

# The Nightcap

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### FOXIE LADIES 5th ANNIVERSARY

The group will celebrate on July 9th at 7 pm. There will be a special guest speaker; Dr. Gene S. The party will be at the regular meeting place; St. David's Episcopal Church at 1300 Wiltshire. This meeting is open and everyone is welcome! The speaker is followed by an Ice Cream Social.

### SAN ANTONIO ROUNDUP COMING UP!

This years Roundup will be held at The Camberley Gunter Hotel on Sept. 12-14. Sign up and have fun! For more info call Teri S. at 210-738-8286 or Rod B. at 210-826-8239.

### SOBER FUN ALL SUMMER LONG

July 10-13: 23rd Annual Lubbock Caprock Convention-A Great West Texas Weekend of Caring and Sharing! Holiday Inn Civic Center, 801 Ave. Q.-Speakers, Golf, Dominos and Gin (card game) Tournaments AI-Anon Meetings & Night Owl, Banquet and Dance. Contact Holiday Inn at 806-763-1200.

July 11-13: SWTA Summer Workshop-Lago Vista Resort, Lago Vista, TX. For reservations call 1-800-288-1882.

July 18-20: 52nd Annual Texas State Convention in Austin, Doubletree Hotel. For reservations call 1-800-222-TREE. For info contact Mike N. 512-467-7050.

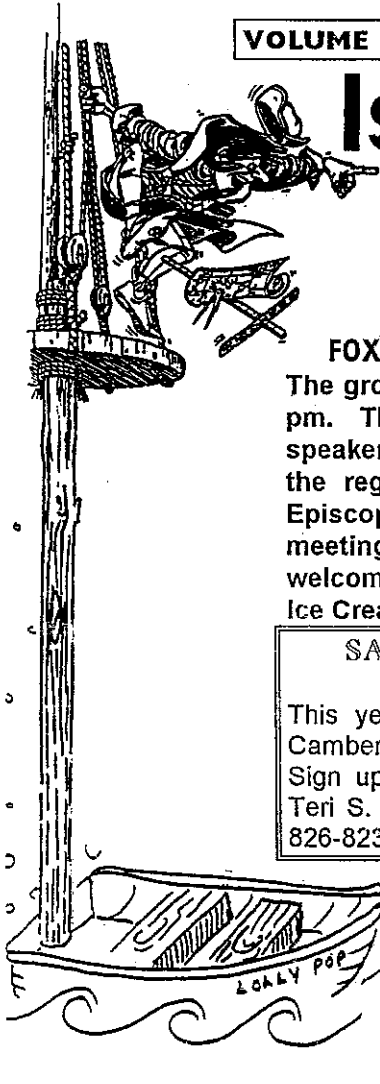
July 18-20: Spirit of Recovery at the Sam Houston Inn in Huntsville. No children or pets. Room reservations call: 1-800-395-9151. For more info call: Dennis at 1-409-849-3822.

Aug 22-24: 10th Annual Choo-Choo Round-up in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ice Cream Social, Baby-sitting, Dance, Workshops, Speakers and more. For more info call CSO at 821-6325.

### Winners Club Activities

July 4:	12:30-5 pm	Bar-B-Q
July 12:	9:30 pm	Dance
July 20:	2-5 pm	Karaoke
July 26:	7 pm	Pot Luck Dinner
	8 pm	Birthday Celebration
	9:30 pm	Dance

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**MINUTES OF THE COR MEETING - JUNE 15, 1997**

Meeting was called to order by Milton G. at 5:32 pm, with the Serenity Prayer.  
Shawn S. read the Traditions.

Andrea from the St. Sam Houston Group read the COR suggested Guidelines.

There was one new COR present, Don from the N.W. Loop Group.

Mike A. made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous COR Meeting as printed in the NIGHTCAP. Shawn S. seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Elaine M. gave the Financial Report.

Ed E. called for Phone Duty Volunteers:

June 30 - July 6 Colonies North July 7 - July 13 N.W. Loop Group

July 14 - July 20 Oak Hills & Rush Hour July 21 - July 27 Fox Hall

July 28 - Aug. 3 Group 12

**ELECTION** was held to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Candidates for the position were:

Cleo T. of the Ft. Sam Houston Group.

Tony J. of the Highlands Group. (Withdrew prior to the election)

Jewell R. of Group 12.

Wayne D. of the Serendipity Group.

Cleo T. received the majority vote, and is the new Board Member.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank all of the candidates for being willing to serve.

Announcements:

Winner of the NIGHTCAP subscription contest will be announced at the July COR Meeting.

The Ft. Sam Houston Group has now moved to the Roadrunner Building on Stanley Road.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by Milton G.



**CSO HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER**

CLEO T. was elected to serve on the *Board of Trustees* at CSO at the June 97 COR Meeting.

He will be replacing Judikay L. (She resigned last month)

**WELCOME CLEO!!**

**CSO WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, FOR THE 4TH OF JULY  
HAVE A SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAY!!**

**ooooooooops!!!! No one called to mention, AA is NOT affiliated with State Farm Insurance.**

**Last month on page 8 of the NIGHTCAP, below the calendar, on a bird house, was a State Farm sign. Where are all the perfectionists?**

# Club 12 & Group 12 Celebrate !!

## 48th Anniversary!!

August 15, 16 & 17, 1997

The Celebration  
will be at:  
102 Thames

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For more info  
call:  
344: 8981

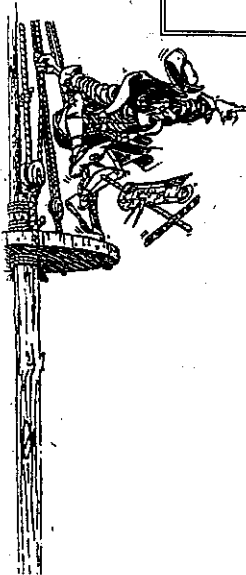


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| Fri-Aug 15: | 6-7:30 pm | Anniversary Dinner                                          |
|             | 8:15 pm   | Speaker-AA<br>Don M.<br>Lake Whitney                        |
| Sat-Aug 16: | 9:30 am   | Morning Brunch                                              |
|             | 11 am     | Speaker-Ala<br>Karen M.<br>Lake Whitney                     |
|             | 1 pm      | Afternoon Brunch                                            |
|             | 3 pm      | AA Newcomers meeting with Old-Timers Panel in the Main Room |

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| Sat-Aug 16: | 3 pm      | Alanon Newcomers Meeting in the Alanon Room            |
|             | 7 pm      | Speaker-AA<br>Mark L.- Los Angeles<br>12 Step Comedian |
|             | 9 pm-1 am | Dance<br>SS Express                                    |
| Sun-Aug 17: | 9:30 am   | Morning Brunch                                         |
|             | 11 am     | Speaker-AA<br>Marty M.<br>Gatesville, Tx               |



## Have a Big Time!! Groop Scoop



cond. from the front page.....SCHERTZ

Sorry to say, "YES!" They are up the creek, Cibolo Creek, that is. On the serious side, and sadly, the new group, the Pecan Grove Group's meeting place was washed away in a flash flood. The group was about a month old and doing great, holding several meeting a week at noon and in the evenings. Also, the Pecan Grove Group appeared in the new directory. You may want to remember that when doing after-hours phone duty. The DCM, Wayne B., called in the sad news about the group being washed away. He doesn't know, at this time, where the group will go. As soon as we know, the info will appear in the Nightcap. *Late Announcement: The Pecan Grove Group may have a new location. That will be announced in the Nightcap if it works out.*

The Ft. Sam Group has really moved this time....on down to 12797 Stanley Road. They meet in the Roadrunner Building.

Bert P. has moved out of state, and wishes to thank everyone in San Antonio for their help in sobriety.

Last minute news: Charlotte Group has folded.



### CLUB 12's SPECIAL EVENTS

- July 5 Beach Party-11 am to 7 7 pm. Dunk tank, swimming pool for the children, face painting, cake walk, volley ball, horse shoes, snow cones, hamburgers, hot dogs and more. Also a dance beginning at 8 pm with a non-smoking dance area for those that don't smoke. No one under 15 allowed.
- July 12 Pancake Breakfast from 9 to 12:30 pm.
- July 19 Dance 8 to midnight
- July 26 Pancake Breakfast-9 am to 12:30 pm.
- July 25 Birthday Night Celebration at 7:30 pm Longest Sobriety First. (no 6-month birthdays per Group 12 decision).

**JUL 1997 BIRTHDAYS**

**1 YR**

C.J.  
SUSAN V. (JUN)  
JOY  
RYAN K.  
CATHY L.  
SARAH L.  
RAY P.  
WAYNE S.  
WILLIAM S.  
BILL S.  
THOMAS T.  
RICHARD F.

**6 YRS**

VICKI C.  
NICK F.  
FRANCA L.

**15 YRS**

PHIL H.

**37 YRS**

ART S.

**16 YRS**

BUCK S.

**39 YRS**

CHRISTI H.

**7 YRS**

DAN S.  
PEGGY C.  
JEAN A.  
BILL S.

**18 YRS**

DRU D.  
AL B.

**8 YRS**

ELEANOR S.  
BARRY M.

**19 YRS**

BILL R.

**2 YRS**

MILLIE P.  
CAROLYN R.  
KIMBERLE S.  
LEA S.  
DAVE S.  
ROSA R.  
NASH H.

**9 YRS**

LARRY C.  
PERRY S.

**20 YRS**

RALPH T.

**3 YRS**

AZALEA B.  
JOAN C.  
LESLIE A.  
J.R.  
SHERYL H.

**10 YRS**

JILL P.  
CARLA R.  
STEVE H.  
LAUREN G.

**22 YRS**

VANGIE H.  
WINNIE N.

**4 YRS**

DON L.  
CHRIS T.  
JIMMY R.  
PAT S.  
SCOTT McC.

**11 YRS**

LOIS H.  
GEORGE B.

**23 YRS**

GARLAND W.

**24 YRS**

TED N.

**5 YRS**

RUDY L.  
PAUL B.  
BIFF P.  
BEA S.

**12 YRS**

MARY O.  
MIKE S.

**27 YRS**

RAY T.  
MIKE Y.

**13 YRS**

JULIA L.  
RAY M.

**28 YRS**

JESSE B.

**14 YRS**

MICHAEL C.

**33 YRS**

FRED P.

The  
Freedom Group  
Thanks  
Ray T.  
and  
his wife,  
Shalom  
for their avid support  
and service work  
in the Group.  
They are also the  
founders of the group.  
Meetings began  
in January 1984,  
making the group  
13 years old.  
It has always met in  
the same location.  
Thanks Ray & Shalom!!



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

*The Personal Story of a Woman's Continuing Sobriety*, through life-threatening illnesses and back to health again.....TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO, when our son shook his finger at me and declared, "Mother, you're an alcoholic!" I was indignant and resentful to be accused of such a thing, however, I knew in my heart I had a problem. I didn't consider myself an alcoholic, I just had a problem with liquor. I liked it! I drank too much too often, but, I was not an alcoholic.

My son suggested I go to AA and they would help me. How? I had no idea, but God made me willing to go, and I loved you from the first meeting. The compulsion to drink was lifted, but the desire to work the program, follow your instructions and suggestions, and stay sober did not apply to me. You see, I was different. I continued to attend meetings, cleaned ash trays, made coffee and chaired meetings when asked. But, I did not read the Big Book, or the 24 Hour Book or work the steps. To say I was a: "very unhappy sober camper," is putting it mildly.

Four years ago I was diagnosed with cancer. I had chemotherapy and surgery, and six months later, another round of chemo. I can honestly say I was not afraid. I knew I was in God's Hands. You had taught me to turn my life over to a higher power; from the moment the doctor told me I had cancer, I put myself in God's care. He has brought me through 3 surgeries and 2 sets of chemo.

Recently, I had another bout with illness. I had several procedures performed. The conclusion was good. My higher power brought me through again; I am stronger and extremely grateful for it. My family and friends continue to pray for me. I also try to maintain a positive attitude and I feel good!!

Without AA, the support, love and prayers I would not be where I am today. In meetings and out, we share our experience, strength, and hope. A good AA friend says, "Don't drink, go to meetings; life will get better, beyond your wildest dreams!" How true!!!

Rosemary B.  
Windcrest Group

Thank-you, Rosemary for sharing your spiritual experience.



## ATTENTION ALL AA MEMBERS

Our NIGHTCAP is looking for YOUR STORY. Share with us your experience, strength and hope, your journey of recovery, the discoveries of service or any other adventure you have had in AA. Tell us about the fun and the rewards of a Workshop, Unity Meeting, Anniversary or Group Event.

Simply write your story and submit it to the Central Service Office at 8804 Tradeway, or call 821-6325 or FAX it to us at 822-4491.

Also if you have any questions regarding AA, Recovery, Service, The Steps, The Traditions, Sponsorship or any AA issues that are confusing or unclear. The NIGHTCAP will be featuring:

### THE ANSWER COLUMN

Now is your opportunity to get information and answers from our "old timers." Send all questions to the Central Service Office: 8804 Tradeway, S.A. TX 78217.

From the beginning, communication in AA has been no ordinary transmission of helpful ideas and attitudes. It has been unusual and sometimes unique. Because of our kinship in suffering, and because our common means of deliverance are effective for ourselves only when constantly carried to others, our channels of contact have always been charged with *the language of the heart*.  
by Bill W.

From the Grapevine Book AA Today, published on the occasion of AA's 25th Anniversary, July 1960

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**INTERDISTRICT MINUTES**

**JUNE 15, 1997**

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. by Cita C., Chairperson, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Bill H. read the Twelve Concepts.

Tom McM., Area Delegate gave his report. Copy on file at CSO.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as written in the NIGHTCAP.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Lynn J. Most groups have not contributed anything for the year. Monthly contributions amounted to \$251.49 and year to date contributions \$812.24. San Antonio will host the fall voting assembly and will need money for the hospitality room. Coffee will be the biggest expense. The Interdistrict plans to fund five committee chairpersons to the workshop in Lago Vista for \$500.

**DISTRICT 16:** Bill H. Try to pre-register for Fall Assembly. New GSR's should be elected in September so they may attend the fall assembly. Need GSR's with a spirit of commitment to service.

**DISTRICT 19:** Cita C. No report.

**District 18:** David A. reported the May 31st Unity Meeting was well attended and everyone had a good time.

**DISTRICT 1-F:** Rosario C. Absent

**DISTRICT 1-E:** Terry H. reported the district will have a meeting with food & speakers at the ARC of Atascosa County starting at 4 p.m. A business meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Check with Terry for date.

**DISTRICT 1-A:** Bob P. reported the June Unity Meeting will be held in Raymond Russell Park starting at noon on the 22nd of June.

**DISTRICT 17:** Lynn J. No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:** Bill H. for Terri S. Need volunteers and are planning a barbecue sometime in October.

**ARCHIVES:** Mary Lynn D. requests interviews with old-timers. She has outlines to help you interview.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION & CPC:** Christine M. Next meeting July 13 because 1st weekend is holiday weekend. Will meet at Serenity Group at 1 p.m. Future monthly meeting will be at Club 12. Still planning a sweatshop party for a mass mailing of free literature.

**GRAPEVINE:** Cita C.. reporting for Robin S. Planning an annual spaghetti dinner and dance August 2. More to follow.

**HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS:** Virginia F. All service commitments filled. Anyone wanting to volunteer to take H&I meetings should contact Virginia.

No old business.

No new business.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine M.



**H & I SCHEDULE FOR JUL '97**

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| MON | PATRICIAN MOVMENT | S.A. NORTH | THU | VA HOSP.       | FREE AT LAST |
|     | ZERO TOLERANCE    | MEN'S B.B. |     | LAUREL RIDGE   | MARYMONT     |
| TUE | DWYER AVE         | GOLIAD     |     | COMMUNITY HOSP | SW LOOP      |
|     | COMMUNITY HOSP    | A HAPPY HR | SAT | ARC            | NW GROUP     |
| WED | CEN. FOR HEALTH   | ENTIRE ABS | SUN | BAPTIST HOSP   | ENTIRE ABS   |
|     | BAPTIST HOSP      | GROUP 12   |     |                |              |
|     | DAC (M & W)       | GOLIAD     |     |                |              |



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To Whom It May Concern,

Today I received a copy of the meeting schedule for your district. Quite often in 12 Step work, the 12 Stepper does not get to see the product of the caring and sharing. Since that will probably be true in this case, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your prompt assistance and caring. As is the nature of my profession, I will only have a few request per year, out of 1000 inmates, for meeting schedules, but those who do request will be intent on recovery. Your making the schedules available may be the turning point of the first twelve hours 'on the street'. when an alcoholic does not know what to do in a time of confusion.

Thank You!

Higher Powered

E. 'Sonny' Anderson Jr. L.C.D.C.



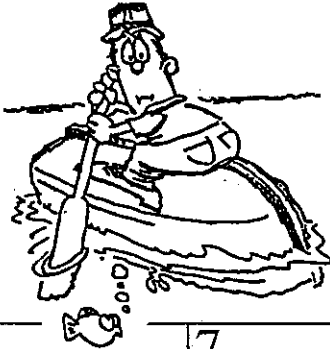
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| Treasurer's Report<br>CFC Committee<br>Collection from the Green Cans. |         |
| Ft. Sam Houston                                                        | \$11.75 |
| Group 12                                                               | 27.50   |
| Hondo Group                                                            | 38.50   |

Ali W. is the treasurer for CFC; if your group has cash in their Green Can that you need to deliver, or if your group needs a Green Can, call Ali at 212-7431.  
Thank you to all the groups for their generous contributions for providing literature to AA members in prisons.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

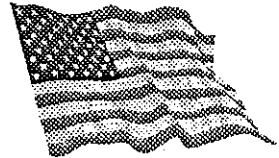


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| 1<br>Dominion Day<br>(Canada) | 2<br>7:00pm CFC &<br>Jail<br>Committee<br>Mtg: Club 12 | 3<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad &<br>Foxhall | 4<br>CSO Closed<br>Independence<br>Day | 5<br>8:00pm Starlite Birthdays |
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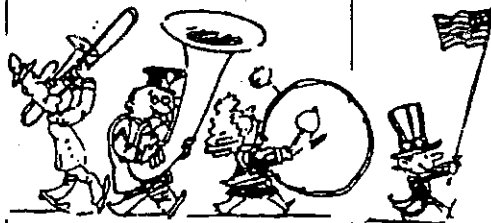
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OVER!**



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| 6<br>1:15pm PI/CPC Meeting-<br>Serendipity Group<br>4:00pm ID Steering<br>Committee Mtg:<br>Winners Club | 7<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad | 8 | 9 | 10<br>7:00pm<br>Grapevine<br>Committee<br>Mtg: Club 12<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad,<br>Foxhall | 11 | 12 |
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| 13 | 14<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad | 15<br>6:00pm CSO<br>Board Meeting | 16 | 17<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad,<br>Devine,<br>Foxhall | 18<br>7:00pm Dist 19<br>Meeting St<br>David's<br>Episcopal<br>Church | 19 |
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| 20<br>5:00pm District 1A & 16<br>Mtg<br>5:00pm District 17<br>Meeting at Jim's 410 &<br>Bandera<br>5:30pm COR Meeting<br>6:30pm Interdistrict Mtg:<br>St Andrew's Episcopal<br>Church<br>BBQ: Goliad<br>NIGHTCAP DEADLINE | 21<br>Birthdays:<br>Goliad | 22 | 23 | 24<br>7:00pm Dist 18<br>Meeting<br>Schertz-Cibolo<br>Gp meeting<br>place | 25<br>Birthday: SW<br>Loop<br>Colonies North,<br>Schertz-Cibolo<br>El Libro Grande,<br>Marymont,<br>Group 12,<br>Rush Hour<br>Potluck:<br>Marymont | 26<br>Birthdays: Winners,<br>Frontier, Serendipity,<br>Broadway, SA North,<br>Grupo Unidad, Lambda |
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| 27 | 28<br>Birthdays:<br>Ajamo<br>Heights,<br>Northwest,<br>Freedom<br>Goliad | 29<br>Birthdays:<br>Winderest,<br>Valley-Hi,<br>Santa Fe,<br>New Acceptance | 30<br>Birthdays:<br>Oblate,<br>Northwood,<br>Foxy Ladies,<br>Lytle<br>Potluck: Lytle | 31<br>Birthdays: Stahl<br>Rd, Ft Sam, N<br>San Pedro,<br>Goliad | July 1950 12 Traditions adopted by A.A.<br>July 1950 Dr. Bob's last public appearance<br>July 1955 3 Legacies accepted by A.A.<br>July 1970 Bill W's last public appearance |
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(1950) 1st International Convention

**CSO CLOSED**  
**4th OF JULY**  
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**HAPPY SOBER**  
**HOLIDAY**



