



The Nightcap

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Convention Clipboard

JULY 3-5: Soberfest! Hosted by Dallas/
 Fort Worth Youth in AA. Murrell Park,
 Lake Grapevine, TX. For more info call
 (214) 381-9670 for Glenn; (214)289-7545
 for Chris; (214) 681-1243 for Steve.

JULY 16-19: 13th Annual Hub of the Plains
 Convention. Special entertainment.
 Write Chairman, P. O. Box 6511, Lubbock,
 TX 79413.

JULY 24-26: Annual Hill Country Roundup,
 Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX. Write
 Registration Chairman, P. O. Box 33027,
 Kerrville, TX 78029.

AUG 14-16: Lone Star Roundup, Sheraton
 Park Central. Write Lone Star Roundup,
 P. O. Box 835112, Richardson, TX 75083.

SEP 25-27: Kansas State Conference. More
 on this next month, hopefully. Write
 Grape Free Press, 1913 West 48 Terrace
 Westwood Hills, KS 66205.

OCT 16-18: Southwest Texas Area Conference.
 To be held at the Ft. Brown Motor Hotel,
 Brownsville, Texas. More on this later.
 (For more information on the above, please
 call your Central Service Office.)

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SAN ANTONIO MEETING DIRECTORY

Your Central Service Office now has
 the new July 1987 Meeting Directory
 for the San Antonio and surrounding
 area AA meetings.

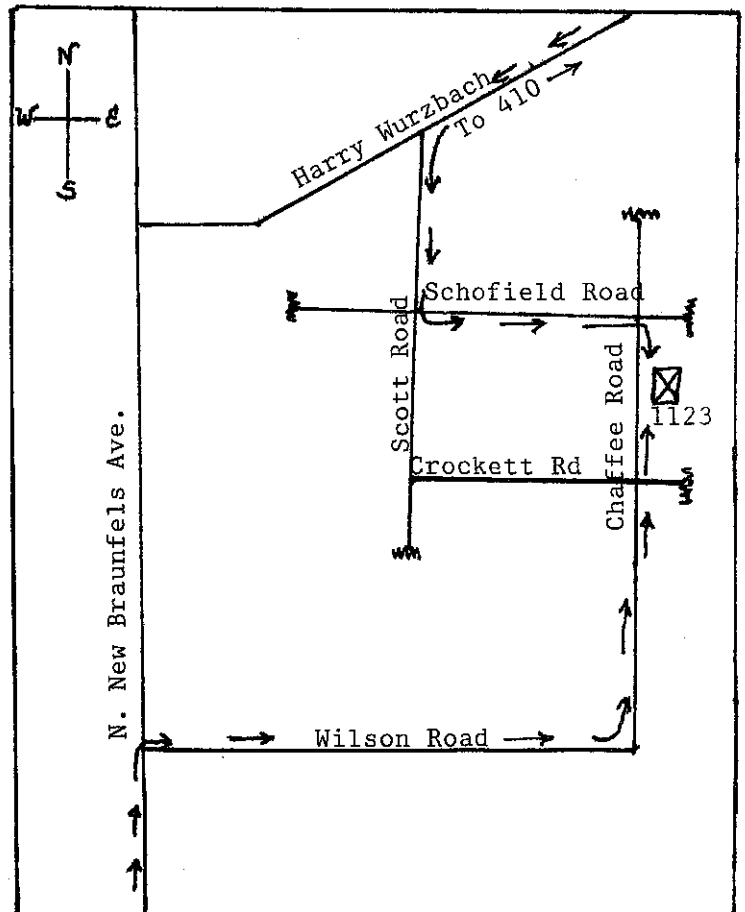
The format has been changed, but no
 meetings were omitted. Groups that
 meet in clubs are shown under that
 particular club name and address.

The price is 10¢ each,

REACHING OUT FOR HELP

The Fort Sam Houston Group needs your
 help. This group needs AA members who
 are residents of the San Antonio area.
 Most members who attend are transients
 since the meetings are held on post.

The only way to stabilize the group is to
 have some regular members who permanently
 live here. The meetings are held on Mon-
 day and Thursday at 8 p.m. and are open-
 discussions. Meetings are held in Build-
 ing 1123, Chaffee Road, Ft Sam. (See map).



NEW GROUPS++NEW MEETINGS++CHANGES

GROUP 24 (formerly called 24 Hour Group) has temporarily folded. We are sorry to report this. They are looking for a new place to hold their meetings.

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THE SCHERTZ GROUP now has an Open Discussion meeting on Monday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 401 Oak Street in Schertz. This was erroneously reported as a Monday and Tuesday meeting in the June issue. OUR APOLOGIES!

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HAPPENINGS AT CLUB TWELVE

Mark your calendar for July 11, 1987!

Come and dance to the music of the famed Cherokee Band--this is Saturday Night from 8 to 12. Donation of \$3.00 per person.

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Club Twelve will be celebrating its 38th Anniversary on Saturday, August 22, 1987!

Speakers and all the details will be announced in the August NIGHTCAP.

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TO ALL AFTER-HOUR PHONE DUTY VOLUNTEERS

If you have phone duty for a specified time period and find it necessary to leave your phone unattended during this time, please follow these guidelines;

1. Call the Answering Service (733-7562) prior to leaving your phone unattended and give a forwarding phone number where you can be reached.

OR

2. Call Answering Service prior to leaving your phone unattended, ask them to record all calls until you are able to resume duty. When you return, notify Answering Service that you are back and available for calls.

Thanks so much for your cooperation.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY: COLONIES NORTH GROUP HAS ADDED A SATURDAY NIGHT OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING AT 8:15 P.M.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE TO AA MEMBERS IN PRISON...

 ** HOW CAN I SUPPORT **
 ** CARRYING THE AA MESSAGE **
 ** TO TEXAS PRISONS ? **
 **
 ** More than half the inmates leaving TDC (Texas Department of Corrections) units return after committing another crime, and the percentage overall is rising. Only one group has been exempt. Research shows that inmates introduced to AA in prisons who continue AA activity in "the free world" nearly never return.
 ** How many inmates need AA? TDC estimates approximately 95% need access to AA. TDC provides alcoholism counselors in all units and provides for AA meetings at least weekly. However, AA in TDC without freeworld AA visitations is empty of sharing.
 ** There are several ways AA members can help:
 ** I. Get on the approved list to visit prison units. TDC requires clearance of AA visitors. Men should contact Johnny R. (626-2584). Women should contact Donna T. (523-1865). Clearance requires fingerprinting and an FBI check of criminal records. There is no guarantee that anonymity will be protected from former criminal offenses or future job applications that require FBI clearance. This limits the number of members willing to be approved.
 ** Even those who are approved often pass on opportunities for visitations because they cannot afford to share expenses. This leads to your second opportunity for service.
 ** II. Individuals or groups can make contributions to share expenses of AA members making visitations. This would increase the number of visitations possible and share the opportunities for service.
 ** III. Individuals or groups can make contributions of literature to be taken to the prisons. These may include cash for big books and other AA literature available. Perhaps your group could pass the basket once a month or once a quarter an extra time to help out. Other contributions welcome include old Grapevines and other AA literature. Make contributions to Penal Committee, Central Service Office, 103 Renner, San Antonio, TX 78201.
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GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
CLUB 12, JUNE 14, 1987
MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Gary L., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The CSO Guidelines were read by John C. and Duane S. read the Twelve Traditions. Gary L. announced that the minutes of the previous meeting would not be read in order to conserve time. There were 39 people present.

Three new GSR's were recognized and introduced as follows: Margaret L., Nurses in Recovery; Dan R., Morning After; and Jody P., Mobud Big Book Study. The meeting was turned over to Fred D., Admin Bd Chairman, who asked for reports from the various committees. James H., H&I Chairman, asked for volunteers to carry meetings to multiple locations. (See end of minutes for the list of volunteers.) Wayne B., Finance Chairman, presented a review of the finance report, which was followed by a question and answer session. He also announced that CSO will conduct two inventories per year as opposed to four previously, because all the inventory is now accurately kept on the computer. Fred D. stated 1026 NIGHTCAPs were mailed out for the month of June. He reminded everyone that it is free and asked all GSR's to announce this at meetings. Dee S., Editorial Chairman, thanked everyone for meeting the 20th of the month suspense date for all information desired to be put in the NIGHTCAP. No report was given by the PI Chairman, Jerri McC. John R., Penal Chairman, said the prisoners print a magazine called "WYNOT" and subscription information is forthcoming. Tom B., Jails, reported a good turn out for the May 30 workshop. The CPC Chairman was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: \$3,809.92 profit was received from the Weekend in SA with AA. Several motions were put to the floor. After some discussion it was almost unanimously voted (one opposed) that the money would be split as follows: \$1,500 - GSO, \$1,500 - CSO, \$809.92 - SW Texas Area.

NEW BUSINESS: Fred D. suggested that volunteers who visit the penal institutions be reimbursed for their expenses. The suggestion was discussed. Bob B. made a proposal that the subject be brought to the attention of the CSO Administrative Board. The subject was tabled. Gary L. stated the CSO Admin Bd By-Laws were being rewritten. Bob B. suggested the committee that is doing this be given a goal of 60 days to submit a draft copy to the Board. This was turned into a motion, was seconded, and passed unanimously. The goal date is August 14, 1987. Gary L. asked for volunteers for the after-hours phone duty. The list appears below.

DCM Reports: 1-A, no report
1-B, absent
1-C, no report
1-D, no report
1-E, no report
1-F, Linda G. announced a workshop would be held on July 12 at 3210 W. Commerce St. for Spanish speaking groups.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS - JULY

MONDAY DETOX	Goliad Group	HUMANA METRO HOSP.	UTSA Blvd. Group
SALVATION ARMY	New Acceptance Group	CASA DEL SOL	Group 12, 11 a.m.
PARKSIDE REC. CENTER	Laurel Heights Group	OUR LADY OF THE SPIRIT	Turning Point Group
SASH	Southside Group	CHARTER REAL	Group 12, 7 a.m.
THURSDAY DETOX	Abundance Group	CHEST HOSPITAL	Group 12, 5:30 p.m.
ARC	Freedom Group		

AFTER-HOUR TELEPHONE DUTY - JULY

Jun 29 to Jul 5: Bulverde Group
Jul 13-19: Abundance Group
Jul 27 to Aug 02: Group 12, Ladies Wednesday

Jul 06-12: Reliance & Bluemel Oaks Groups
Jul 20-26: Kelly Special

Respectfully submitted,
Dave S., Acting Secretary

WHY I GO TO MEETINGS

I go to AA meetings for several reasons, but there is one reason that is most important of all. The main reason is this: I go to meetings because the people at the meetings motivate me to continue to work the 12 Steps. My recovery depends mainly on how I work these STEPS--and I want to recover!

The meetings are interesting and really enjoyable. I get to be around people who have the same problems I have. I don't feel so alone or useless. Instead, I feel good and of some value because my being at the meeting may help someone else.

But, ultimately, I am at the meeting for myself--to help me stay sober. And I stay sober by working the STEPS.

So, when all is said and done, the main reason I go to meetings is to be motivated to continue to try to carry the message and to try to practice the principles in all my affairs.

See you at the meeting!

Anonymous

CONTRIBUTING ACCORDING TO TRADITIONS

In accordance with the Seventh Tradition... A.A. accepts no outside contributions at any level, and...

In accordance with the Sixth Tradition... A.A. makes no contributions to any outside organization or cause, no matter how worthy.

To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests individual groups follow the 60-30-10 Plan where applicable and practicable.

It works like this:

First take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments, A.A. literature and a prudent reserve "emergency" fund).

Divide the remaining funds as follows, or whatever division suits your local needs:

How your group can use the Regular Contribution Plan to support G.S.O.:

Using the *suggested* 60-30-10 Plan as a guide, the group contributes on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis, whichever suits best.

How you as an individual member can contribute to G.S.O.:

On you A.A. birthday: Contribute \$1.00 for each year of sobriety—or as much as you wish to give (up to \$1,000). Send your individual contributions directly to G.S.O. at any time. You may request that your group be credited. The limit is \$1,000 a year.

IT'S WHAT HAPPENS IN BETWEEN

Sure, the meetings are important. Sure, reading the Big Book is important. Sure, getting a sponsor is important.

But, what the old-timers told me was that most important of all is how I live in between the meetings. They said it's easy to be a nice guy at meetings but how do I act at home? How do I treat my wife and kids? How do I act at work?

They said the spiritual life is no theory; I have to live it. And that means practicing the principles of AA in ALL my affairs.

What an order! I don't know if I can go thru with it. But, fortunately the old-timers added that Step 12 says we try to practice the principles in all our affairs, which leaves me a loophole. All I have to do then, is try and leave the results up to my Higher Power.

These old-timers insisted that even through I feel much better when I go to a meeting, this is not enough. Sobriety, they said, has very little to do with feelings. They said action is the magic word and the action that really counts takes place between the meetings.

They said the 12 Steps are a plan for living, not just for discussion. They suggested I learn to walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

Only by trying to carry the message and trying to practice the principles can I grow in sobriety and enjoy the Promises.

Like a juicy cheeseburger, it's what's in between that counts!

Anonymous

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60%

TO: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE**
CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE
103 Renner Drive
San Antonio, TX 78201

30%

TO: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **GENERAL FUND**
(Please identify your GROUP by NAME & ID #... if you don't know your group's ID#, look in WESTERN DIRECTORY or ask your DCM)
A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC.
P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

10%

TO: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **SW TEXAS AREA FUND**
SW TEXAS AREA FUND
P.O. Box 1783
Rockport, TX 78382

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
FOURTH OF JULY!



The Seventh Tradition

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

We do have to be practical. A group can hardly hold its regular meetings on a street corner, and an empty basket won't fill a coffee urn. As soon as we become active in a group, we learn how many expenses are involved in making its meetings effective. Then our horizons broaden. What about that intergroup or central office so many of us called to ask for help? Phone companies don't give free service. Beyond our own locality, we learn about the AA General Service Office and the work it does for groups everywhere. AA activity is self-supporting at all levels, and in every case the responsibility comes right back to us, the individual members, for WE ARE AA.

Perhaps, especially when we are very new, our contributions clink, rather than rustle. The first members were in the same fix, and it seemed to them that AA would need more outside help than the modest gifts then coming in. Their plans required grand-scale philanthropy. (Tradition Six hadn't evolved yet; Bill W. recalled a scheme for "a chain of hospitals.") But John D. Rockefeller, Jr., an early friend, said, "I am afraid that money will spoil this thing." A few AA's had already reached the same conclusion; gradually, this minority became a majority as experience showed that members themselves could provide enough to finance AA's proper aim.

In its simplest application, Tradition Seven is easily understood; when we hear about a new AA group being started with funds from a Federal antipoverty program, our quick reaction is "Somebody goofed!" But then we come to "borderline" cases: Groups put on a raffle for the benefit of their central office and invite the public to buy tickets; a hometown paper runs an ad for an AA dance and show. Both projects would be routine for any other society. For us, both mean that we've got the hand out again, asking nonmembers for money.

Often, of course, we don't have to ask. AA is now high on the worthy-cause list; GSO and groups politely turn down many unsolicited

gifts and bequests. In Tradition Seven, there's a note of realism: Handsome gifts may have strings attached. We even put a limit of \$500 on the amount members may leave to AA in their wills or contribute annually while living, so that none of us can buy influence in AA, no matter how rich we are.

Money may pose a different problem if a group treasury grows too fat, beyond a prudent reserve. Squabbling over uses for the spare cash, groups have lost their unity and strayed from their purpose. But there's one simple solution that strengthens our unity and advances our purpose: Give the excess to AA activities and services...

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Experience has shown us, also, that A.A. as a whole needs to be self-supporting and independent

Part of our personal recovery came in making ourselves into responsible human beings



(Editor's note: The \$500 limit that members may contribute annually or leave in their will has been increased to \$1,000.)

July Birthdays

(These are the ones reported to CSO by various AA Groups--if yours isn't here complain to your Group Secretary!)

1 Year

Myra M. (June-BeLated)
 Judy N.
 Bill T.
 Bill C.
 Chris
 Pete K.
 Trey P.
 Dan M.
 Ronald B.
 George S.
 John P.
 George B.

2 Years

Mike S.
 Theresa C.
 Mary O.
 Marshall de L.
 Stephen W.

3 Years

Julia L.
 Jo R.
 Regina S.
 Geraine C.
 Mary V.
 Ray M.
 Susan M.
 Luis P.
 John H.
 Robert W.
 Bernard U.
 Rich G.
 T. J. D.

4 Years

Jerri K.
 Melanie S.
 Bill S.
 Jo S.
 Pat R.
 Frana M.
 Robert L.

5 Years

Jan C.

6 Years

Karl K.
 John L.
 Molly P.
 Buck S.
 Jim B.

7 Years

Mike C.
 Jack S.
 Joyce B.

8 Years

Pledger C.
 Dru D.

9 Years

Fritz H.
 Bill R.

10 Years

Scott E.
 Ralph T.
 Burney F.

11 Years

Mary G.
 Bob M.

12 Years

Winnie N.
 Vangie H.
 Gail A.

13 Years

Ellen R.
 Garland W.

14 Years

Katie S.
 Jerry S.
 James G.
 Richard R.

15 Years

Paul P.

16 Years

Donald H.

17 Years

Frank S.
 Bill St. J.

18 Years

Jesse B.
 Bill H.

19 Years

Fred D.

25 Years

Courtenay McA.

27 Years

Art S.

29 Years

Christi H.



Happy Birthday

Feliz Cumpleaños

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

OF YOU!

Thanks for letting us share your special day!

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THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTORS! NAMES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 9 FOR MAY BIRTHDAY PLAN CONTRIBUTORS.

The Birthday money you send to this office is used to help pay for the NIGHTCAP and operating expenses. If you wish your contribution to go to the General Service Office in New York, please send it direct to them (see your Group Secretary).

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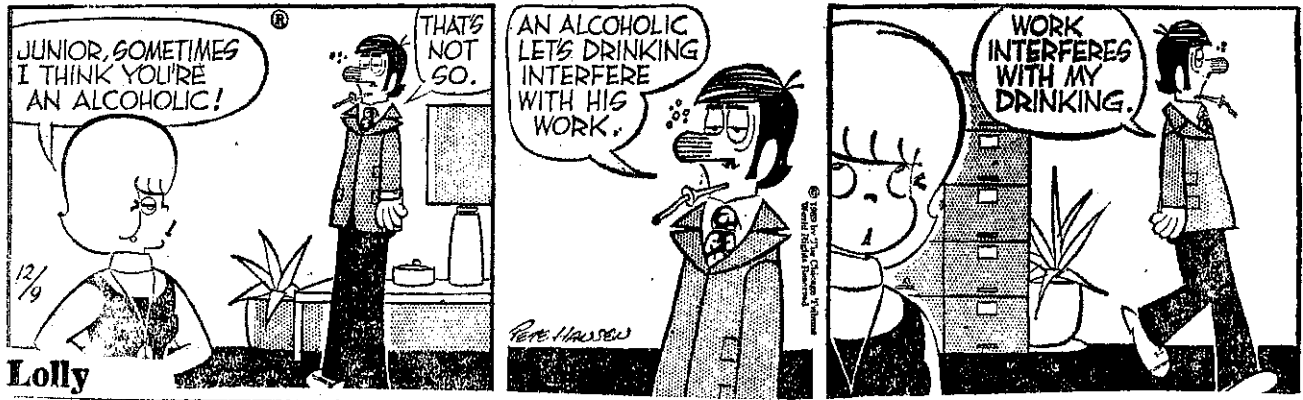
Just a reminder that your Central Service Office has lots of items for Birthday Gifts! Anniversary medallions, lighters with the Serenity Prayer on the front; key holders, neckchain medallion holders, 24-Hour Camel Pin, and a new line of AA Birthday Cards.

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JULY 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Starlite Birthdays
5	6	7	8	9 Medina Valley Birthdays	10	11 Club 12 Dance
12	13	14 CSO Admin Bd Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 GSR (CSOC) meeting Club 12, 7 p.m. Golliad Group Bar- B-Que, 6 p.m.	20 <u>DEADLINE FOR SUBMIT- TING NEWS FOR AUGUST NIGHTCAP!</u>	21	22	23 North San Pedro Group Birthday Night	24	25 Winners Club Birthday; Audubon Birthdays; Lambda Birthdays & Potluck. Games Night at Club 12.
26	27 Alamo Heights Birthday Night.	28 Valley Hi & Windcrest Birthdays.	29 Park North Group and Northwood Birthdays.	30 Southside Group Birth- days.	31 <u>BIRTHDAYS AT:</u> Southwest Loop, Club 12, El Libro Grande, Schertz, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Brook- hollow, Marymont. Potluck at Marymont.	

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THE PICK OF PUNCH



"I've joined the Martini people!"

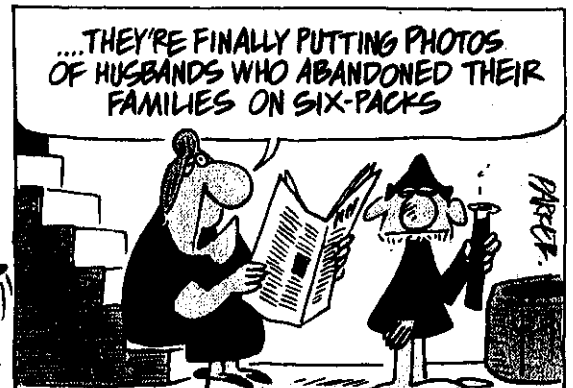
DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM



"She carried all her beer bottles out to the garage, an' then she went to sleep!"

WIZARD OF ID



ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN MAY 1987

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
W Abundance	37.33		222.45
Bandera			26.56
W Mobud Big Book	7.30		11.26
W Mobud Roundtable	14.05		70.55
W Morning After	36.16		141.16
Northwest			30.00
Reality			2.00
W Sat Night Live			81.98
W Siesta Ladies			22.00
W Summit Step Study			24.47
W Turning Point	25.55		51.96
Villa Rosa			100.00
<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>			
Boerne			96.00
Callaghan Road			80.00
Colonial Hills			16.36
Colonies North			20.00
Creekview Young People			2.00
Dietz-Elkhorn			60.00
Family Afterwards			66.60
Laurel Heights			229.50
Medical Professional	72.00		72.00
Oak Hills	324.00		804.00
Oblate			100.00
*Park North	180.00		205.00
Ranger Creek			30.00
Twelve	120.00		600.00
<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>			
Alamo Heights	36.00		180.00
Broadway	100.00		100.00
Brookhollow			113.00
Easy Does It			74.50
Freedom	119.00		488.94
Marymont	60.00		240.00
North San Pedro			75.00
Northwood			120.00
Reliance			53.00
Stahl Road			36.00
St. Paul's			38.00
Tejas			25.00
Windcrest			40.00
<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>			
Ft Sam Houston	120.00		360.00
Downtown			40.00
New Life			25.00
Northeast			124.00
Palisades	10.00		10.00
Schertz	60.00		180.00
Universal City	60.00		240.00

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Fresh Start	60.00		79.31
Frontier	27.58		79.88
Goliad	120.00		480.00
Highland	25.00		125.00
Kelly Special	45.00		45.00
Medina Valley			25.80
New Acceptance	25.00		50.00
SASH			150.00
Serenity	30.00		60.00
Southside	10.00		10.00
Southwest Loop	20.00		60.00
Valley Hi			60.00
Wilford Hall			60.00

<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>			
Grupo del Sol			5.00
Grupo Unidad	20.00		40.76
Kingsboro			18.20
Santa Fe			40.00
TOTALS	1,788.97		7,117.24

<u>AREA</u>			
Hondo			80.00
Marble Falls			60.00
TOTAL			140.00

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>			
Jay McC.			
Anonymous			
Domingo			
Anonymous			
Jerry			
Anonymous			
Anonymous			
TOTAL			109.25

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>			
Carl R. (1 Year)			3.65
Ellen (250 days)			2.50
Edyie (8 Years)			16.00
TOTAL			22.15

<u>PENAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			
Medical Professional Group			56.83
Callaghan Road Group			50.00
TOTAL			106.83

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W= Meets at Winners Club.
 * \$25.00 omitted in March report.

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NOTICE: SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THAT AS OF THE
 END OF JUNE THE SERENITY GROUP THAT MEETS
 AT THE CHEST HOSPITAL WILL FOLD.

NOTICE: MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CARRY
 THE MESSAGE INTO JAILS! TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST
 HAVE 1 YEAR AA SOBRIETY AND HAVE HAD NO FELONIES
 CALL CSO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED & QUALIFY.

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