Fund

OPEN HOUSE
 AT CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE
 19 DEC - 23 DEC

Come by and have coffee and Christmas snacks.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPONSORED BY :

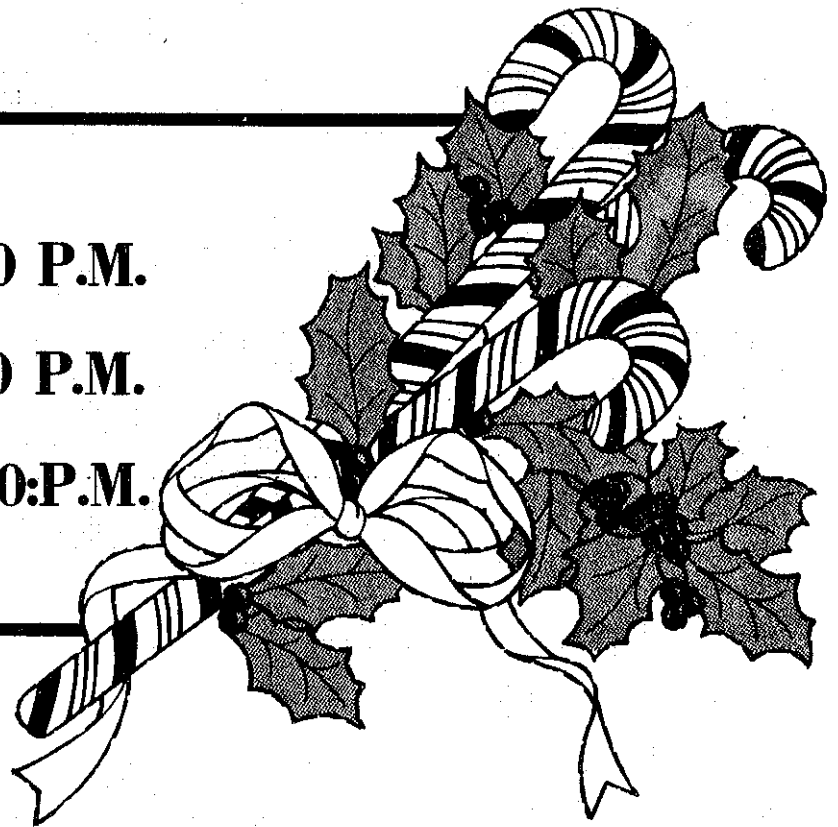
ALL MEMBERS OF THE SASH A.A. GROUP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1983 at: SAN ANTONIO STATE HOSPITAL

A.A. MEETING...7:00 P.M.

DINNER...7:30 P.M.

DANCE...8:P.M. - 10:P.M.



Tell Your Friends.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



New Year's Eve Dance

**San Antonio
Area AA**

**Convention Center
Arena**
(South Banquet Hall)



FOR TICKET INFORMATION
CALL CLUB TWELVE
344-8981

Dec. 31, 1983

7:30 - 9:00 P.M. AA Fellowship

9:00 - 1:00 A.M. Walker Colt Band/Entertainment

Price Includes:

Door Prizes | Party Favors | Snacks | Entertainment | Etc.

\$12.50 per person

(\$15.00 per person at door)

All profits to be donated to San Antonio AA Central Service Office

