

The Nightcap

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The Central Service Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd, in observance of the Christmas holidays. The CSO Board and staff would like to wish all a safe and joyous holiday season.



EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

"...we aren't

a glum lot."

48th Annual Tyler Anniversary

January 13-15, 1995

Harvey Hall Convention Center 2000 W. Front St.
(Hwy 31)

Food - Fellowship - Speakers - Dance

Convention Motel - Best Western Inn 2828 N.N.W.
Loop 323

NO REGISTRATION FEE For info call (903) 595-2681

31st International AA Women's Conference

February 16-19, 1995 Omaha, Nebraska

Registration - \$20.00 payable to:

IAAWC, PO Box 24263, Omaha, NE 68124-0263

For further information, contact Susan A. (402)

334-2161 or Mary Ann C. (402) 397-5566

Hotel reservations at Holiday Inn Central -

(402) 393-3950

Serenity by the Sea January 6-8, 1995

21st Annual Lower Rio Grande Valley Jamboree

Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort \$55.00/night

(210) 761-5401 US-(800) 531-7405 TX-(800) 292-7506

Meetings, dance, banquet, ...

Registration \$15.00 payable to: "Jamboree 95"

PO Box 5453 Brownsville, Tx 78520

3rd Annual Freedom From Bondage

Correctional Facilities Conference

February 3-5, 1995

Seven Oaks Conference Center 1400

Austin Hwy SA, Tx

Featured Speaker - Jim Estelle - Chairman,

General Service Board

\$5.00 Registration. Call Arley H. for more

information: (210) 914-4320

Due to holiday schedules, the December deadline for submissions to the Nightcap will be Monday, the 12th.

Please note!... As of January 1, 1995, the Nightcap will be available at a subscription rate of \$6.00 per year. If you would like to continue to receive the Nightcap in '95, please be sure to subscribe.

This action is being taken in an effort to become more financially responsible, and was approved of by the COR's at the November COR meeting. (see minutes on page 2) Each A.A. group will be sent 1 copy free of charge, provided CSO has a valid mailing address for its GSR or COR.

Thank you for your continued support.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Erik C., Chairman. He led the serenity prayer and asked Glen to read the traditions. The check-in sheet was passed around. Erik called for new CORs to introduce themselves. They are: Lalo A. - Grupo Unidad, and Bob T. - Schertz-Cibolo Group. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the Nightcap.

Financial Report: Susan B. gave the report, stating that contributions were up and inventory down. CSO is losing approximately \$500.00 per month.

CSO Report: Bonnie F. made the report. There were no comments.

Interdistrict Report: Susan B., The liaison to Interdistrict, gave a breakdown of the activity and expenses of the Archives Committee, in re cabinets to be located at CSO. Also, there seems to be a general lack of interest in service work. No comments.

Old Business:

Richard C. explained the election process for the four new Board members for the 95/96 term. He passed out ballots and had the nominees introduce themselves. The election results are: Susan B., David C., Mary Alice G., and Patty H.

New Business:

Lalo A. addressed the cost of the Nightcap. He gave a brief history of how it came to be free, and suggested that CSO go back to charging for the Nightcap. Lalo made the motion to ask A.A. members to pay \$6.00 per year for the Nightcap, with one free to each group, effective 1 Jan. 1995. Much discussion followed. A motion to amend the motion was made and subsequently withdrawn. There was a motion to table which failed. Erik called the question. The motion passed.

Next, Lalo suggested the Board look at salaries. He mentioned that the job descriptions were overlapping. Bonnie responded, explaining that they are overlapping because all employees are required to do what needs to be done. They quite often must do things other than their specific jobs. Lalo made the motion that job descriptions be brought to the next meeting. The motion was made and passed to adjourn at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Bonnie F.

PHONE DUTY:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Nov 28 - Dec 4 | SW Loop |
| Dec 5 - 11 | Freedom |
| Dec 12 - 18 | SA North |
| Dec 19 - 25 | Group 12 |
| Dec 26 - Jan 1 | Alamo Hts |

NIGHTCAP FACTS

YTD

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Printing costs | .23 |
| Mailing cost | .09 |
| Total cost | .32 each |
| Loss (9 months) | 3669.00 |
| Printing & Postage | \$4221.00 |
| Contributions | 552.00 |
| Cost for one year: | |
| Printing: | \$345.00 x 12 mos. = \$4140.00 |
| Mailing: | 135.00 x 12 mos. = 1620.00 |
| Cost per year: | \$9000.00 |
| If all 1500 subscribers paid \$6.00 each: | \$9000.00 |
| Less total cost per year | -5760.00 |
| CSO would make a gross profit of: | 3240.00 |
| If 750 subscribers paid \$6.00 per year: | \$4500.00 |
| Less total cost per year | -4950.00 |
| CSO would lose only: | -450.00 |

To: CSO Board of Trustees

At our last group conscience meeting we decided to pass the hat separately for the Nightcap, after discussing the following:

1. Many inactive A.A.s receive the Nightcap and it serves to remind them where they came from, however briefly. We feel this should continue, in the spirit of the twelfth step.
2. Many of our members can contribute to cover both current and past mailing and printing costs, since many of us did not subscribe with a donation. We feel this is better than mandating a fee, and gives small exercise to Step 9 and Tradition 7.

Respectfully,
Keith E.
COR, Serendipity Group

(Received prior to the November membership meeting. Ed)

NEW MEETINGS...

Boys Night Out - Tuesday, 7:30pm, closed discussion, men's meeting.
 Holy Spirit Catholic Church Family Center, Rm #103
 8134 Blanco Rd @ W. Ramsey 341-5624

Kirby Group -Thursday, 8:00pm, closed discussion, n/s. Kirby Baptist Church 5114 Old Seguin Rd.
 Contact Angie B. 666-3925 or Louis T. 661-5195

No Name Group (really) - Saturday, 1:00pm
 Open Discussion 1600 Saltillo @ SW 19th St.

We Are Not Saints now meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. This is a non-smoking, open discussion meeting. First Wed. of the month is an open speaker meeting. St. John Berchmans Church, 1147 Cupples Rd., in the school library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

The **San Antonio Roundup Committee** presents a **Chili Cookoff**, December 3rd, 6:00 - 7:45pm at Club 12. \$1.00 per bowl. Entries must be in by Nov. 25th. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place. Call Joe D. at: 349-5103 for more information.

Grupo El Libro Grande will be celebrating its 13th Anniversary on Dec. 17th from 4:00 - 7:00pm at 1027 W. Theo. There will be a dance from 8:00pm - 12:00am. For more information call: 924-1043.

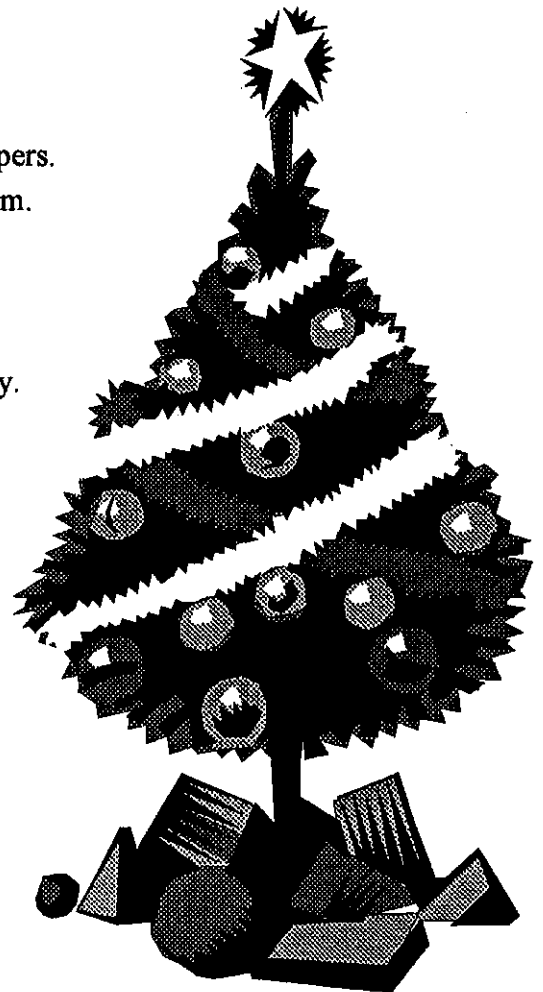
The **Villa Rosa Group** has started meeting again on Tuesday night at 8:15. 5115 Medical Dr. in the dining room.

Club Twelve Activities

Christmas decorating party: December 4th 2:00pm-? Pizza for helpers.
 Birthday Night Celebration: December 30th Longest first, 7:30pm.
 Dance SS Express December 10th 8:00pm -12:00am
 Dance SS Express December 24th 8:00pm -12:00am
 Long-Timers' Social: December 27th 2:00 - 3:00pm
 This meeting/social needs some help, attendance has been small lately.
 Film & Speaker meeting December 3rd 8:00pm
 CFC Fundraiser Dinner December 3rd 6:00 - 7:45pm
 Pancake breakfast December 17th 9:00am - 1:00pm
 Children's Xmas party December 17th 2:00pm - 5:00pm
 10 days of Xmas Dec.21st - 30th
 New Years Eve Dance Tim Wayne & The Broken O Band
 8:30pm - 12:30am \$10.00 per person
 Board of Directors election December 14th 7:00pm

Winners Club Activities

Karaoke Night December 10th 9:30pm - 1:30am
 Christmas Dance December 17th 9:30pm - 12:30am
 Children's Xmas party December 22nd 6:30pm
 Gift exchange (\$5.00 limit)
 New Years Eve Dance \$4.00 per person 9:30pm - 1:00am
 Informal Board meeting December 13th 6:45pm



**Share the gifts
 of sobriety**

The Twelfth Tradition

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Let us always remember that anonymity—not taking credit for our own or others' recovery—is humility at work.



Anonymity, as we observe it in A.A., is at root a simple expression of humility. When we use the Twelve Steps to recover from alcoholism, we are *each* trying to achieve real humility, to put our self-respect on a solid base of truth, rather than on fantasies about ourselves. When we use the Twelve Traditions to work together in A.A., we are *all* trying to achieve humility: as individual members, by recognizing our true place in A.A.; as a fellowship, by recognizing A.A.'s true place in the world.

Tradition One reminds each of us that we are not recovering on our own, that we should control our personal desires and ambitions in order to guard the unity of our group and our Fellowship. We ought not (Tradition Two) fancy ourselves as big shots in A.A., no matter what office we hold.

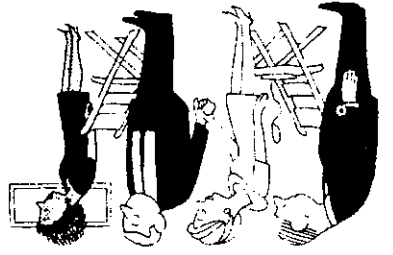
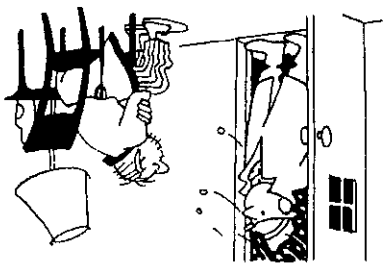
All of us are just alcoholics together, and in our groups we are not entitled (Tradition Three) to rule on the qualifications of other alcoholics seeking the same help that we've had. Yes, a group needs humility, too. It may make its name public, but in the *spirit* of anonymity it should see the Whatever Group as merely part of a bigger whole (Tradition Four), careful in every enterprise to consider the welfare of all the other groups that make up A.A. In both group and individual activities, we should remember what the full name of our Fellowship is. It does not represent any established religion, nor is it a new religion. We are not evangelists or guns out to save humanity; we are anonymous alcoholics trying to help other alcoholics (Tradition Five).

In the rising battle against alcoholism, we ought not let our pride in A.A. mislead us into linking our Fellowship with other agencies, in order to bid for a share in their power, prestige, and funds. If we keep Traditions Six and Seven in mind, we will instead direct all our efforts toward A.A.'s own unique purpose.

When we go on Twelfth Step calls, we should not tell ourselves how noble we are for doing such valuable work without pay. The meaning of Twelfth Step work cannot be measured in money (Tradition Eight), and we *have* received advance pay for it, in coin of far greater worth—our very lives. In the same Tradition, it's suggested that a service center maintains A.A. humility by paying its employees decent wages—rather than considering A.A. so virtuous an outfit that employment there is a favor.

When we are given special responsibilities within A.A., Tradition Nine defines these as opportunities to *serve*, not titles to flaunt. The humility of the Fellowship itself is safeguarded by Tradition Ten, with the refusal to set ourselves up as general authorities, swinging our collective weight around in the public arena.

We do not want to sell our program as a "surefire remedy" in the extravagant terms of a promotional campaign (Tradition Eleven), nor dramatize it by identifying noted people in A.A., thereby implying that recovery has been for each of us an individual accomplishment. As Tradition Twelve reminds us, we have something stronger than our human personalities to rely on. Our principles come first—and they are not our own invention. They reflect eternal spiritual values. With this Tradition, both as individuals and as a fellowship, we humbly acknowledge our dependence on a power higher than ourselves.



Interdistrict Service Committees

- Archives** Chair: Mark C. 738-3704 Meets the last Wed. of each month from 7 - 8:00pm in the Club 12 non-smoking room.
- Correctional Facilities** Chair: Bill T. 828-7865 Meets the first Wed. of each month at 7:00pm at Club 12.
- Grapevine** Chair: Yolanda F. 927-3082 Meets the second Wed. of each month at 7:00pm at Club 12.
- Hospitals & Institutions** Chair: Jeanne W. 674-0641 Meetings vary. Call Jeanne for information.
- Jail** Chair: Syd T. 650-9460 Meets with Correctional Facilities Committee.
- Public Information** Chair: Lynne G. 699-6208 Meets the last Wed. of each month at 7:00pm at Club 12. No meeting in December.

Grapevine Committee

There will be a spaghetti dinner held at Club 12 on Friday, January 20th, from 6:30-8:00pm. This fund-raiser will support Grapevine subscriptions for area correctional facilities. The cost is \$3.50 per person. Help send our "meeting in print" inside the walls.

Correctional Facilities/Jail Committee

The Texas Keys Program which had a meeting on Thursdays at 7:00pm has been canceled.

The SA CFC, which is hosting the SWTA CFC 3rd Annual Conference, is having a drawing for 2 nights stay and conference registration at the Seven Oaks. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and should be available through your GSR or COR, and at the Interdistrict meeting. The drawing will be held at Club 12 on New Year's Eve. Need not be present to win.

Public Information Committee

The next Brady-Green opportunity will be in January. Please check the January Nightcap for date, time and place. If you would be interested in volunteering for service work on the PI Committee, contact Lynne G. at 699-6208.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee

Volunteers needed for 12th step work... Take meetings to the University Hospital psychiatric and medical floors. TB skin test, blood work, and orientation required, but provided free of charge by the hospital. If interested, call Jeanne W. Home: 674-0641 Work: 433-1449

| November H&I Meetings | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------------------------|--|--------|----------------------------------|
| Monday | | | | | |
| Detox 711 E. Josephine | 8:00pm | <u>Generic/Northwood</u> | Baptist North 111 Dallas St. | 8:00pm | <u>Colomes</u> |
| Patrician Movement 222 E. Mitchell | 7:30pm | <u>Marymont</u> | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | | |
| SW General 7400 Barlite (1st fl. cafeteria Rm A) | 8:15pm | <u>Stahl Rd.</u> | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | | |
| Cloudhaven 127 Cloudhaven | 7:00pm | <u>Windcrest/Ft. Sam.</u> | | | |
| | | | Thursday | | |
| | | | Detox Hour 711 E. Josephine | 8:00pm | <u>Rush</u> |
| | | | VA Hospital 7400 Merton Minter | 8:15pm | <u>Group 12</u> |
| | | | SW General 7400 Barlite (2nd fl. locked unit) | 8:15pm | <u>Canceled</u> |
| | | | | | Friday |
| | | | | | Detox 8:00pm 711 E. Josephine |
| | | | | | <u>Schertz/Cibola</u> |
| | | | | | Saturday |
| | | | | | ARC 8:15pm 10290 Southton Rd |
| | | | | | <u>Goliad</u> |
| | | | | | Detox 8:00pm 711 E. Josephine |
| | | | | | <u>Devine/Hondo</u> |

INTERDISTRICT SERVICE WORKSHOP

Theme: "I AM RESPONSIBLE" Speaker: Ramon M., SWTA Alt. Delegate
December 10, 1994 1:00-4:00pm St. David's Episcopal Church 1300 Wiltshire
Hosted by District 19.
Come share in our Legacy of Service!

Interdistrict Treasury

Correction to the report given at the November Interdistrict meeting.

It was stated that no contributions were received in the month of October and, as this seemed unusual, the GSRs were asked to report any contributions made that weren't accounted for. Upon further investigation it turns out that there were, in fact, several checks received for that month. They were deposited at the bank along with the September contributions, but not noted for inclusion in the November report. They *will* be reflected in December's report. My apologies for any concern or confusion this may have caused.

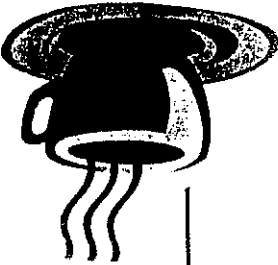
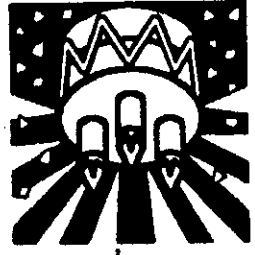
Your sometimes slipshod servant,
Randy S. Interdistrict Treasurer

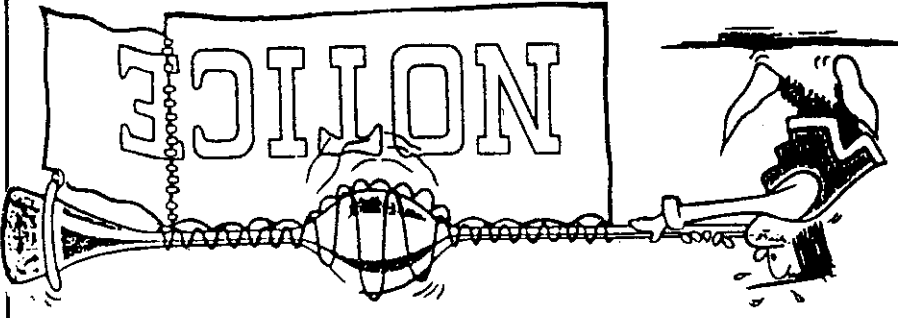


*In this season
of giving,
may we
all be
reminded
that carrying
the
message is a
full time
job....please,
be of
service.*

December 1994 NIGHTCAP CALENDAR

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| <p>4 Birthdays: Gollad</p> <p>4:00pm ID Steering Committee mgt: Winners Club</p> <p>Birthdays: Gollad</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>7:00pm CRC & Jail Committee meeting Club 12</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Birthdays: Gollad</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p>  |
| <p>11 Birthdays: Gollad</p> <p>NIGHTCAP DEADLINE!</p> <p>6:00pm CSO Board meeting</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Grapevine Committee mgt: Club 12</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Birthdays: Gollad, Devine</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Grupo El Libro Grande 13th Anniversary</p> |
| <p>18 5:30pm GMM: St Andrews Episcopal Church 6:30pm INTER-DISTRICT MTO: St Andrews Birthdays: Gollad Barbecue: Gollad</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Just Shugs Shank Shank of God Easy Does It Live and Let Live</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>CSO CLOSED</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25 Birthdays: Gollad MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Birthdays: Alamo Heights, Northwest, Freedom</p> | <p>27</p> <p>2:00pm Long-Timers Social: Club 12 Birthdays: Windcrest, Valley-Hi, Santa Fe, New Acceptance.</p> | <p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Archives Committee mgt: Birthdays & Potluck: Lytle Birthdays: Oblate, Northwood, Foxy Ladies.</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Birthdays: Stahl Rd, N. San Pedro, Gollad, Ft. Sam</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Birthdays: ELLibro Grande, Dtown, Marymont, Grrp Colonies N, Schertz-Cibolo, SW Loop, Potluck: Marymont</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Birthdays: Winners, Frontier, Serendipity, Broadway, Free Spirit-BBQ & Spkr mgt 6/8pm Grrp Unidad, Lambda, SA North, Potluck: Lambda</p> |



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

3 6:00pm SA Roundup Committee Chill Cookoff @ Club 12 Startle Birthdays

1 Birthdays: Gollad, Devine

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