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. . . LISTEN TO THE SILENCE - NEW LIFE IS STIRRING, NEW DREAMS  
ARE ON THE WING, NEW HOPE IS BEING BORN . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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### H O P E

The answers to nearly all human problems are bound up in three short words - FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. Of these great realities, the greatest is undoubtedly love, for without love we can not have faith. Faith, the great mountain moving power is the next greatest. Hope is undoubtedly the least. Yet, from our humble, shaken and confused beginnings, hope has been not merely the cornerstone, but the very foundation of our sobriety. A small ray of hope was the first penetration of light and truth into the desolate darkness of despair in which we found ourselves.

As we sail our ship of sobriety through seas that are more hazardous for us, than for most sailors, we must steer toward hope, if we would leave fear astern. Fear it was that led us astray. Fear of reality and truth. Fear of tomorrow. Fear of today. And hope must be our ever present antidote for the poison of fear, however much progress we may seem to make in our life of sobriety as it goes along.

As we move on our Higher Power becomes more real to us, we develop the human touch of our fellowship, and we help bring hope to others. Therein lies the strengthening of our own hope to make it more enduring, less susceptible to destruction and to make us more constantly aware of its basic constant need in us, and in the newcomer. In building this hope we build our own. Love is born in the process and when love is there, God as we understand Him is there, and faith is born, too.

It has been said that men can not live together hopefully for long unless embarked on some great unifying enterprise, one for which they pledge their lives. Surely we have a great unifying enterprise which surpasses the conception of most people. And we have pledged the lives we have regained for well we know it is only through devotion that we shall keep them.

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HOPE (Continued from Page 1)

When we give up hope we soon die and so will our sobriety unless in meeting the stress and discouragement of life we hang on to that indelible shred of hope. One of life's cyclones may flatten the superstructure of our sobriety, but we can preserve it through refuge in the storm cellar of everlasting hope.

When we emerge from this haven with our sobriety intact, the wisdom of experience should aid us in building a new superstructure that is more enduring against the storms on the sea of sober life. For us "Hope springs eternal" is a must. A man and his hope will survive with the sacred gift of a sober life.

- Fred M. -

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IN MEMORIAM: Margie Miller - December, 1976

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

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BIRTHS: Walter T., IV, born on the 14th of December to Buddy and Ann T. THE SUN SMILES AND TREES BLOSSOM . . . A NEW LIFE IS WELCOMED! CONGRATULATIONS!!

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VILLA ROSA ANNIVERSARY:

YOU are invited to attend the Villa Rosa Groups 5th Anniversary celebration, in the Gym, at 8:15 P. M. on JANUARY 11, 1977!!!! Mark the date on your calendar!! Guest speaker will be Jack S. from Boerne, and the Chairperson will be Edna Mc. A repeat of the delicious refreshments served last year!! Remember???

Thanks to all the local and area groups who so generously gave of their time and efforts in bringing the message to Villa Rosa patients and A A members, we had an outstanding year of progress in 1976. With your continued interest and participation, we look forward to an even greater 1977. Our open meetings are held every Tuesday at 8:15 P. M. in the Villa Rosa Snack Bar. All persons interested in the disease of alcoholism are welcome to attend.

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G. S. R. Workshop:

The District I G. S. R. Workshop will be held on Saturday the 22nd of January at the ARC, Southton Road, from 9:00 A. M. - 3:00 P. M.

The Workshop is open to all members of A A. Anyone interested in learning more about the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous is cordially invited, as well as GSR's, their alternates, secretaries of groups and committee persons.

Pertinent literature from the Central Service Office will be available for purchase during the "breaks", and we will have the opportunity of hearing representatives from the entire district.

Lunch will be served in the dinning room for \$1.50.

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IF YOUR WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, DON'T INTERRUPT IT.

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26TH! 26TH!

The Highland Group which meets at aldersgate Methodist Church, 502 Kayton, will celebrate their twenty-sixth anniversary on Wednesday the 26th of January at 8:15 P. M. John M. from Austin will be the evening's speaker, and the meeting will be followed with plenty of delicious food and good friendship.

Everyone is urged to come - enjoy the Highland Group's hospitality - and help them celebrate their 26th! - 26TH!

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Editor's Note: Hey! Don't forget to let us know - about your anniversary, special meeting, guest speaker, party, area news or special event! To be sure your announcement is run in the next edition of THE NIGHT CAP please mail so that it is received by the 19th of each month. Please address all copy to: 215 Abiso Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78209 or the Central Service Office - or call: 512/826-4839. Quite confidentially, m'dear, if you're planning it we'd love to print it!

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S. A. S. H PARTY

"Doc" O. wishes to thank every one in the area for making the S. A. S. H. Party held on December 20th such a warm and wonderful event. Approximately 400 people were in attendance for the lovely dinner, and response to the suggestion that "Big Books" be donated for a patient library was so great that the Central Service Office was "sold out"! (Please be patient - if your order hasn't yet been filled it soon will be. A new supply of "Big Books" is on the way.)

Groups, individuals, hospital staff all cooperated with such magnificent generosity that this party was indeed the "memorable" event we'd asked for!

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JUST MARRIED!! JO B. and BOB J. in Santa Fe, New Mexico, December, 1976  
AND THIS IS LOVE - TWO SOULS THAT FREELY MEET AND HAVE NO NEED OF PROVING  
ANYTHING.

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THE REALITY GROUP will continue to meet at 8:15 P. M. Wednesday evening in The Calvary Baptist Church (formerly the Calvary Missionary Church) 1518 Steves. The meeting is "discussion", and Frank M., the Group's secretary urges everyone to join them for fresh, hot coffee and some fine and friendly fellowship. (Now, that sounds like a really neat way to beat some of these dreary, drizzly evenings we've had of late!)

THE KINGSPPOINT GROUP reports their reopening. The Group meets at 4443 Palace (11 miles south of Poteet off the Poteet Highway at Somerset) for an open discussion meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 P. M.

Joe S. says that R. T. U. could surely use some friendly A. A. faces there! He will be delighted to give you information about when or how you could help if you will give him a call at 732-9140 or his office 652-3165.

It's always great to welcome a new or returning group - and fun to visit them, too. Perhaps you got into a rut last year - you know - same groups, same faces, places . . . nice, but - How about a "reach out" program for yourself this year? Try out a few new groups - newly formed, or just new to you - not just on "party" occasions, but on regular meeting nights as well. Try it - ya' might like it !!

And to make it easier to locate all the groups in the area pick up a copy of the new MEETING DIRECTORY. This can be ordered from the Central Service Office for 10¢ per copy for your group, club or individual use. Take one or two extra while you're there - it's nice to have a copy to give a new comer or visitor to the area.

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CATCH JOY AS IT FLIES BY !!

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AROUND THE AREA

The Administrative Board of the Central Service Office will meet at 7:00 P. M. on JANUARY 4TH at the Central Service Office.

THE C. S. O. C. will meet at 7:00 P. M. on JANUARY 9TH at Club 12, 102 Thames.

THE STARR (Intergroup) meeting will also be held on that Sunday evening at 8:15 P. M. at Club 12.

THE 24 HOUR SERVICE CLUB will hold its regular monthly dinner on Sunday the 30TH of JANUARY at 1:00 P. M.

THE GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, will hold their monthly barbeque JANUARY 16TH at 6:00 P. M. An open Speaker's meeting will follow at 7:30 P. M. All other Sunday meetings are held at the regular time - 8:15 P. M.

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" . . . To change anything that hurts, you have to figure out where the power is and aim for it. All this whining about how power is a bad ego trip makes me furious. If your problem is inside you, you have got to find your own power in order to change things. If the problem is out there, you have got to fight City Hall. But sitting around being groovey and talking about your feelings or how you dig where somebody's coming from is a waste of time. That's not growth! Growth is fighting to make things better, Working off an addiction, or working for a guaranteed national income so old people don't have to live like animals south of Market Street, so we don't claw each other to bits in fear we'll die like dogs. The diseases in the swamp breed off each other. And if you don't recognize the swamp, you can't grow . . . "

Mimi Silbert, Director  
Delancy Street Foundation

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P. I. in Floresville

Mike H. of Floresville was joined by Ray V. of Beeville on November 22nd to speak about alcoholism and recovery to students at Poth High School. On the 26th Mike was accompanied by Sharon P. to address Poth's Health Classes.

We appreciate not only Mike's enthusiasm in "carrying the message" in his locale, but also his taking the time to share it with us! Much Thanks!

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THOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A BRAND NEW START, MY FRIEND, ANYONE CAN  
START FROM NOW AND MAKE A BRAND NEW END.

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START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT!!

The First A. A. Convention of the year will be a one day-er JAMBOREE to be held on JANUARY 8TH in Brownsville, Texas. Our friendly Rio Grande Valley neighbors will sponsor "outstanding speakers for five meetings" (maybe more) at the Civic Center on International Blvd. There are no charges - no registration fees! GOT THAT? So, come casual - come comfortable, but for gosh sakes do come - for fellowship - free Mexican food - and five meetings - the FIRST CONFERENCE of the NEW YEAR!!

For more information Call: Al P. 512/542-2371. Doc D. 512/542-8292 or  
Howard C. 512/542-4022

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1977 DOUBLE HEADER 1977

The Southeast Texas Area General Service cordially requests your support at this terrific "Double Header" celebrating the 37TH ANNIVERSARY of A. A. West of the Mississippi, and the 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Southeast Texas Area General Service to be held February 4th to 6th at the Red Carpet Inn in Beaumont, Texas.

What better way to spend a weekend than by joining our good friends of the Southeast Area celebrate this remarkable combo-conference??

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EL PASO'S 15TH ANNUAL A. A. JAMBOREE

"Rise and Shine" for the 15th Annual A. A. Jamboree to be held February 18th - 20th at the Rodeway Inn in El Paso, Texas. A registration fee of \$15.00 includes the dance and banquet as well as all the sessions. Alateen registration is \$1.00. Do yourself a favor and take a late winter break that will have you rising and shining - and ready for Spring!! Registration fees may be mailed to: Jamboree Secretary, P. O. Box 1405, El Paso, Texas 79948. For motel reservations write: Rodeway Inn, 6201 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas 79925.

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ANCHORAGE IS WHAT WE PRAY FOR. WHAT WE NEED IS GOD'S GREAT OPEN SEA.

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FINANCIAL CORNER  
CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	\$15.00	\$180.00	Northeast	-0-	\$120.00
Audubon	-0-	100.00	Northwest	\$25.00	300.00
Bethany(Killeen)	-0-	3.00	Northwood	-0-	135.00
Boerne	-0-	15.00	Pilgrim	-0-	44.42
Brees	10.00	150.00	Reality	-0-	100.00
Bridge(Brufels)	10.00	120.00	Reliance	-0-	50.00
Broadway	10.00	100.00	San Pedro	10.00	110.00
Court House (Brownsville)	-0-	11.00	San Marcos	-0-	10.00
Downtown	-0-	60.00	S A S H	-0-	15.00
Feel Free (Lockhart)	-0-	-0-	Santa Fe	-0-	105.00
Floresville	5.00	15.00	St. Agnes	-0-	5.00
Ft. San Houston	20.00	330.00	Seguin	5.00	59.00
Frontier	40.00	240.00	Serenity	10.00	120.00
Goliad	-0-	90.00	Sharing	-0-	-0-
Group 12	-0-	550.00	STARR	3.00	223.70
Guidance	-0-	70.00	Step. Stones	60.00	240.00
Grupo Esperanza	-0-	9.00	Sunset	60.00	180.00
Happy Hour	10.00	10.00	Trinity	10.00	50.00
Harmony	-0-	12.00	The Haven	-0-	55.00
Highlands	20.00	240.00	24-Hour	10.00	130.00
Hill Country	-0-	20.00	Grupo Unidad	15.00	75.00
Hope	-0-	10.00			
Kerrville	10.00	60.00	Universal City	-0-	40.00
Women's Serenity (kerrville)	10.00	55.00	Unity Group	-0-	40.00
Killeen	-0-	3.00	(Monterrey, Mexico)		
Laurel Heights	15.00	145.00	Valley Hi	-0-	165.00
Lytle	-0-	10.00	V. A. Hospital	10.00	105.00
Luling	8.00	82.00	Villa Rosa	25.00	300.00
Mary Mont	-0-	80.00	Wesley	-0-	10.00
Grupo Montano (Seguin)	-0-	16.00	Windcrest	-0-	180.00
New Braunfels	-0-	-0-	Woodlawn Heights	-0-	55.00
NAS Hospital (Corpus Christi)	-0-	15.00			

