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NEWNESS

We can begin anew and know a vitally interesting new life when we deliberately let go of feelings of failure, regret, or self-condemnation. Every day offers as the opportunity of a new adventure in faith. Every day can be a time of letting go of unpleasant memories and entering into new situations of joy, inspiration, sobriety, creativity, and fulfillment.

Yesterday is gone, and with it the bonds of alcohol that held us. When we break away from limiting old conditions and affirm the opening of a new way of life, we begin to see things in a new and different perspective. We came to understand that a power greater than ourselves has been with us all along the way, even in the incidents that seemed hard to bear. We can give thanks for past experiences as stepping-

stones to deeper, fuller expressions of living and loving. Then we shall know the joy of living fully today with newness and faith.

- " Doc " P. -

"SEARCH IN READING- ASK IN PRAYER - FIND IN MEDITATION - HOLD IN LOVE."

P.I.C. REPORT:

The latter months of 1976 were busy ones for Ben A. the out-going P.I. chairman, and his hardy volunteers. We'll miss Ben - and wish him well in everything he undertakes. (ed.)

On October 3rd, 1976 Dick Y. spoke to a "Marriage and Family " class at San Antonio College. Dick also spoke at Judson High School on October 29th, and to classes at John Marshall High School on November 11th. Mary Lou C. also was invited to speak to the same "Marriage and Family" class on November 19th, and later spoke to a group of student nurses at Northeast Baptist Hospital. Ben A. spoke to Air Force Reserve Personnel at Kelly A.F.B. on Dec. 11th.

P.I.C. REPORT (Cont'd. from Page One)

On Thanksgiving Day L.O.L. appeared on Channel 41 (KWEX-TV), and on the 17th of December Mary Lou and Arthur C. (Alanon) joined Ben A. as guests of Bill Burns for an interview concerning their own personal experiences with the disease of alcoholism, and the Programs of AA and Alanon. (KISS/KMAC)

Thanks to everyone who has so graciously given of themselves in recent months to make the P.I.C. program so effective!

- Ben A. -

DISTRICT I G.S.R. MINI-WORKSHOP

The District I Mini-Workshop was held on Saturday the 22nd of January at the ARC, Southton, Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Liz S., the Workshop's Chairwoman introduced an Agenda directed primarily toward education and enlightenment of G.S.R.s with the AA Service Structure and the duties and responsibilities of the GSR. Elvis S., Gene D., Raul M., Geri McC. and Hod C. spoke on related topics; and enthusiastic "Ask It Basket " sessions were conducted by Mary Lou H. A filmstrip was shown delineating the various areas of service filled by the General Service Office in New York.

30 G.S.R.s represented the 45 San Antonio Groups and out of two registrants represented groups from: Laredo, Kerrville, Port Lavaca, San Marcos, Bandera, Lytle, Floresville, Corpus, Kingsland, Brownsville, Calellen, Victoria, Austin and Marble Falls.

In spite of the dreary weather participation in the Workshop was lively and warm, and all who attended left with a new thought or two to share with their Home Groups.

(Those of you who were unable to purchase the Final Report of "The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous - 1976" due to the inadequate supply at the Literature Table may write the Central Service Office in San Antonio for copies. The cost is: \$2.00 per issue.)

" WE MEET TO CELEBRATE; AND EVERYTHING WE DO IS LOVE."

* * * HEY! * * *

Its time to set up those Group Contributions to the C.S.O. - January was pretty skimpy!

And don't forget that " Buck-of-the-Month". Your secretary of G.S.R. should have the necessary forms and envelopes for you to use. If not just mail to 109 Lexington, and Beth will take care of it.

Thanks,
- Hod C. - (Finance Chairman)

IN MEMORIAM:

Eddie Geottinger - December, 1976

William "Willie" Ward - December, 1976.

Paul "Smitty" Smith - December, 1976.

Leslie "Les" Ross - January 1976:

Les was a member of the Kingsland Group and became active in the AA program February 22nd, 1947.

He established the first rehabilitation program for alcoholics in the Big Spring Hospital in 1953. In 1957 he moved to Austin to become director of the Texas Rehabilitation Program for Alcoholics. He retired in 1966.

"We'll miss him but feel fortunate to have known him and benefited from his love and wisdom these past years."

- The Kingsland Group -

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

NEWLY ELECTED:

Gladys H. has been elected Chairwoman of the C.S.O.C. Bill G. will serve as Co-Chairman. DuWayne F. has been elected as secretary of the Committee.

Newly elected members of the Administrative Board of the C.S.O.C. are: Jan G., Rosemary B., DuWayne F., and Julian F., who will serve two year terms. Continuing to serve through the year of 1977 are: Gladys H., Hal F., and Bill G.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD FOLK RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMISES MADE WHILE THEY WERE:

- 1) DRUNK
- 2) MADLY IN LOVE
- 3) OR RUNNING FOR POLITICAL OFFICE!

AROUND THE AREA:

The February District II GSR Meeting will be held in Seguin at the Group Montana, 732 E. Mountain on February 6th at 7 p.m. A Round Robin Meeting will follow at 8:15 p.m.

The San Marcus Group has begun a "Closed Step" Meeting at 8 p.m. in St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Wednesday evenings. An Alanon Meeting will be held at the same time.

District XII will hold a Round Robin Meeting on February 30th in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredricksburg. Tony F. will speak on the "Twelve Concepts for World Service."

Due to a seeming lack of need indicated by dwindling attendance the STARR Meeting customarily held at 8:15 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month in Club 12 has been suspended for the year of 1977.

The Reality Group has moved its meeting place to the Goliad Group, 1004 Avondale (San Antonio). "Open Discussion" meetings will be held each Wednesday evening at 8:15 p.m. beginning on the 1st Wednesday in February.

The Canyon Group has a new meeting place, also. They now meet in the First Baptist Church of Canyon City (Across the street from "Goofy's") every third Friday of the month. The public is invited to their "Open Meetings" held from 8-9 p.m.

EACH DAY IS A NEW CHANCE TO REDISCOVER LIFE!

The Faith Group (Alanon) will hold their first meeting on Friday, February 4th in Christ Episcopal Church, 301 W. Russel, at 11 a.m. The Laurel Height's Group continues to meet in this church at its usual time of 4 p.m., Sunday afternoon.

The Broadway Group now holds an "Open Discussion" Meeting each Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church (across the Street from Alamo Heights High School). The group had been holding "Closed Discussion" Meetings until November of 1976. They'd like everybody in the area to come on out and bring family and friends!

An Alanon Group for Beginners is being held at 8:15 p.m. in the Villa Rosa Hospital Rehabilitation Building on Tuesday evenings in conjunction with the Villa Rosa Group "Open Meetings" held in the Snack Bar of the Hospital.

STAT'S (January 1977):

AA - 86

Information - 70

Alanon - 17

Student -

P.I.C. - 2

HELP WANTED!

You could be just the person! The Central Service Office has a real need for regular volunteer assistance.

No previous office experience is necessary - just dedication and the ability to commit even a few hours a month to helping out. Lotsa hands needed to: answer phones, stuff envelopes, do light clerical work, help staff the

"Night Cap", or help with PIC work. The salary is less than magnificent, but the fringe benefits are fantastic!! Good vibrations from performing a much needed service for others.

Give Beth J. a call - and help keep the C.S.O. humming along (the way it was when YOU needed it! Remember!

HAPPINESS IS THE ART OF MAKING A BOUQUET OF THOSE FLOWERS WITHIN REACH.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

The Administrative Board of the Central Service Office will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday the 8th of February in the Central Service Office.

The C. S. O. C. will meet on February 13th at 7 p.m. in Club 12, 102 Thames. (Remember there will be no STARR meeting to follow.)

The Goliad Group will hold its regular monthly barbeque February 20th at 6 p.m. An "Open Speaker's Meeting" will follow at 7:30 p.m. All other Sunday meetings are held at the regular time of 8:15 p.m.

The 24 Hour Service Club will hold its regular monthly dinner on Sunday the 27th of February at 1 p.m. The Club is located at 1203 Fredricksburg Road.

(If your group has had to suspend an event or change the suggested donations for an event due to changing circumstances or increase in prices -, please let us know. ed.)

"ASK IT BASKET":

If you or your group plans to boycott coffee - what beverage will you substitute?

" LOVE AND SERENITY THRU UNITY "

Good Grief! Haven't you made your reservations yet? Well, hurry and you can just make it to this gigantic "Double Header" celebrating the 37th Anniversary of AA West of the Mississippi combined with the 15th Annual Conference of the South-west Texas Area General Service Committee. The Conference will be held February 4th-6th at the Red Carpet Inn in Beaumont, Texas. Alanon registration fees of \$1.00 includes all meetings and the Alanon luncheon. AA registration fees are \$12.50, which includes the banquet and dance Saturday evening. Alateen registration is \$1.00. Make checks payable to: 15th Annual S. E. Texas Area G.S.O. Conference, and mail to: Conference Secretary, 5324 W. Groves Circle Drive, Groves, Texas 77619.

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" RISE AND SHINE "

Speakers! Speakers! Speakers! Ummm, Good on's, too! You don't want to miss El Paso's 15th Annual AA Jamboree to be held February 18th-20th at the Rodeway Inn (6201 Gateway West: El Paso, Texas 79925) \$15.00 will secure your registration - including the banquet and dance. Bring along your Alateen for just \$1.00 more! You can always drop in on the "Pay As You Go" luncheon on the 18th, and breakfast on the 20th... that is - if you drop everything else for now and rush that check to: 15th Annual AA Jamboree, Jamboree Secretary, P.O. Box 1405, El Paso, Texas 79948.

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COASTAL BEND JAMBOREE

Check it out! Here comes the 23rd Coastal Bend Jamboree - plenty of fun for every one: Pack you flippers and snorkel (there may be a spring thaw) and plan to boogie on out to the Hilton Inn (6255 Interstate 37 & Corn Products Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78409), March 11th-13th. In between meetings stretch out on the beach and just breathe in the tang of that salt-sea air - feed the gulls - take a boat ride - or just sit! \$12.00 Registration fee covers all meetings and the banquet - and you can take all the kids - Alateen registration is FREE! For room reservations dial the Hilton Inn: 1/800-492 - 6993. Make registration checks payable to: Jamboree Committee, P.O. Box 3201, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

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DON'T KEEP THIS UNDER YOUR STETSON!

Don't be shy when it comes to telling everybody about this "Biggie"! Here's your "early bird" alert - The 20th International Conference of Young People in AA will be held September 2nd-4th at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in "Space City, U.S.A." - Houston, Texas! Their theme is: SERVICE (Sharing Everyone's Recovery Versed In Common Efforts) - and you can help by "telling a friend" - and by getting your registration in as early as possible! Registration fees are: AA - \$5.00; Alanon - \$5.00, Banquet - \$8.00, and Alateen - \$1.00. Mail to: I.C.Y.P.A.A., P. O. Box 55788, Houston, Texas 77055.

ARE YOU A "YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA"? (SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONNAIRE)

Genesis is: The 1st Book of the Old Testament/ A Musical Group/ Both

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	15.00	15.00	Northwest	25.00	25.00
Audubon	-0-	-0-	Northwood	-0-	-0-
Breeze	10.00	10.00	Reality	-0-	-0-
Broadway	10.00	10.00	Reliance	20.00	20.00
Downtown	-0-	-0-	Sally	-0-	-0-
First Step	-0-	-0-	SASH	-0-	-0-
Ft. Sam Houston	-0-	-0-	Santa Fe	-0-	-0-
Frontier	-0-	-0-	St. Agnes	-0-	-0-
Goliad	41.00	41.00	Serenity	10.00	10.00
Group 12	-0-	-0-	Sharing	-0-	-0-
Grupo Del Sol	-0-	-0-	Step. Stones	-0-	-0-
Grupo Esperanza	-0-	-0-	Sunset	-0-	-0-
Grupo Harmonia	-0-	-0-	Trinity	-0-	-0-
Grupo Unidad	-0-	-0-	The Haven	-0-	-0-
Guidance	-0-	-0-	24 Hour	10.00	10.00
Harmony	-0-	-0-	Universal City	-0-	-0-
Highlands	20.00	20.00	Valley Hi	-0-	-0-
Hope	-0-	-0-	VA Hospital	-0-	-0-
Laurel Hts.	15.00	15.00	Villa Rosa	25.00	25.00
Mary Mont	-0-	-0-	Wesley	-0-	-0-
Northeast	10.00	10.00	Windcrest	-0-	-0-
No. San Pedro	10.00	10.00	Woodlawn Hts.	-0-	-0-

AREA

Boerne	-0-	-0-	Men's Stag (Kerrville)	10.00	10.00
Bridge (N. Braunfels)	-0-	-0-	Women's Serv. (Kerr.)	10.00	10.00
Floresville	-0-	-0-	Luling	9.00	9.00
Kerrville	-0-	-0-	Seguin	5.00	5.00