

# The Nightcap

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## Upcoming Events

### PLEASANTON GROUP ANNIVERSARY

FEB 9-11: 8TH Annual District 9 AA Convention, Riverfront Hilton Inn, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

FEB 15-18: 26TH Annual National AA Women's Conference. Reservations: 1-800-228-9290, or write Minneapolis Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402.

MAR 2-4: 36TH Annual Coastal Bend AA Jamboree. Holiday Inn, Emerald Beach, 1102 South Shoreline, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. 1-800-HOLIDAY, ask for Group AAJ to receive special group rates.

APR 6-8: Weekend in SA with AA, El Tropicano Hotel for San Antonio's 45th AA Anniversary.

APR 13-15: Spirit of the Pines AA Convention at Camp Cullen, Lake Livingston, Texas. Cabin accommodations.

MAY 4-6: AA Women's Retreat, Casa San Jose, San Antonio. For more info, call Paula R., 737-3950, Marilyn H., 333-5052, Lucille S., 377-1841.

JUN 8-10: AALA 1990 Roundup, Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City, CA 91608--for Gay Men and Women of AA.

JUL 5-8: AA International Convention, Seattle, Washington. CSD has registration forms if you wish to pick one up. One form registers 4 people.

NOV 23-26: Las Vegas AA Roundup will be held at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas. (For more information on the above, call CSD.)

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### VILLA ROSA GROUP ANNIVERSARY

The Villa Rosa AA Group will have its 18th Anniversary Party on Tuesday, January 30, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. There will be a guest speaker and snacks.

The 35TH ANNIVERSARY celebration of the Pleasanton AA Group will be held at the Pleasanton Junior High School Cafeteria beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 1990.

Good Speakers, free coffee, and refreshments so come on out for some great AA!!

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### WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA

*April 6 thru 8, 1990  
El Tropicano Hotel*

*Theme: "Having Had a Spiritual Awakening"*

### SPEAKERS

*MAC F.--Las Vegas, Nevada  
DOUG D.--Houston, Texas  
CAROL T. (Alanon)--Lawndale, CA  
PHIL P.--Newport Beach, CA  
BILL C.--Charlotte, NC  
JO JO S.--West Covina, CA*

*English & Spanish Marathons  
Hospitality Room, Fellowship, Dance*

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**For those who register by  
March 1st, there will be drawings  
for 2 sets of conference tapes,  
plus other door prizes.**

# In Memoriam

ROY Y., with 49 years of continuous sobriety in AA, died on January 18, 1990, after a lengthy illness. Roy was the first person to get sober and stay sober in the State of Texas. He will be missed.

DARRELL T., a longtime member of AA, died in San Antonio on Monday, January 15, 1990. He will be missed by all who knew him. He had 35 years of sobriety.

Bud W., with 25 years of continuous sobriety in the Fellowship, died on January 16, 1990. He will be missed.

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

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

(We sincerely hope all of our readers will follow this example.)

"I am writing in regard to a change of address. Please make a note of this change in your records...If you have any questions please call me...I enjoy the NIGHTCAP and would hate to miss it." Linda D.

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## YOUNG, SOBER, AND FREE

The Young, Sober, and Free AA Group thanks all AA members for helping with their first Anniversary Dance, which was held on Saturday, January 13, 1990.

"Thanks to you all for making it a huge success."

Dawn, Secretary

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## LET'S PARTY!

All February AA Birthday people will be honored at Jim W.'s 33rd Birthday Party!

Saturday, February 10, 1990, at Aggie Park, 6205 West Avenue.

Fajita Dinner begins at 6 p.m. There will be "Local" entertainment at 7 p.m. and Dancing to the music of "Mogen David and the Grapes of Wrath" from 8 p.m. to Mid-night.

Free food, drinks, and prizes!



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## VALENTINE DANCE

The Winners Club is having a Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 10, 5723 Kerwick. The music begins at 9 p.m. Donation of \$1.99 per person! Bring your Valentine!!

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**DISTRICT 1 WORKSHOP**

**"SERVICE STRUCTURE"**

FEBRUARY 17, 1990

1 PM to 4 PM

Colonial Hills Hospital Annex #2  
8404 Speedway  
(Same location as the GSR Meetings)

### THEME: SERVICE STRUCTURE

#### TOPICS:

History of Service Structure  
Group and Group Officers  
District and District Officers  
Area Officers and Committees  
Delegates

#### PRESENTERS:

Jim R., New Braunfels  
Jim D., Lytle  
Donna T., San Antonio  
Ramon M., Corpus Christi  
Larry Y., San Antonio

Workshop is free to all interested AA's  
Plenty of refreshments will be served



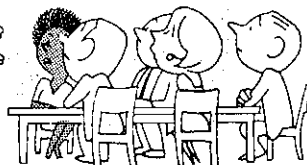
# The Second Tradition

*For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority . . . a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants . . . they do not govern.*

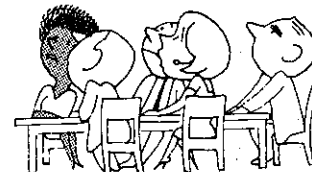
"Now that I've been elected Secretary, I'll show this group some real leadership!"



"There's only one way to do it and I'll tell you what it is..."

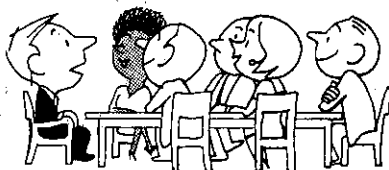


"...furthermore, we'll take our money and establish a fund... I'll manage it..."

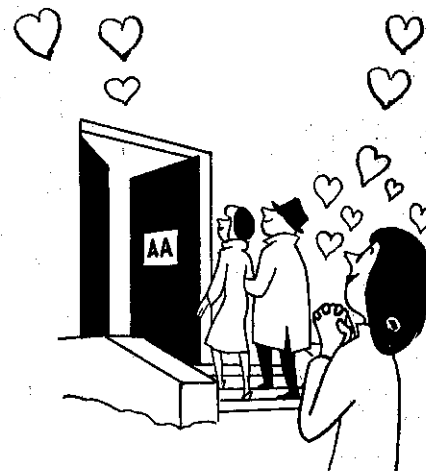


DOWN, BOY.

"Thank you. Now shall we talk about working the program?"



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A.A. is both a democracy and, in Bill W.'s words, "a benign anarchy." A group elects its own officers—who have no power to *order* anybody to do anything. In most groups, most of the slate rotates out of office at the end of six months, and new officers are elected.

If a group wants to be a part of the whole A.A. service structure, it elects a G.S.R. (general service representative, with a two-year term). G.S.R.'s elect area committee members and then join them in electing a delegate from their area to the annual General Service Conference. The Conference is about the closest approximation of a government that A.A. has; it produces opinions on important matters of policy; it approves the choice of some trustee nominees for the General Service Board and directly elects others. But neither the Conference nor the board can give

orders to any A.A. group or member.

Then who's in charge around here? A.A. is a spiritual movement, and so the "ultimate authority" is the spiritual concept of the "group conscience." Its voice is heard when a well-informed group gathers to arrive at a decision. The result rests on more than arithmetic, a "yes" and "no" count. Minority ideas get thoughtful attention. What about that annoying character who's always sure she's right? Better listen—maybe, just this once, she *is* right. If she's wrong, then she will—if she remembers the First Tradition as well as the Second—go along with the decision of the group conscience. Does this notion seem too cloudy? Let's think back to our first meetings. The presence we newcomers felt in those rooms was the same as the group conscience. And it was *real*—welcoming us in, setting up no barriers of rules. . . .

# February 1990

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goliad Birthdays*				Nueva Esperanza Birthday Night		Starlite Birthdays District 1-B Meets, at Club 12.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		CSO Board Meeting.	PI Committee Meets 6:30 p.m., Club 12.			District 1 Workshop. Club 12 Dance.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
General Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m. Goliad Barbecue.		DEADLINE DATE FOR NEWS ITEMS FOR THE NIGHTCAP.		Birthday Night at New Acceptance, Stahl Road, North San Pedro.	Birthday Night at Club 12, SW Loop, El Libro Grande, Park North, Downtown, Free- dom, Colonies North, Schertz-Cibolo, and Marymont.	Pleasanton Group Anniversary. Lambda Club Potluck. Birthday Night at Winners, Lambda, Fron- tier and Audubon.
25	26	27	28			
	Birthdays at Alamo Heights & Freedom Big Book.	Birthday Night at Valley Hi and Windcrest.	Birthday Night at Lytle, Oblate, and Northwood.		Marymont Potluck; Park North Potluck; Nueva Esperanza Games Night.	
*Goliad Group celebrates birthdays each Sun. & Thur.						

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1989

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AREA GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
*Abundance Happy Hr			823.20	Downtown			35.00	Country Cove		20.00
Bluemel Oaks	100.00		100.00	Eisenhauer			85.00	Tri City		5.00
Erne New Begin			5.00	Frontier			71.47	Birds of a Feather		25.00
Come Back (VA)			0.00	*Goliad	60.00		420.00	TOTALS	1,704.70	19,158.68
First One Today			0.00	Highland	25.00		300.00	<u>OTHER DONATIONS</u>		
Summit Roundtable			0.00	Kirby-Conv.			13.00	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>		
*Literature Study			0.00	Live Oak	50.00		290.00	Brenda H.	25.00	
Medical Profess.	140.00		549.00	Northeast	60.00		160.00	Mike D.	100.00	
*Morning After	55.20		718.69	Palisades			110.00	Linda B.	40.00	
Night Owls			156.83	SASH			100.00	Garnett I.	66.54	
Northwest			73.42	*Schertz-Cibolo	60.00		540.00	Elaine B.	35.00	
*Nurses in Rec.	40.00		250.00	St. Hedwig			0.00	TOTALS	266.54	2,348.66
Oak Hills	420.00		1890.00	*Universal City	60.00		360.00	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>		
Pyramid			70.00	Univ. City Sun.			129.24	Morgan G. (33 Yrs)	33.00	
*Reality			0.00	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>				Dorothy T. (13 Yrs)	13.00	
Rush Hour	120.00		1170.00	Floresville			0.00	Dee S. (31 Yrs)	113.15	
Sobriety 101			0.00	Fresh Start	25.00		152.00	TOTALS	159.15	1,235.74
Starlite Village			20.00	Hondo Mon Night			90.00	<u>MEMORIAL</u>		
Summit Turn Pt			0.00	Hondo Keep Com Back			30.00		0.00	85.00
Villa Rosa			287.50	*Kelly Special			25.00	<u>JAIL FUND</u>		
Women & Recovery			0.00	Longhorn			20.00	S.W. Loop Group	32.50	
Women's Serenity			15.00	*Lytle			0.00	Anonymous	8.00	
Wurzbach Women's			5.00	Medina Valley			50.00	Anonymous	5.00	
<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>				New Acceptance			75.00	TOTALS	45.50	716.77
ABC's			0.00	Pearsall			50.00	<u>PUBLIC INFO FUND</u>		
Alpha House			50.00	Pleasanton			29.77		0.00	52.52
*Audubon			0.00	*Southwest Loop	30.00		531.11	<u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP</u>		
Callaghan Road			100.00	Strawberry			0.00	MEETING DEC 17	34.50	460.84
cker Women's			96.00	*Valley-Hi	60.00		590.00	OFFICE KITTY	21.05	451.18
*Colonies North	10.00		100.00	We Choose Sobriety			156.00	TOTALS	526.74	5,350.71
Downtown Brn Bag			180.00	Wilford Hall			36.58	<u>THE NIGHTCAP</u>		
*Group Twelve	120.00		1440.00	<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>				Park North Group	37.25	
Lambda			120.00	El Libro Grande	25.00		63.00	Franna M.	25.00	
Laurel Heights			389.00	Grupo del Sol			55.00	TOTALS	62.25	820.73
*Legal Profess.			0.00	Despertar			0.00	<u>RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT</u>		
Oblate			200.00	Grupo Internacional			0.00	<u>DECEMBER 31, 1989</u>		
Open Door-1604			180.00	Grupo Nueva Esperanza			10.00	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
*Park North	40.50		363.00	Grupo Un Dia la Vez			0.00	LITERATURE	5152.40	65868.46
Survivors			60.00	Grupo Unidad			50.00	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	1704.70	19158.68
Tolerance			102.00	Kingsboro			39.33	OTHER DONATIONS	526.74	5350.71
<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>				Ocho de Febrero			28.00	NIGHT CAP	62.25	820.73
1604 Group			0.00	*Santa Fe			128.00	INTEREST INCOME	276.70	1272.81
*Brook Hollow			370.00	Wesley			33.00	AA IN SA	00.00	7281.66
Bulverde			230.00	<u>DISTRICT 1-G</u>				TOTAL RECEIPTS	7722.79	99753.05
Day By Day			0.00	Alamo Heights	30.00		421.00	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
*Freedom			547.54	Broadway	47.00		400.00	LITERATURE	3405.03	40643.51
*Freedom Big Book	42.00		78.00	*Ft Sam Houston			720.00	NIGHTCAP POSTAGE	200.00	1310.00
H.O.U.R. Choice			0.00	New Life			100.00	NIGHTCAP PRINTING	00.00	3785.00
*Marymont	60.00		720.00	Northwood			110.00	SALARIES	2438.50	23161.75
N. San Pedro	25.00		300.00	St. Paul			20.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	99.11	2408.91
Reliance			55.00	*Sunset			120.00	OTHER SUPPLIES	114.41	661.21
*Stahl Road			84.00	Tejas			100.00	RENT	741.00	8151.00
*Sun Step Study			0.00	Windcrest			360.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	00.00	503.18
				Young, Sober & Free			4.00	TAXES AND LICENSES	00.00	25.00

\*Groups represented at General Membership Meeting, December 17, 1989.