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SATURDAY IN S.A. WITH AA
FEBRUARY 4, 1984
9:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
FIESTA ROOM, CONVENTION CENTER
HEMISFAIR PLAZA

THE SPEAKERS:

DUPREE W.

Dupree hails from the heart of South Carolina's plantation country.

"Members of my family were the first settlers here in 1690," he said. "Talk about gracious Southern living -- this is where it all started."

"Texans played a great part in my recovery," he said. "Back in 1964 in San Antonio, a man named Jack O. gave me a great prescription for recovery: the ability to laugh. He knew how to laugh about his problems."

Dupree said that in addition to having had a drinking problem, "I took dope before it was socially acceptable."

"When I came in to AA 20 years ago, I was one of three addicts in the program in the Southeastern U.S. And two of us had been to prison. I call it a prison. They called it a hospital. But they gave me a number. They told me I would never be sober."

"That was real interesting, because I have found that people are not in charge of who gets sober. God is. The Big Book told me that I could get sober if I would trust God and clean house. I stick with the Big Book."

Dupree has been going to AA meetings in Walterboro, S.C., a town of 2,000, for all 20 years that he has been sober in AA.

"And boy, we had a great meeting last night," he said.

(PAGE 2: DYANNE G., LARRY K.)

SMITTY

Every Tuesday evening, Bob "Smitty" Smith makes a 40-mile round trip to attend the closest Al-Anon meeting. No Al-Anon meetings are held in the small North Texas town of Nocona, population 3,000, just south of the Red River separating Texas and Oklahoma. So, for the past five years, Smitty has been driving to meetings in neighboring Bowie, Texas.

"I do go to the open AA meetings that we have here in Nocona on Monday," stated Smitty, 65, who is an oil producer. He has lived in Nocona for 28 years.

Smitty happens to be the son of Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder "Dr. Bob" Smith. Co-founder Bill Wilson had no children, making Smitty the only descendant of an AA co-founder. (Dr. Bob's daughter was adopted.)

Smitty's role in the fellowship began in 1979 when his wife Betty, a Clovis, N.M. native, joined AA.

"I'm just another member of Al-Anon," Smitty said. "I came into the program the same way everybody else did."

Prior to 1979, his role was limited to answering historians' questions about his father. Smitty is quoted extensively as a source in the book, "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers."

No stranger to San Antonio, Smitty first came here while serving in the Air Force, training first at Randolph AFB then at Kelly AFB in 1942 before serving as a bomber pilot in Africa during World War II. In 1945 he left the military with the rank of captain.

Before entering the oil business, he was a corporate pilot for a Halliburton company, working out of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

SATURDAY IN S.A. WITH AA

DYANNE G.

THE SPEAKERS (continued)

LARRY K.

Larry K. is a priest. In Alcoholics Anonymous, though, he is known not as Father Larry but simply as Larry.

"I knew a man in AA who was Colonel John. Until he had a slip. After that, he came back and he was just John," Larry said.

"I hope he learned my lesson for me."

Sober for 11 years, Larry remembers, "My alcoholism exploded at ordination. I thought once I became a priest I would be at peace. But if you are a frustrated person and become a priest, you are then a frustrated priest."

"I have been very fortunate in two ways. First, I have not had a drink or a mood-changing chemical since my first day in AA. Second, I have never needed anything besides AA in the way of treatment."

"Much of my work in AA consists of hearing Fifth Steps. I would say I've heard between 500 and 800 of them. And I love it.

"I have a standing offer: Anything new in a Fifth Step, anything I haven't heard before, wins a steak dinner.

"I haven't had to pay off for three years," he said.

Larry serves the community of Sterling, Okla., population 600, and three other small communities.

"A traffic jam in Sterling is when both cars meet on the street," he said.

Sterling is 20 miles from Lawton, where Larry attends AA meetings.

Larry returned in mid-January from "the longest vacation in my life," which he spent skiing in Colorado. Three years ago, at age 44, he had never put on a pair of skis; today, he says, "you can't keep me away from it."

From Southern California's burgeoning AA scene comes Dyanne G., 36 and sober almost 11 years. "We have no small meetings here," she said. "My home group, the Huntington Beach Group, normally has 100 to 175 people. A brand new group just getting started might be small for a couple of weeks. After that, it becomes a large meeting, too."

Many of the meetings in Southern California are podium participation meetings.

"It's hard to hold a discussion meeting with as many people as we have," Dyanne said.

"As AA in Southern California has grown, we have adjusted to meet the new needs. We have official greeting committees. We have people designated to approach newcomers after a meeting," she said.

Dyanne, who works in the graphic arts and publishing field, came into the Huntington Beach group when she first entered the program and has remained with the group ever since.

"I like growing up," she said.

AFTER-HOURS PHONE CALLS
TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

VERY IMPORTANT: Groups are reminded to consider a new system of handling phone calls to AA during hours that the Central Service Office is closed. Call-forwarding to homes of members of San Antonio AA groups was proposed at the January GSR meeting. The system would either augment or replace the answering service currently in use. For more information, please see MINUTES under OLD BUSINESS in this issue of the Nightcap.

DEFT DEFINITION:

Alcoholism -- An Irish-Catholic disease often treated in basements of Protestant churches.

CSCO Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - 1/15/84

The CSCO Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Fred Daley. The new GSRs were introduced. The new secretary at the CSO, Janice, was introduced. Janice was selected by a special meeting of the Central Service Office Board. A special thanks was extended to Gene Ledger and Al Dubois for all their help at the CSO.

The guidelines for A.A. Service Office and the 12 Traditions were read.

Fred explained the literature at the front desk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Jim Willis announced that all GSRs on the list have received tickets to the Mini-Conference to be held on February 4, 1984 at the Fiesta Room, Convention Center. Anyone needing more tickets can find them at the office of Club 12 or the CSO. Jim asked that each GSR get one host and one hostess to work approx. 1 to 1½ hrs. at the conference. The theme of the conference is "1 + 1 = Gateway to the Promises."

The speakers for the mini-conference will be Larry K. of Oklahoma, Dyanne of California, Dupree W. of South Carolina, and Dr. Bob's son, "Smitty" Smith. Jim asked that all groups get behind the promotion for this conference. This conference helps raise money for the CSO and it costs a lot to bring good speakers into San Antonio. He also thanked those who are pushing the tickets.

Clara asked if SASH patients can come for free and Jim responded that anyone can come, whether they can pay or not. The conference will be taped and the tapes will be raffeled off at the conference. The speakers' background will be published in the "Nitecap."

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD - Al reported that approx. \$2,000 was lost last year at CSO. Now there are two part-time employees - salaries are down and gas allowance has been eliminated, except for the Penal Committee. The GSRs were asked to encourage their groups to contribute more.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Al explained a large rise in office expenses - \$140.00 went to the Post Office for mailing expenses. Only the telephone expenses were reflected on the financial handout. The answering service bill is not in yet so no expenses were reflected.

HOSPITAL REPORT - Linda G. was absent. Irma from the Haven requested that the Haven be placed on the hospital list. Al will take this up at the next Administrative Board meeting.

The groups taking meetings to hospitals for the month of February are as follows:

SASH	The Downtown Group
ARC	Southwest Loop Group
Sally	Northwest Group
Detox	Lytle Group
Casa Del Sol	Colonies North Group

PENAL REPORT - Don Smith announced that three persons on his committee took a meeting to the Ferguson Unit and had 145 inmates present. The attendance has tripled since last year. He asked for more participation and requested that GSRs mention to their groups that volunteers are needed. He asked if it would be in violation of the traditions to raise funds for trips to these correctional institutions. Don explained guidelines for approval to enter correctional units.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT - Bob B. absent. Al read a thank-you letter for a teacher at St. Anthony's school for Bob's presentation to the students on alcoholism. Al asked for a volunteer to replace Bob B. Anyone interested can contact the CSO.

EDITORIAL REPORT - An Editor and a Mailing Clerk are needed for the Nitecap.

OLD BUSINESS - Bobbie G. discussed after-hours 12-step calls. This is calls into the C.S.O. between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. the next day. Over the holidays (Christmas and New Year's) there were 71 calls, only 2 of which were after midnight. This is an average of two per day. Of these calls, 26 were inquiries about meeting times and places, 20 were al-anon information calls, 20 were general information calls, 5 were people who just wanted to talk, 5 were 12-step calls, and 3 were calls from people needing transportation to detox.

Bobbie suggested that each group volunteer 7 people each week to eliminate answering service expenses and personal sacrifice of a few people. The CSO could automatically forward after hour-calls to these volunteers. 4 groups per month, one member of the group per night for one week would be needed to man his/her phone from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day. This volunteer would have a list of people to call for 12-step calls, and a packet of information as to what we can and cannot do for people calling the CSO. The volunteer would not be able to leave his phone or be responsible for 12-step calls himself. He would simply have a referral list of people to call for help. Al asked that all GSRs talk to their groups and bring a report of the response back next month. The motion passed to start this system March 1st if all groups are responsive.

There will be a GSR and DCM Workshop in Kerrville on January 28 and 29, 1984 at the Holiday Inn in Kerrville. Fred encouraged all to attend.

Money for the New Year's Eve Dance is to be turned into the office at Club 12. Money for the Mini-Conference can be turned into the CSO. Gene Ledger asked groups for volunteers to work at CSO on Thursday mornings (9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon) and Friday afternoons (12:00 to 4:30 p.m.). Six months to one year sobriety is needed but not mandatory.

NEW BUSINESS - DCM Reports:

- District 1A - No DCM (will elect one after meeting)
- 1B - No Report
- 1C - No Report
- 1D - Knute announced that he has to resign and needs a new DCM. He has an alternate and will discuss this with that alternate as soon as possible.
- 1E - No Report

The next GSR meeting will be held on February 19th, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. at Club 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Becci Dobbs

Becci Dobbs
Alternate GSR, Downtown Group

/bd
1/16/84

ST. VALENTINES DANCE

CLUB 12 SATURDAY, FEB. 18

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

WALKER-COLT BAND

\$5 a person, \$7.50 a couple

Free corsages to the first
25 ladies to arrive!

DOWNTOWN GROUP welcomes all to their weekday lunch meetings. A COOK is needed for lunch one day a week. (Cooks are reimbursed for groceries used.) See group members for more info.

INSIDE THE WALLS:

Don S., new penal committee chairman, has offered to come out to various AA groups and talk to try to generate interest in taking meetings to TDC prison units.

Carrying the message inside the walls holds a special attraction for Don, who says he doesn't at all mind the 17-hour days it involves.

"All units are more than 400 miles round-trip from here," Don said. "Three or four of us get up at 4 a.m. and return to San Antonio by about 9 p.m. that night. But time just flies. We're all so high from the meeting when we leave the prison that 100 miles goes by in a snap."

Don said that when he talks at prisons, he concentrates on the AA program rather than his story. "They're not interested in how difficult it was for me to get beer at 3 a.m. They can't relate, and they construe that as bragging."

Don can be reached about speaking to AA groups at 626-1562.

29TH ANNIVERSARY, PLEASANTON, TEX. GROUP

8 p.m.

February 25, 1984

At the high school cafeteria, Pleasanton

SPEAKER: Lawrence P.S., Austin

Country-style AA! Free coffee & doughnuts

You all come!

SPECIAL MEETING of NEW LIFE GROUP

1114 Willow St., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sunday, Feb. 26 beginning at 3 p.m. Four speakers (3 AA, 1 Al-Anon) will include a doctor and a nun. Donations of food for the event appreciated. Contact Joe John G. at 224-8325.

NEW GROUPS:

4th Street Group meets at 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays at 4th Street Inn, 219 4th Street downtown. Open discussion meeting.

Second Saturday Cafeteria Group will meet the second Saturday of the month at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 4306 NW Loop 410 (Koger Executive Center) from 6-8 p.m. Go through cafeteria line and come to meeting room in back. Eatin' from 6 to 7, meetin' from 7 to 8. Contacts are Janis H. or Jack H., 349-3174 .

FIRST MEETING IS 6 P.M. FEB. 11!

GROUP LOCATION CHANGES

Universal City Group has moved its Monday night, Thursday night and Sunday afternoon meetings to St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 810 Kitty Hawk, Universal City.

Grupo el Sol has moved from 321 Frio City Road to 2303 W. Commerce.

GROUP CLOSED

Big Book group, Alano Club, 4001 S. Presa, meetings discontinued.

Alcohol gave me wings to fly
And then it took away the sky.

--Origin unknown

LOVING ENCOUNTER

WINNERS CLUB OPEN HOUSE

LOVING ENCOUNTER

The WINNERS CLUB will have their GRAND OPENING on SATURDAY, February 18, 1984. Welcoming address at 12:30 by Sharon T.

	1:00 P. M.			3:30 P. M.	
CHAIRMAN:	ROY Y.	KERRVILLE, TX	CHAIRMAN:	ARCHIE B.	SAN ANTONIO, TX
SPEAKER :	JERRY W.	DALLAS, TX	SPEAKER :	TED B.	TEXAS CITY, TX

FREE BUFFET FREE COFFEE FREE PARKING FREE FELLOWSHIP
RAFFLE WITH DOOR PRIZES

The WINNERS CLUB is located near the intersection of Loop 410 and Bandera Road at 5719 MOBUD. Traveling WEST on Loop 410 before you get to BANDERA RD, take the LEON VALLEY exit and immediately get in the right hand lane of the access road and turn right at SPARKS TUNE-UP (MOBUD) and the club is the second building on the right. Traveling EAST on Loop 410 before you get to BANDERA RD, take the BANDERA RD, EVERS RD exit, proceed across BANDERA RD and turn left and go under Loop 410 on EVERS RD, turn left on access road and proceed as above.

EVERYONE WELCOME! NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK THIS PLACE OUT!

CORRECTIONS

I've always liked the way the Twelve Steps start with the word WE. We are no longer alone... "We" made a couple of mistakes in the last issue of the NIGHT-CAP, such as, "we" changed the meeting day at the HAVEN from SATURDAY to FRIDAY. The HAVEN has meetings on TUESDAY and SATURDAYS at 8:15 P.M. and SUNDAYS at 5:30 P.M. Also the correct address for the SW TX AREA FUND is BOX 1658, ROCKPORT, TX 78382. These facts have been brought to the attention of the TEMPORARY editors.

CONFERENCE CLIPBOARD

2ND SUNFLOWER ROUNDUP, Feb. 10, 11, 12, Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods in Kansas City, Kansas. Write Sunflower Roundup, Box 1281, Mission, Kansas 66222.

2ND ANNUAL DISTRICT 9 AA MINI-CONFERENCE, February 17, 18, 19, Camelot Hotel, Little Rock, Ark. Write 1431 Kavanaugh, Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

7TH ANNUAL 4-STATE ROUNDUP, Feb. 24, 25, 26, Shangri-La on Lake of the Cherokees, Afton, Okla. Write Roundup, Box 2106, Joplin, MO 64803.

20TH NATIONAL AA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, Feb. 23, 24, 25, 26, Marriott Hotel, downtown Atlanta, Ga. Write Conference, P.O. Box 98409, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING, Feb. 13, 1984, at the Central Service Office, 103 Renner, 7 p.m.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE (GSR) meeting, Feb. 19, 1984, at Club 12, 7 p.m.

VILLA ROSA MEETINGS (FEBRUARY)

Feb. 7.....North San Pedro Group
Feb. 14.....The Haven Group
Feb. 21.....Laurel Heights Group
Feb. 28.....Northwest Group

HOSPITAL MEETINGS

For schedule of hospital meetings for February, please see minutes of CSOC MEETING, HOSPITAL REPORT, Page 3 of Nightcap.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE--SAN ANTONIO, TX
 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
 DEC 28, 1983 - JAN 23, 1984

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>
4TH STREET	\$	\$	NORTHWOOD	\$	\$
ABUNDANCE			OBLATE		
ALAMO			OPEN DOOR		
ALAMO HEIGHTS	42.00	42.00	PARK NORTH	50.00	50.00
ALPHA HOUSE			RELIANCE		
AUDUBON			SAHARA		
BIG BOOK STUDY			SANTA FE		
BLUEMEL OAKS			SASH	100.00	100.00
BOERNE, WED	131.96	131.96	SCHERTZ		
BOERNE, SUN	55.00	55.00	SERENITY	15.00	15.00
BROADWAY			SOUTHWEST LOOP		
CALLAGHAN	40.00	40.00	SPARROW		
COKER			STEPPING STONES	90.00	90.00
COLONIES NORTH	180.00	180.00	SUMMIT		
CORRECTIONAL			SUN NITE WOMENS		
DOWNTOWN			SUN SERENITY		
EISENHAUER			SUNSET		
FT SAM HOUSTON	50.00	50.00	TEJAS	180.00	180.00
FREEDOM	25.00	25.00	TURNING POINT	27.01	27.01
FRONTIER			TWENTY FOUR HR	10.00	10.00
GOLIAD	50.00	50.00	UNIV CITY	36.00	36.00
GROUP 12			V. A. HOSPITAL		
GRUPO UNIDAD	10.00	10.00	VALLEY-HI	25.00	25.00
HAVEN			VILLA ROSA	50.00	50.00
HIGHLAND	20.00	20.00	WEEKEND WINNERS		
KINGSBORO			WESLEY		
LAMBDA	30.00	30.00	WEST ASHBY		
LAUREL HEIGHTS	20.00	20.00	WILFORD HALL	20.00	20.00
LYTLE			WINDCREST		
MARYMONT	40.00	40.00	YOUNG PEOPLES		
MON NITE MENS			UNIV CITY, SUN	12.00	12.00
MORNING AFTER			WINNERS	100.00	100.00
NEW LIFE					
NORTH SAN PEDRO	75.00	75.00	AREA		
NORTHEAST					
NORTHWEST			FLORESVILLE	25.00	25.00

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 (JAN 1984)

DISTRICT 1	\$1513.97
AREA	25.00
BUCK-A-MONTH	367.00
INDIVIDUAL (THANKS)	496.55
MEMORIAL	-0-
	<u>\$2402.52</u>

DISTRICT 1 ACTIVE GROUPS 67

NEW GROUPS REPORTED	3
SUNDAY SERENITY	
SUN NITE WOMENS	
BIG BOOK STUDY	
MORNING AFTER	
DISCONTINUED GROUPS	1
BIG BOOK	



Saturday in S. A. with A.A.

February 4, 1984

Fiesta Room - Convention Center
HemisFair Plaza
San Antonio, Texas

Conference Theme

1 + 1 = Our Gateway to the Promises

Tradition Number One -Plus- Step Number One
Our common welfare should We admitted we were power-
come first; personal recovery less over alcohol that our lives
depends upon A.A. unity. had become unmanageable.

Support your

AA CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

while sharing lots of love and fun - chances are some will
have a "Spiritual Experience" - No Extra Charge

Tickets \$5 Donation

If you're short of funds that day please come anyway!



9:00 a.m.	Registration	Foyer
10:30 a.m.	A.A. Meeting Chairman Lee F.	Fiesta Room
	Speaker Larry K.	Sterling, Oklahoma
12:00 noon	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting Chairman Romy R.	Fiesta Room
	Speaker Dyanne G.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
3:30 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Chairman Caroline H.	Fiesta Room
	Speaker Bob S. "Smitty"	Noccona, Texas
5:30 p.m.	Break	
6:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting Chairman Grover V.	Cross, South Carolina
	Speaker Dupree W.	

Voice of the Conference — Vangie H.