



The Nightcap

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Convention Clipboard

- DEC 6-8: Border Conference, Del Rio, TX.
- DEC 6-8: Southwest Regional Forum, Dallas, Texas.
- JAN 3-5: Lower Rio Grande Valley AA Jam-boree, South Padre Island, Texas.
- JAN 10-12: 24th Annual Southeast Texas Area Conference, Beaumont, TX.
- JAN 17-19: First Area Delegate Reunion, Washington, DC.
- FEB 13-16: 22nd National AA Women's Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- JUN 26-29: Texas State AA Convention, San Antonio, TX.

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

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CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!!!

The San Antonio State Hospital AA Group will have its annual CHRISTMAS PARTY on MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Music will be furnished by the SASH Band, "The Mellaril Six." The speaker for the AA meeting will be Ann K. from Beeville, Texas.

There will be lots of delicious food and drinks (nonalcoholic, that is) so please bring an empty stomach! Also, there will be lots of fun and good old AA fellowship!

Donations for this party are needed and may be mailed to Jerry McC, 227 Antrim, San Antonio, TX 78218, or Clara P., 4622 Clark, #240, San Antonio, TX 78223.

Don't be a "scrooge"--then come on out to the party and have some FUN!

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COUPON

GOOD FOR A FREE 6-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION
TO THE NIGHTCAP--SAN ANTONIO'S AA
NEWSLETTER! OFFER APPLIES TO NEW
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Present in person, or mail along with
your name and address to:

AA Central Service Office
103 Renner
San Antonio, TX 78201

(Located 2 blocks west of I-10 on the
corner of Renner and Vance Jackson.)

HOURS: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru
Friday--Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.



Special Activities

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

December 11 through December 24, we will have our Christmas Open House and would love to see you! Drop by and visit with us and enjoy some scrumptious holiday treats--take a look around your Central Office--we've made some changes!

Remember, we are open until 7 p.m. every weekday except Thursday when we are open until 9 p.m.

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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT CLUB 12

Club 12 will have an Holiday Open House beginning December 23 through January 1. There will be free food available after 7 p.m. during this time.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE GOLIAD GROUP

December 15 at 6 p.m. is the date and time to attend the Goliad Group's free Christmas Dinner.

Of course, there is a meeting afterwards at 7:30 p.m.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT CLUB 12

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 31, to remind you of the New Year's Eve Dance at Club 12. The time will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the admission will be \$10.00 per person. Some of us thought we were great dancers when we were drinking--but we always find out that we are much better dancers when we are sober!

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NO-BOOZE CRUISE TO COZUMEL AND THE BAHAMAS

If you've never been to Cozumel and the Bahamas sober, now is the time to go! This cruise leaves from Miami, Florida, on the 18th of January and is a 7-day trip.

For more information, call Tina at International Travel, 512-226-6690.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT WINNERS' CLUB

The Winners' Club invites you to come by to visit and to join in the fun and fellowship and Christmas refreshments on December 24 and 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

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Notices

SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE CONVENTION

Speakers for the Texas State AA Convention, which will be held in San Antonio next June 26-29, have been announced. They are:

- Dr. Paul O. of Redmond, Washington
- Ray O'K of Miami, Florida
- Joe Q. of Laguna Beach, California
- Johnny A. of Laguna Beach, California
- Liz J. of San Diego, California
- Dottie T. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Clint H. of Southern California

The convention will be held at the Downtown Marriott Hotel.

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FINANCE CHAIRMAN NEEDED!

A volunteer AA member is needed to help with the Central Service Office monthly financial statements and to help prepare tax forms.

If you have training or experience in accounting/bookkeeping, and if you have a little time to spare every month, this is your chance to be of service. We are computerized, so there is not much to it.

If you feel you are qualified and are available, please call CSO at 733-7562/733-6876.

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VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers still needed to help answer the telephones at Central Service Office. Please call 733-6876 if you are available to serve even 2 or 3 hours per week.

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GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Club 12, November 17, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Donna T., Chairman, followed by the Serenity Prayer. New GSRs were introduced: Henrietta D. and Franna M.

Administrative Board reports were conducted by Jim B. Financial: The report showed an \$1,100.00 loss this month due to literature purchases and lack of group contributions. Hospitals and Institutions: Sylvia O. reported a new meeting, the Horizon (formerly Raleigh Hills) on Tuesdays. Penal: Report was made in absentia--Don S. has been doing a "heck of a job." Gary L. reported that his group, by putting a can on the table, \$51.00 has been collected for literature for prisons in 2 months. Public Information: Jerry McC. reported that programs have been taken to Holmes High School, Ursuline Academy, Central Catholic High School, Bexar County Jail, and Alamo Heights High School is scheduled for next month. Jerry is also collecting contributions for the SASH Christmas Party to be held on December 9. Editorial: Dee S. requested articles on personal experiences and articles in Spanish; also, jokes and birthdays be sent to CSO for The Nightcap. Mailing: Al M. made amends to the group, as it turns out mailing costs did not go up as reported last month. His amends were heartily accepted.

Old Business: The election was held for the three CSO Administrative Board positions. Fred D., of the Downtown Group, Bob B., the new 1-A DCM, and Wes D., of the Dakota Group, were elected to serve in these positions.

New Business: The directory is being updated. Please notify Janis H. at CSO of any group changes. It was also reported that the Freedom Group no longer has baby-sitting services.

On a one-time special offer, The Nightcap subscriptions are going to be made available to everyone simply by sending in a coupon. This coupon will be on the front of the December issue.

DCM Reports:

1A: Bob B. reported that he is getting used to the job.

1B: Rich R. reported that 1B now has 16 groups and that all district records have been computerized for accurate records keeping of meetings and GSR and group contacts. Alberto M. will be the new DCM beginning 1 Jan 85. During Rich's term, he has visited each group in the district at least twice with the exception of the Oblate and New Hope Groups; has gotten all groups registered with GSO and attended seven area work shops, conventions, etc. He also held the first two workshops on Traditions in 1B in cooperation with 1E and 1F, and 1E agreed to hold the work shop in November. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve in the DCM capacity and for their support given.

1C: Fred D. reported the next district meeting will be held at 6:20 p.m. at Club 12, December 15, prior to the GSR meeting. This month's meeting was well attended.

1D: Fred D. was present.

1E: Jim B. reported the Third Legacy sharing meeting was held a few weeks ago. Bob, from the Castroville Group, announced he could surely use some AA support on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church. He said that sometimes he is the only AA member trying to hold a meeting for 15 newcomers sent by the court.

1F: Laló announced a new Spanish-speaking meeting at Casa del Sol on Mondays at 8:15 p.m.

Announcements:

The VA Hospital has an 8:15 p.m. Thursday AA meeting.

The Castroville Group is holding its 1st Anniversary potluck at 6:30 p.m., December 12, at St. John's Catholic Church, in Castroville, with a meeting following at 8:15.

DECEMBER AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

Dec. 02-08: Northeast Group

Dec. 15-22: Marymont Group

Dec. 09-15: Colonies North Group

Dec. 23-30:

(GSR Meeting Continued)

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS DECEMBER MEETINGS

State Chest Hospital--Southwest Loop Group
The Haven--District 1E
House of Yuki--Freedom Group
SASH--Goliad Group
Monday Detox--District 1E
Thursday Detox--Alamo Heights Group

Saturday Detox--Abundance Happy Hour
Casa del Sol--District 1F
Salvation Army--Universal City Sunday Grp
Brookwood--Stahl Road Group
The ARC--Oblate Group
The Horizon--District 1D

Respectfully submitted,

Denny K., Secretary

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NEW SOUTHWEST AREA OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

New Southwest Area Officers elected at the assembly, held during the conference in October are as follows:

- Area Delegate: Edell E., Bandera
- Alternate Area Delegate: Larry Y., LaCoste
- Area Chairman: Bob McG., Refugio
- Alternate Area Chairman: Jim B., San Antonio
- Secretary: Marty N., Taylor
- Treasurer: Jody J., Rockport

They will serve for 2 years, 1986-1987. Congratulations to you all--we know you will do a great job!

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In Memoriam

Dick M., with 26 years of sobriety, died on Monday, October 28, 1985. He was very well known in our AA community for his many unselfish acts and will be missed.

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

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**Guaranteed Hangover
Remedy Revealed!**
(It's Called Abstinence)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Charlotte M., from the Haven, asked us to extend a great big THANKS to the AA community for their support in bringing AA meetings to the Haven, so faithfully, every Saturday night!

Dan W., from the Coastal Bend Intergroup, paid us a great compliment: "Your newsletter is a pleasure to receive...crisp and to the point. Keep it up." (It's notes like this that make it all worthwhile!)

Just want to remind all of you that the NIGHTCAP is an informal, unofficial publication of the Central Service Office for AA of San Antonio. Our purpose is to keep you aware of what's going on in the "AA world" and to give you the opportunity to share your experiences, strength, and hope; to keep up with AA happenings, new groups, new meetings, upcoming events.

We welcome, and do appreciate, your personal experience articles, items of interest to the AA community (or membership), jokes, announcements, etc. We regret that all submitted materials may not be published nor can they be returned to you. PLEASE don't worry about spelling, punctuation, etc., as anything we receive will be edited. Just take some time to put your thoughts on paper, as we sincerely want to hear from you!

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND BIRTHDAYS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY 1986 ISSUE OF THE NIGHTCAP IS DECEMBER 23, 1985.

CSO HAS TAPE LIBRARY!

Did you know that the AA Central Office loans out AA speaker tapes?

Our tape library is shaping up, thanks to the help of our dedicated volunteers. We now have top-notch AA talks by speakers including:

Clancy I., Chuck C., Father Martin, Dr. Paul O., Craig S., June G., Dyanne G., David A., Father Leo, Sandy B., Wesley P., Jim W., Johnny H., Father Hillary, and many more!

Tapes may be checked out for 3-week periods. a \$5 deposit is required for each tape that is checked out. Your deposit is immediately refunded when you return the tape.

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NEW GROUP NAMED

The new AA Group (without a name), that was announced in the October issue, is now named the Southside Big Book Group. Their meeting is held on Thursday at 8:15 p.m., at 130 Saipan, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church. For more information, call 921-0265 and talk to Henrietta.

MEETING CHANGES

The Colonies North AA Group now has a speaker meeting the last Friday of each month. It had previously been an open discussion meeting.

The Horizon Group now meets on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. and on Saturday at 8:15. The Alanon meets on Wednesday at 8:15 and the Adult Children of AA meets on Wednesday at 8:15.

MEETINGS DISCONTINUED

The Audubon Group has discontinued their Tuesday, 8:15 p.m. meeting; they have two closed discussion meetings only-- one on Saturday, 8:15 p.m. and one on Sunday, 8:15 p.m.

Bluemel Oaks Group has discontinued their Tuesday night Big Book Study Meeting.

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New Group

A new AA Group has been formed at Charter Real. Its name is the REALITY GROUP and it meets on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m., in the staff dining room. This meeting is an open discussion and they need our support! The address is 8550 Huebner and Eckherdt.

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Our Ailing Friends

Jo Nell E., Secretary of the North San Pedro AA Group, is at home recovering from surgery. Prayers needed.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS FOR ALCOHOLICS

The following is excerpted from an out-of-town newsletter--thought you would like to read it:

...While often well-meaning, the attitude that since AA works so well for so many of us it would work for non-alcoholics could prove disastrous, for AA as a whole, for the still suffering alcoholics, and for non-alcoholics as well.

Let's keep on doing what we do best, working with alcoholics. As has been said so many times before, AA cannot be all things to all people; it can only be what it is, the greatest program ever for helping alcoholics get sober and stay sober.

--written by Bill T.
Pasadena

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IS IT TIME TO CHANGE?

In response to the above named article that appeared in the November issue, we had many calls. The consensus was 10 to 1 in favor of changing meeting times from 8:15 to 8:00. Of course, each AA Group can meet at any time the group conscience desires--just thought you would like to know.

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The most important part of the word "responsibility" is RESPONSE!

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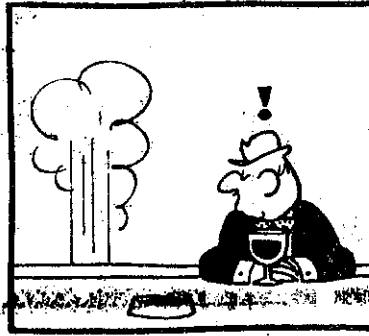
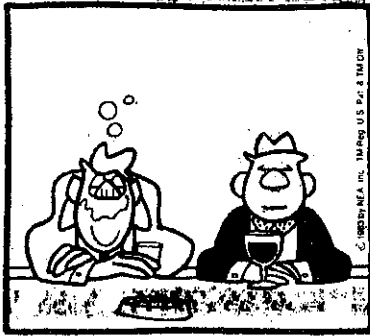
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bluemel Oaks covered dish; 7 p.m. speakers at 8:15	5	6 Downtown Grp Potluck & Birthdays	7 Starlite Birthdays
8	9	10 CSO Admin. Board Meeting 7 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Unity Club Games Night
15 FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH Holiday Xmas Dinner 6 p.m.; meeting at 7:30. SR meeting at Club 12, 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20 Group 12 Birthdays	21 Club 12 Games Night, Audubon Group 15th Anni. District 1C Breakfast
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 BOXING DAY (U.K. not Scotland)	27	28 Winners Club Birthdays; Lambda Potluck
29 4-Hour Club Dinner	30 Alamo Grp and Alamo Heights Grp Birthdays	31 Marymont, Valley-Hi, Windcrest Groups' Birthdays; Marymont Potluck				

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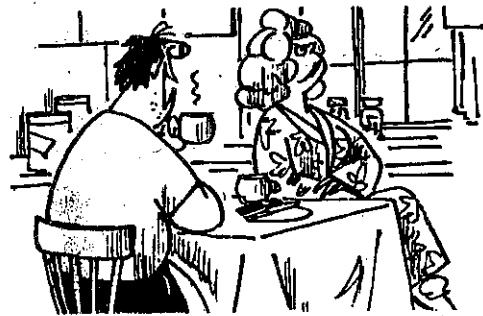


COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"I guess if Wilber's hands didn't shake ever mornin', he wouldn't git any exercise at all!"



"I can tell by the look on your face I had a smashing time last night, didn't I?"

Patient: Doctor, what can I do about hangovers?

Doctor: Try orange juice.

Patient: Before or after drinking?

Doctor: Instead of.



"Let me know when you take your inventory. You'll need my help!"
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED OCT 23-NOV 22, 1985

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1A</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1D</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>
NORTHWEST			\$120.00	ALAMO			\$210.00
VA HOSPITAL			0.00	DOWNTOWN	\$10.00		80.00
VILLA ROSA	\$65.49		362.49	EISENHAUER			72.00
W ABUNDANCE HAPPY HR			445.35	FT SAM HOUSTON	150.00		350.00
W FRI-SAT NIGHT OWLS			54.09	KIRBY-CONVERSE			0.00
W GENERIC			0.00	NEW LIFE	10.00		85.00
W HALF-YEAR BUNCH			9.20	NORTHEAST			162.00
W MOBUD BIG BOOK	13.78		134.93	SCHERTZ			270.00
W MOBUD ROUND TABLE	6.19		54.89	UNIVERSAL CITY	36.00		312.00
W MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S			144.45	UNIVERSAL CITY, SUNDAY			33.00
W MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S			4.30	<u>DISTRICT 1E</u>			
W MORNING AFTER	66.75		727.55	CASTROVILLE			0.00
W SIESTA LADIES			77.50	DAKOTA			0.00
W SUMMIT			157.92	FLORESVILLE			25.00
W SUN DISC 10AM			70.50	FRONTIER			10.00
W TURNING POINT			128.49	GOLIAD	20.00		195.75
W WEEKEND WINNERS			306.70	HAVEN	100.00		300.00
W YOUNG PEOPLE			30.00	HIGHLANDS	20.00		220.00
<u>DISTRICT 1B</u>				HOUSE OF YUKI			0.00
AUDUBON			75.00	KELLY'S SPECIAL			0.00
BLUEMEL OAKS			66.95	LAMBDA (GAY)			300.00
BOERNE			191.75	LYTLE			60.00
CALLAGHAN ROAD			214.97	PLEASANTON			0.00
COLONIAL HILLS	50.00		100.00	SASH			100.00
COLONIES NORTH			74.50	SERENITY			40.00
GRATITUDE			0.00	SOUTHWEST LOOP	20.00		95.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS	55.00		459.00	VALLEY HI			196.00
MEDICAL PROFESSIONS	100.00		370.00	WILFORD HALL			105.00
OBLATE			140.00	<u>DISTRICT 1F</u>			
PARK NORTH	100.00		300.00	EL LIBRO GRANDE			0.00
SINGLES IN SOBRIETY			0.00	GRUPO ALEGRIA	5.00		5.00
TWELVE	120.00		1640.00	GRUPO EL SOL			5.00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR			0.00	GRUPO UNIDAD			45.40
WEST ASHBY			264.35	KINGSBORO			65.00
<u>DISTRICT 1C</u>				SANTA FE			28.00
ALAMO HEIGHTS			470.00	WESLEY			29.00
ALPHA HOUSE			125.00	<u>AREA</u>			
BROADWAY	20.00		239.00	CALDWELL TRI-CITY			5.00
BROOKHOLLOW	36.00		36.00	KINGSLAND			25.00
COKER			76.20	<u>SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			
FREEDOM			538.19	DISTRICT 1			1064.21
MARYMONT			390.00	BUCK-A-MONTH			240.00
NORTH SAN PEDRO			225.00	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS			35.12
NORTHWOOD	60.00		280.00	MEMORIALS			10.00
RELIANCE			0.00				<u>\$1349.33</u>
SAHARA			0.00				
ST PAULS			0.00				
STAHL ROAD			61.00				
SUNSET			0.00				
TEJAS			180.00				
WINDCREST			45.00				

W=Groups meeting in Winners Club

DISTRICT 1 ACTIVE GROUPS 83

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