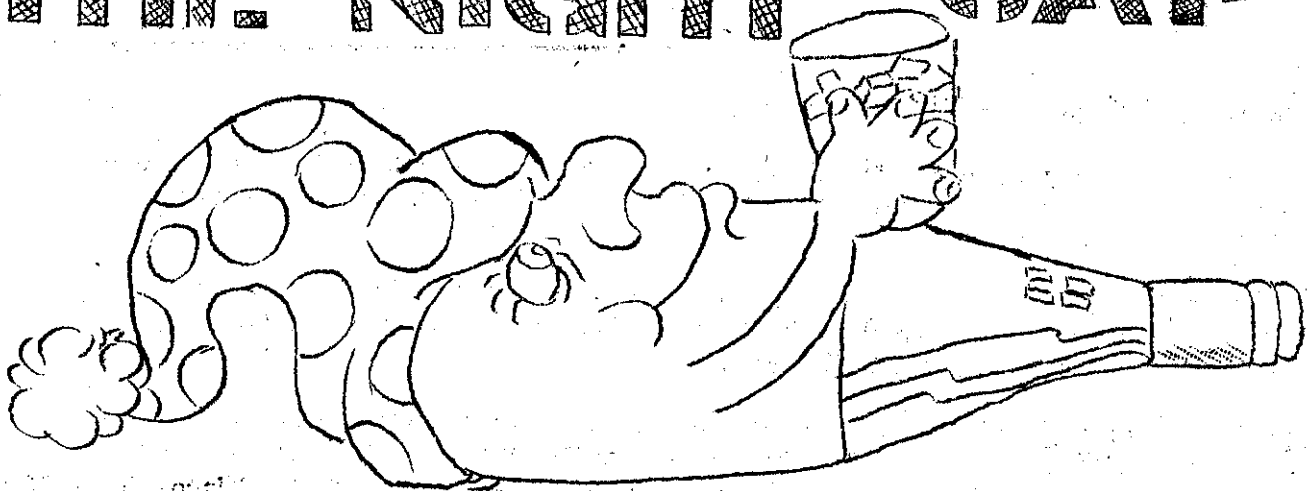


THE NIGHT CAP



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APATHY IN AA

Is the one thing that Bill W. worried about in a letter to Dr. Bob hapening in AA?

When they turned AA over to the Groups - Bill wondered if we would "squander our inheritance" after we got it. Both of them seemed to think it might happen, but felt the fellowship had grown up and it was time to give them AA. Are we losing it?

Remember one side of the AA triangle is Service. I have been functioning in and a part of this phase of AA very closely for the past 2 to 2½ years and signs of possible apathy have become somewhat apparent to me.

The Central Service Office of the SW Texas Area was established several years ago with one prime function - "To handle many of the customary matters for the Groups in the Area that would be burdensome for the individual Groups."

Basically these are:

- 1). The recipient of calls and inquiries, with regard to alcoholism, alcoholics, available treatment centers and other such requests from individuals, institutions, professionals and other organizations.
- 2) Maintenance of a Twelve Step Roster for reference and to answer the "call for help from a practicing alcoholic who wants and needs help.
- 3) Depository for a well selected inventory of AA literature for sale at a nominal charge above cost.
- 4) Coordinator of Public Relations and Information Committee activities in connection with schools, organizations, institutions, etc., furnishing speakers upon request.
- 5) Clearing house for Area Group requests for information and the publication of a monthly news letter and Directory of Group Meeting Schedules.

All of the above is done with one full time paid employee, advice of the Central Service Board of Directors and under the direction of the Central Service Office Committee, made up of the Group General Service Representatives.

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APATHY IN AA (Cont'd). from Page One)

This is your office, run by and supported by you. It is only with that support that the doors of this office may stay open and function for the benefit of the Groups in the Area.

During this 2½ years of observance and association with this office, I have noted several glaring factors that indicate this probable apathy in AA at this time, particularly in the San Antonio Area.

Attendance of General Service Representatives from the various Groups at the CSO Committee meetings once a month is negligible - maybe 15 to 20 of the local groups being represented. How can the Office assist, help run or represent your Group, if your Representative is not present to express your wishes?

Group contributions, a few sent in on a regular monthly basis, for the most part are made spasmodically and in the same amounts contributed 4 or 5 years ago, in spite of the inflated cost of operations.

Let us look at the situation seriously. Remembering that Service is one side of the AA triangle, CSO is your Service organization and as such, merits our support. Why not make this the subject for the next discussion meeting of your Group. See if they agree that some corrective steps are needed.

Please - lets not "squander our inheritance" by neglecting this phase of our beautiful AA Program, so lovingly given to us by those two wonderful founders.

- Hod C. -

Financial Chairman

THE SHARED GIFT

AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

HOSPITAL ZONE:

Groups responsible for taking meetings to Villa Rosa Groups! Tuesday night Open Speakers' Meeting during the month of July are:

July 4th and 18th - The Goliad Group

July 11th and 25th - The Broadway Group

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The Twenty Four Hour Group will be responsible for taking meetings to The Sally Groups! Wednesday night "Open Speakers' Meeting during the month of July.

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The Park North Group holds "Open Discussion Meetings" every Friday evening in the basement cafeteria of Park North General Hospital, 4330 Vance Jackson Road at 8 p.m.

Everyone in the San Antonio Area is cordially invited to join them for a free-wheeling "TGIF!"

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The V.A. Hospital Group has been re-activated and is now holding "Beginners' Discussion Meetings every Thursday evening at 8:15 p.m.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

There will be no meeting of the Administrative Board of the Central Service Office during the month of July

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The CSCO and District 1 Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the 9th of July in Club 12. (All GSRs and / or their Alternates are urged to attend.)

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The Goliad Group, 537 Avondale, will hold its regular monthly barbeque Sunday, July 16th at 6 p.m. followed by and "Open Speakers' Meeting" at 7:30 p.m. All other Sunday meetings are held at the regular time of 8:15 p.m.

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Group 12 will hold its monthly dinner and games night on Saturday, July 29th at 7 p.m.

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The 24 Hour Service Group will hold its monthly dinner on Sunday, July 23rd at 4 p.m.

THE LOCAL - FOCAL:JUST ANOTHER "ROUTINE" AA MIRACLE!

A few years ago, someone said:
"Wouldn't it be great -- if AA had a place . . . right in the middle of town!"

You Know! A real nice, fully equipped, air-conditioned place! With lots of Parking space ... Open every day ... good coffee ... You know?

We're not UNREASONABLE people!

(... Why ... a place like that, in a city this size would cost a fortune!)

THE LOCAL-FOCAL: (Cont'd. from column one)

Where do AAs get such wild ideas!!?

... But, you know? ... Wild ideas have a way of coming true in AA!

There is such a place!

It took six months to put together ... with the help of many, many AA volunteers!

It is air-conditioned, open, fully equipped, nice gobs of parking, good coffee + 5 meetings a week ... and ... cokes, snacks, lounge, live-in custodian, phone, literature, kitchen ... and ... much more ... and ... still expanding!

Fantastic? No ... just another routine AA Miracle!

Its called the Downtown Group, 110 McCullough (223-0591) You Know?

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The Brees Group held its last meeting May 25th. We're always sorry to report the closing of any Group - but - always glad to report the opening of another. In this case it's: The Kingsboro Group! Meetings are held at 4013 Commercial on Wednesday evening at 8:15 p.m. and all Area AA's are invited to attend - and support this new group which is Bi-lingual and Bi-cultural.

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The triangle Group is the new name adopted by those members who formerly constituted the old "Harmony Group."

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The Spiritual Life Group has moved to 427 Byrnes (right off Harry Wurzback - across from "Dunkin' Doughnuts") - and Young People in AA are now holding their meeting on Suncay evening, 8-9:30 p.m. at Club 12.

Everyone is invited to engage in a lively - "Open Discussion Meeting"
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THE LOCAL-FOCAL: (Cont'd. from Page three)

guaranteed to gladden the heart of:
young and young-in-spirit!

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Twelve Steppers are needed! Individuals are needed to make calls to hospitals, half-way houses and treatment units as well as visiting persons who request help directly from the Central Service Office,

Treatment Units and hospitals are desirous of Area members who are able to visit their clients and patients while still in treatment and to sponsor them upon release.

A similiar need has been evidenced by the Probation Department for the recently released or paroled prisoner, or probationer.

Been a while between "babies"?
How about adopting one of ours!

For information concerning 12-Step Work in any of these areas please call the Central Service Office.

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The 10:15 p.m. meeting at the 24 Hour Group is held on Saturday evening. The Haven holds its 10:15 p.m. meeting on Friday.

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AN OLD FASHIONED 4TH

Time again for one of the grandest traditions in the San Antonio Area-the "fine-old-4th" of July barbeque sponsored by The Frontier Group at the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, Southton Road.

An "Open Speakers' Meeting" will be held at 2 p.m. and an excellant Barbeque (Cont'd in Column Two)

dinner will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. The price is: \$2.50 for adults and only \$1.50 for children.

Come early for coffee, tea and plenty of good conversation ... bring old friends along and meet some new ones!

Stay late and enjoy a walk around the grounds in the clean, country air ... toss a Frisbee 'til sunset ... or just relax ... for a safe, sober and serene celebration.

THE SENSE OF BELONGING

Perhaps one of the greatest rewards of meditation and prayer is the sense of belonging that comes to us. We no longer live in a completely hostile world. We are no longer lost and frightened and purposeless.

- Bill W. -

IN MEMORIOUM:

Beth Ann Stone, San Antonio - June 4th. 1978

Vera King, San Antonio - June 5th, 1978

The Central Service Office would like to thank all those who have made memorials. These gifts are deeply appreciated and will enable AA to further carry the message.

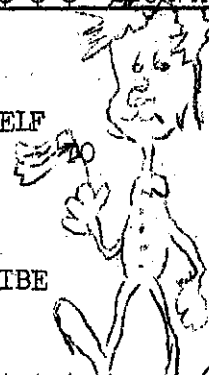
TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WE EXTEND SINCERE SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS THAT THEIR BEREAVEMENT MAY BE TEMPERED BY REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS UPON THE HAPPINESS SHARED.

\$\$\$\$\$ BUCK-A MONTH \$\$\$\$\$\$

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PIC: 5/15/78 - 6/15/78

John H. made two presentations to CARP and John A. spoke to a class at Robert E. Lee High School.

STAT'S: 5/19/78 - 6/19/78

AA	137	Students	1
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CONVENTION NEWS:

Summer time is travel time for most families! Wherever you go this summer there are plenty of AA Conferences and Conventions to enjoy. Including plenty of AA activity in your vacation plans is extra insurance against the "dog-days-blahs". A great way to meet your kind of people!

1st Annual AA Hill Country Roundup

A complete "Package" for only \$20.00 makes this Roundup as easy on the budget as is it on the old family buggy. Its only a short jont to the beautiful Texas Hill Country for most of us - and the modest registration fee includes the banquet and dance as well as the Sunday brunch - and, of course all meetings.

The site of the Roundup will be the charming Inn of the Hills - which means delicious food and gracious service.

Join your friends celebrating 29 years of AA in Kerrville. :

For reservations or more information write: P.O. Box 426, Kerrville, Texas, 78028.

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6th Annual AA Chisholm Trail Roundup

Time to check-out the camping gear in preperation for a unique AA experience! Lots of solid AA sharing in the beautiful natural setting of LCRA State Park nestled next to Lake Travis...August 11th -13th.

No Registration fee! Just pack up your pup tent or camper (along with Mom, Dgd

and all the kids) — bring the boat and plenty of fishing tackle. Camper hook-ups are available, and the private beach affords an opportunity to keep an eye on the little ones while they swim.

State-wide speakers have been chosen for some really exciting meetings and sharing sessions.

For more information call 512/453-9300 or 422-9750. Or, you may write Betty B., Secretary, at: 5017 Westfield Drive, Austin, Texas 78731.

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1978 Colorado State Convention of AA

For those of you who may be in the mood to wander a bit farther from home the Colorado State Convention offers plenty of incentive.

This year's convention will be held at the Four Seasons Motor Inn in Colorado Springs. Excellant speakers from Texas, Oklahoma and California have been obtained for the many meetings that are planned

A "Package" Registration of \$24.00 per person includes a luncheon and the traditional banquet and dance.

For information and advance registration write: AA Convention, P.O. Box 10016, Uintah P.O., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909

For reservations (request AA rates, write: Four Seasons Motor Inn, 2886 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80906.

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LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS

The 4th International Lawyers, In AA get-to-gether is being planned for September 22nd -24th in Philadelphia.

The 3rd Annual ILAA Convention was held in Toronto last September, and though still a fledgling organization the lawyers hope to double the attendance this year!

For more information contact: Leon Allen Suite 300, Robinson Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	15.00	90.00	Open Door	30.00	125.00
Audubon	10.00	70.00	Park North	15.00	95.00
Broadway	55.00	120.00	Reality	5.00	30.00
Downtown	20.00	60.00	Reliance	0	60.00
First Step	0	0	SASH	5.00	30.00
Ft. Sam Houston	20.00	140.00	Santa Fe	0	30.00
Frontier	10.00	70.00	Sahara	0	10.00
Goliad	0	50.00	Serenity	10.00	60.00
Group 12	75.00	325.00	Sharing	0	0
Grupo el Sol	0	10.00	Spiritual Life	0	0
Grupo Esperanza	0	0	Stepping Stones	0	75.00
Grupo Unidad	10.00	80.00	Sunset	15.00	130.00
Highlands	20.00	120.00	The Haven	40.00	55.00
Hope	0	14.00	Triangle	0	0
Kelly AFB	0	35.00	24 Hour	10.00	70.00
Kingsboro	0	0	Universal	25.00	25.00
Laurel Heights	0	75.00	Valley Hi	30.00	30.00
Marymont	25.00	50.00	Villa Rosa	25.00	150.00
Northeast	40.00	60.00	Wesley	0	15.00
N. San Pedro	10.00	70.00	Windcrest	0	30.00
Northwest	20.00	120.00	Young People	0	0
Northwood	90.00	180.00			

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Bandera	0	0	Women's Serenity	0	30.00
Bridge (N.B.)	20.00	60.00	Lytle	0	8.00
Canyon Lake	0	0	New Braunfels	0	10.00
Floresville	0	25.00	Pearsall	10.00	55.00
Hill Country Group	20.00	20.00	Pleasanton	30.00	30.00
Kerrville	20.00	72.00	Seguin	0	0

Total group contributions, 27 groups ---- \$730.00

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