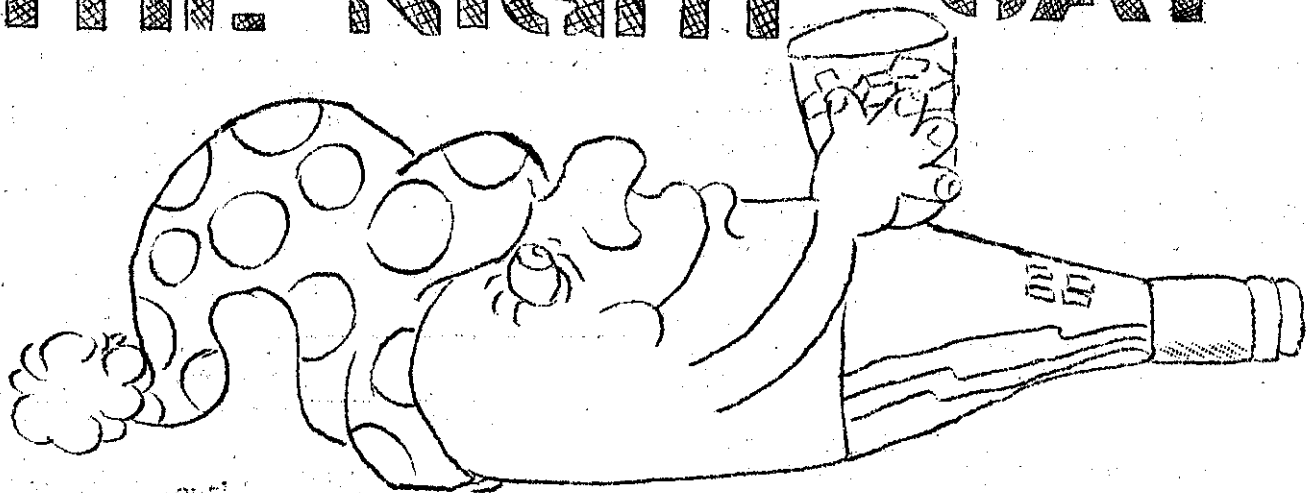


# THE NIGHT CAP



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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, MAY I HELP YOU?

Hi? I'm Marge and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also a new volunteer at the Central Service Office. I started to say new "helper" but I really don't think I am yet. In fact if you call for assistance and I answer the phone, I'll probably need more help than you.

I had no idea what to expect the first day I reported for duty. I was pleasantly surprised to see old friends. I asked for Pat and was startled when two emerged from the inner office to greet me. I expected to see Pat C., since she was instrumental in getting me there in the first place. She's the tall, dark, looking blond gal, you know. She introduced me to Pat S., who's the tall, dark, intent, good-looking fellow. Having two Pats around really isn't a problem. There's no way one can mix these two up.

Pat C. plunked me in a chair and said, "Here's your desk. Keep a record of all phone calls on this sheet. There's a list of all groups and locations in this directory and some crucial numbers, like hospitals, on this pull-out board. If you need help, just holler."

As if on cue, the phone began to buzz and buttons blinked. I picked up the receiver and quavered, "Alcoholics Anonymous. May I help you?" I hoped to heck I could.

That first morning the calls had a wide range - everything from a sick man needing help getting to the hospital, to a worried prospective grandfather needing reassurance that his first grandchild would arrive, sound and helthy.

There must be a kind of sixth sense down here at the office. Or maybe my facial contortions triggered my numerous rescues. At times I didn't even wait to be rescurd - just dropped the phone, ran for help and asked, "What am I supposed to do now?"

Questions regarding literature were handled by another desk. It was explained that I could transfer those calls to that desk simply by pushing the intercom button and dialing. When the next order came, I dialed and felt almost efficient as I said.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, MAY I HELP YOU -- (Cont'd from Page One)

The response was, "I'd be happy to, Marge, but where is she?" Cut off. That's where she was - a slight oversight on guess whose part? I'd remembered the inter-com button, but forgotten to HOLD!

Do you know what I found out on my first day? Lots of people don't know what part of town they live in. I am absolutely overjoyed when someone says he doesn't know. It gives me a warm glow all over, all day.

I hope I haven't planted doubts in your mind about the efficiency of this Central Service Office. Believe me, it's beautifully efficient. It's proved itself in a trial by me. It also offers coffee or tea, fresh flowers every day (courtesy of Pat C.) and plenty of smiles.

One more thing - for all you people with missing links. We're forming a chain

down here . . . . . Sorry I've been advertently cut off!

( Reprinted from the May, 1977 edition of INTERGROUP NEWS )

- Marge B. -

... HELP WANTED ...

NEW CHAIRPERSONS NAMED

The Central Service Office is in need of volunteer help. You needn't be an accomplished secretary or wizard clerk-typist; you don't even need prior office experience. On the job training is available. A couple of hours a week, a couple of days a month donated on a steady, reliable basis can make the difference between a thriving, growing Central Service Office to effectively serve the San Antonio area, and one that has a hard time keeping up with all the demands of our rapid expansion.

Have a heart . . . . . Lend a hand! Give Beth J. a call today.

ALL GROUPS - PLEASE COPY

We have a really good Wall Crew at present . . . but we need your cooperation. Whenever your AAGroup has a special event flyer to send out with THE NIGHT CAP please have it folded when you sent it to the Central Service Office. We will appreciate your thoughtfulness very much!

- Jeanne W. -  
Mailing Crew Chairperson

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Information - 121 Student - 3

STAT'S: 1/15/78 - 2/22/78

Anyone interested in these areas of service is urged to contact the new chairs. Lynn N. was elected Secretary of the C.S.O.C. at that body's February meeting.

Chairperson of the Public Information Committee.

John H. will serve a second term as

of THE NIGHT CAP.

Hod C. will remain as Finance Chairperson and Mary Lou C. will continue as editor

Committee.

Gail McA. and Arlene J. are the Chairs of the Hospital Committee and Lois C. and Herbert P. will head the Penal

meeting held the following Sunday.

The selection of new chairpersons to head Standing and Ad Hoc Committees was announced at the February meeting of the Administrative Board of the Central Service Office and confirmed at the C.S.O.C.

CHANGES:

The Administrative Board of the Central Service Office will no longer meet on a monthly basis. The Board will now meet six times yearly with the next meeting to be held on April 4th.

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The STARR (South Texas Area Round Robin) meeting formerly held following the C.S.O.C. meeting at 8:15 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month has been discontinued.

SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE

AND NOT AS THEY MAY SEEM.

LOOK WITHIN AND SEE BEHIND

KNOW THE HEART AND READ THE MIND.  
(Irish Song)

PIC: 1/15/78 - 2/15/78

Marilyn H., accompanied by John H. spent 4 hours addressing students of Memorial High School, while Fred T. and Nancy W. spoke to members of Health classes held at Sam Houston High School.

Bill M. shared his experiences with a Law Enforcement class at San Antonio College and John H. spoke to 175 members of the "Teamsters" Union.

DuWayne F. spent an hour with the youngsters of Crestview Elementary School, and Joan B. was the guest of the 24 HOUR Group.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Group 12 will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dance on March 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Club 12, 102 Thames Blvd.

Everyone is invited to stick a shamrock behing your ear and follow your favorite leprechaun for an evening of fun; food and fine dancing to a live orchestra.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

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JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT THE ARC

John S. of the ARC and Jane M., the Alpha Home will be the honorees at the birthday celebration sponsored by the Frontier Group on March 5th at 1 p.m. at the ARC located on Southton Road.

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SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE HAVEN

The haven will celebrate its 6th Anniversary with a unique "founder's day" meeting on Sunday, March 19th at 2 p.m.

Following the traditional barbeque dinner Dick M. will chair a meeting featuring speakers from the group's yesteryears.

Take the whole family along for a wonder-trip through the history of The Haven!

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PEARSALL GROUP PLANS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

The Pearsall Group urges area AA's to join them for a fun-filled evening in celebration of the group's 1st Anniversary on March 1st at 8:15 p.m.

The group meets at the Yancy Berhart home on Highway 140 (1 mile out of Pearsall toward Charlot).

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! ! ! ! THANK ! ! ! !

The Park North Group says, "Thanks - a bunch!" to everyone in the San Antonio Area for making their 1st Anniversary party such a smashing success.

Wall-to-wall people showed their appreciation to Dr. Jerry G., guest speaker and lingered to enjoy the lavish buffet that followed the meeting.

A bouquet of shamrocks to all who contributed so generously!

- Dee S. and Mary Lou G. -

33 YEARS OF AA IN S.A.

Plans are underway to celebrate 33 years of AA in the San Antonio area on April 8th.

The Anden Grove Party House, 102 9th Street will be the site of the annual city-wide celebration of the arrival of AA in our community.

The evening will begin with coffee and Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available soon and information on speakers and entertainment will be announced shortly by the party chairpersons.

Additional details will be spot-lighted in the April edition of The Night Cap.

Circle the date now - you won't want to miss this biggest "birthday party" of them all!

NEW MEETING DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

The new Meeting Directories for metropolitan San Antonio and Outlying Areas are available now at the Central Service Office for 10¢ a copy.

Time for group secretaries to replace that dog-eared and out-dated supply in the literature rack; individual members to stock up for handing to new members, and while you're at it - how about a few copies for the waiting rooms of your doctor, dentist, the foyer of your church, the magazine stack of your beauty salon or hair stylist. Spread the good word!

HOSPITAL ZONE:

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

March 7th & 21st - The Northwood Group  
March 14th & 28th - The Northwest Group

MAY THE GOOD LORD TAKE A LIKIN' TO YE BUT NOT TO MUCH AND NOT TOO SOON

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

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

The C.S.O.C. and District 1 meetings will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 7 p.m. in Club 12.

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The Goldad Group, 537 Avondale, will hold its regular monthly barbeque, Sunday, March 19th at 6 p.m. Followed by an "Open Speakers' Meeting" at 7:30 p.m.

All other Sunday meetings are held at the usual time of 8:15 p.m.

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Group 12 will hold its monthly dinner and games night on Saturday, March 25th at 7 p.m.

Ham will be featured item on this month's menu; the price is just \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

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The 24 Hour Service Group, 1203 Fredricksburg, will hold its regular monthly dinner on Sunday, March 26th.

Beat the restaurant-jam on Easter Sunday by taking the whole family to the 24 Hour Groups' traditional Sunday dinner.

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### FORGET SOMETHING?

Contributions to the Central Service Office have been steadily declining since August, 1977, and the February 22nd, 1978 bank balance was an unhealthy \$209.92!

As contributions waned, office expenses (along with the cost of just about everything else) continued to soar. The result: the same pinch we all feel after a trip to the grocery store, or with mortgage payment looming.

Many other things in AA run along well on faith alone (as a matter of fact - better), but unfortunately the Central Service Office is not one of them. The rent does come due, and "Ma Bell" must be paid at regular intervals or we suffer a loss of service. That loss of service could then be passed on to groups in the area - and the "still suffering" alcoholic who needs to be put into contact with those groups - have appropriate literature made available, or the proper referrals made.

Imagine your Central Service Office with a silent telephone ... empty shelves where there were once stacks of literature ... no postage to carry the message of your group's anniversary or special event through the area!

Pretty bleak thought, huh?

The remedy may be a simple one. Many times Group secretaries or GSR's may fall behind in monthly contributions just as I may overlook a misplaced bill. Perhaps a reminder would receive an "Ohhh yeah ... knew I'd forgotten something."

As responsible members of the group you do have the right and the obligation to inquire about whether or not Group obligations are being met. Your secretary or treasurer should be able to answer any queries you have, and may want to give occasional reports on how group monies is being spent.

Next meeting at your Home Group why not just ask, "Hey! Did we forget something?"

- Mary Lou C. -

### CONVENTION NEWS:

#### 24th Annual Coastal Bend AA Jamboree

"Bigger and better?" Hard to believe, but true, says Earl D., Jamboree Chairman for this ~~XXXXXX~~ year's Coastal Bend Jamboree.

Its time to plan your 1st Spring outing for the whole family and we can't think of a nicer "plan" than joining the fun-folk who make this Jamboree such a happy event.

This year's Jamboree will be held March 10th - 12th at La Quinta Royale, 601 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, Tex. 78401.

Registration fee of \$5.00 admits conference goes to all meetings. The luncheon price is \$5.00 and the cost of the banquet will be \$7.00. Alateen registration is free!!

For registration or further information write: Jamboree Chairman, P.O. Box 3201, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE: La Quinta Royale, or dial direct, 512/888 - 4461.

THE LORD WATCHES OVER FOOLS (DRUNKS)

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AMEN-From your typist BRENNAN?!!

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GROUP FEB. TO DATE GROUP FEB. TO DATE

GROUP	FEB.	TO DATE	GROUP	FEB.	TO DATE
Alamo Heights	30.00	30.00	Open Door	30.00	30.00
Audubon	0	0	Park North	10.00	20.00
Brees	0	0	Realty	5.00	10.00
Broadway	35.00	35.00	Reliance	0	40.00
Downtown	20.00	20.00	Sally	0	0
First Step	0	0	SASH	10.00	10.00
Ft. Sam Houston	20.00	20.00	Santa Fe	0	30.00
Frontier	20.00	20.00	Sabra	0	0
Goldad	15.00	15.00	St. Agnes	10.00	10.00
Group 12	50.00	50.00	Serenity	10.00	20.00
Grupo Del Sol	0	0	Sharing	0	0
Grupo Esperanza	0	0	Spiritual Life	0	0
Grupo Unidad	0	0	Stepping Stones	0	0
Harmony	0	0	Sunset	15.00	30.00
Highlands	20.00	20.00	The Raven	15.00	15.00
Hope	0	0	24 Hour	10.00	10.00
Kelly AFB	35.00	35.00	Universal	0	0
Laurel Heights	15.00	15.00	Valley HI	0	0
Marymont	0	0	VA Hospital	0	0
Northeast	20.00	20.00	Valla Rosa	25.00	50.00
N. San Pedro	20.00	20.00	Wesley	15.00	15.00
Northwest	20.00	40.00	Windcrest	0	0
Northwood	90.00	90.00			

AREA

GROUP	FEB.	TO DATE	GROUP	FEB.	TO DATE
Bandera	0	0	Women's Serenity	20.00	20.00
Bridge(N.B.)	20.00	20.00	Lytle	0	8.00
Canyon Lake	0	0	New Braunfels	10.00	10.00
Floresville	5.00	5.00	Pearsall	5.00	15.00
Hill Country Group	0	0	Seguin	0	0
Kerrville	20.00	20.00			

ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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BUCK-A-MONTH CONTRIBUTION FORM

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Central Service Office - 109 Lexington Ave., Suite 215, San Antonio, Texas 78205  
 Please enter my contribution to the BUCK-A-MONTH for \_\_\_\_\_ Months. Donation  
 is enclosed on the basis of \$1.00 per month.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_