



The Nightcap

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ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 5-7: Wholeness Retreat-Workshop, St. Joseph's Retreat House, 127 Ob-late Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216, 512-349-4173. This retreat-workshop is for AA's, Al-Anons, and ACA's. Cost is \$40 plus \$20 registration fee. Bring leisure clothes, Big Book, and your 12 and 12.

(For more detailed information on the above, please call your Central Service Office, or Danna G. at the above number.)

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CHANGE IN HOURS AT CSO

NEW HOURS FOR THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE → MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9 a.m. TO 6 p.m.

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CLUB 12 HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 6TH!

Club 12 will have a dance on Saturday, June 6, 1987, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be live music by The Cherokee Band.

For more information, call June at 344-8981.

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"The trouble with always being punctual is that usually nobody's there to appreciate it."

Franklin P. Jones

THE NEW LIFE GROUP CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY! Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun on JUNE 7, 1987, at St. Patrick's Hall located at 1114 Willow Street and the Pan Am Freeway.

Refreshments will be served and other goodies!

There will be a Speaker's Meeting at 7 p.m.

Chairperson: Mike G.

AA Speaker: Jeanne W.

Al-Anon Speaker: Elva A.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us!!

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HOMECOMING

THE NINTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING sponsored by all members of the SASH AA Group, will be held on Monday, June 8, 1987, at the San Antonio State Hospital.

Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Richard S.

Reception & Dance 8-9:30 p.m.

Music by SASH Band

Tell your friends!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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"Then there was the drunk who started writing a drinking song--but couldn't get past the first two bars."

NEW GROUPS+NEW MEETINGS+CHANGES

GROUP 24 will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on Monday through Friday at 12 noon, Brown Bag, Open-Discussion; Monday through Friday at 8:15 p.m., Open-Discussion; on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Open-Speaker meeting.

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CHAPTER 9, FAMILY AFTERWARDS have changed their meeting place and time.

Place: 8600 Wurzbach Suite 601
Time: Friday, 8:15 p.m.
Type: Open-Discussion

For more information, call 690-1466.

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SHALOM GROUP, a new group, meets at the SAC Episcopal Center, 315 West Dewey.

Day: Monday
Time: 2 p.m.
Type: Open-Discussion

For more information, call 734-4901.

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THE SCHERTZ GROUP now has a 12 noon, brown bag meeting--Monday through Friday, Open-Discussion.

Also, an Open-Discussion meeting is held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday.

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THE PALISADES GROUP, a new group, meets at HCA Hill Country Hospital, 8205 Palisades Drive, Live Oak, TX. Meeting times are Monday at 8:15 p.m. and Thursday at 8:15 p.m. Open-Discussion.

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NEW GROUPS, ETC. continued...

OAK HILLS GROUP has changed their meeting place. They were on Oak Manor but have moved to 7434 LOUIS PASTEUR DRIVE The Pyramid Plaza Building, Room 20 in the basement. The time is still the same--12 Noon, Monday through Friday.

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THE SUNRISE GROUP now has five meetings per week, Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. The group meets at Club 12 and it is a "non-smokers" meeting--Open-Discussion.

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THE EASY DOES IT GROUP has deleted their Tuesday and Thursday meetings.

They now meet only on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS. This is a Brown Bag, Closed-Discussion, 12 Noon meeting. The meeting is held at Incarnate Word College.

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*"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: non all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Non all your Tears wash out a Word of it."*

This means, of course, that what's done is done and there isn't one blamed thing you can do about it.

Those who refuse to accept that which they cannot change, end up changing themselves. They become sour, disagreeable, unpleasant, humorless, surly--and sometimes ill.

Anonymous

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SIGN HERE!

Over the bar of a roadside inn: "We accept resignations from Alcoholics Anonymous."

Atop the cold cuts in a delicatessen: "Our tongue speaks for itself."

Submitted by a reader

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GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 1987

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Gary L., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The CSO Guidelines were read by Chris Z. Fred D. read the Twelve Traditions. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Donna T. and approved as read. There were 35 present.

The Administrative Board report was presented by Fred D. who read the minutes of the last Board meeting. Wayne B., Finance Chairman, reported that the income statement shows group contributions below average for April; it was the largest month for literature sales and lowest in salary expense. We had a net income of \$973.28. The balance sheet reflected the return of \$5,000 start up money for the 3-day convention. Also, a reduction in the inventory. The latter reflects a new accuracy in knowing what the inventory actually is. The total income for 1987 is \$4,749.77; the 1986 income tax return has been filed. James H., new H&I Chairman requested volunteers to take meetings (see end of minutes). Betty Kirkpatrick, director of Our Lady of the Spirit, wants AA volunteers any day of the week. James H. says you can volunteer by calling him at 434-9626 ahead of the CSOC meeting. Mailing Chairman: Vacant. Editorial Chairman, Dee S., reported 1068 Nightcaps were mailed out for May. PI Chairman (Schools), Jerri McC., absent--report given by Tom B. He talked to four ROTC High School groups in April. PI Chairman (Media), Carolyn B., resigned and suggested Dwayne S. replace her. He said he will think about it. Penal Chairman, John R., visited six units since April 14th; he has given 3 cases of Big Books and 2 cases of 24 Hour books and hopes to send 27 cases this year. He has new approval packets for volunteers to visit prison meetings. He reported a rumor that they took meetings to death row--this is not true as this is forbidden. The new rules allow visitation with 1 year of sobriety. Tom B., Chairman for Jails, reported a workshop for jail meetings is being held on 30 May. Call CSO to sign up for it. CPC Chairman, Gordon M. was absent, no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Darlene B. and Chris Z. were elected as the two new Board members, by secret ballot; Ray A. was nominated from the floor by Margaret W. and seconded by Kim C. Some discussion of splitting the excess of the anniversary convention profit money by sending donations to SW Area and GSO--but tabled until this money is actually received.

NEW BUSINESS: Phone duty volunteers were requested for the month of June (see list below). Bob B. moved that a committee be formed to rewrite the CSO Admin. Board By-Laws. This was seconded and carried. The requirements would include 5 years of continuous sobriety and experienced in service work. No present member of the Board may serve on this committee. Volunteers for the committee should call the Central Service Office. A committee of 5 or 7 will be selected from the volunteers.

DCM Reports: 1-A, present, no report.

1-B, absent.

1-C, Fred D. successfully showed the conference movie at Weekend with AA in SA convention.

1-D, present, announced the New Life Group anniversary on June 7.

1-E, absent.

1-F, absent, no report.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS-- JUNE:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Monday Detox</u> | Coker Group | <u>SASH</u> | Goliad Group |
| <u>Humana Metro Hosp.</u> | Happy Hour, Grp 12 | <u>Charter Real</u> | Nite Owls, Winners |
| <u>Salvation Army</u> | New Life Group | <u>Thursday Detox</u> | Abundance Happy Hour |
| <u>Casa del Sol</u> | Oblate Group | <u>Chest Hospital</u> | Mon Night Men's, Winners |
| <u>Parkside Rec Ctr</u> | Stahl Rd Group | <u>ARC</u> | Southside Group |
| <u>Our Lady of the Spirit</u> | Laurel Heights | | |

AFTER HOURS TELEPHONE DUTY--JUNE:

Jun 1-7: Monday Nite Men's, Winners

Jun 15-21: Audubon Group

Jun 8-14: Freedom Group

Jun 22-28: Brookhollow Group

Respectfully submitted,

3, Donna T., Acting Secretary

MESSAGE CARRIED TO SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC
INFORMATION COMMITTEE

There were two highschoools visited by
PI volunteers in May. First, were four
ROTC classes--about 80 students--at
Clark High on May 14. They were well-
informed, having studied about alcohol-
ism, and asked lots of good questions.

On May 20, an advanced social studies
class at Judson High enjoyed a presenta-
tion and participated well with questions.

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In Memoriam

Gentle Ben A. died on May 13, 1987. He
was a long time member of AA and will
be missed by all of us in the Fellowship.

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

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JAIL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks for signing up for taking AA meetings
to the Bexar County Jail. Remember the work-
shop on May 30--attend if possible, it should
be good.

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OLD GRAPEVINES NEEDED

*John R., the Penal Connittee Chairman, says:
"If you have any old issues of the GRAPEVINE
that you do not want, please drop them off
at Central Service Office for him to take
to the prisons."*

*He also sends his THANKS to those AA Groups
who have contributed to the Penal Fund to help
purchase new books and literature for the AA
inmates behind the walls.*

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LET GO AND LET GOD! IT WORKS!

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

NEW HOURS FOR CSO:

Monday through Friday--9 a.m. to 6
Closed on Saturday.

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GOLD-PLATED MEDALLIONS. In the future
these will be "special ordered" only.

We have tried to keep these on hand
but never seem to have the right one
so have to special order anyway.

We have a few on hand--they sell for
\$8.00 each--so in order to reduce
our inventory, when these are sold
we will no longer keep them in stock.

Please give us 2-weeks notice when
special ordering.

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PENAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

THE MEDICAL-PROFESSIONAL GROUP has
contributed \$56.83 to the Penal Fund
in May.

THE CALLAGHAN ROAD GROUP has contribu-
ted \$50.00 to the Penal Fund in May.

Many thanks to both of these groups
for helping to "carry the message"
to the alcoholics in the penitentiary
system.

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ODE TO A MARTINI DRINKER

Starkle, starkle, little twink
Who the deuce you are I think.
I'm not under what they call
The affluence of incohol.
I'm not as drunk as thinkle peep
I'm just a little slort of sheep.
Tee martoonis make a guy
Feel so dizzy, don't know why.
So pass the mixer and kill my fup,
I've all day sober to Sunday up.

Anonymous (on purpose)

The Sixth Tradition

"An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the answer to a lot of other things. The AA groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the AA name behind any meritorious cause.

Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn't like alcoholics, so we thought we'd build a hospital chain of our own. We'd gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement. Maybe these places would make large sums of money to carry on our other good works. We seriously thought of rewriting the laws of the land, and having it declared that alcoholics are sick people. No more would they be jailed; judges would parole them in our custody. We'd spill AA into the dark regions of dope addiction and criminality. We'd form groups of depressive and paranoid folks; the deeper the neurosis, the better we'd like it. It stood to reason that if alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem.

It occurred to us that our uncompromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm around the shoulder of religion and the other around the shoulder of medicine, we'd resolve their differences. Having learned to live so happily, we'd show everybody else how. We might transform the world!

Years ago this principle of "no endorsement" was put to a vital test. Some of the great distilling companies proposed to go into the field of alcohol education. They wanted to say that liquor should be enjoyed, not misused; hard drinkers ought to slow down, and problem drinkers--alcoholics--should not drink at all.

In one of their trade associations, the question arose of just how this campaign should be handled. Of course, they would use the resources of radio, press, and films to make their point. But what kind of person should head the job? They immediately thought of Alcoholics Anonymous. Soon they'd spotted their man, an AA with the necessary experience. Straightway he appeared at New York's AA headquarters, asking, "Is there anything in our tradition that suggests I shouldn't take a job like this one?" "Do you headquarters folks see any bugs in it?"

At first glance, it did look like a good thing. Then doubt crept in. The association wanted to use our member's full name in all its advertising; he was to be described both as its director of publicity and as a member of AA. Of course, there couldn't be the slightest objection if such an association hired an AA member solely because of his public relations ability and his knowledge of alcoholism. But that wasn't the whole story, for in this case not only was an AA member to break his anonymity at a public level, he was to link the name Alcoholics Anonymous to this particular educational project in the minds of millions. It would be bound to appear that AA was now backing education--liquor trade association style. The minute we saw this compromising fact for what it was, we asked the AA member how he felt about it. "Great guns!" he said. "Of course I can't take the job. The ink wouldn't be dry on the first ad before an awful shriek would go up from the dry camp. They'd be out looking for an honest AA to plump for their brand of education. AA would land exactly in the middle of the wet-dry controversy. What a mess!"

"Nevertheless," we pointed out, "you still have a legal right to take this job." "I know that," he said. "But this is no time for legalities. AA saved my life, and it comes first. I certainly won't be the guy to land AA in big-time trouble, and this would really do it!"

Concerning endorsements, our friend had said it all. We saw as never before that we could not lend the AA name to any cause other than our own.

JUNE 1987

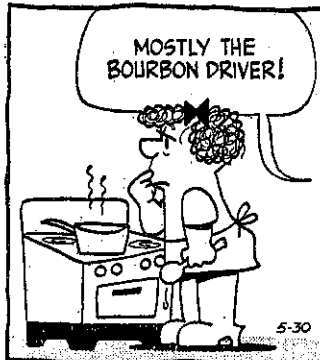
| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| NEW LIFE GROUP'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY | | | | | | | StarTite Birthdays Club 12 Dance 9-1 |
| 8 | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| | | Admin. Board Meeting 7 p.m., CSO. | | Medina Valley Group Birthdays | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| GSR (CSOC) MEETING CLUB 12, 7 P.M. (CHANGED FROM 3RD SUNDAY DUE TO FATHER'S DAY) | | | | | | DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR JULY NIGHTCAP!! | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| FATHER'S DAY Goliad Group Barbecue 6 p.m. | | | Park North, Group 24, and Northwood Birth- days. | North San Pedro Birth- day Night; Southside Group Birthdays | BIRTHDAYS AT Southwest Loop, Club 12, El Libro Grande. Down- town, Freedom, Schertz, Colonias North, Brook- hollow, Marymont. Marymont Potluck. | Audubon, Lambda, & Winner's Club Birth- day Night; Lambda Potluck. Club 12 Games Nite. | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| | Alamo Heights Birth- day Night. | Valley Hi Group & Windcrest Birthdays | | | | | |

Jokes * * Jokes



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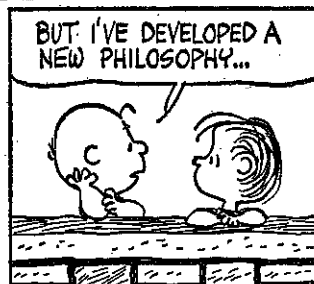
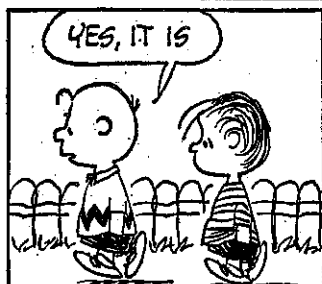
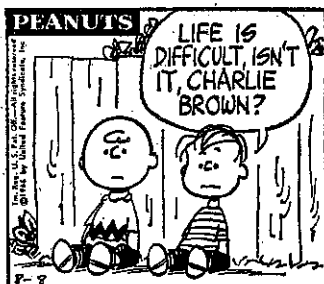
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HEATHCLIFF



PEANUTS



ZIGGY



Doesn't it make you feel superior when you realize that your inferiority complex is bigger than anyone else's?

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Thanks for All the Jokes!

Keep 'em coming!

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED APRIL 1987

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>DISTRICT 1-A</u> | <u>MO</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>GROUP</u> | <u>DISTRICT 1-E</u> | <u>MO</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|---|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| W Abundance | | 49.84 | 185.12 | Fresh Start | | | 19.31 |
| Bandera | | | 26.56 | Frontier | | 19.50 | 52.30 |
| W Mobud Big Book | | | 3.96 | Goliad | | 120.00 | 360.00 |
| W Mobud Roundtable | | 11.00 | 56.50 | Highland | | 25.00 | 100.00 |
| W Morning After | | | 105.00 | Medina Valley | | | 25.80 |
| Northwest | | | 30.00 | New Acceptance | | | 25.00 |
| Reality | | | 2.00 | SASH | | | 150.00 |
| W Sat Night Live | | | 81.98 | Serenity | | | 30.00 |
| W Siesta Ladies | | | 22.00 | Southwest Loop | | 20.00 | 40.00 |
| W Summit Step Study | | | 24.47 | Valley Hi | | | 60.00 |
| W Turning Point | | | 26.41 | Wilford Hall | | | 60.00 |
| Villa Rosa | | 50.00 | 100.00 | | | | |
| | <u>DISTRICT 1-B</u> | | | <u>DISTRICT 1-F</u> | | | |
| Boerne | | | 96.00 | Grupo del Sol | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Callaghan Road | | | 80.00 | Grupo Unidad | | | 20.76 |
| Colonial Hills | | | 16.36 | Kingsboro | | | 18.20 |
| Colonies North | | | 20.00 | Santa Fe | | 16.00 | 40.00 |
| Creekview Young Peop | | 2.00 | 2.00 | | | | |
| Dietz-Elkhorn | | | 60.00 | TOTALS | | 1,170.44 | 5,332.27 |
| Family Afterwards | | 66.60 | 66.60 | | | | |
| Laurel Heights | | 60.00 | 229.50 | <u>AREA CONTRIBUTIONS</u> | | | |
| Oak Hills | | | 480.00 | Hondo | | | 80.00 |
| Oblate | | | 100.00 | Marble Falls | | | 60.00 |
| Ranger Creek | | | 30.00 | | | | |
| Twelve | | 120.00 | 480.00 | TOTAL | | | 140.00 |
| | <u>DISTRICT 1-C</u> | | | <u>MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u> | | | |
| Alamo Heights | | 36.00 | 144.00 | Garnet I. for Mary F. | | | |
| Brookhollow | | 65.00 | 113.00 | | | | |
| Easy Does It | | 46.50 | 74.50 | <u>BIRTHDAY DONATIONS</u> | | | |
| Freedom | | 205.00 | 369.94 | Don T. (3 Years) | | | 3.00 |
| Marymont | | | 180.00 | Lylas W. (3 Years) | | | 3.00 |
| North San Pedro | | 75.00 | 75.00 | Wilson P. (10 Years) (A penny a day) | | | 36.50 |
| Northwood | | 60.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| Reliance | | | 53.00 | TOTAL | | | 42.50 |
| Stahl Road | | | 36.00 | <u>INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u> | | | |
| St. Paul's | | | 38.00 | Judith U. | | | |
| Tejas | | | 25.00 | Anonymous | | | |
| Windcrest | | | 40.00 | AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA | | | |
| | <u>DISTRICT 1-D</u> | | | | | | |
| Ft Sam Houston | | 60.00 | 240.00 | | | | |
| Downtown | | | 40.00 | | | | |
| New Life | | | 25.00 | | | | |
| Northeast | | | 124.00 | | | | |
| Schertz | | 60.00 | 120.00 | | | | |
| Universal City | | | 180.00 | | | | |

W=Winners Club

VARIOUS DEGREES OF DRUNKENNESS

1. Dizzy and delightful
2. Drunk and disorderly
3. Dead drunk
4. Dead

NOTICE: If your records of group contributions do not agree with what we show, please let us know. All of our bookkeeping records have been revised since the first of the year, and it is possible that we have made some errors.

Dee S., Ofc Mgr

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