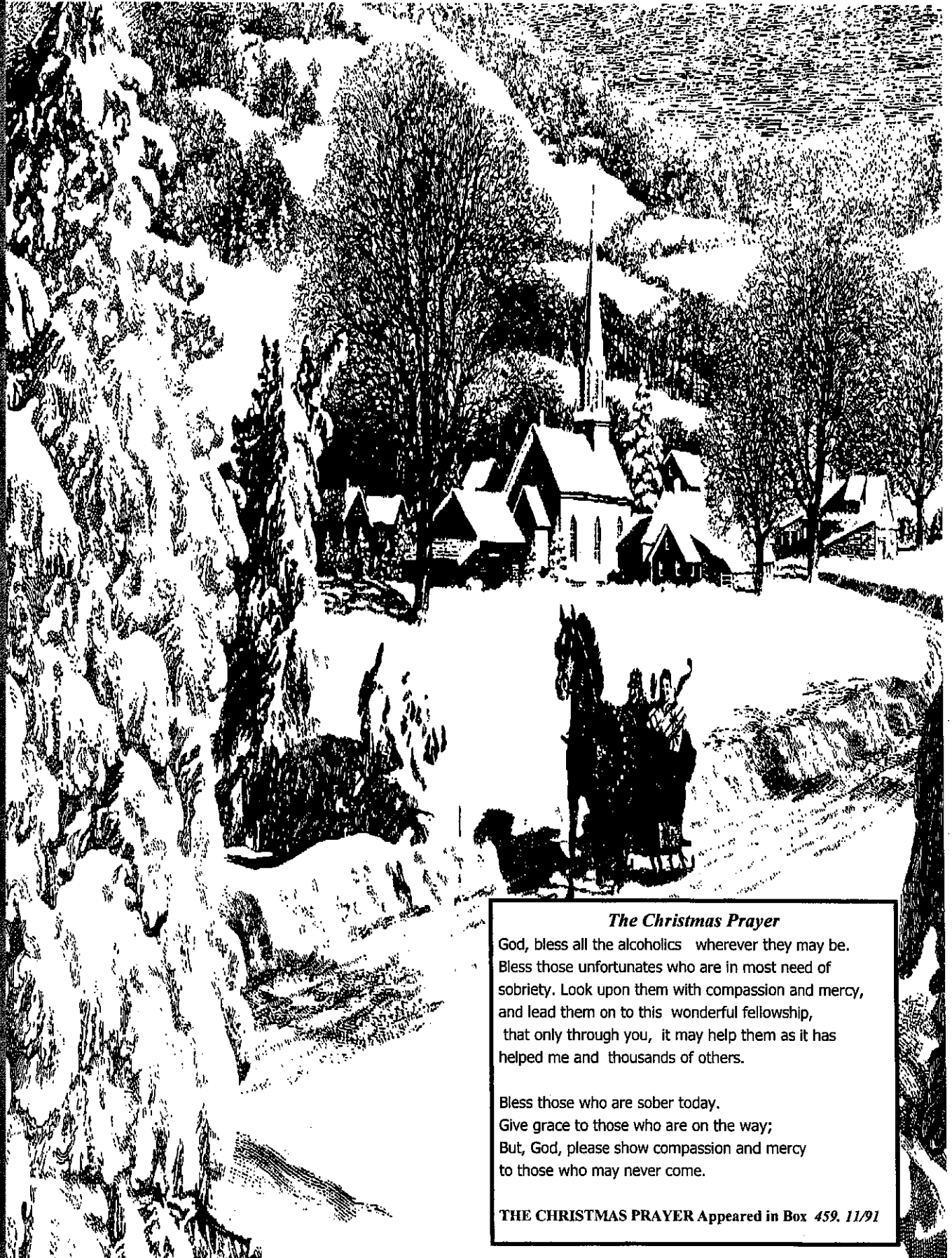


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The Christmas Prayer

God, bless all the alcoholics wherever they may be.
Bless those unfortunates who are in most need of
sobriety. Look upon them with compassion and mercy,
and lead them on to this wonderful fellowship,
that only through you, it may help them as it has
helped me and thousands of others.

Bless those who are sober today.
Give grace to those who are on the way;
But, God, please show compassion and mercy
to those who may never come.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER Appeared in Box 459. 11/91

CSO Notes

In an on going effort to keep groups informed , the following events have, and or are taking place at your Central Service Office. A reminder you can contact us by E-mail for information, or to order literature , or If you have something for the Nightcap . We also take complaints, compliments, and best of all suggestions .

The Fourth Edition Big Book as most know have arrived . The hardback is reduced to \$6.50 and the paper back price dropped to 5.90. The Large print will remain the same price

If you have any extra third editions gathering dust bring them to the Central Office . We turn them over to the Hospital and Institutions, and Correctional Facilities Committees to distribute to those in need.

Within days (or less) your CSO will be have its website up to bring us into the 20th century . (We still have a ways to go before the 21st) To see it go to AA ofSA. Org . The New meeting Schedules are at the printers as we write

It's the time of the year for rotation of the Central Office Board of Trustees . This year we have four members rotating off Louie R Andy L Madonna M Randy S. . Here are the names of the incoming individuals who have been elected to the Board of Trustees . In no particular order, Char (Women's Big Book) Larry K (Rush Hour) David A (Group 12) Gayle M(Rush Hour) Congratulations.

More will be revealed Your Manager Bill T

EDITORS NOTE

We always accept articles from anyone who wants to express their experience strength and hope and or just plain let the world know how they feel on a variety of issues . Even if it's just anyone who wants to let us know how they will fix things when they get to be president of AA. (Rule 62 applies there) We may not always agree with what is printed, however we will stay as inclusive as AA . We will always be committed to our fellowship in the San Antonio area sharing experience strength and hope with the rest of our AA community across the U.S.A.

God's Gifts

The holiday season always takes on a special meaning around your Central Office. The light in people's eyes. The unspoken sense of gratitude for the miracle of sobriety. The warm embraces. The blessing of sharing and caring. The spirit of unconditional love in our relationships with each other.

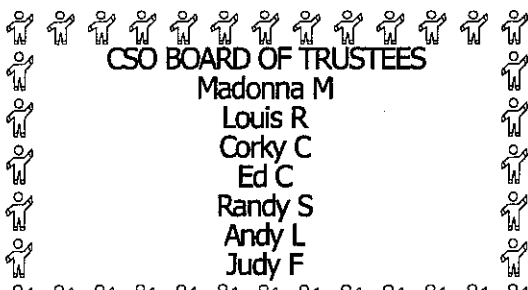
And then there is the joy of reaching out to those who are struggling through their first sober Christmas, and others who still cling closely to the Fellowship as they work through painful memories and separations of past holiday seasons. AA's also seem to share a deep sense of knowing that Christmas is but one more day that we are allowed to celebrate on our marvelous journey of sober living. We are reminded of a statement Bill W. made in a 1965 letter to a friend.

"We see that the sun never sets upon AA's Fellowship; that more than 350,000 (now millions) of us have now recovered from our malady; that everywhere we have transcended the formidable barriers of race, creed and nationality. This assurance that so many of us have been able to meet our responsibilities for sobriety and for growth and effectiveness in the troubled world where we live, will surely fill us with deepest joy and satisfaction.

But, as a people who have nearly always learned the hard way, we shall certainly not congratulate ourselves. We shall perceive these assets to be GOD'S GIFTS, which have been in part matched by an increasing willingness on our part to find and do His will for us."

As the year ends may each of us share that which we have been given with others who may benefit from what we have learned on this. . Our journey.

So, to all of you from all of us at Central Office, Board of Trustees and Volunteers, many warm, loving, joyous, happy and sober holiday greetings.



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

EXPECTATIONS

Whether we know it or not we all hold certain expectations. We all have ideas of the way things in our lives are supposed to happen. We have expectations of ourselves and those around us.

But what happens to us when those ideas or expectations don't turn out like we had hoped? What happens to us when those around us don't do what we need, want, or expect them to do or things just go the wrong way?

Remember the Serenity Prayer, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." But how do you know what those things are?

In this life there are two types of expectations, realistic and unrealistic.

Realistic expectations are based upon past performance or what has generally happened in the past with a certain circumstance. For example: John is always on time. When I have a tight deadline and need a ride, I'll call John because based upon my past experience with him, he is always on time and I'll get to where I need to go on time. On the other hand Jane is always late. So when I have a tight deadline and need a ride, I won't call Jane because chances are that she'll be late and I'll miss my appointment.

Unrealistic expectations are based upon what we need to happen in order to feel good. What I need you to do or be so I can feel good. Remember Jane, I can expect Jane to be on time. Then when she isn't, I can get angry and make her feel guilty in an effort to get her to do what I need so that I will be OK. Or I may get mad at myself saying what's wrong with me, why can't I pick more punctual friends

I know what is happening but I acknowledge that I cannot change it. Acceptance has nothing to do with liking, wanting, enjoying, condoning, understanding, promoting, approving of or agreeing with what you don't like.

On the other hand resistance is defined as "maintaining the need to control what I can't or won't change." I cannot change the fact that Jane is always late but I maintain my need to change her by getting angry at her or myself.

Examples of things that you cannot change:

1. Behavior of others
2. Present emotional experience
3. Past painful experiences. What I've done to others. What others have done to me. What I've done to myself
4. Loss or change. Change and loss in this life is inevitable

The only thing that we can change for a certainty is ourselves. We can only change how we will respond to unrealistic expectations or unwanted realities. We can either accept the situation and feel good or resist and feel bad.

"The wisdom to know the difference."

We practice wisdom when we understand the difference between realistic and unrealistic expectations. Being able to distinguish between expectations comes by knowing and understanding that we have choices of how we can react to every situation. We are wise when we take responsibility for our actions and don't place the blame for our feelings upon outside influences. Reprinted from "IN FOCUS"



"I'm worried about my blackouts. Last night I was seen coming out of an A.A. meeting."

October '01

YTD '01

Alamo Hts		\$275.50
Broadway		\$600.00
Castroville Big book		\$25.00
Community	30.00	\$138.00
Colonies North		\$393.09
Chesney Group		\$148.00
Cork in Jug		\$29.00
Callaghan Road		\$25.00
First things First	533.00	\$1767.70
First One Today	10.00	\$30.00
Families In AA		\$100.00
Fort Sam Houston		\$215.25
Freedom Group		\$85.00
Free at Last	20.00	\$107.25
Generic	100.00	\$200.00
Grupo El Libro Grande		\$65.00
Grupo Esperanza		\$30.00
Grupo Unidad	10.00	\$60.00
Grupo y Paz	10.00	\$100.00
Highland Group	257.10	\$257.10
Hondo		\$25.00
Halt Group		\$263.10
Hunt Ingram Group		35.00
Laurel Hts Group		\$50.00
La Vernia Group		\$300.00
Last Call Group		\$30.00
Lambda		\$200.00
Marymont		\$50.00
N.E.Group		\$100.00
New Downtown Group		\$16.00
New Life		\$45.00
N. San Pedro Grp	125.00	\$518.00
Oak Hills Group	360.00	\$2093.44
Oblate Group		\$87.00
Perernales Valley Grp		\$119.20
Plug in the Jug	39.00	\$39.00
Pleasanton		\$50.00
Road Of happy Destiny		\$218.00
Rush Hour Group	54.58	\$1167.86
San Antonio NO. Women		\$50.00
Schertz-Cibolo		\$1,200.00
Serendipity Group		\$440.00
Stahl Rd Group		\$100.00
S.W. Loop Group	20.00	\$53.60
Tezel Rd Women		\$30.00
Travis Park Grp		\$407.60
Twelve	360.00	\$3,600.00
UC TGIF		\$80.00
Universal City		\$470.00
Valley Hi	30.00	\$190.00
Windcrest	40.00	\$121.00
Walzem Rd Group		\$115.81
Women's Big Book	1,760.27	\$1,760.27
Women's Solution group		\$10.00
Woodlake		\$180.00
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AREA		
Boerne Noon		\$400.00
Blanco		25.00
New Braunfels Grp		\$531.62
Kerrville Speakers		\$50.00
Kerrville (Fellowship Grp)		\$126.40
Utopia Group		\$10.00
Tolerance Group		\$100.00
Total	3,758.95	20,295.63
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Birthdays	0	\$844.00



Rudolph

Now, OTHER reindeer I can sort of take or leave, but Rudolph I can identify with. I heard the story again on television the other night. It seems that, from the very first, Rudolph felt different from the others and for a time tried to hide his nose by putting something over it. He really looked funnier trying to hide it than when he finally let it show. That was me all over. Him with his red nose and me with my drinking problem. Every Christmas I tried to cover up, keep up appearances, cook dinner like the normal people. Instead, I got all hung up in strands of tinsel, fumbled and perspired in an effort to make the colored balls stay on the tree, got artificial snow in my hair, and tripped over the sacks of fruits, nuts, and candy. My Christmas trees always stood on the tilt. As the story goes, Rudolph finally accepted his condition; he couldn't hide it any longer. He just had a red nose, so all right, and the other reindeer wouldn't let him play in any reindeer games. Poor Rudolph!

There I was again. Just like Rudolph, shunned by everybody I knew. with my problem showing, no one wanted me around. No one wanted to live with me, or even play with me. Not even the bartenders wanted my business. So I made up a few games I could play by myself: "Run, Maggie, Run," "Play Dead," "Hide the Bottle."

Then, as you know, came the year of the big Snow. Santa Claus was very concerned over the fact that his reindeer could not see how to find their way to the many rooftops and chimneys to deliver the toys on Christmas Eve. He suddenly took a long, contemplative look at Rudolph's red nose, and his face lit up with the birth of an idea. Rudolph would lead the reindeer and light their way that night. Rudolph had come into his own. His affliction had become his most useful asset.

I believe that God (as we understand Him) had a great concern for you and me in our darkness and despair, and took a long, contemplative look at us sick alcoholics. and He said, "Let my sick children light the way for each other." So our affliction became our greatest asset in helping others. *The Silent Rostrum, Houston, Tx.*

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
 Central Service Office Of San Antonio
 Statement of operations

	One month Ending	Year to date
	October	01
Revenue		
Sales	\$5,688	\$58,541.00
Nightcap Contributions	15.00	453.00
COR Meeting Contributions	15.00	99.00
Group Contributions	3,759.	20,295
Individual Contributions	175.00	2,579.00
Birthdays	15.00	89.00
Memorial Contribution	0	75.00
Total Revenues	9,667.00	82,131.00
Total Cost of sales	2098.00	30,928.00
Gross Profit	7,569	51,203
Expenses		
Advertising	0	449.00
Accounting Service	0	1,947.00
Depreciation	00.	1,250.00
Salaries	2,902	28,595
Payroll Tax	559.	1,963.00
Rent	912.00	9,006.00
Equipment & storage leases	378.00	2554.00
Utilities	389.00	2,684.00
Telephone & Answering system	492.00	2,640.00
Repairs & Maintenance	541.00	2753.00
Office Supplies,	0	2,213.21
Supplies	287.00	1,450.00
Postage & Freight	145.00	1,447.00
Nightcap printing and postage	286.00	2206.00
Other personnel expenses	00.00	469.69
Miscellaneous Expense	00.00	441.01
Bank and Credit Card Fees	42.00	791.00
Taxes (other)	52.00	104.00
Contract Labor	100.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,085	63,063
Operating expenses		
Interest Income	25.00	53.00
Income from AA in SA	0.0	16,808.00
Pocket Expenses	(160.)	(856)
Pockets Income	657.00	1,120.00
Total	522.00	17,125
NET income	1,006	5,265

When Do I Lose

The Urge to Drink?

WHILE I have been in the fellowship of AA this important question is one I have heard uttered by new and old members alike. "When do I lose the urge to drink?"

It appears to me that a number of factors enter into the why of this question. If we will remind ourselves of the key to sobriety, we will have a starting place. Let us be honest with ourselves, open-minded and willing to do something about what we find.

I have found in my experience that after I completely surrendered and accepted the First step, I no longer had the urge. Why did this come about?

There are reasons *why* we drink.

We drank for two reasons: Because I wanted to and because I "needed" to. I needed something to do for me what alcohol did. It made me feel equal to others and, at times, superior. Alcohol relieved me of fear, phobias, and anxieties— temporarily. These were some of my needs, and alcohol fed these needs for me.

There is one fact in alcoholism: one must want to change for good. Some people take punishment for a long time, some for a lifetime. The sequence and wisdom of the Twelve Steps is phenomenal. Each Step leads to another; all depend on each other to complete a whole unit of happy sober rehabilitation. The answer to the urge question is in you.

E. M., Royal Oak, Mich.



The most intense conflicts, if overcome leave behind a sense of security and calm that is not easily disturbed. It is just these intense conflicts and their conflagration which are needed to produce valuable and lasting results.

Carl Jung, *The Structure and Dynamics of the Psyche*

My life has been full of terrible misfortunes, most of which never happened. Montaigne

**SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2001 MEETING**

In Attendance:**Alt. District 1A DCM** – Mike**District 17 DCM** – Steve J. (Secretary)**District 28 DCM** – Alberto A.**Alt. Corrections Chair** – Paul B.**Hospitals / Institutions Chair** – Bob T.**Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Chair** – Glenn C.**District 16 DCM** – Barbi H. (Treasurer)**District 19 DCM** – Bill T. (Chair)**Archives Chair** – Tom H.**Bilingual Chair** – Jose G.**Absent:****District 1E DCM** – Len A.**District 1F DCM** – Frank E.**Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO** – Judy F.**SAMSO to Central Service Office Liaison** – Vacant**District 18 DCM** – Gil C.**Grapevine Chair** – Martha H.Meeting called to order by **Bill T.** at 6:30 PM with Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.**Mike** - Read the Traditions. New GSRs: **Charles C** – Schertz-Cibolo Group; New DCMs: None**Announcements:** None**Presentations:** None**Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO** – **Bill T.** for **Judy F.** – Elections were held for the four open CSO Board of Trustees positions. The elected Trustees are: **Char, Larry K., Gail M., and Dave A.****SAMSO Liaison to Central Service Office** – Vacant**Chairman's Report** – **Bill T.** – The SWTA Voting Conference was held in Victoria on October 26-28. The elected SWTA Officers are: Delegate – **Rita L.**, Alt. Delegate – **Brent B.**, Chairperson – **Jose M.**, Alt. Chairperson – **Jamie W.****Secretary's Report** – **Steve J.** – Asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the *Nightcap*. **Bob T.** made the motion; seconded by **David**. All approved.**Treasurer's Report** – **Barbi H.** – Submitted the report for October. Donations were \$291.74 with expenses of \$407.88, for a balance of \$4,683.91. A motion was made by **Glenn C.** to accept the report as given. **David** seconded the motion. All approved.**Archives** – **Tom H.** – The Committee is looking for a new Chairperson. **The Archives Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Sunday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 1300 Wiltshire, at 7:15 PM. Tom can be reached at 823-0338, or email at teh543@sprynet.com.****Correctional Facilities** – **Paul B.** for **Marvin Q.** – Can still use more volunteers for the Bexar County Jail. Paul has been elected as the new CFC Chairperson. **The CFC Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Wednesday of each month in the Alanon room at Club 12 at 102 Thames at 7:00 PM. Marvin can be reached at 365-9973.****Grapevine** – **Martha H.** – (Absent – No Report). **The Grapevine Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Monday of each month at Jim's at 410 and Blanco at 7:00 PM. Martha can be reached at 344-6588, or email at JHernden@aol.com.****Hospitals / Institutions** – **Bob T.** – The Committee is looking for a new Chairperson. All of the slots on the H&I list were filled for the month of December. **The Hospitals/Institutions Committee holds its meetings on the 2ND Saturday of each month at the Winner's Club (Snack Bar Area) at 11 AM. Bob can be reached at 628-7340 (Pager), or e-mail at anotherdrunk@r67.net.****Cooperation with Professional Community / Public Information Chair** – **Glenn C.** – Louis R. has been elected as the new CPC/PI Chairperson. The Committee will be supporting the National Perinatal Association (NPA) Annual Clinical Conference – Nov 29-Dec 1 at the Adams Mark Hotel on the River Walk. The Committee will also be supporting the American Correctional Facilities Conference – January 12-16. **The CPC / PI Committee holds its meetings on the 2ND Wednesday of each month at Club 12 at 102 Thames at 7:00 PM. Glenn can be reached at (H) 342-2330, (Pager) 220-9281, or email at GlennC3663@aol.com.****Bilingual** – **Jose G.** – The Committee is looking for more volunteers. **The Bilingual Committee holds its meetings on the 4TH Sunday of each month at Jim's at 410 and Perrin-Beitel at 4:00PM. Jose can be reached at 655-5661.****District 1A** – **Mike C.** – The District 1A/17 Workshop held on November 10TH was a success.

The District Sponsored Literature Rack at a local High School is getting some use.

District 1E – **Len A.** – (Absent – No Report)**District 1F** – **Frank E.** – (Absent – No Report)**District 16** – **Barbi H.** – The District has elected a new DCM – **Henry M.** from the Easy Does It Group. **Chris E.** from Group 12 was elected as the new Alt. DCM.

District 17 – Steve J. – District 1A and 17 held a Workshop on November, 10TH. The Workshop was well attended and the Speakers from the SWTA did an excellent job. All of the active Groups in the District have elected new GSR's. The new DCM for the District is **Lucian D.** from the Serendipity Group.

District 18 – Gil C. – (Absent – No Report)

District 19 – Bill T. – The Groups are in the process of electing new GSR's. The District is looking for a new DCM.

District 28 – Alberto A. – The District has four Groups and four Committees. Two of the Groups meet 7 days/week, one Group meets 5 days/week, and one Group meets 3 days/week. The District has been attending planning meetings in preparation for the Special Forum to be held Dec. 7-8 in Austin. The District will be participating in the "Pro Convenciones Hispanas". The Coordinator is **Rosario C.**, the Alt. Coordinator is **Alberto A.**, the Secretary is **Linda R.**, and the Treasurer is **Jose G.**

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Adjourned – 7:10 PM with the Lord's Prayer Respectfully Submitted: Steve J. – SAMSO Secretary

**COR MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2001**

Attendees: Vicki S.— Colonies North, Matthew M – Road of Happy Destiny, Randall Hines – First Things First, Charles C. – Schertz/Cibolo, Bob T.- HALT, Donna S – Freedom Group, Debbie B – Walzem Rd., Donna G –Highland Group, Andres M.—First Things First(alt.), Carrie L –Broadway Group, Mary S – New Life (alt.), Char (visitor), Sherill H. –Women's Big Book, Jeri K. – Group 12, Kris S—Life Support, Beth A.—Last Call, Virginia F.—SW Loop, Tom T—Serendipity Group, Lauren C.—San Antonio North Women's Group, and Jarrod S. – Marymont Group.

Meeting called to order by Vicki S. at 5:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and a reading of the Traditions by Randall H.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Members agreed to amend the previous meeting minutes published in the *Nightcap* as follows: Larry G. nominated Roy H. for Recording Secretary. Andres M confirmed nominations and applications for four CSO Board of Trustee openings filled by eight candidates. (Missing candidates: Butch Woods and John Carr-Shannahan)

CSO Report: Corky C. announced the Board met at 4pm (just before this meeting) and that finances look good. Also, that Bill T. is working hard on the website. The Pockets of Enthusiasm Conference is ready to roll. Bill T., manager of CSO reported that meeting directories may run out before the next publication (done every 6 months). Any changes in your groups since June should be made to the CSO asap. The fourth edition of the Big Book has been mailed on Nov. 15 and we should expect them in San Antonio by the 23rd of Nov.

New Business:

Postcards to remind COR's of the upcoming December 16th meeting will be mailed out by Jarrod S. of Marymont Group.

Old Business:

Election ballots were distributed to COR's for the four opening positions in the board effective Jan 2002.

CSO Board of Trustees Election Results:

New Board members are: Gayle M., Larry Kennedy, David Arias, and Char.

Thanks to all who were willing to take on the responsibility as Board Members and congratulations to the winners of the election.

Reminder to new Board members: Attendance is requested at the December Board meeting on the Thursday before the third Sunday of the month at the Central Service Office at 5:45 p.m.



Until one is committed there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative - and creation, there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamt would have come his way. I have learned a deep respect of one of Goethe's couplets: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it." W.H. Murray

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James H
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Wendy F
Clark C
Dale H
Anthony H
John S
Nick Mc
Celso R
Julian C
William K
Christine W
Debbie H
Richard H

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Mary R
Jimi K
Thomas J
Shane M
Susan P
Frank P

Jas P
Tober R
Nolan S
David S
Darryl S
Kathy H
Nick C
Sam R
John P
Julie P
Frank W
Randy F
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Timothy E
Erica F
Tammie G
David G

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Saemus C
Sully H
Mike S
Emily H
Edward G
Michael S
Grace B
Bud C

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Richard G
Alfredo B
Ralph F
Lloyd S

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Donald B
John K
Robert N
Laura T
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Michael C

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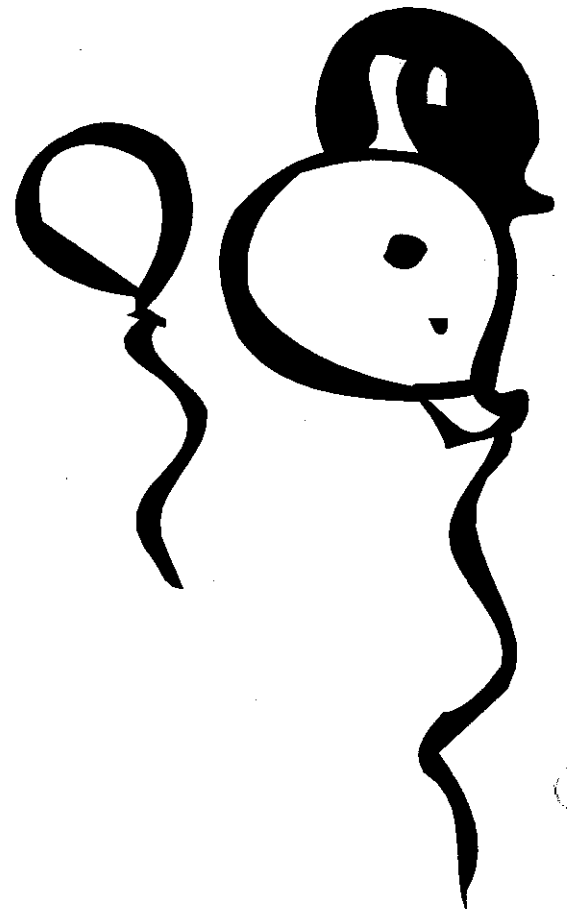
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BIRTHDAY NIGHTS

- Last Sunday Birthday Night -New Life Group (Birthday Night open speaker)
- Last Monday Birthday Night Alamo Hts.
- Last Tuesday Birthday Night-Valley Hi,- Windcrest,-Santa Fe- New Acceptance-Life Support
- Last Wednesday Birthday Night -Oblate- Women's Big Book-Northwood
- Last Thursday Birthday Night : Goliad-Devine- Ft Sam- North San Pedro -Stahl Rd Acceptance Group
- Last Friday Birthday Night: Pearsall (Come as you are)- SW Loop-Colonies North El Libro Grande- Rush Hour-Group 12-Marymont
- Last Saturday Birthday Night Schertz-Cibolo- Lambda- Winners club

Service Opportunities Available

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION MEETINGS

- Monday
- 8 pm O-Disc Patrician Movement, 222 E. Mitchell Phone 213-4561
 - 7:30 pm O-Disc Southton Juvenile, 3621 Farm Rd. Juvenile Hall

- Tuesday
- 8 pm O-Disc Transplant Hospital, 8026 Floyd Curl Phone 358-4000
 - 7 pm O Disc S.A.S.H, 5800 S. Presa Phone 532-8811
 - 8 pm O-Disc Salvation Army, 1324 Flores Phone 223-6877
 - 7 pm O-Disc Laurel Ridge 1604 & Redland Rd. Colorado unit Phone 534-5124

- Wednesday
- 8pm O Disc NIX Hospital, 4330 Vance Jackson, Detox Unit
 - 8pm O-Disc S.A.M.M Shelter 910 W. Commerce Phone 224-5838

- Thursday
- 8: 15 pm O Disc Audie Murphy V.A., 7400 Merton Minter (617-5300)
 - 8 pm O Disc Women At The Well, 221 Post (Phone-472-2787)
 - 8 pm O Disc Transplant Hospital, 8026 Floyd Curl, (Phone 358-4000)
 - 7 pm O- Dis Laurel Ridge, 1604 & Redland Rd.

- Saturday
- 8:15pm O Disc A.R.C, 10290 Southton Rd. Phone 633-0201

SERVICE COMMITTEE TIMELINES

Archives Committee every first Sunday 7:15 @ St David's Episcopal Church 1300 Wiltshire POC Tom H 696-5228

Grapevine Committee every first Monday @ Jims 410 & Blanco 7 pm POC: Martha H 344-6588

Correctional Facilities Committee every first Wednesday in the Club 12 Al-non room. POC Marvin Q 365-9973 7 pm

Cooperation with Professional Community/ Public Information every second Wednesday @ Club 12 , 7 pm POC: Glenn C Pager 220-9281

Hospitals and Institutions Committee every second Saturday 11 am @ Winners Club POC: Bob T pager 628-7340

BILINGUAL COMMITTEE Last Sunday of the month 4 pm Jims Restaurant Perin-Beitel and Loop 410 POC Joe 655-5661 or Enrique 653-7983

Twas 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.
 Though A.A.'s pattern we've found a new way to know a real Christmas, truly happy and gay.
 The tee will be brilliant, the lights bight and clear and not from a bottle will come Christmas cheer.
 Straight from our heart 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.

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Group Forum



GROUP UPDATES

NEW GROUP

Monday 7:30 pm N/S -C -Big Book
Castroville, Medina Valley United Meth-
odist Church POC: Willard M
830-665-5650

NEW GROUP

Love and Tolerance Group
O-Disc Mon-Sat 2 p.m Sun 3 p.m
Winners Club 5723 Kenwick
For more info 210-680-5496

NEW GROUP

Café Corazon Grp 230 East Travis
Travis Park United Methodist Church
9:30 am O-Disc Non -Smoke
Cage Chapel Main Ent off Travis
Free Breakfast at 9 am
NEW GROUP

Coffee Pot Group
8600 Wurzbach Rd Creekview Office
Complex Suite 1204 . Mon-Thu- Fri
7 pm O- Disc

NEW GROUP

Turning Point 12X12 Group
St Thomas Episcopal Church 1416 N.
Loop 1604 1/2 Mi W of 281 Class room
East of Sanctuary Fridays 7:30 pm
12X12 N/S

*****GROUP MOVE*****

The Schertz-Cibolo Group has moved.
The new address is
410 Bowie, Universal City
Bowie St is a side street off Byrd
Street Off Pat Booker Rd next to Otts
BBQ place

FRESH START GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT

*****GroupChange*****

Group La Quinta Tradicion

Has changed its name to Group Easy Does It
It is now a bilingual O-Disc on M-W-Sat
At its new location 814 Ruiz St

GROUP FOLDED

Grupo Voyer A Vivir
which met at 814 Ruiz
On M-Tue Wed-Thur has folded

Breakfast Tacos Every Saturday Starting at 6 am
First One Today Group. Bob and Bill will cook

16 Nov Club 12 Children's Christmas Party SANTA , Presents and Refreshments p.m

Club TWELVE 7 Days of Christmas

24 Dec 5:30 Non Smokers Group	12:30 PM
25 Dec Club 12	12:30 PM
26 Dec Wednesday Ladies Group	6:30 PM
27 Dec Alanon	6:30PM
28 Dec Mona's Girls	6:30 PM
29Dec Greg-Kevin- and Friends	6:30PM
30 Dec Highlands	6:30 PM

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE CLUB 12

LIVE BAND, FOOD, FUN 9PM- am
\$12.00 per Ticket advance
\$15.00 at the door

**Weekend in SA with AA 2nd Annual Talent Show **

Do you want to be a star????? Do you sing, dance, play a guitar, have some talent lurking around?

We are currently taking entry applications for the 2nd Annual Talent Show at the upcoming Weekend in SA with AA. Call Belinda C at 657-2094 for details.

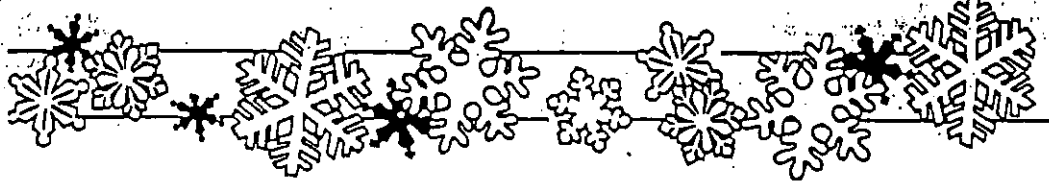
AA BASICS starting 2 January the Serendipity Group will start a new series of AA basics. Presented by two individuals every Wednesday Night from 8-9 PM. The basic design is to assist newcomers in understanding the basic concepts of the AA program
This is an open meeting located at 10929 Nacogdoches suite 5

51st ANNIVERSARY HIGHLAND GROUP

January 16th 2002 8:15 pm Aldersgate Methodist Church
502 Kayton Avenue 210-532-6671 Fun ,Food ,Fellowship , Free



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.



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.



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.



4 Find out about the special holiday

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



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.



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



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



8 Go to church. Any church.



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



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



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



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

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