



# The Nightcap



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## The Finest Gift of All by Bill



### Christmas 1955

Each of us in A.A. has received the gift of sobriety. All of us have found a new usefulness and most of us have found great happiness. This adds up to the gift of life itself - a new life of wondrous possibility.

What then are we going to do with this great gift of life?

Because our experience has taught us, we are quite sure that we know. We shall try to share with every fellow sufferer all that has been so freely given us. We shall try to carry A.A.'s message to those who need it and want it, wherever in the world they may be. We shall daily rededicate ourselves to the God-given truth that "It is by self-forgetting that one finds; it is by giving that one receives."

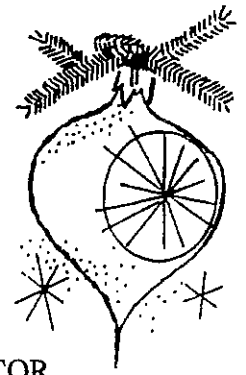
For us of A.A., this is the spirit of Christmas. This is the finest gift of all.

Lois joins me in our warmest greetings. May the New Year of 1956 be the greatest time of giving and of receiving that we in A.A. have ever known.

from the Grapevine, December 1955



See Page 7 for AA in SA



**MINUTES OF THE COR MEETING - NOVEMBER 16,1997**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm , with the Serenity Prayer.

Sheryl H. from Group Twelve read the Traditions.

Mary H. from the Goliad Group read the COR suggested guidelines.

There were no new COR's present.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the previous COR meeting, as printed in the NIGHTCAP.

Milton G. gave the financial report.

Kim C. called for telephone service volunteers.

The election was held to fill the four vacancies on the Central Service Office Board of Trustees that will occur at the end of the year.

There were nine nominees up for election to fill the four positions on the Board.

They were: Bill T. Ed H. Randy S. David W. John L. Ronnie R.

Dewey S. Kirsten P. Wayne D.

The votes were counted by Ed E., who is presently on the Board, and Dolores N., from the Entire Abstinence Group.

The newly elected Board of Trustees, who will serve for the 1998-99 term at CSO are Wayne D., Ronnie R., Dewey S., and David W.

Congratulations to the new Board members.

The present Board of Trustees and the people at CSO would like to thank all of the nominees for being willing to serve.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:10 pm.

Submitted by Milton G.

**HELP WANTED  
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

The volunteer work at Central Service Office has fallen on the shoulders of only a few persons. Some of the volunteers are working two or more shifts to make up for the lack of participation. If you can find the time to give of yourself for part of a day each week, your help will be appreciated immensely. Contact Central Service Office at 821-6325. Thanks for your cooperation!

CSO has  
**CALENDARS & POCKET PLANNERS**  
by Grapevine  
The calendars are in bright colors  
and make great  
Christmas gifts!!

**CSO WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY!**  
The Central Service Office will be closed  
Thurs. & Fri. - Dec 25-26 for Christmas!  
**HAVE A SAFE & SOBER HOLIDAY!**

Thank you Al D.  
AL D.  
resigned from CSO.  
He is missed by his co-workers and  
many friends.  
Thanks, again, Al.

**H & I SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1997**

MON	Patrician Mvt Zero Tolerance	Goliad Colonies	THU	V.A. Hospital Laurel Ridge Community Hosp.	Truth Seekers Serendipity Rush Hour
TUE	Alpha Home Community Hosp.	Ft. Sam Broadway			
WED	Ctr Health Care Baptist Hospital DAC (Men) (Women)	Fox Hall Group 12 Woodlake	SAT	ARC	Entire Abstinence
			SUN	Baptist Hospital	Highlands

The Acceptance Group has moved. They now meeting at Rolling Oaks Christian Church, right behind the Sonic about a mile south of Rolling Oaks Mall on Nacogdoches. The address is 7150 Stahl Rd. The meetings are Sunday and Thursday at 7:30 pm. Non-Smoking. It's right on the bus line. Baby-sitting available. Alanon meetings also. For more info call Danny V. at 545-7662 or Brent K. at 946-6683.

MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE. The United Methodist Church invites an AA group to hold meetings at their church. The church is in the NW near Huebner. Contact the church at 696-0192 or Robin Bolt at 520-8817.

The San Antonio North Group now has a Big Book Study at 7:30 pm on Friday.

The Forest Oaks Ladies Group has moved to 241 W. Craig Place.

### WINNERS CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Dec 6 Las Vegas Style Casino
- Dec 19 Christmas Party 9 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Dinner 1 pm
- Dec 27 Birthday Night & Dance  
SS Express (DJ)
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party

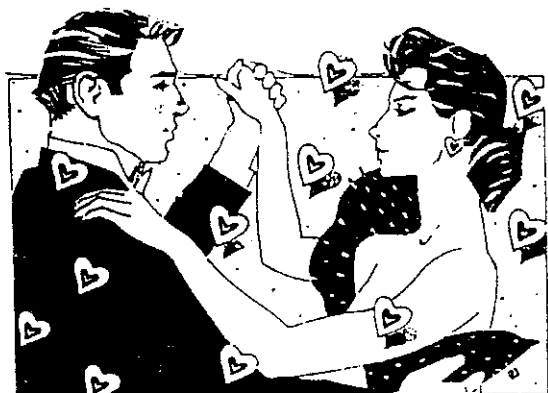
The minutes of the November Interdistrict Meeting were not provided to CSO; and do not appear in this issue.

CLUB 12 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Dec 6	9-Noon	Pancake Brkfst
Dec 6	1 pm	Christmas Tree
Dec 12	9:30-1 am	New Fri Dance After Spkr Meeting
Dec 17	7 pm	Annual Membership mtg & Board Election
Dec 19	7:30 pm	Birthday Night
NOTE: BIRTHDAY NIGHT IS NOT THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH		
Dec 20	2-5 pm	Children Christmas Party
Dec 20	8-Midnight	Dance
Dec 24	6 pm	Seven Days of Xmas Dinners
Dec 25	1 pm	Xmas Dinner
Dec 31	7 pm	New Years Eve Dinner
	9-1 am	Dinner & Dance \$20 Dance \$10. ea.

For more details...call 344-8981



Don't be alone during the holidays. Check with your group and the above announcements for partys and AA get togethers!!





## Happy December Birthday!

30 YRS

MARGARET W.

23 YRS

JACKIE P.  
ROSEMARY B.

22 YRS

JOE N.  
JOHN A.

19 YRS

MEL S.

18 YRS

LAURIE C.  
ROBERT H.  
DAVID E.

17 YRS

DANIEL B.  
TOMMY T.

15 YRS

COTTON G.  
SUE V.

14 YRS

FRED H.

13 YRS

JOHN C.  
ROBERT N.  
ED. V.

12 YRS

COLLIN A.  
KATHY G.  
ANDY L.  
RONNIE M.  
CHAR  
CAROL P.

11 YRS

MICHAEL C.  
CORKY C.  
JAVIER D.  
GERRY G.

10 YRS

BARBARA H.  
CHARLES W.  
CARY Q.  
TIM M.

9 YRS

SUSAN B.  
STEPHANIE C.

7 YRS

MINDY R.  
CATHY H.  
TOM B.

6 YRS

B.  
CHARLIE C.

5 YRS

SHANNON E.  
BETTY S.  
STEVE L.

4 YRS

DAVID B.  
RANDALL K.  
THOMAS McG.  
JOHN Y., JR  
JOHN S.  
RICHARD O.

3 YRS

DAVID A.  
JACK L.  
MIKE McM.  
SHARON R.  
DOROTHY T.  
BETH McK.  
DOREEN T.

2 YRS

SUSAN B.  
MADELYN E.  
MIKE M.  
SELBY McD.  
ROBERT N.  
LAURA T.  
STEVE P.  
MATT F.

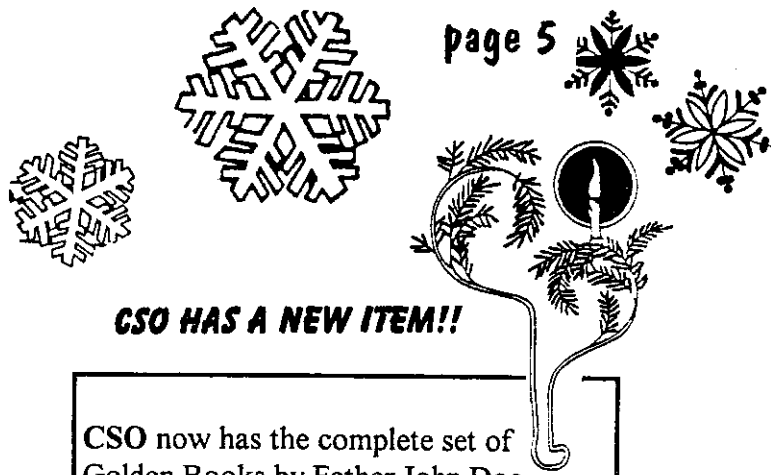
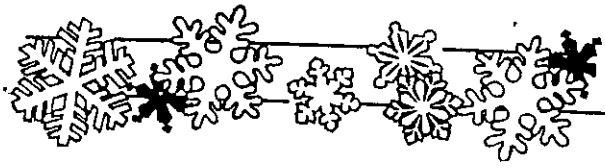
1 YR

PAT B.  
MARTI D.  
MIGUEL R.  
LUZ R.  
LIZ W.  
SUE D.  
TOMMY D.  
SHARON H.  
RAMON J.  
QUENTIN L.  
WILLIAM L.  
JOHN L.  
JOE S.  
ROBERT M.

Peace, Love & Happiness

I ♥ AA

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## **Twass the Night Before Christmas**

**And All Through the House, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. We reached for the bottles hid on the shelf, the presents we bought for ourselves.**

**We never had money to spend for a gift, we needed it all for that holiday lift. That was our Christmas before finding A.A.; we were drinking our cheer in the usual way.**

**Tree Lights were 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 stocking.**

**We followed a pattern that seemed 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.**

**Through 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.**

**Straight from our heart a true warmth will glow, reflected by Love for friends that we know. So to you, Merry Christmas, full of genuine Cheer. May the sobriety continue for you in the coming New Year.**

### **CSO HAS A NEW ITEM!!**

CSO now has the complete set of Golden Books by Father John Doe. They are available individually at \$4.00 each or the complete set for \$28.00.

These books are:

- The Golden Book of Tolerance
- The Golden Book of Sponsorship
- The Golden Book of Principles
- The Golden Book of Passion
- The Golden Book of Living
- The Golden Book of Happiness
- The Golden Book of Excuses

### **Green Can Report**

For the month of Nov., the CFC has received these contributions from passing the Green Cans.

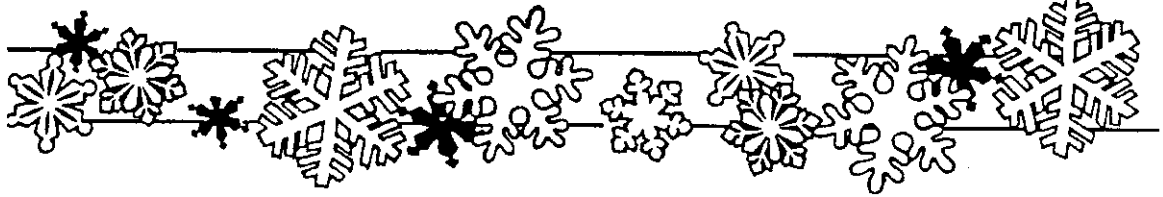
<u>Green Can Collections</u> (For November)	
Club 12	\$31.00
Stahl Road	10.50
SW Loop Group	75.00
Marymont	30.00
SA North Women's	40.04
Goliad	15.00

Ali W. is treasurer for the CFC: if your group has cash in their Green Can that you need to deliver to the CFC, or if your group needs a Green Can, please call her at 212-7431. The CFC meets the first Wed. of each month at 7pm at Club 12.

Thank you to all the groups for their generous contributions for providing literature to AA members in prisons.



# Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous



Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober — an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.

1



*Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season.* Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.

*parties, meetings, or other celebrations given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.*



*Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.*

2



*Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers.* If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.

5



*Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about.* Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



*Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember — "one day at a time."*

3



*Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time.* If a drinking urge or panic comes — postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.

6



*If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



*Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts — but this year, you can give love.*

4



*Find out about the special holiday*

7



*Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.*



*"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*

8



*Go to church. Any church.*

# SAN ANTONIO

weekend in SA with AA  
March 6, 7, 8, 1998

The Age Of Miracles Is Still With Us

THEME FOR THE 1998 WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM - 100 AUDITORIUM CIRCLE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998

- 2:00 PM Registration Opens
- 3:00 PM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 7:30 PM Camille F. (A.A.) Louisville, Ky

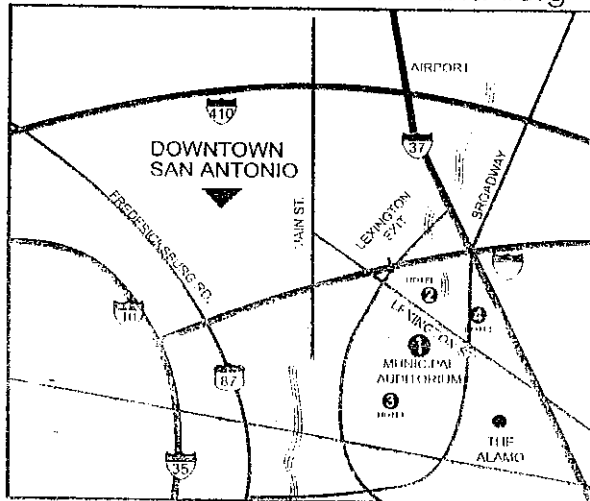
### SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1998

- 9:00 AM Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM Brenda L. (A.A.) Wayzata, Mn
- 12:00 PM Al S. (AFG) Carrollton, Tx
- 2:00 PM Mac M. (A.A.) Las Vegas, Nv
- 4:00 PM Jose O. (A.A Hispanic) Austin, Tx
- 7:00 PM Charley C. (A.A.) Burbank, Ca
- 8:30 PM DANCE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1998

- 9:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM Malachy Mc. (A.A.) Tupelo, Ms

Visit our Website -- [www.AAinSA.org](http://www.AAinSA.org)



**FREE PARKING** - Friday through Saturday  
at First Baptist Church River Lot. Additional  
information available at Information Table  
in Main Lobby.

**NEW...QUICK & EASY WAY TO PRE-REGISTER....HERE'S HOW...**  
The convention committee now takes credit cards...the form below can be mailed in...OR.. faxed to the number on the form...OR...**GIFT CERTIFICATES are available.** For more info call CSO at 821-6325.

# SAN ANTONIO

## REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

BADGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
AA AL ANON

BADGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
AA AL ANON

PRE-REGISTRATION (Per Person) \$17.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
((\$5. Savings)

DOOR REGISTRATION (\$22.50 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE (Per Person) \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL {Check} {Credit Card} \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card { VISA } { MC } { AMEX }  
{ DISCOVER } { DINERS } { Carte Blanche }

Card Member Name (Please Print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number (Please Print or type) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you are using a credit card to register you may choose to complete the registration form and:

Fax it to 210 493 3946  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:  
CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A.  
P.O. BOX 790651  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78279-0651

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION

# December 1997

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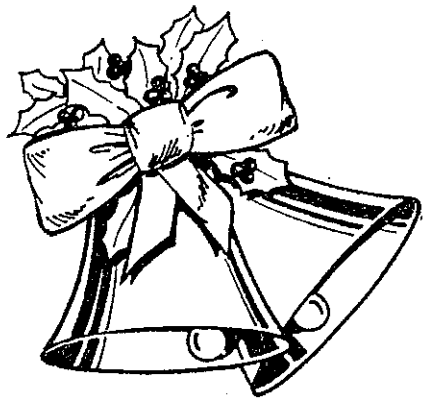
MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

<p>1 Birthdays: Goliad</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00pm CFC &amp; Jail Committee Mtg: Club 12</p>	<p>4 Birthdays: Goliad &amp; Foxhall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 4:00pm ID Steering Committee Mtg: Winners Club</p>	<p>8 Birthdays: Goliad</p>			<p>11 7:00pm Grapevine Committee Mtg: Club 12 Birthdays: Goliad, Foxhall</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Birthdays: Goliad</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Birthdays: Goliad, Devine, Foxhall</p>	<p>19 7:00pm Dist 19 Meeting St David's Episcopal Church</p> <p>20 NIGHTCAP DEADLINE</p>
<p>21 5:00pm District 1A Mtg 5:00pm District 17 Meeting at Jim's 410 &amp; Bandera 5:30pm Dist 16 Mtg 5:30pm COR Meeting 6:30pm Interdistrict Mtg: St Andrew's Episcopal Church BBQ Goliad</p>	<p>22 Goliad</p>			<p>25 7:00pm Dist 18 Meeting Schertz-Cibolo Gp meeting place Birthdays: Stahl Rd, Ft Sam, N San Pedro, Goliad</p>	<p>26 Birthday: SW Loop Colonies North, Schertz-Cibolo El Libro Grande, Marymont, Group 12, Rush Hour Potluck: Marymont</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CSO CLOSED</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Birthdays: Alamo Heights, Northwest, Freedom Goliad</p>	<p>30 Birthdays: Windcrest, Valley-Hi, Santa Fe, New Acceptance</p>	<p>31 Birthdays: Oblate, Northwood, Foxy Ladies, Lytle Potluck: Lytle</p>		

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	OCT	YTD	GROUP	YTD
A Day at a Time			Men's Big Book	10.00
A Solution (Folded)		24.00	New Acceptance	
Acceptance		32.68	New Hope	
g Alamo Heights		267.56	New Life	50.00
Alpha House		10.00	Nooners	
Blue Door			North San Pedro	25.00 225.00
g Boerne, Sun Night		20.00	Northeast	100.00
g Broadway		550.00	Northwest	10.00 30.00
g Bulverde		100.00	Northwood	
Caduceus		30.00	Oak Hills	188.00 988.77
Callaghan Road			Oblate	500.00
cg Colonies North		303.34	Old Pearsall Road	
g Community		14.67	Pearsall	
County Line			Pleasanton	25.00
g Devine		44.05	Poteet-Strawberry	
Downtown Brown Baggers			Promise Hour	10.00 25.00
Easy Does It			Rush Hour	58.50 990.82
g Entire Abstinence		50.00	SAC	
g Entire Abstinence II			Samaritan	
Floresville			San Antonio North	179.92
Forest Oaks, Ladies			Saturday Night Live	49.22
Fort Sam Houston		152.00	Sanity & Serenity	
Foxy Ladies	75.00	125.00	Schertz-Cibolo	400.00
g Foxhall			Serendipity	275.00
Free at Last	3.00	94.53	Sobriety	
Freedom		192.50	Southwest Loop	112.76
Freedom From Bondage			Stahl Road	75.00 150.00
Friends of Dr Bob			Sunrise	295.00
Frontier		28.94	Survivors	
Generic Thursday		60.00	TGIF Staying in Solution	
Goliad	20.00	60.00	Tolerance	
Grupo 3 Legados			Travis Park	253.00
Grupo El Libro Grande		60.00	Truth Seekers	50.00 200.00
Grupo Mensaje			Twelve	360.00 3600.00
Grupo Internacional			Universal City	480.00
Grupo Libertad			Universal City, Sun	128.62
Grupo Nueva Esperanza			Valley-Hi	20.00 316.00
Grupo Nueva Sendero			W-Abundance Happy Hr	35.00
Grupo Santa Fe		40.00	W-First One Today	
Grupo Una Luz en mi Camino			W-Fresh Start (Newcomers)	
Grupo Unidad	10.00	90.00	W-Morning After	131.60
Halt on Tezel Road		210.70	W-Summit Turning Point	
g Highland		260.25	W-Women in Recovery	
Hondo			We Are Not Saints	
Jews in Recovery			Windcrest	110.00
Keep It Simple			Woodlake	50.00
Kelly Special	20.00	105.80	g Young & Golden Years	10.00
La Vernia		104.00	Pockets of Enthusiasm	145.00
Lambda	119.72	419.53		
g Last Call			AREA	
Laurel Heights		130.00	Bianco	30.00
Legal Professions			Boerne, Nooners	140.00
Live Oak		40.00	Breathing Easy (NB)	10.00
Longhorn			Canyon Lake	100.00
Lytle			New Braunfels Group	100.53 336.52
Main Street			Utopia	50.00
g Marymont	37.50	252.50	Basket Bunch	75.00 75.00
Medical Professions				
			TOTAL	1257.25 14479.28
c Attended Oct COR Meeting				
g Attended Oct Interdistrict Meeting				

INCOME STATEMENT	
OCT 97	
4005 Sales	4593.23
4006 Cost of Sales	-1662.68
Gross Profit 2930.55	
Contributions:	
4010 Nightcap Contributions	63.00
4020 COR Meeting Contributions	0.00
4030 Group Contributions	1257.25
4040 Memorial Contributions	200.00
4050 Individual Contributions	1189.00
Total Contributions 2709.25	
Other Income:	
4110 Interest Income	83.29
4120 Office Kitty	38.52
4130 AA in SA Net Income	0.00
4320 Sales Tax Discount	0.00
Total Income 5761.61	
Wage Related Expenses:	
5010 Salaries	3455.85
5020 Payroll Tax	260.00
5030 Contract Labor-Clerical	150.00
5035 Contract Labor, Janitorial	50.00
5040 Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
5050 Employee Training	150.00
5060 Miscellaneous	0.00
Total wage related expenses 4115.85	
Occupancy Expenses:	
5110 Rent	615.50
5120 Utilities	166.88
5130 Telephone	94.23
5135 Answering Service	45.00
5140 Repairs & Maintenance	45.64
5150 Insurance	0.00
Total Occupancy Expense 967.25	
Other expenses:	
5210 Office Supplies	82.35
5215 Postage	94.20
5220 Janitorial Supplies	0.00
5225 Equip Maint & Lease	0.00
5270 Advertising	43.00
5310 Nightcap printing & postage	40.00
5410 Legal & Professional	0.00
5415 Accounting Services	0.00
5420 Bad Debts	0.00
Total expenses 5342.65	
Net income (loss) \$418.96	
INDIVIDUAL	
Jim W.	1000.00
Anonymous	170.00
Tim C.	10.00
Total 1180.00	
BIRTHDAY	
Cecelia	9.00
MEMORIAL	
Northwood for Anne A.	25.00
Joseph C. for AnneA.	150.00
Dani P. fot Henry F.	25.00
Total \$ 200.00	



THANKS TO THE MANY  
VOLUNTEERS  
THAN GAVE THEIR TIME  
AT CSO THIS PAST YEAR!!

*Happy Holidays!*  
to all from your Central Office Staff!

# NIGHTCAP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS CHANGE \_\_\_\_\_ GIFT \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIPTION COST  \$9.00 PER YEAR  2 YEARS  3 YEARS  OTHER

PLEASE PRINT:

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