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JAMBOREE!

"TEXAS STYLE" sobriety will be celebrated at the 38th Annual Coastal Bend AA Jamboree, February 28 through March 1, in Corpus Christi.

Activities will include two hospitality rooms, bilingual, early bird and late evening meetings, and speakers from Texas, California, Mississippi and Minnesota.

Theme for this year's convention is "The Last Promise", and will be held at the Quality Inn - Royal Nueces, 601 N. Water. Registration is \$20.00 per person (coffee included) and the cost of the Buffet Dinner and Dance is an additional \$13.00.

Room rate at the Royal Nueces is \$49.00 per night, with up to four persons per room.

EDITORS NOTE: Why not consider scholarshiping a newcomer on an "oldtimen" short on convention funds, to this year's jamboree. This could be done either individually or on behalf of your group.

STATE SLATED FOR SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio will host the Texas State AA Convention, June 11 through June 14.

The facility will be the Municipal Auditorium.

Rooms have been set aside for reserving in the Holiday Inn - North and Sheraton-Gunter Hotels.

Flyers will be distributed at local clubs and Central Office the first week in February.

Maui Round Up 1992

Maui will be celebrating its annual Round Up on April 17 through the 19th.

Camp Maluhia in the West Maui Mountains is this year's location. For information regarding airport pick-up, activities and meetings, call Ross at 1-808-661-1046. Registration is \$55.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under 12.

For more information, write: Maui Round-Up, P.O. Box 1256, Lahaina, HI 96767-1256.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Jan T., at 6:30 p.m. The Twelve Traditions were read by Linda K. There were 59 members present, which included new GSRs - Jim D., Marymont; Jean W., Morning After; Kelly B. from Rebound; Olivia C., Santa Fe; Paula R., Turtle Creek; David from Keep It Simple; Alternate GSR Monica, Fresh Start; Sonny from Ft. Sam; Barbara, Alternate GSR from Turtle Creek, and Bertha, alternate GSR from Blue Door Group.

After the "Statement of Participation" was read, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the January NIGHTCAP. Char McM. gave the financial report, explaining various expenditures, and reporting CSO had completed 1991 with a deficit of \$3,582.63.

After-hours telephone volunteers were obtained and folders presented (see list below).

H & I Committee Chairman Charlie R. requested volunteers to take meetings to the various hospitals and institutions (see list below). Charlie R. suggested the SAMM shelter be removed from the list and recommended the AIDS Foundation be considered for a possible meeting location. PI Committee Chairman was absent. John M. of the committee reported the first of the high school mailings had been completed, with two responses from substance abuse counselors from the schools responding. Jail Committee: Chairman absent. AA IN SA Committee Chairman Debbie G. reported on the April 3 through April 5 convention. She stressed the need for involvement on the part of each group. She said many small fund-raisers, such as a Lasagna dinner in conjunction with Club 12's monthly Bingo night, was slated in order to raise funds for the Weekend in SA. Debbie also said an article would appear in the March issue of the NIGHTCAP, which would explain the purpose of the convention, and how vital it is, in the function of Central Service Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn T. suggested the membership consider changing the format of After-Hours Phone Duty. The proposal being to have various groups volunteer for one particular night of the week (for all month), instead of taking responsibility for after hours calls, for an entire week. Voting on the suggestion will take place at the Feb. 16 meeting.

Lynn T. reported 1,526 copies of the NIGHTCAP, January issue, were mailed December 27; 15 were returned due to subscribers moving and not notifying CSO. 1,130 telephone calls were received at CSO in December; 707 at the office and 423 after hours.

CSO mailed 84 reminder cards to GSRs, DCMs, etc. for the January 19 meeting.

INTERDISTRICT REPORT: Richard G., DCM, District 16, announced the current DCMs would meet following the General Membership meeting. It was determined district meetings would take place at the Central Office, each third Saturday of the month. The time being 11 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pilo G., Secretary

AFTER HOUR TELEPHONE DUTY FOR FEBRUARY, 1992

Jan. 27.-Feb. 2	Marymont Group	Feb. 10-Feb. 16	Serendipity
Feb. 3 -Feb. 9	Colonies North	Feb. 17-Feb. 23	Turtle Creek
	Feb. 24-Mar. 1	Group 12	

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY, 1992

MONDAYS: Detox -- Group 12; SASH -- San Antonio North
 WEDNESDAYS: Ella Austin Comm. -- Southwest Loop; Clouhaven -- Sunrise Group
 THURSDAYS: Detox -- Abundance Happy Hour; Colonial Hills -- Broadway
 Hill Country Hospital -- District 18; Veterans Hosp. -- Goliad Group
 FRIDAYS: Casa del Sol -- Legal Professions; Detox -- Group 12;
 Villa Rosa -- Keep It Simple
 SATURDAYS: ARC -- Group 12; Detox -- Blue Door

CFC MONTHLY REPORT

"Link" Program representative were present at the monthly CFC meeting, to explain the program. AA volunteers will be linked with newly released inmates. More information is forthcoming.

D., treasurer, reported as of January 8, after Big Books, scrolls and deducting for Prudent Reserve, CFC had \$223. in the account.

Carla reported the Bexar County Women's Unit needs volunteers for the Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m. meeting. Sobriety requirement for this meeting is one year.

Syd reported Wackenhut facility needs more women volunteers, also. Anyone interested should call Syd or Flynn of the Jail Committee for requirements information.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Lynne G.
Secretary

BACK IN THE SAN ANTONIO FOLD

A long-time member of Goliad Group, Lynn thanks everyone for their prayers and letters while she was working in Cairo Egypt.

THE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers

Reg. Price - \$5.50
Sale - all month - \$5.50

I'M SLIPPING

1. When I begin to dislike AA conversation or company ...
2. When I willingly stay away from AA meetings.
3. When I am beginning to take another person's inventory instead of mine.
4. When I'm more afraid of being known as an AA member than as a drunk.
5. When I begin to remember the good times I had drinking, and overlook the bad.
6. When I condemn in others that which I tolerate in myself.
7. When I say forgive, but don't forget.
8. When I shrink from self-examination.

Akron Intergroup News
Akron, Ohio

*Have courage, for the great
sorrows of life, and patience
for the small ones, - and,
when you have laboriously
accomplished your daily task;
go to sleep in peace.*

GOD IS AWAKE

Victor Hugo

LASAGNA AT CLUB 12

A Lasagna dinner will precede Bingo night at Club 12 on February 22nd.

The dinner proceeds will go to help costs for Weekend in SA. Cost per person is \$4.00

A raffle will also take place that evening, for a \$100. bill. Cost of one ticket is 50¢ or three for \$1.

CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We need your good name... on our hot-line volunteer list. **We need your good sense...** so you can direct our callers to their appropriate meeting. **We need your commitment ...** to be there for us.

Please call Mary O. at 821-6325, and give her your name, address, and telephone number so she can add you to the list.

Lynn T., Manager

WINNERS TO OPEN "STORE"

Winners Club will open their "Birthday Store" the last Saturday of each month, from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The store will carry cards, stuffed animals, mugs, books, gift totes and more.

Medallions will also be on sale, in either bronze or silver, "common" years. For medallions over the year of 25, special orders will be taken.

For more information, call the Winners Club.

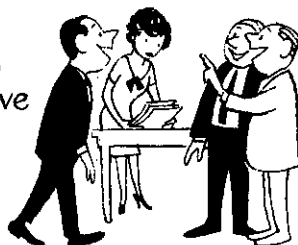
The Second Tradition

*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.*

Members of A.A. may be chosen to serve in many ways...



Intergroup Representative



General Service Representative



But they must always remember that they serve for the good of all, without authority over any.



This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our Fellowship united.

For on A.A. Unity depend our lives,

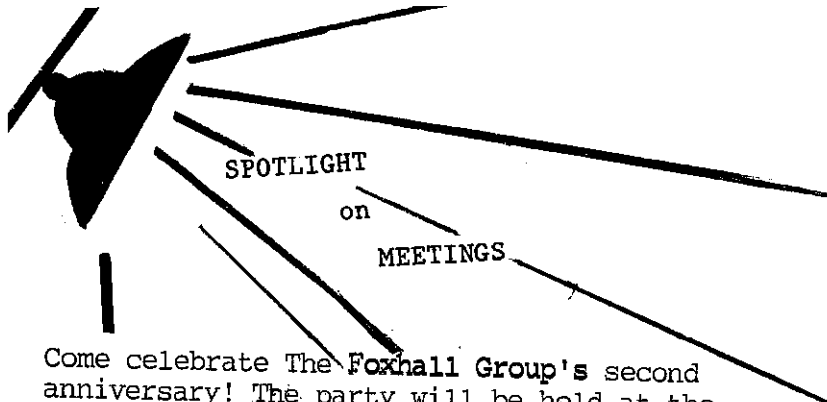
And the lives of those to come.

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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. . . .



There is meeting space available at the Los Angeles Heights United Methodist Church, 802 Catalina. Call Rev. Tom Prime, 735-5641 or 735-2389 for details.

The Lambda Group is having a St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Feb. 14, at Blue Star Gallery, 116 Blue Star. The festivities will start at 9:15 p.m. after the meeting. Call 225-5611 for ticket information.

A new meeting, KEEP IT SIMPLE, is scheduled on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Hills Annex, 8404 Speedway. This is a closed discussion and smoking meeting.

The Palisades Monday night meeting has folded.

The Pleasanton-Longhorn Group has changed its name to simply Longhorn Group.

A new meeting has been established at the Serendipity Club, 5426 Schertz Rd. Starting Feb. 3, a closed 11:00 a.m. meeting will be scheduled Monday through Friday. This is a smoking meeting, closed discussion.

Come celebrate The Foxhall Group's second anniversary! The party will be held at the group's meeting place - the Senior Center at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1801 North Pan Am. Time is 8 p.m. and the speaker is Jim W.

Grupo Internacional, 309 Grenet, now has a closed Sunday meeting, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Colonies North meeting on Wednesday nights have subjected the meetings as follows:

- First Wed.: Step Study
- Second Wed.: Tradition Study
- Third/Fourth Wed.: Big Book Study

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NOTICE

Effective with the January 1992 issue of THE NIGHTCAP, I am no longer serving as your Editor of our newsletter.

It was certainly my pleasure to be able to compile and get the AA news out to you for the past 6½ years; however, it is now time to "pass it on."

Thanks to all of you, especially those who always submitted your news items before the deadline date.

Love in the Fellowship,
Dee S.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY FEB. 14-16

Fort Worth, Texas is the location of the State Spanish AA Assembly, Feb. 14 through Feb. 16.

Information regarding the meeting may be obtained by calling Spanish Intergroup, 434-1628.

In Memoriam

GUY S., of Dripping Springs, passed away October 31, 1991. Guy had 32 years, 10 months of sobriety, and was well-known in the Austin area.

PATTY Q., died December 7, 1991. She was a frequent visitor at the Winners Club and Club 12.

PAUL P., long-time member of the Downton and Highlands Groups, died January 1, 1992. He had over 20 years of sobriety.

JAKE P., Club 12 member, with nine years of sobriety, passed away December 26, 1991, after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife Lois.

BILL B., a member of the Universal City and Schertz-Cibolo groups, died December 29, 1991, with nearly 15 years of sobriety.

JIM C., a member of the Schertz-Cibolo Group, died January 12, 1992. Jim would have had 26 years of sobriety February 10th.



Sixth Step Hurdles

Recently I heard a woman say at a meeting that her character defects could generally come under three headings: false pride, self-centered fear and the need to control. I immediately identified. She was telling my story and helping me to get a better grasp of Step 6 . . . "Were entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character."

Then something else clicked. I needed to call my character defects by their right name. The 12 X 12 suggests that we like to rename our defects in order to justify holding on to them. That sounded like me.

Then I realized that I needed to be fed up with my character

defects if I was going to become sincerely ready to ask God to remove them. Here I began to get some clear direction.

I am beginning to recognize when these defects begin operating in my life. I start getting uncomfortable when pride or my need to control starts to take over. I can accept that my fears are self-centered when they are based on losing something or not getting something I think that I deserve. I really start getting uncomfortable when I realize I am trying to orchestrate another person's life.

Believe it or not, I am grateful for the discomfort because it truly motivates me to change and to realize that I must be entirely ready to have God remove my defects of character.

Written by an A.A. member in the North Delaware I.G. Newsletter.

From the Jail Committee

Think you might be interested in carrying the message to alcoholics behind bars, but you're not quite sure? Got about a year's sobriety? The women's and men's meetings at WACKENHUT PAROLE VIOLATORS UNIT (Old Bexar County Jail) offer the first-time visitor a no obligation look-see. No clearance is needed for the man or woman who just wants to see what it's like.

Women call Syd M. at 341-3097 (leave message)

Men call Joe C. at 496-7411

CSO RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS		
1991		
RECEIPTS	DEC	YTD
Literature	\$5,811.49	\$75,058.72
Group Contributions	\$1,450.64	\$19,492.26
Other Donations	\$509.74	\$4,765.45
Nightcap	\$156.00	\$768.48
Interest income	\$344.81	\$1,660.65
AA In SA	\$0.00	\$4,358.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,272.68	\$106,103.81
DISBURSEMENTS	DEC	YTD
Literature	\$4,102.49	\$45,734.00
Nightcap Postage	\$375.00	\$1,275.00
Nightcap Printing	\$410.00	\$4,905.00
Salaries	\$4,534.86	\$36,995.47
Office Supplies	\$117.24	\$1,946.74
Other Supplies	\$65.33	\$951.78
Rent	\$570.00	\$6,840.00
Repairs & Maint	\$100.00	\$397.92
Taxes and Licenses	\$0.00	\$55.00
Telephone	\$270.64	\$3,107.62
Employee Training	\$0.00	\$723.84
Auto Reimbursement	\$50.00	\$702.51
Utilities	\$107.73	\$1,629.21
Payroll Tax	\$346.92	\$2,830.16
Contract Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$108.00
Audit Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Info Expense	\$33.00	\$587.55
Jail Expense	\$0.00	\$896.64
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,083.21	\$109,686.44
Gain (Loss)	(\$2,810.53)	(\$3,582.63)



VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER

Mary T.	Arley H.
Mary Alice G.	Dottie S.
Bob K.	Donna H.
Gene L.	Pete P.
David R.	George A.

Richard P.

Thanks Guys and Gals, there was only one 4 hour shift unfilled. We really would have a tough time without you.

PLEASANTON'S ANNIVERSARY

The Pleasanton Group is celebrating its 37th anniversary on February 22, at the high school's cafeteria, 834 Ohio St.

The celebration starts at 8:00 p.m. Don't miss the speakers, food and fellowship.

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February Birthdays

CONGRATULATIONS &
BEST WISHES
FOR MANY MORE!

These are the birthdays reported to CSO by various Groups.
If yours is not here, remind your Group Secretary to
call in the names before the 20th of each month.

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>4 Years</u>	<u>8 Years (cond.)</u>	<u>19 Years</u>	<u>36 Years</u>
Pat B. Roger M. Scott J. Gary S. Sarah C. Beverly B. Tracey C. Bobby D. John G. Bud H. Catherine M. John Mc. Gerald M. Henry M. Clarence M. Rich S. Jim W. Wendell W. Lupe G.	Marilyn H. John A. Barbara C. Gerald B. Lee L. Jeff P. Red M. Mike A. Sandra D. J.C.H. Genevieve L. Eva M. Paul P. Fred R. Jim R. Al S. Steve W. Karen	Judy H. Rusty M. H.R.S. Bill T. Mary Lee V. <u>9 Years</u> Katie H. Ned T. Deborah W. <u>10 Years</u> Beverly A. <u>11 Years</u> Dave R. (Jan.) <u>12 Years</u> John P. Kathy B. James T. <u>13 Years</u> Brenda H. Winnie C. <u>14 Years</u> Harry R. Patti T. <u>15 Years</u> Dolores Y. <u>16 Years</u> Garth G. (Jan.) Darlene B. Bill <u>17 Years</u> Tommie D. Lawton S. <u>18 Years</u> Joe H. (Jan.) Inge S. (Jan.)	Trinidad S. <u>20 Years</u> Vivian C. Herb P. Bill S. Betty H. <u>21 Years</u> Hollye S. Pete H. Pat F. <u>22 Years</u> George B. A.J.F. <u>23 Years</u> Roger W. <u>25 Years</u> Garnett I. <u>26 Years</u> Jim C. <u>27 Years</u> Jim B. <u>28 Years</u> Chester A. <u>29 Years</u> Dorothy C. <u>30 Years</u> Bud A. <u>35 Years</u> Glenn W. Jim W. Woody B.	Nina R. <u>40 Years</u> Sunny M. <u>46 Years</u> Arthur C.
<u>2 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>			
Gina J. (Jan.) Betsy N. (Jan.) Tom S. Ed I. Mark F. Robert A. Marcelino M. John B. Milton G. Stan H. Dave J. Roger Mc. Robert S. Ed S. Larry S. Kenny S. Jim T. Joan W.	Ruthie S. George S. Joe B. Renee Z. (Jan) David C. Jodie B. Bill F. Mike M. Michelle M. Mike S. Lorenzo W. <u>6 Years</u> Jim S. (Jan.) Sue T. Richard O. Don R. <u>7 Years</u> Ron D. Jerry S. Clare C. Mike Mc. Ray M. Ann S. <u>8 Years</u> Suzi W. (Jan.) Noel M.			
<u>3 Years</u>				
Ed J. Larry H. Elizabeth K. Jim P. Linda G. LeAnn K. D.J.O. Nelson S. Pete S. Paul T.				

VALENTINES DAY IS
FEBRUARY 14

Your CSO sincerely appreciates
your Birthday contributions.

If you haven't been participat-
ing in "BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS,"
start this year on your AA Birth-
day, and make it an annual event!

Simply send \$1.00 per year of
sobriety, or 1¢ per day for each
day of your sobriety; or send as
much as you wish to give up to
\$1,000. to celebrate your Birth-
day!



FEBRUARY 1992

sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat
						1 Birthday Night at Starlite.
2 Birthday Night at Goliad*	3	4	5 CFC/Jail Committee Meets, 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Church.	6 Birthday Night at Goliad*	7	8
9	10	11 CSO Board Meets, 7 p.m.	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY PI Committee Meets 6:30 p.m. Club 12	13	14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Valentine's Dance at "12" Dist. meeting-CSO at 11 a.m.
16 Goliad B B Q General Member- ship Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY (OBSERVED)	18	19	20 Devine Group Birthday <u>DEADLINE FOR NEWS ITEMS</u>	21	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Lasagna dinner/ games at "12"
23	24 Birthdays at Alamo Heights & Freedom Big Book.	25 Song-timers Social at "12" Birthdays at Valley Hi and Windcrest.	26 Oblate, Northwood Birthday Nights Lytle Birthday & Potluck Dinner.	27 Birthdays at New Acceptance, Stahl Road, No. San Pedro, Grupo Nueva Esperanza.	28 Birthdays at SW Loop, Club 12, El Libro Grande, Downtown, Freedom Colonies North, Schertz-Cibolo.	29 Winners Dance Birthdays at Lambda, Winners, Frontier, Seren- dipity, G. Unidad, Potluck-Lambda.

*Goliad Group celebrates birthdays each Sunday & Thursday.

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