

NIGHT CAP

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Our first Southwest Texas Area Round Robin of 1975 will be held on January 12, at Club 12, 102 Thames at 8:15 P.M. Jean W. and Charlie B. will be Co-chairpersons and a fine program is in the offing. Our attendance has increased immensely during the past twelve months, so let's keep up the good work in 1975.. Y'all come!

1974 was a very good year for STARR and this Chairperson would like to express deep gratitude and special thanks to those who made it possible. Some drove great distances in all sorts of weather and during gasoline shortages to cooperate and promote AA Unity among Area groups. Jim McC., God bless him, and those who came along from Robstown to present our first Round Robin in February. Some of us here had filled our gas tanks, ready for Jim's syphon hose before his return trip. But the Robstown men had come prepared. They didn't need our gas, but we certainly needed to hear Jim's wonderful talk; March brought us representatives from TWO New Braunfels Groups - Chairman Bob S., Preston S. among others who brought a fine program, although Preston was unable to talk since he was recovering from tongue surgery. In April, Nolte S. accepted STARR's invitation to San Antonio, and Seguin AAs told it like it is: Great! on Easter Sunday Evening. If Tony F., our Area Representative from Victoria was upset in May when all his speakers got lost somewhere between Port Lavace and San Antonio, he kept his cool. Tony and his wife, Marilyn, carried on, and presented one of the very best programs of 1974. June brought us some "AA-Countrystyle", or so Les. F. and his "farmboy" speakers from Pleasanton called it. But all present termed their program as really good, down-to-earth AA. (Les F. calls himself a farmer, but he's really a Cop, so beware if you drive through Pleasanton); Corpus Christi's Mona S. not only chaired a wonderful Round Robin in July, but had representatives from many of that City's groups, including some G.S.R.'s. Several carloads of AA members accompanied Mona and her speakers to San Antonio, braving all that Texas heat; Scott L. was Chairman in August, when San Antonio AA groups conducted the STARR. He chose excellent speakers from various sections of the city, who really gave us much food for thought about old-fashioned, good AA. September - Ann S. brought along her husband Bill, Andre A. and others from Kerrville and they turned the STARR into a downright spellbinder. Due to the death of a member of my family in Florida, Doris L., a friend indeed, and our faithful Refreshment Chairwoman, offered to pinch-hit for me and arranged the October meeting. Her variety of speakers showed real ingenuity. Among them, an AA husband and his informative and entertaining, lovely Al-Anon wife. Leroi G. and her Austin AA folks, among them a 19-year old girl speaker and others with astounding AA principles and stories of life before AA, brought such a completely marvelous meeting that STARR was more like a Mini-Jamboree. In December, Jerald P. and Bill E., both with chest colds and runny-noses, braved the rain and cold north wind to bring us our last 1974 Round

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STARR (con't)

Robin from San Angelo, driving some 500-miles, round trip. Their's was a delight-fully heartwarming AA message, though, that captivated the attention of our largest audience of the year - well over 100 in attendance.

And so, I thank all of these people, and you, who have made 1974 such a gratifying year for STARR through your love and co-operation.

Edna McG.

CHISOLM TRAIL ROUND-UP

Participants in the two previous Chisolm Trail Round-Ups attended a meeting at the Surburban Club in Austin to decide upon the date of the next Round-Up and the desir-ability of establishing it as an annual event.

The meeting was opened by Cecil C. with representatives from Austin, Belton, Killeen, Port Lavaca, San Antonio, San Marcos, Temple and Victoria. After much coffee and discussion the following objectives and determinations were made:

- a. A unique approach is to be used in establishing an additional annual convention for the SWTA AA's, Al-Anons, and Alateens.
- b. The Round-Up will strive to arrange a weekend for the family (Dad, Mom, kids, friends and pets) that will provide fun, frolic and fellowship for all at a cost the head of the family can establish and control.
- c. c. The location will be at the Paleface State Park in the Texas Hill Country, on the west side of beautiful Lake Travis off SH 71 about 40 miles northwest of Austin, which has been used for the two previous round-ups. The site offers free overnight camping, fishing, swimming, boating, and water skiing. Adjacent to the park is a modern 600 seat air-conditioned auditorium which is rented for speaker meetings. The owners of the auditorium also have 20 trailer - motor home spaces for rent on a first come basis. Within 12-15 miles are a number of small motels and commercial eating establishments.
- d. August 15, 16 and 17 are the dates for the 1975 Round-Up.
- e. George Warren, Killeen Group, was elected 1975 Round-Up Trail Boss and is now working on the organization for the next Round-Up. He promises more detailed information soon. His address is 1208 Smith Drive, Killeen, Texas 76541, Telephones (817) 526-5221 or 634-4293.

Hundred Proof

by Smitty





GROUP NEWS
REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 5: DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid. Monthly Dinner, 1 PM. Open speakers meeting, 2:15 PM.

Sunday, Jan. 19: GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, monthly Bar-B-Q, 6 PM, followed by a meeting at 7:30. On other Sundays the meeting will be at 8:15 PM.

Saturday, Jan 25: Group 12, Club 12, 102 Thames, monthly dinner, 7 PM

Sunday, Jan 26: 24 HOUR SERVICE GROUP, 1203 Fredericksburg Rd., monthly dinner, 1 PM.

VILLA ROSA GROUP

We are beginning 1975 with a banner month in January. The Brees Group has great plans for hosting the regular meeting on January 7th, 21st and 28th. We will celebrate our third anniversary on January 14th. The anniversary meeting will be chaired by Bill S. We have Charlie F. as our inspiring speaker (8:15 to 9:15 PM), followed by tasty refreshments and warm fellowship. Plan to attend all of our meetings that you can, but don't miss the anniversary. These are open speakers' meetings held at 8:15 PM on Tuesday nights in the snack bar of the Villa Rosa Hospital.

Bill R.

GROUP CHANGES & ADDITIONS

BROADWAY: Sat., 8:15 PM, Closed Discussion - Open discussion last Sat. of each month.

EL CARMEN (Bi-Lingual): The Thursday night meeting has been changed to Tuesday and is an open discussion.

GRIPO UNIDAD: Wed. meeting at 8:15 PM has been changed to a closed discussion on Monday at 8:15 PM. This is a Steps & Traditions meeting.

NEWCOMERS: 315 W. Dewey (across from SAC), open discussion Tuesdays, 8:15 PM.

WOODLAWN HEIGHTS: Wed., Open Speaker, 8:15 PM.

TRADITIONS GROUP: St. Vincent de Paul Church. 403 Cedarhurst. Closed discussion, Monday 8:15 PM & Fri. 8:15 PM. Open discussion last Fri. of the month.

EAGLE PASS: 849 Ave. "A", Sunday & Thursday, 8:00 PM. This is a bi-lingual group.

HONDO: 2302 Ave. "M", Thursday, 8:00 PM.

TWENTY FOUR HOUR SERVICE GROUP: Beginners meeting, Tuesday 8:15 PM - Open discussion, Thursday morning, 10:30 AM.

EASTSIDE GROUP: Thurs. 8:15 PM, Antioch Baptist Church, Education Bldg, 2156 Nolan St.

V.A. HOSPITAL GROUP: Fri., 7:30 PM, Rm 251, Kerrville, Tx.

FROM FREER TX

IT'S OUR CELEBRATION TIME -

OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

TIME: Sat., Jan 11, 1975 - 8 PM

PLACE: The Freer Group, 813 E. Johnson

For info - call or write Pat S., Box 263, Freer, Tx. 78357 - Phone 512-394-7971.

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS - PLEASE JOIN US

ON LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING: I must remember, it is difficult to give away something I may not have.

Allan P.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

KEEP ME from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject on every occasion.

RELEASE ME from trying to straighten out everybodys' affairs.

MAKE ME thoughtful but not moody, helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of knowledge it seems a pity not to use it all, but I want a few friends in the end.

KEEP MY MIND FREE from the recital of endless details...give me wings to get to the point.

SEAL MY LIPS on my aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I DARE NOT ASK for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience.

KEEP ME REASONABLY PLEASANT. I do not want to be a saint...some of them are so hard to live with...but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

GIVE ME the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. GIVE ME THE GRACE TO TELL THEM SO.

Author Unknown

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GROUP NEWS (Con't)



1ST ANNIVERSARY

The Amistad Group of AA, Luling Tx, will celebrate their first Birthday with a gala PARTY & DANCE.

TIME: Jan 10, 8:00 PM

PLACE: Lions Hall, Hwy 183

What a wonderful way to end the Holiday Season, and all for a contribution of \$1.00 per person.

(Attended the last dance in Luling and we are still talking about the wonderful fellowship & fun we had. Don't YOU miss this one. ed)

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ALANON CENTRAL OFFICE

The office at 6708 San Pedro, is staffed from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday with a completely confidential 24 hour answering service. PHONE - 824-0681.

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
HIGHLAND GROUP

Wednesday, January 22, 1975 - - - 8:15 PM

Aldersgate Methodist Church Aud.
Kayton at Palmetto, San Antonio Tx

Chairman: Terry
Invocation: Rev. Harold Zirkel
Guest Talker: Roberta Z. - Seguin

We havn't changed a thing! That's right! Your attendance and apparent pleasure at previous Highland Anniversaries has convinced us that you like it just the way it has been since Highland was organized January 17, 1951.

So let's celebrate... Let's come together at Highland on January 22. Greet old friends and meet new friends. Hear Roberta's heartwarming message, then enjoy a while of fun, food and fellowship.

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CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE NEWS

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE

The regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, January 12, 1975.

The 1975 Administrative Board:

- Chairman Paul P.
- Vice-Chairman Bill R.
- CSOC Chairman Charles B.
- CSOC Vice-Chairman Frost U.

Other Board Members are: Preston S., Sam G., & Jack H.

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* IN MEMORIAM *

- Jeff O. November 1974
- Ginny L. Nov. 30, 1974
- Bessie B.G. Nov. 27, 1974
(mother of Jan G.)
- Elizabeth R., Dec. 10, 1974
(mother of Corrinne A.)
- Lavern (Vern) E. Dec. 15, 1974

NEW REVISED LITERATURE AT CENTRAL OFFICE:

- Speaking at Non-AA Meetings price: .16
- The AA Member and Drug Abuse .11
(formerly Sedatives,
Stimulants & the Alcoholic

SCALE NEW HEIGHTS OF SOBRIETY

Join your friends at the great 40th Anniversary INTERNATIONAL AA CONVENTION.

DENVER, COLORADO - JULY 4-5-6, 1975

AA FELLOWSHIP & FUN + MEETINGS ALL DAY &
NIGHT+ LOIS & AL-ANON + DANCE & BIG SHOW
INTERNATIONAL AA + LANGUAGE OF THE HEART
& THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS YOU'VE NEVER MET +
COLORADO VACATION LAND + \$15 COVERS ALL.
Call CSO - 226-2164 - for further info.

MUSTS FOR MAILING

HEAR YE! ALL AA GROUPS!

If you wish to have a flyer sent out with the NIGHT CAP, please note.

Have at least 500 printed, because all envelopes must have the same material in them and must weigh the same. Call the Central Service Office first and find out the number of NIGHT CAPS going out, the number varies.

J.W., Sec.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

"We think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness. Outsiders are sometimes shocked when we burst into merriment over a seemingly tragic experience out of the past. But why shouldn't we laugh? We have recovered, and have helped others to recover. What greater cause could there be for rejoicing than this? (from AS BILL SEES IT, page 163)

THANKS from Central Service Office to: Gerry O. and Mary L. for their help. Also, to the regular volunteers who help each month.

J.W., Sec.

DID YOU KNOW that our Central Service Office has recently stocked the following sales items: Cigarette lighters - large size - \$6.25, slimline - \$7.35..... Colored metal sobriety chips - 1 month, 3 months and 6 months - 30¢ each..... Praying Hands writing pens - \$1.00..... ALSO, that when survivors of an AA connected loved one or friend specifies that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a favorite fund or charity, we have some very nice AA Memorial Fund cards for notification of the family & of appreciation to the donor. Why not make the AA Memorial your favorite Fund? Address Fund donations to the GSO, 109 Lexington Ave., Suite 215, San Antonio, Tx 78205, together with your check & address, name of deceased & deceased's family or friend's name & address, if known. Notification will be made promptly.

Edna McG, Alt. Executive Secretary, GSO

****GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS****

GROUP	NOV 1974	TO DATE	GROUP	NOV 1974	TO DATE
ALAMO HEIGHTS	\$ 15.00	\$245.00	NORTHWEST	\$ 25.00	\$165.00
AUDUBON	0	120.00	NORTHWOOD	45.00	160.00
BREES	0	120.00	OPEN DOOR	12.00	118.05
BRIDGE (NEW			PILGRIM	0	50.00
BRAUNFELS)	15.00	95.00	REALITY	10.00	110.00
BROADWAY	10.00	123.00	RELIANCE	0	0
GROUP 12	50.00	550.00	ROBSTOWN	0	15.00
DOWNTOWN	0	100.00	SASH	0	100.00
EL CARMEN	0	20.00	SANTA FE	0	90.00
FRONTIER	20.00	155.00	SEGUIN	5.00	55.00
FT SAM HOUSTON	0	182.50	SERENITY	5.00	55.00
GOLIAD	15.00	90.00	ST AGNES	0	10.00
HAPPY HOUR			STARR		
(UNIVERSAL CITY)	10.00	10.00	(INTERGROUP)	42.00	390.40
HARMONY	0	10.00	STEPPING STONES	0	75.00
HIGHLAND	20.00	220.00	SUNSET	0	145.00
KERRVILLE	12.00	48.00	THE HAVEN	0	60.00
WOMEN'S SERENITY			TRADITIONS	6.38	15.40
(KERRVILLE)	6.00	24.00	TRINITY	10.00	50.00
KILLEEN	0	24.00	24 HR SVC	0	22.00
KING WILLIAM	5.00	15.00	GRUPO UNIDAD	0	15.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS	30.00	240.00	UNITY (MONTERREY)	20.00	40.00
LYTLE	0	10.00	UNIVERSAL CITY	0	48.00
GRUPO MONTANA	4.00	39.00	VALLEY HI	15.00	165.00
NEWCOMERS	0	0	VILLA ROSA	0	275.00
NEW BRAUNFELS	0	10.00	WESLEY	0	15.00
NORTHEAST	20.00	80.00	WINDCREST	20.00	120.00
			WOODLAWN HEIGHTS	0	0

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RIO GRANDE VALLEY JAMBOREE

Sat., Jan. 4, 1975, Brownsville, TX
 Stokley Hall, 600 International Blvd,
 Civic Center Complex
 11 AM to 8 PM FREE REGISTRATION
 Enjoy a Mexican Dinner -
 Alanon & Alateen included

SASH - The Board of Directors of San Antonio State Hospital Group of AA, want to thank everyone for their generous contribution toward the success of the party on Ward 10 and the dinner at SASH.

Your presents and generosity are fine examples of the fellowship of AA and an inspiration to the patients at the hospital.

God Bless all of you and have a successful, sober New Year.
 Audry, Sec.

SO ENDS ANOTHER YEAR - For me it has been a very busy-happy year. I would like to take a few lines to say THANKS to those who helped to make it so: Marion B., Edna McG., & Dorman K. who helped with the composing, reporting, and typing. Also, Smitty & Art C. for their art work, and to all of you who sent in news items especially Gladys H., your Group Reporter.

I would like to close with a contribution from Marion: SPEAKER'S PRAYER - LORD, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and stop me when I've said enough. (author unknown). GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Charlene D., Editor