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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 29TH TEXAS STATE AA CONVENTION

"Love and Service" was the theme of the 29th Texas State AA Convention held in Houston at the Rice Hotel June 20-23, 1974. John L. Norris, M.D., non-alcoholic chairman of the AA General Service Board and chairman of the General Service Conference, spoke at the Opening Session.

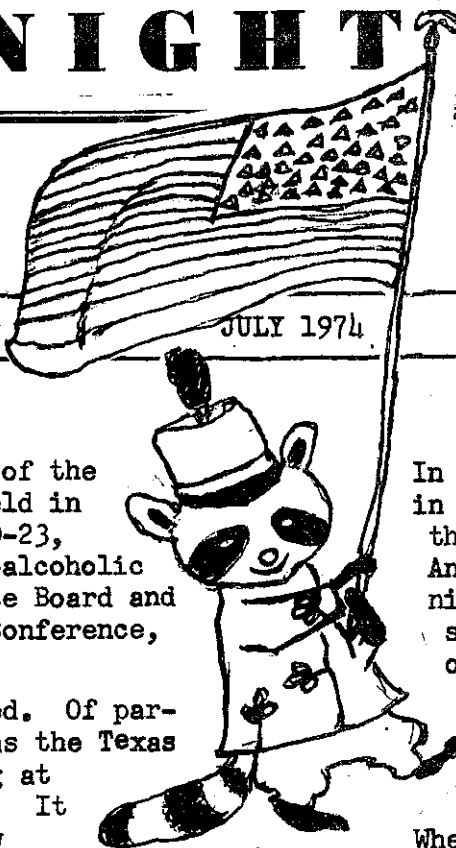
All aspects of AA were represented. Of particular interest to many of us was the Texas Department of Corrections Meeting at which two women from Goree spoke. It was rewarding to see and hear how people confined in Institutions can "accept the things they cannot change" and within 90 days, lead a cheerful and more beneficial life.

"Sharing Sessions" were held daily, including Working with Outside Agencies, Cooperation with Professionals and the Traditions. The Sam Houston Room, where the Alateen meetings took place, was a hubbub of activity. Jim C., Al-Anon from Missouri, spoke at the Fellowship Luncheon.

It would be impossible to cover every speech and event of importance; all the talks were good solid basic AA. Talbert H., North Carolina, told his story Friday night- another AA miracle. June R., one of "the gals from the General Service Office", told us how it was and is. The Banquet speaker, Franklin W., who stated that Mississippi "gave" him to Tennessee, and vice versa, spoke of "how it works" for him, emphasizing the benefits of keeping the program simple and the value of strong sponsorship. The attendance at the dance was proof that AAs have more fun!

On Sunday the Convention ended with the "nitty-gritty" of AA, as expressed by Jim W., Louisiana, and Anna K., Arkansas. It was then 1500 and still counting for overall attendance, with more than 900 at the Banquet.

When we checked out our bell-hop remarked "I'd rather see you folks come than anyone else!"



SAN ANTONIO AL-ANON CELEBRATES 27 YEARS

In July, 1947, the first Family Group in San Antonio was formed, calling themselves the "A.A.A." (Alcoholics Anonymous Auxiliary). From the beginning they made clear that all discussions of alcoholism would be kept objective rather than personal and that they would utilize the 12 Steps and Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, adapting them to their purpose.

When, in 1949, the large AA Group in San Antonio split into two smaller Groups meeting at Clubs 12 and the Sahara, the new Groups both asked that a Family Group be formed. AAs and A.A.A.s (now known as "Al-Anon") worked in conjunction with each other. In the A.A.A. (Al-Anon) meetings the non-alcoholic spouse learned he/she, too, was sick; but, once he accepted the fact that alcoholism is a disease affecting the family member, too, and when he began applying the AA principles to himself, he began to find recovery possible in the Al-Anon/AA way of life.

On May 10, 11 and 12, 1974, the San Antonio Al-Anon Intergroup hosted the 5th East Texas Al-Anon Convention at the Gunter Hotel, the theme being "Al-Anon, a Chain of Hearts and Hope". Al-Anon growth and strength was demonstrated by the large enthusiastic attendance. The Convention was enjoyed by Al-Anons, Alateens and AAs alike.

Recently the San Antonio Al-Anon Intergroup established its own information service, separate and apart from the AA Central Service Office. It is listed as: Al-Anon Family Group Central Office- 824-0681.

Today Al-Anon and Alateen in and near San Antonio have approximately 21 Groups. Happy 27th Birthday!

GROUP NEWSFRONTIER GROUP SPECIAL MEETING

FRONTIER GROUP, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Southton Rd., will have a Special Meeting on Thursday, July 4! Beginning at 2:00 PM, the Open Speaker Meeting will be chaired by Bill G. Dr. Bill G. of Kerrville, TX, will talk. A Bar-B-Que follows the meeting, priced at \$1.50 for adults and .75 for children. The swimming pool will be open.

A dance with live music will be held that evening at 8 PM. See the enclosed Flyer for all the details.

DOWNTOWN GROUP, Sahara Club, 809 E. Euclid, will hold its monthly Dinner and Bingo on Sunday, July 7, at 1 PM. Poor Boy Bingo is played every Saturday at 8 PM.

THE HAVEN, 1640 W. Woodlawn, will hold its monthly Bar-B-Que on Sunday, July 14, at 1 PM. The Open Speakers meeting will follow at 3 PM. On all other Sundays this meeting will be at 5 PM.

GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, will have its monthly Bar-B-Que on Sunday, July 21, at 6 PM.

GROUP 12, Club 12, 102 Thames, will hold its monthly dinner and Bingo on Saturday, July 27, at 7 PM. The 90-Day or Less Beginners Meeting is held each Sunday at 3 PM. Alanon Beginners Meeting is at the same time and place. A First 3 Steps Meeting takes place at 4:30 PM every Sunday.

24 HOUR GROUP, 24 Hour Club, 1203 Fredericksburg Rd., will hold its monthly dinner and Bingo on Sunday, July 28, at 1 PM.

SERENITY GROUP, 3823 S. Gevers, holds Open Speakers Meetings Fridays at 8:15 PM. Alanon meets at the same time and place.

BREES GROUP, Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, 2367 Brees, has a Closed Discussion Thursdays at 8:15 PM, with Alanon meeting at the same time and place. The last Thursday monthly is an Open Birthday celebration.

REALITY GROUP, Calvary Missionary Church, 1518 Steves Ave., wants everyone to know that it has Open Discussions every Wednesday at 8:15 PM. This is a great meeting for the AA, Alanon and interested friends!

NEW GROUPS

HAPPY HOUR GROUP, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 810 Kitty Hawk Dr., Universal City, holds a Closed Discussion each Friday at 5:30 PM. This is a good meeting for the servicemen and women from nearby Randolph Airforce Base to be joined by other AAs who wish to share their experience, strength and hope. See you there!

AA GROUPS in Kerrville, TX, all meeting at 720 Tivy, are: WOMEN'S SERENITY GROUP, Tuesdays at 1 PM; KERRVILLE GROUP, Mondays and Thursdays at 8 PM; BIG BOOK GROUP, Wednesday at 8 PM and OPEN MEETING, Saturday at 8 PM.

NEW GENERATION, 2011 N. Alamo, meets at 8:15 PM Tuesdays for Open Discussions. Primarily aimed at helping the youthful alcoholic, all AAs, Alanons and Alateens are welcome.

WOODLAWN HEIGHTS GROUP, 3551 Culebra, is a new Group holding Open Discussions on Saturdays at 6 PM and Open Speaker Meetings on Wednesdays at 8:15 PM.

GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, has added an Open Discussion Meeting at 7 PM every Friday.

PILGRIM GROUP, 2011 N. Alamo (right across from Playland Park) holds Open Discussions on Sundays at 8:15 PM. This is a Question and Answer meeting with a fresh approach; you may write anonymously any questions you might otherwise hesitate to ask. Parking is available in the Worthington Cleaners parking lot next door to meeting place. Come to Pilgrim for good AA fellowship and refreshments after each meeting. -Scott L.

REMINDER

VILLA ROSA GROUP holds Open Speakers Meetings in the Snack Bar of Villa Rosa Hospital, 5115 Medical Drive, on Tuesday nights at 8:15 PM. The Broadway Group is hosting these meetings in July. -Bill R.

KING WILLIAM GROUP, Ground Floor Dining Room, St. Benedict's Hospital & Nursing Home, 323 E. Johnson, has Closed Discussions on Tuesdays at 8:15 PM. They need your attendance and support.

Call Gladys H., Group News Reporter, at 822-1958, with news of anniversaries, special events, and other items of interest by the 20th of the month prior to the event.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE NEWS

OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours of the Central Service Office of AA are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

* * * IN MEMORIAM * * *

Billie (Mildred) M., formerly of San Antonio, died April 10, 1974, in New Jersey.

Peggy, wife of Wally M., died June 15, 1974

WEDDING BELLS

Jesse R. and Marian R., June 17, 1974

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held Sunday, July 14, 1974, at 7 PM at Club 12, 102 Thames.

AA ROUND ROBIN

The Southwest Texas Area Round Robin will be held on Sunday, July 14, at Club 12, 102 Thames, at 8:15 PM, with the Corpus Christi Groups conducting; Round Robin Chairman Mona All STARR Area Groups are invited to join us in AA unity and fellowship.

NEW MEETING DIRECTORY

The new AA Meeting Directory for San Antonio and other groups in District 1 will be published in the near future. GSRs of all groups concerned are asked to inform the Secretary, Central Service Office, phone 226-2164, of any changes since the last directory was printed.

AL-ANON TELEPHONE NUMBER

The San Antonio Al-Anon Intergroup now has a telephone listed as "Al-Anon Family Group Central Office". The number is 824-0681.

NATIONAL AA HEADQUARTERS ? ? ?

When I attended a church dinner recently I overheard a lady, obviously a newcomer to San Antonio, ask her friend: "What is that big white building out on Broadway that's called 'NSAA?'"

"Way," replied her friend very positively, "that's the National Headquarters for Alcoholics Anonymous."

-V. M.

24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA AA

Mark September 27, 28 and 29, 1974, on your calendar and plan to attend the 24th Annual Conference of the Southwest Texas Area AA! Registration begins at 12 noon Friday, September 27, at El Tropicano Motor Hotel, 110 Lexington, San Antonio, TX. For information and pre-registration write: Conference Chairman, Southwest Texas Area Conference, P. O. Box 6454, San Antonio, TX, 78209.

LYTLE GROUP REACTIVATED

The Lytle Group will be reactivated, according to John G. of that community. Open Discussion Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 8:15 PM at the Cashaway Lumber Co., Lytle, TX. For further information call the Secretary, Central Service Office at 226-2164.

THIRD LONE STAR ROUNDUP

will be held August 16, 17 and 18, 1974, at North Park Inn, Dallas, TX. Registration and dance: \$5.00. Register by writing Lone Star Roundup, P. O. Box 20070, Dallas, TX, 75220. Make reservations direct to North Park Inn, P. O. Box 31448, Dallas, TX, 75231. Telephone: Area Code 214, 363-2431.

YOUR CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE.....

A good Twelve-Stepper-- Your Central Office. Our responsibility to the still suffering alcoholic is to be here when they call for help. Your BUCK-A-MONTH contribution helps to make this possible. Send your buck or bucks today!

THOUGHTS THAT MAY LEAD TO A SLIP...

- ...Oh, the hell with it!
- ...What's the use?
- ...I've given up on Step 6.
- ...There's got to be an easier way.
- ...I'm too busy to read the Big Book.
- ...I just can't see any progress.
- ...Me? I'm working all the Steps!
- ...Nobody cares anyway.
- ...I'm too tired to go to a meeting.
- ...I'll get around to Step 4 one of these days.
- ...I think I can manage my life now.
- ...But I'm different!
- ...I just don't think I need a sponsor.
- ...There are no musts in this program.

-G. L.

CHANGES TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SAN ANTONIO MEETING DIRECTORY DATED AUGUST 1973

AA GROUPS

ADDITIONS:

EL CARMEN (Bilingual), Recreation Bldg. behind El Carmen Catholic Mission, 18487 Martinez-Losoya Rd., Open Discussions Thursdays 8:15 PM.

24 HOUR GROUP, 1203 Fredericksburg Rd., has added a Closed Discussion Meeting on Mondays at 8:15 PM. Other meetings listed in Directory.

ALAMO GROUP, 2011 N. Alamo, Closed Discussion Fifth Step Meetings Mondays 8:15 PM.

NEW GENERATION, 2011 N. Alamo, Open Discussions Tuesdays 8:15 PM.

STEPPING STONES, Corral Room, First Presbyterian Church, 408 4th St., Open Discussions Thursdays 8:15 PM.

RELIANCE GROUP, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 2738 Bitters Rd., Open Discussions Sundays 8:15 PM.

GROUP 12, Club 12, 102 Thames, has added a Closed Discussion Meeting to help the alcoholic with a dual problem - Mondays at 8:15 PM.

GOLIAD GROUP, 1004 Avondale, has added a new Open Discussion Meeting Fridays 7 PM.

WOODLAWN HEIGHTS GROUP, 3551 Culebra, Open Discussions Saturdays at 6 PM and Open Speaker Meetings Wednesdays at 8:15 PM.

AA GROUPS OUTSIDE SAN ANTONIO

GRUPO MONTAÑA (Bilingual), 728 E. Mountain, Seguin, TX. Open Speaker Meetings Thursdays 8 PM.

HAPPY HOUR GROUP, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 810 Kitty Hawk Dr., Universal City, TX, Closed Discussions Fridays at 5:30 PM.

Kerrville TX AA Meetings all held at 720 Tivy:

KERRVILLE GROUP, Mondays & Thursdays, 8 PM

WOMEN'S SERENITY GROUP, Tuesdays, 1 PM

BIG BOOK GROUP, Wednesdays, 8 PM

OPEN MEETING, Saturdays, 8 PM.

AA GROUP CORRECTIONS:

GRUPO UNIDAD (Spanish-Speaking), Unity Club, 311 NW 24th St., has Open Speaker Meetings Saturdays, 8:15 PM.

WESLEY (Spanish-Speaking) has moved to 2520 Monterrey (corner of S. Zarzamora); holds Open Speaker Meetings Thursdays, 8:15 PM & Sundays at 5 PM.

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GROUP 12, Club 12, 102 Thames: 90-Day or Less Beginners Meeting now meets at 3 PM Sundays. First Three Steps Meeting held Sundays, 4:30 PM.

AA GROUPS OUTSIDE SAN ANTONIO

NEW BRAUNFELS GROUP has moved to 273 South Castell, in First Protestant Church Complex, New Braunfels, TX
Open Meetings Thursdays at 8 PM.

DISBANDED:

GROUP 12 Young People's Meeting, Club 12, Mondays.

ALANON/ALATEEN GROUPS

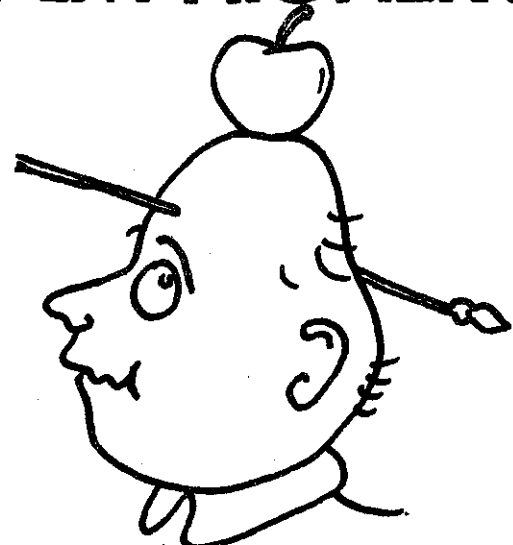
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FRONTIER ALATEEN, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Southton Rd., Saturdays at 8:15 PM.

DISBANDED: NORTHWOOD ALATEEN

AIM HIGHER!



God's delay does not mean God's denial....

If thy prayer seems denied,

Write across it these words:

"Refused by God's love."