

THE NIGHTCAP



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February is Self-Support Month *AA's Tradition of Self-Support - by Bill W*

CSO Notes

In an on going effort to keep groups informed the following changes have and are taking place at your Central Service Office.

• **IMPORTANT NOTICE** The Board of trustees has voted that effective 1 Jan 2001 The CSO will discontinue Office credit to all individuals, groups, and institutions. We will honor cash, money orders, checks, every major credit and debit card.

• A reminder you can contact us now by E-mail for information, to order literature, or if you have something for the Nightcap. We also take complaints, compliments, and best of all suggestions.

• The CSO will continue to be at our current location for the next 3 years after signing a new lease effective 1 March. Because of these negotiations we will be able to do some remodeling to become compliant with the American Disabilities Act this year.

• More will be revealed

Your Manager
Bill T

CSO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Madonna M
Louis R
Corky C
Ed C
Randy S
Andy L
Judy F

AA = Altruistic Action

AA = Attitude Adjustment

ABC = Acceptance, Belief, Change

BS = Before Sobriety

BUT = Being Unconvinced Totally

AA's far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our AA adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon be anemic; we would literally wither and die.

Now where do AA's services - worldwide, area, local - fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single AA service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible. Whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the World Service Headquarters (now the General Service Office) to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe.

Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion - to our survival as a fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that AA must everywhere function in full strength - and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.

We have long known that Alcoholics Anonymous has no need for charitable contributions from any source. Our Fellowship is self-supporting. Neither do AA groups try to meet the rehabilitation expenses of thousands of newcomers. Long ago we learned that that was impractical.

Instead, AA offers to the new person a spiritual way of life that can eliminate the alcohol problem. With this accomplished, the new person, in the company of his fellow sufferers, can begin the solution of his personal problems - including the financial one.

So AA groups themselves accept no charitable funds - and give none away. At first glance, this attitude may seem to be hard-nosed, even callous. An immense experience tells us otherwise. Money gifts - as a prerequisite of getting sober - are usually worthless when made a function of an AA group. Of course, we see AA's primary charity in the Twelfth Step activities of tens of thousands of us as we daily carry the AA message to newcomers. We travel millions of miles; we absent ourselves from business and home. In the aggregate, we lay out very large sums. As individuals, we do not hesitate to give temporary financial aid to the newcomer, if and when he seems to want sobriety first. Here, then, is money charity aplenty, always given on a very personal, face-to-face basis. And perhaps even this cannot be called wholly charitable, since every Twelfth Step effort means more certain sobriety and added spiritual growth for the sponsor.

Both these principles we understand: that AA wants no charity; that we support our own services

. We understand - but sometimes we forget.

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AA's-R-US = Alcoholics Anonymous Recovery Unity Service

Managers mailbag Question from Paul P

"Who wrote the Chapter to the Wives?"

Based on the readily available reference material, I would conclude that Bill Wilson wrote the chapter of the "Big Book" titled: **"To Wives"**

1. Chapter Eleven! **PASS IT ON!** (pg 200)

"Bill wrote at least ten of the opening chapters of the book; there is some reason to believe that **"To Employers"** may have been written by Hank. But there is no doubt about the authorship of **"To Wives"**. Of that chapter, Lois said, *"Bill wrote it, and I was mad -She added, 'I wasn't so much mad as hurt. I still don't know why Bill wrote it I've never really gotten into it, why he insisted upon writing it. I said to him, 'Well, do you want me to write it?' And he said no, he thought it should be in the same style as the rest of the book"*

2. **Lois Remembers** (pg. 113-14,)

'By then I had had my own awakening and realized how much the understanding and loving cooperation of the wife could help the alcoholic in his newfound sobriety. Earlier Bill and I had been puzzled and disappointed that not all the families continued as happy as it seemed they should be, after the pink-cloud period experienced by many new members had wanted. We had begun to realize how distorted the relationships in families of alcoholics could often be, how important it was for families to understand about alcoholism and to rearrange their own thinking.'

*"Therefore I had expected Bill to ask me to ask me to write the chapter **"To Wives"** and perhaps the following one, **"The Family Afterward"** When I shyly suggested this, he said no; he thought the book, except for the stories should all be written in the same style. I have never known why he didn't want me to write about the wives, and it hurt me at first but our lives were so full that I did'nt 't have time to think about #much*

3. **DR. BOB and The Good Oldtimers** (pg 152)

In the same letter, [letter from Bill W. to Dr. Bob S., dated June, 1938] Bill suggested that Anne have a chapter in the book to herself *"My feeling,"* said Bill, *"is that Anne should do the one portraying the wife. "Her modesty-her inclination toward staying in the background-may have been the reason that she did not write it.*

Lois did not write the chapter, either; she wasn't asked. When she suggested that she do so, Bill said, *"Oh, no. It should be in the same style as the book"*

Lois said, *"I've always been hurt by it, and I still don't know why Bill didn't ask me, although I never brought it up again"*

Bill himself wrote the chapter that came to be called **"To Wives,"** and Marie B., the wife of a member from Cleveland, wrote a personal account for the story section of the first edition."

Thanks for the Question. Bill T

MANAGERS Mailbag

Question from E-mail: I understand the traditions and that groups are autonomous, but I was wondering what the first groups did format wise and is it any different from what we do now? Newcomer, in Alamo Hts.

To Newcomer:

Early meetings used Oxford Group terminology witnessing, stories, restitution's, shared confessions." Dr. Bob's children said the little group of recovering people formally met at the Oxford Group meetings but kept in constant communication with each other at get-togethers in their homes. Dr. Bob and Anne's home was the hub. And there were also many colloquys by telephone.

Meetings opened with prayer and with reading from the Bible (or Scriptures mentioned in the Bible, devotionals such as The Upper Room and My Utmost for His Highest). Sometimes discussion topics would be on a Bible subject, sometimes a topic in the devotional, and occasionally on some other topic vital to the lives of those present. There was Quiet Time with prayer, and listening for divine guidance.

Frequently there was prayer in the meeting itself or during a surrender ,upstairs to meet a particular person's needs. Dr. Bob kept the meeting focused on the newcomer, usually making an announcement on that topic.

Arrangements were made to take a team to the hospital to see the newcomers still hospitalized. Meetings closed with the Lord's Prayer the Sermon on the Mount (of which it was a part) being considered the basic philosophy of the Fellowship. Names, phone numbers, and addresses were exchanged. Social time followed. And, in the later days in Akron, members went to Kistler's Donut Shop for sociality.

Sources: **Turning Point a History of Early AA's Spiritual Roots/The Akron Genesis of Alcoholics Anonymous./Children of the Healer/ DR BOB and the Good Oldtimers.** - Bill T

SAN ANTONIO

Weekend in SA with AA
 April 27, 28, 29, 2001

HOTELS AND SUITES

WALKING DISTANCE

- ② Howthorn Suites - 830 N. St. Marys
 210 527 1900 - Ask for the special rate for Weekend in SA.
- ③ Four Points San Antonio Riverwalk - 110 Lexington
 1 800 288 3927 -- 210 223 9461 -- Fax 210 233 9267
- ④ Alamo Travelodge -- 405 Broadway
 210 222 1000 -- Fax 210 229 9744

FREE PARKING INFORMATION

We have entered an agreement with The Bank Of America Garage at 300 Convent at No. St. Marys parking from 6 PM Friday through Sunday - Enter from North St. Marys - exit on Convent - 1 and 1/2 blocks east of the Municipal Auditorium. WE ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE OR THEFT. LOCK YOUR CAR AND HIDE ALL VALUABLES.

Fiesta Week

This is a very special time of the year in San Antonio. Why not come a few days early and visit our local A.A. Groups and have a little Fiesta fun? So what is Fiesta San Antonio? It is a 10-day celebration held every April to honor the memory of heroes of the Alamo as well as recognize and celebrate San Antonio's rich diverse cultures. This year marks the 109th. Visit the web site at www.fiesta-sa.org for a schedule of events, or write Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc - 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78215-1022, or call toll free 1 877 723 4378

FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING

There are many A.A. Conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are A.A. Meetings. Conventions and conferences are special events which require a substantial amount of money. This Conference is funded primarily through registration fees, plus contributions from individual A.A. members and A.A. Groups. The majority of these contributions are in the form of food, drinks and scholarship money. No baskets are passed. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible A.A. Members, "we pay our own way".

A Way Of Life That Is

Incredibly More Wonderful

THEME FOR THE 2001 WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA

SCHEDULED EVENTS

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM - 100 AUDITORIUM CIRCLE

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2001

- 2:00 PM Registration Opens
- 5:00 PM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 7:30 PM Pathy O. (AA) Laguna Beach, CA

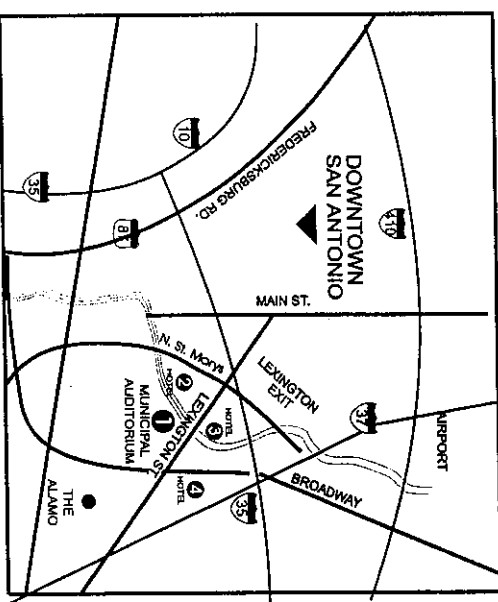
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2001

- 9:00 AM Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM Ed C. (AA) Washington, D.C.
- 11:30 AM Hispanic Speaker (AA)
- 1:30 PM Janet D. (AFG) Pittsburgh, PA
- 3:00 PM Talent Show
- 7:00 PM Jack D. (AA) Pittsburgh, PA
- 8:30 PM DANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2001

- 8:30 AM Taco Cowbell Breakfast with slide order of Sharing
- 10:15 AM Gene G. (AA) Punta Gorda, FLA

Visit our Website -- www.AAinSA.org



DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION

SAN ANTONIO REGISTRATION

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BADGE NAME _____ AA ALAMON

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PRE-REGISTRATION (Per Person) \$20 (\$5. Savings)

DOOR REGISTRATION (\$25 Per Person) \$ _____

DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$ _____

DANCE (Per Person) \$ 5 _____

TOTAL {Check} {Credit Card} \$ _____

Credit Card {VISA} {MC} {AMEX} {DISCOVER} {DINERS} {Carte Blanche} _____

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If you are using a credit card to register you may choose to complete the registration form and:
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:
 FOX it to 210 493 3946
 CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A.
 3607 TRAILWAY PARK
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78247 - 2938

GROUP FORUM

GROUP UPDATES

Until further notice the Fort Sam Group is still meeting in its old location (2797 Stanley Road, Roadrunner community center) The date for the move to Brooke Army medical Center is yet to be announced (again).

The Acceptance Group has added an Open, Friday Night 7PM meeting held at St Matthews Episcopal Church (off Kitty Hawk in Universal City) Family members encouraged to attend.

The Get A Life Group Thursdays at 7PM St. Stephans Episcopal Church 3726 S. New Braunfels (Near McCreless Mall) is currently exploring the Three Legacies (Recovery, Unity, & Service) Using AA Comes of Age. The Big Book. The 12&12. and The Service Manual.



"Our 'Trusted Servant' really rammed that measure through."

WORKSHOPS

HOW AA MEMBERS SUPPORT THEIR INTERGROUP/CENTRAL OFFICE

- ✓ They answer telephones
- ✓ They place their name on the Twelfth Step call list
- ✓ They volunteer to help out in other ways, such as mass mailings, office work, etc.
- ✓ They serve as an active Intergroup Rep or in other service jobs on the I.G. Committee.
- ✓ They encourage their home group to make contributions to Central Office.
- ✓ They make personal contributions to Central Office.
- ✓ They encourage others in their home group to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club 12 Board of director's Meeting
13 Feb 5:30 PM Visitors welcome

Group 12 Birthday Night
Feb 23 7:30 PM

24 Feb BBQ Chicken Dinner and dance
Dinner \$5.00 Dance \$3.00 members
4.00 Non Members Dinner 6:30 Dance 8pm
Fundraiser for Weekend in SA

Dance Club 12
8 PM -Midnight
3 Feb

Dance Club 12 8 PM -Midnight
17 Feb Valentines dance

FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE
9th Annual SWTA Correctional facilities
Conference, 9-10-11 February
Burnet, Texas. Special Room Rate 59.00
until 10 Jan. Holiday Inn Express
512 756-1789
Conference Info-915-388-0112 or
830-693-4721

Serenity Prayer

In the 1960's I was taught a "pop psychology" I no longer believe. It went with sayings like, "You can change the world," "You can be anything you want to be." Today I don't believe I can change the world. I can only try to change me.

In the alkie hospital in 1979, the therapist said, Read the A.A. Big Book. You are not going to change that much but you can at least try!"

I think it is time that the pebble dropped into the pond spreads waves over the pond. Yes, we do affect others. And we give immortality by passing on the A.A. traditions to a newtimer. I know I have fond memories of A.A. sponsors who have passed on.

"You can be anything you want to be." No, I must accept myself. **Accept the things I can not change...** I could never be a mathematician, doctor, or scientist, as I don't have that kind of interest or intelligence.

Change the things I can... But I do have other talents and gifts and I must have the courage to use them to the best of my ability. I am a writer, communicator, and salesman. We all have God given talents. Some are teachers, mechanics, nurses, construction workers, housewives, etc.

And the wisdom to know the difference... I am not a novelist, but I did try once. I am a salesman, but I am not a corporate executive. Acceptance! Accept the things you can not change. . . Accept yourself!

Ralph W. Cleveland, Ohio

1943 REMARKS OF BILL W. WITH DR. BOB ON A.A.'s NEED FOR GOD, RELIGION, AND THE BIBLE:

If you know your early A.A. history, it will not surprise you to learn what AA. co-founders Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith said on the platform at talks they gave to 4500 alcoholics, their relatives, and friends at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles in March, 1943. The speeches were reported on page 17, Friday, March 23, 1943, issue of the Roman Catholic newspaper The Tidings. I got my copy from an AA old-timer who had the remarks framed. Here are some excerpts from the paper on Bill's remarks: Bill W.: An alcoholic is a fellow who is "trying to get his religion out of a bottle," when what he really wants is unity within himself, unity with God... Alcoholics Anonymous recommends a return to religion, resumption of Church attendance, the news report said of Bill's remarks. "There is a definite religious element here," Bill said. "I pray and I feel released." He emphasized, said the newspaper; "Divine Aid was A.A.'s greatest asset..."

Dr. Bob's remarks: The newspaper said the audience rose to its feet in tribute to Dr. Bob. It continued that Dr. Bob spoke "in soft, confident and unhurried words [where he too reiterated the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous." According to The Tidings, Dr. Bob said: "Read religious literature. Resume church attendance, cultivate the habit of prayer, and transmit the desires and principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to others." The paper added: "He particularly recommended reading the Bible."

HOW TO KILL A CENTRAL OFFICE

- ✓ Don't participate—then complain that members have no voice in decisions.
- ✓ Decline all commitments—then offer advice on how things should be run.
- ✓ If appointed to a committee, don't show up—then complain that service has stagnated.
- ✓ Don't initiate new ideas—then play Chief Critic about the suggestions of others.
- ✓ Don't rush to contribute—then complain about poor financial management.
- ✓ Don't read the newsletters or reports—then complain that you're not kept informed.
- ✓ Don't volunteer to help—then complain that you're never asked, never appreciated.
- ✓ Don't thank the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication—then demand that they do better.

	One month Ending		Year Ending	
	DEC'00	Dec-09	Dec-00	Dec-09
PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT				
4005 Sales	\$ 6,159	\$ 5,362	\$ 73,461	\$ 66,778
4006 Cost of Sales	\$ 4,658	\$ 3,104	\$ 41,148	\$ 36,805
Gross Profit	\$ 1,501	\$ 2,258	\$ 32,313	\$ 29,973
CONTRIBUTIONS				
4010 Nightcap Contributions	\$ 42	\$ 93	\$ 913	\$ 931
4020 COR Meeting Contributions	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ 146	\$ 95
4030 Group Contributions	\$ 972	\$ 1,297	\$ 19,047	\$ 16,797
4040 Memorial Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 1,000
4050 Individual Contributions	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 2,788	\$ 2,387
4060 Birthdays	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ 273	\$ -
Total Contributions	\$ 1,039	\$ 1,444	\$ 23,517	\$ 21,210
OTHER INCOME				
4110 Interest income	\$ 14	\$ 51	\$ 318	\$ 386
4120 Office Kitty/Misc	\$ 31	\$ 45	\$ 416	\$ 429
Income from AA in SA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,995	\$ 11,292
Total Other Income	\$ 45	\$ 96	\$ 13,729	\$ 12,107
Total Income	\$ 2,585	\$ 3,798	\$ 69,559	\$ 63,290
WAGE RELATED EXPENSES				
5010 Salaries	\$ 2,773	\$ 3,157	\$ 34,721	\$ 39,420
5020 Payroll Tax	\$ 212	\$ 287	\$ 2,660	\$ 2,846
5030 Contract Labor-Clerical	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 419	\$ 580
5040 Travel Allowance	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 300	\$ 600
5060 Miscellaneous	\$ 99	\$ 220	\$ 128	\$ 662
5050 Employee Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total wage related expenses	\$ 3,084	\$ 4,364	\$ 38,228	\$ 44,108
OCCUPANCY EXPENSES				
5110 Rent	\$ 855	\$ 855	\$ 10,570	\$ 10,260
5120 Utilities	\$ 33	\$ 290	\$ 2,682	\$ 2,201
5130 Telephone	\$ 178	\$ 153	\$ 2,098	\$ 2,044
5135 Answering Service	\$ 23	\$ 23	\$ 270	\$ 271
5140 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 1,275	\$ 253
5150 Insurance&Taxes-Bi-Annual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 749	\$ 801
Total Occupancy	\$ 2,339	\$ 1,321	\$ 17,644	\$ 15,830
OTHER EXPENSES				
5210 Office Supplies, Clerical	\$ 366	\$ 30	\$ 3,166	\$ 905
5211 Office Supplies, Non-Clerical	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5215 Postage & Freight	\$ 146	\$ 108	\$ 1,200	\$ 816
5225 Equipment Lease & Main	\$ 152	\$ -	\$ 1,824	\$ -
5270 SWB Yellow Pages	\$ 47	\$ 45	\$ 546	\$ 522
5310 Nightcap Print. & Post.	\$ 296	\$ 346	\$ 3,234	\$ 3,723
5415 Accounting Service	\$ 150	\$ 138	\$ 2,463	\$ 1,514
Inventory & Bad Debt Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,675	\$ -
5425 Credit card /Misc	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 191	\$ -
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,174	\$ 667	\$ 18,299	\$ 7,480
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,497	\$ 6,352	\$ 74,171	\$ 67,418
NET LOSS	\$ (2,912)	\$ (2,554)	\$ (4,612)	\$ (4,128)

SPONSORS

A man in a hot air balloon realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man below. He goes closer and yells out "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I'd meet him half a hour ago, but I don't know where I am!" The man below says, "Yes. You are in a hot air balloon, hovering about thirty feet above the ground. You are at latitude forty-two degrees north and a longitude eighty degrees west." "You must be a sponsor," says the balloonist. "I am", replies the man, "how did you know?" "Well," says the lost man "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost." The ground-man says, "You must be a sponsee." The reply: "Why, yes I am, how did you know?" "Well," replies the man on the ground, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is that you are in the same position you were in before we met, but now it is somehow my fault."

Reprinted from the "Sobering News"

**SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2001 MEETING**

In Attendance:

District 16 DCM – Barbi H. (Treasurer)

District 1F DCM – Frank E.

Grapevine Chair – Martha H.

Hospitals / Institutions Chair – Bob T.

Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Chair – Glenn C.

Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO – Randy S.

District 19 DCM – Bill T. (Chair)

The New Hispanic District DCM – Alberto A.

Archives Chair – Tom H.

Absent:

District 1A DCM – Lynne G.

District 17 DCM – Steve J. (Secretary)

SAMSO to Central Service Office Liaison – Judy F.

District 1E DCM – Len A.

District 18 DCM – Gil C.

Corrections Chair – Marvin Q.

Meeting called to order by **Bill T.** at 6:40 PM with Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer.

Jack F. - Read the Traditions. New GSRs: **Verne** – Oak Hills Group, **Rob D.** – First One Today, **Bill** – Abundance Happy Hour

New DCMs: None

Announcements: **Lisa H.** – *Weekend in San Antonio* Chair – Packets with (20) twenty registration forms for the convention were provided for distribution to all GSRs. The convention will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on April 27th through 29th and a parking garage will be provided. A talent show will also be held as well as a contest for Group banners. She can be reached at 326-9815 for further details and referral to committee chairs.

Presentations: None.

Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO – Randy S. – Not very much to report except that in the future it may be the CORs (each Groups Central Office Representatives) who conduct their monthly meetings. As only (10) ten CORs were in attendance at the meeting which was held just prior to this meeting, it is felt that each Group should be encouraged to elect a representative to attend the COR meeting.

Chairman's Report – Bill T. – On a personal note he wishes to express his thanks to all of the Groups and individuals for their support and donations after the fire that he had at his house.

Secretary's Report – Glenn C. (for Steve J.) – Asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the *Nightcap*. The motion was made, and seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – Barbi H. – Submitted the report for December. Donations were \$121.22 with expenses of \$262.31 for a balance of \$3,717.79, of which \$1,350.00 is earmarked for Area Workshop attendance by the five Standing Committee Chairs, leaving an available balance of \$2,367.79. A motion was made, and seconded to accept the report as given. All approved.

Archives – Tom H. – The Committee is doing fine. 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 696-5228, or email at teh543@sprynet.com.

Correctional Facilities – Marvin Q. – (Absent – No Report). **Liddy S.** related that the committee is doing well. 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. Liddy can be reached at 495-1234, or email at rdgray@swbell.net.

Grapevine – Bill T. for **Martha H.** – The "Pass-It-On" campaign is doing very well. Remember to bring the collected past issues of the Grapevine to this meeting every month to help out the H&I and CFC committees. At the last Grapevine Committee meeting it was decided to move the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 PM at the same location. 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. – Expressed thanks to the Downtown Group for their sponsoring of the SAMSO Workshop. The Committed is in need of Grapevines. The Committee needs more H&I Group Representatives, anyone interested can contact Bob, or simply show up at the H&I Committee Meeting. The Committee would like to start the Bridging-The-Gap Program again. This program provides a "Bridge" between the AA Group and the institutionalized member, by participants taking the member to their first meeting, etc. Bob stated that he received a complaint from one institution about the use of foul language, and he reminded the groups that we are invited guests in the institutions. Bob is willing to give presentations to Groups on the activities of the H&I Committee.

The Hospitals/Institutions Committee holds its meetings on the 2ND Saturday of each month at Club 12 at 10 AM. Bob can be reached at 647-3524, or e-mail at anotherdrunk@r67.net.

Cooperation with Professional Community / Public Information Chair – Glenn C. – The Committee will be covering both "The American Physical Therapy Association Convention" – February 15-17, 2001 and "The American Counseling Association

	Nov '00	YTD
Acceptance		\$ 20.00
Alamo Hts		\$ 591.50
Broadway		\$ 1,000.00
Community		\$ 17.00
Colonies North		\$ 240.79
County Line		\$ 22.50
Depot Grp(Port Lavaca)		\$ 210.00
Entire Abstinence		\$ 15.00
First things First		\$ 100.00
Family	\$100.00	\$ 190.00
Fort Sam Houston		\$ 150.90
Freedom Group	\$50.00	\$ 50.00
Free at Last	\$1.50	\$ 80.00
Goliad	\$28.00	\$ 79.59
Generic		\$ 100.00
Grupo El Libro Grande		\$ 80.00
Grupo Esperanza		\$ 65.00
Grupo Unidad	\$10.00	\$ 60.00
Grupo y Paz	\$20.00	\$ 115.00
Halt Group		\$ 128.00
Highland		\$ 470.46
Hondo	\$50.00	\$ 258.28
Keep it Simple Group		\$ 24.00
Kelley Special		\$ 16.77
La Quinta Tradicion		\$ 5.00
Lavernia		\$ 105.00
Lambda		\$ 125.00
Legal Professions		\$ 60.85
Laurel Hts Group		\$ 65.00
Marymont		\$ 81.25
New Life		\$ 25.00
NorthEast Group		\$ 100.00
Nueva Vida		\$ 223.24
North San Pedro Group		\$ 295.00
Oak Hills Group	\$399.93	\$ 2,273.26
Oblate Group		\$ 40.00
Pearsall		\$ 20.00
Pleasanton		\$ 30.00
Poteet(Strawberry)		\$ 20.00
Rush Hour Group	\$93.63	\$ 1702.83
SA North Womens		\$ 140.32
Schertz-Cibolo	\$200.00	\$ 442.51
Serendipity Group	\$100.00	\$ 1,250.00
SW Loop Group		\$ 51.35
Speakeasy		\$ 40.00
Spirit of Hope		\$ 50.00
Stahl Rd Grp	\$50.00	\$ 190.00
Sunrise		\$ 150.00
Tezel Rd Women	\$30.00	\$ 30.00
Travis Park		\$ 80.00
Twelve	\$360.00	\$ 3,960.00
Utopia Grp		\$ 10.00
Universal City	\$120.00	\$ 600.00
Valley Hi	\$40.00	\$ 320.00
Windcrest	\$20.00	\$ 135.00
Womens Big Book		\$ 103.96
Woodlake		\$ 160.00
AREA		
Black Sheep (Boerne)		\$ 31.94
Boerne Noon		\$ 300.00
Bulverde		\$ 100.00
Blanco		\$ 100.00
New Braunfels(Area)		\$ 163.61
Total	\$ 2,038.00	\$ 18,076
Memorials	\$35.00	\$350.00
Birthdays	\$90.00	\$248.00

	Dec '00	YTD-'00
Acceptance		\$ 20.00
Alamo Hts		\$ 591.50
Broadway		\$ 1,000.00
Community		\$ 17.00
Colonies North		\$ 240.79
County Line		\$ 22.50
Depot Grp(Port Lavaca)		\$ 210.00
Entire Abstinence		\$ 15.00
First things First		\$ 100.00
Family		\$ 190.00
Fort Sam Houston		\$ 150.90
Freedom Group		\$ 50.00
Free at Last	\$ 15.00	\$ 95.00
Goliad		\$ 79.59
Generic		\$ 100.00
Grupo El Libro Grande		\$ 80.00
Grupo Esperanza		\$ 65.00
Grupo Unidad	\$10.00	\$70.00
Grupo y Paz	\$10.00	\$125.00
Halt Group		\$ 128.00
Highland		\$ 470.46
Hondo		\$ 258.28
Keep it Simple Group		\$ 24.00
Kelley Special		\$ 16.77
La Quinta Tradicion		\$ 5.00
Lavernia		\$ 105.00
Lambda		\$ 125.00
Legal Professions		\$ 60.85
Laurel Hts Group	\$ 65.00	\$ 130.00
Marymont		\$ 81.25
New Life		\$ 25.00
NorthEast Group		\$ 100.00
Nueva Vida		\$ 223.24
North San Pedro Group	\$50.00	\$ 345.00
Oak Hills Group		\$ 2,273.26
Oblate Group		\$ 40.00
Pearsall		\$ 20.00
Pleasanton		\$ 30.00
Poteet(Strawberry)		\$ 20.00
Rush Hour Group	\$126.46	\$1829.29
SA North Womens		\$ 140.32
Schertz-Cibolo		\$ 442.51
Serendipity Group	\$150.00	\$ 1,400.00
SW Loop Group	\$28.00	\$ 79.35
Speakeasy		\$ 40.00
Spirit of Hope		\$ 50.00
Stahl Rd Grp		\$ 190.00
Sunrise		\$ 150.00
Tezel Rd Women		\$ 30.00
Travis Park		\$ 80.00
Twelve	\$360.00	\$4320.00
Utopia Grp		\$ 10.00
Universal City		\$ 600.00
Valley Hi	\$ 40.00	\$ 320.00
Windcrest		\$ 135.00
Womens Big Book	\$ 50.00	\$ 153.96
Woodlake	\$ 20.00	\$ 180.00
AREA		
Black Sheep (Boerne)		\$ 31.94
Boerne Noon		\$ 300.00
Bulverde		\$ 100.00
Blanco		\$ 100.00
New Braunfels(Area)		\$ 163.61
Total	\$ 972.00	\$ 19047.00
Memorials		\$350.00
Birthdays	\$25.00	\$273.00



A Drunk Fell In A Hole

And Couldn't Get Out

A businessman went by. The drunk called out for help. The businessman threw him some money and told him, "Get yourself a ladder." But the drunk could not find a ladder in this hole he was in. A doctor walked by. The drunk said, Help, I can't get out." The doctor gave him drugs and said "Take this, it will relieve the pain." The drunk said thanks, but when the pills ran out, he was still in the hole.

A renowned psychiatrist rode by and heard the drunk's cries for help. He stooped and said, "How did you get there? Were you born there? Did your parents put you there? Tell me about yourself, it will alleviate your sense of loneliness."

So the drunk talked with him for an hour, then the psychiatrist had to leave, but he said he'd be back next week. The drunk thanked him, but he was still in his hole.

A priest came by. The drunk called for help. The priest gave him a Bible and said I'll say a prayer for you. He got down on his knees and prayed for the drunk, then left. The drunk was very grateful, he read the Bible, but he was still stuck in that hole.

A recovering alcoholic happened to be passing by. The drunk cried out, "Hey, help me, I'm stuck in this hole." Right away, the recovering alcoholic jumped in the hole with him. The drunk said, "What are you doing? Now we're both stuck here."

But the recovering alcoholic said, "It's okay, I've been here before, I know how to get out."

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Schedule of Events and Service Opportunities

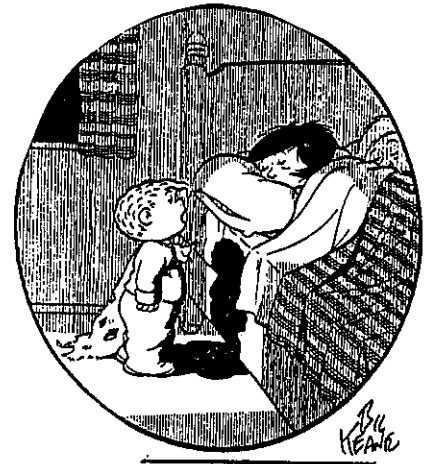
- 4 Feb SAMSO Steering Meeting Club 12 4PM
- 4 Feb SAMSO ARCHIVES Committee meets 7:15 St Davids Episcopal Church 1300 Wiltshire
- 6 SAMSO Grapevine Committee meet at Jims' Restaurant 410 & Blanco 7PM
- 7 Feb SAMSO Correctional Facilities Committee meets Club 12 7pm
- 9 Feb SAMSO Hospital & Institutions Meeting -Club 12 -10 AM
- 9-10-11 SWTA Correccional Facilities Conference Burnet Texas
- 13 Feb Club 12 Board of Directors meet 8:30 Pm
- 14 Feb SAMSO Cooperation with Professional Community and Public Information Committee meets Club 12 7PM
- 18 Feb CSO Board meets Any member can attend
- 17 Feb Valentines Day Dance Club 12 8PM to Midnight
- 18 Feb SAMSO/Interdistrict Meeting 8:30 COR Meeting 8:30-Districts 18-19-1A meet 8PM St Andrews Episcopal Church 6110 NW Loop 410
- 22 Feb Birthday Night : Goliad-Devine- Ft Sam -North San Pedro -Stahl Rd
- 23 Feb Birthday Night: Pearsall (Come as you are)- S.W. Loop-Colonies North El Libro Grande- Rush Hour-Group 12-Marymont
- 24 Feb Birthday Night Schertz-Cibolo/Lambda-Winners club
- 24 Feb BBQ Chicken Dinner and dance. Dinner \$8.00 Dance \$3.00 members \$4.00 Non members Fundraiser for Weekend in SA
- 25 Feb Birthday Night -New Life Grp(Birthday Night open splkr)
- 26 Feb Birthday Night Alamo His
- 27 Feb Birthday Night-Valley Hi Windcrest-Santa Fe- New Acceptance-Life Suport
- 28 Feb Birthday Night -Oblate- Womens Big Book-Northwood

24 HOUR HELP-LINE: (210) 828-6235
BUSINESS LINE: (210) 821-6325

ARE YOU . . . ?

Big enough to admit your shortcomings; Brilliant enough to accept praise without becoming arrogant; Tall enough to tower above deceit; Strong enough to accept criticism; Compassionate enough to understand human frailties; Wise enough to recognize your mistakes; Humble enough to appreciate greatness; Staunch enough to stand by your friends; Human enough to be thoughtful of your neighbors; And righteous enough to be devoted to the love of God.

(I'm not there yet, but at least I'm trying!)



"I need somebody."

On My first day here the Board president at that time (Virginia B) gave me a piece of advice. She said "Bill the fellowship will always respond if you tell them what you need." I have been blessed with a group of daytime volunteers that are the heart and soul of this office. They are the primary purpose of the Central Service Office. I have several spots now for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer. It requires a shift of 4 hours answering the phones giving out meeting information, sometimes 12 step work on the phone and or, arranging twelve step calls for people using our list of people who volunteer to do that. The pay is immense sometimes-bad coffee, good pastry, good company, and an opportunity into the legacy of service. The office also can use some individuals who can fill in for these volunteers since they do get sick, have family plans, and or vacations.

The after hours phone duty also has seen its numbers dwindle, they too could use people for some critical time periods. In some ways It's even easier because you don't leave home to do it. It's even a great opportunity for a group to get involved by volunteering for 4 days a month.

The last item is we will start looking for an individual who can work 2-3 hours a day with some computer and people skills starting with two years of sobriety .If Interested in volunteering at the CSO or the part time job

E-mail The CSO or call the business line (210) 821-6325 and ask for Bill. If Interested in the after hours phone duty call (210) 641-6895 and ask for Ed E.

"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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