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MAR 4-6: 34TH Annual Coastal Bend AA Jam-boree, Holiday Inn--Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi. Write Chairman, P. O. Box 3204, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

APR 1-3: 17th Annual Reno Spring Festival at Bally's Reno (formerly MGM Grand). Call 1-800-648-5080 for hotel reservations. Write Reno Spring Festival, Box 72, Reno, Nevada 89504.

APR 1-3: Spirit of the Pines AA Convention. Camp Cullen on Lake Livingston, TX. Write Spirit of the Pines, 320 Market #5, Galveston, TX 77550.

APR 15-17: YES Arizona Convention '88, at Holiday Inn, 180 W. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85701. Write 1988, PO Box 57664, Tucson, AZ 85732.

JUN 9-12: 43rd Texas State AA Convention, Hyatt Regency West Houston, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Write to Treasurer, 3914 Roseland, Houston, TX 77006.

Weekend in S.A. with A.A.

P. O. Box 791985

San Antonio, Texas 78279-1985

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 THRU

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1988

Lots of Loving AA Fellowship

*We are asking for your Sharing Support
Please come and help us make this an AA
get-together to remember!
MARATHON MEETINGS WILL START FRIDAY AT 3 P.M.
This Weekend Celebrates our 43rd Anniversary*

SPEAKERS

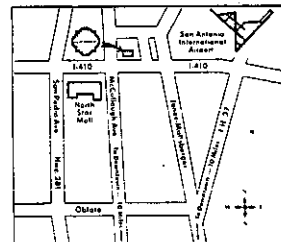
Jerry F., Huntington Beach, CA
Polly P., Fountain Valley, CA
George T., Middletown, DE
Ken D., La Mesa, CA
Gavin G., Center City, MN
Sister Bea, Brea, CA

Dance



Banquet

La Mansion del Norte has blocked off rooms for us. Please identify yourself for this Weekend in S.A. with A.A.



Free registration for those who are registered guests at the La Mansion del Norte (Limit two per room)

Lots of Free Coffee and Fellowship.

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Saint
Patrick's
Day!



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BADGE NAME _____
BADGE NAME _____
CHECK: <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> ALANON <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN

PRE-REGISTRATION \$15.00 I am a Registered Guest at
BANQUET - DANCE 15.00 the La Mansion del Norte
DANCE ONLY 5.00
ALATEEN REGISTRATION 2.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A.
P. O. Box 791985
San Antonio, TX 78279-1985

GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Club 12, February 21, 1988

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Charlie C., with the Serenity Prayer. The CSO Guidelines were read by Wilson P., followed by Lee F. reading the Twelve Traditions. Literature on the table was pointed out. New GSR's were introduced and reminded to contact their DCM. The sign-in book was passed and 53 persons signed it. The Statement of Participation was reviewed by Charlie. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the February NIGHTCAP. After-hour phone duty for March was assigned (see below). Meeting was turned over to Gary L., Administrative Board Chairman, who asked for reports from the committee chairpersons: James H., H&I Chairman, asked for groups to volunteer to take meetings to various hospitals and institutions (see list below). Wayne B., Finance Chairman, presented the financial statement for January; explaining and reviewing the report. CPC Chairman, Lila S., was absent. Dee S., Editorial Chairman, reported that any material to go into the March NIGHTCAP could still get in if received by the 22nd. Jack S., Mailing Chairman, absent-Dee reported 1,104 issues of NIGHTCAP mailed in January; about 30 were returned. She explained that each one costs 8.5¢ to mail and if it is returned it costs another 22¢, so please advise CSO if your address changes. PI Chairman, Jerri McC., absent. John R., Penal Chairman, reported that 60 people were at the Penal Facilities meeting and dinner on Feb. 20 and gave a report on that meeting. He also explained the basic functions of TDC meetings. The Correctional Facilities Group will meet regularly at 130 Saipan and the next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Donna T. reported that more women are needed to take the message to the Gatesville Women's Units. These women that go also need to have their expenses subsidized. Tom B., Jails Chairman, reported that 5 or 6 women have volunteered to take meetings to jails. Two new men have also volunteered. Coffee and supplies are also being received and are greatly appreciated. More people are still needed.

OLD BUSINESS: Voting on the business of groups contributing to a Penal Travel Expense Fund was brought up. Charlie explained taking meetings inside and outside of the SW TX Area, explaining how inside our own area is in need of meetings. The subject was then opened for discussion. It was moved and seconded for a Penal Expense Fund out of our Area; vote was defeated. It was moved and seconded for a Penal Expense Fund inside our Area; vote was unanimous and carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Pre-General Service Conference will be held on March 26 & 27 at Airport Ramada. Jim W., Chairman of Weekend in SA, reported that hosts and hostesses are needed; about 22 to 25 groups are needed for the Marathon meeting (Winnie is chairman of this meeting); open door policy for who cannot afford registration--anyone who plans to register, please go ahead and pre-register because the money is needed. Winnie's phone is 433-1712, or call Jim at 340-6737.

DCM REPORTS: 1-A, vacant; 1-B, no report; 1-C, Larry W. reported still needs many members for different committees; 1-D, vacant; 1-E, Gary L. announced a District meeting will be held at Goliad Group on March 12; 1-F, Jose G. announced that Yolanda F. is Alternate DCM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Henrietta announced that Our Lady of the Spirit needs AA books, please contact Shirley at 532-5205, also the 1st Saturday in every month there is a dance at the ARC; also, sponsors are needed for alcoholic residents at the ARC. Charlie announced that funds can be contributed to the group taking meetings to TDC in Huntsville directly.

AFTER-HOUR TELEPHONE DUTY FOR MARCH: Feb 29 thru Mar 6: Park North; Mar 7 thru 13: Audubon; Mar 14 thru 20: Morning After; Mar 21 thru 27: 5:30 NS, Winners; Mar 28 thru Apr 3: Ladies Meeting, Group 12.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS FOR MARCH: Monday Detox--Sunset Group; SASH--Villa Rosa Group; SALLY--Summit Turning Point Group; Parkside Lodge--Colonies No. Group; Humana Metro--Nurses in Recovery, Lytle, Ft. Sam; Charter Real--5:30 NS Winners; Thursday Detox--Sun. Roundtable, Marymont; Casa del Sol--Goliad; Our Lady of the Spirit--New Acceptance; Ella Austin--Jim C. & James H.; Good Samaritan--Alamo Heights; Cloud Haven--Reliance, Freedom; ARC--Laurel Hgts, Madrone Clinic--Wilford Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn F., Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES group will have an open meeting and a Potluck Dinner at 130 Saipan, on Saturday, March 19, 1988 at 6 p.m. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

DISTRICT 1-E will meet on Saturday, March 12, 1988, at the Goliad Group, at 7 p.m. All GSR's in this District are expected to attend.

AA 12 STEP WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, March 19, 1988, at 319 Camden Street (Madison Square Presbyterian Church), San Antonio, TX. Workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

MARATHON MEETING at Weekend in SA needs 22 to 24 groups to carry on the marathon meeting. If your group wishes to participate, please call Jim W. at 340-6737 or Winnie at 433-1712 between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

NEW GROUPS+MEETINGS+CHANGES

THE UTSA BOULEVARD GROUP has announced that the last Thursday of each month is a *Speaker's Meeting* and is held at 8:15 p.m.

THE LADIES SIESTA & MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN AND RECOVERY GROUPS (that meet at the *Winners Club*) have merged as of 2-8-88 and are now called "*THE FOR WOMEN ONLY*" group.

THE AA GROUPS THAT MEET AT 8:15 p.m. at the *Winners Club* have merged and are now called "*THE SUMMIT TURNING POINT GROUP.*"

A *NEW NON-SMOKER'S GROUP* is alive and well at the *Winners Club*, meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuesday's meeting is a step-study meeting, Friday's meeting is a podium participation meeting. If you are looking for a *Closed-Clean Air Group*, you'll find a small, warm group here!

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TOPICS LISTED IN NEXT COLUMN WILL BE DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK--IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR GROUP'S OPINIONS ARE HEARD!!

★ EXTRA ★

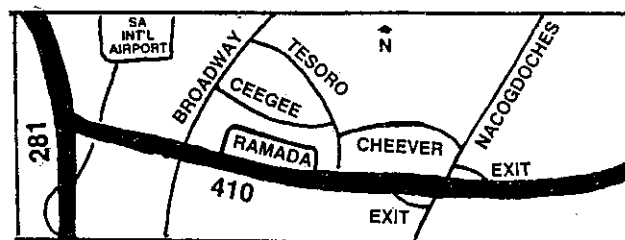
**Pre-General Service
Conference To Be Held
March 26-27 1988**

**Airport Ramada Inn
San Antonio, Tx 78209**

Theme: "Sharing Together"

**Buffet - Saturday Noon - \$4⁹⁵
★ FREE COFFEE ★**

**Room Reservations Directly
To Ramada (512) 828-9031
\$38⁰⁰ Night - Up To 4 People**



The following topics will be presented at the above Conference:

1. Self-Support--The spirit of the 7th Tradition.
2. Participation--How It Works.
3. Self-Support--At All Levels.
4. It All Begins at the Home Group.
5. Growth, Diversity, Maintaining Unity at the Area Level.
6. Consideration regarding participation of Intergroups/Central Offices in the General Service Structure.

JAIL AA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The only requirements needed to volunteer to take AA into the Bexar County Jail are 1 year of sobriety in AA and no felonies on your record. We need more men and women volunteers. Call TOM B. at 525-1932 if you are interested.

Please send coffee, paper cups, cream, sugar, or funds for these items, for the Jail Meetings to the Central Service Office. Thanks to all of you for your support. We are reaching 25 to 30 inmates per week with our message at this time!

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PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWS

Thanks to Molly, Ben, Robert, and Tom for carrying the AA message of recovery to four science classes, which included approximately 100 students, at the Gus Garcia Junior High School on February 5th!

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

The Winners Club is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, March 19th, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be refreshments and D.J. Music! Come to "The Wearin' of the Green"!

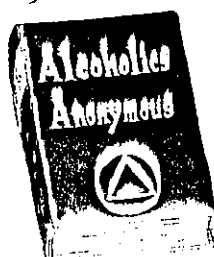
Advance tickets are \$3.00; at door--\$3.50.

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When All Else Fails ---



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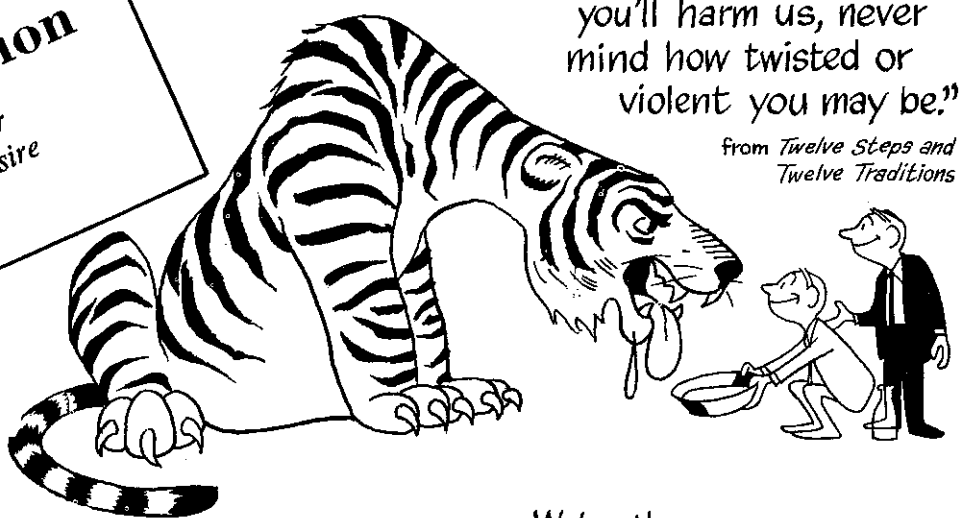
WHY WE WERE CHOSEN

God, in His wisdom, selected this group of men and women to be the purveyors of His goodness. In selecting them through whom to brood about this phenomenon, He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went instead to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate. He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world. Well might He have said to us, "Unto your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you."

It must be used unselfishly; it carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long; no demands upon your time can be too urgent; no case be too pitiful; no task too hard; no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed, and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect; lack of appreciation will be common; ridicule will be your lot; your motives will be misjudged. You must be prepared for adversity for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascent the rungs toward spiritual perfection, and remember, in the exercise of this power, I shall not exact from you beyond your capabilities.

You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always, if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of my gift. If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would be available. You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world and your long experience as drunkards has made or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep even in mind the admission you made on the day of your profession in AA namely that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will unto my keeping that relief came to you. (Author Unknown--submitted by Bob T.)

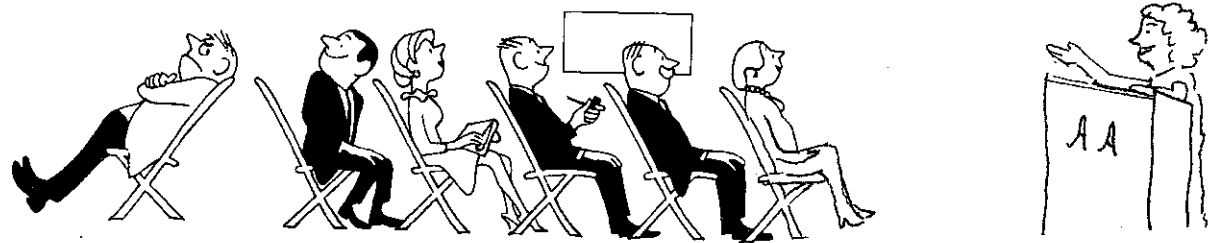
The Third Tradition
 The only requirement for
 A.A. membership is a desire
 to stop drinking.



Isn't every organization entitled to have rules for membership? Why did A.A. decide to forgo this privilege, to be "inclusive . . . never exclusive"? That's easy. Early members tried it the other way, and it just didn't work. As the Fellowship was nearing its ten-year mark, the office that served as headquarters "asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in," Bill W. recalled. "If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once, it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined A.A. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!" So the rule books went out the window and were replaced by one uncomplicated sentence: Tradition Three.

We've thrown away
 all membership rules and
 regulations that might keep you
 out. We want you to have the
 same chance for sobriety
 that we have had.

But, somebody may ask, isn't this Tradition itself a rule? It does state *one* requirement for membership. Let's read it again, and ask another question: *Who* determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? Obviously, nobody except the newcomers themselves; everybody else simply has to take their word for it. In fact, they don't even have to say it aloud. And that's fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us.

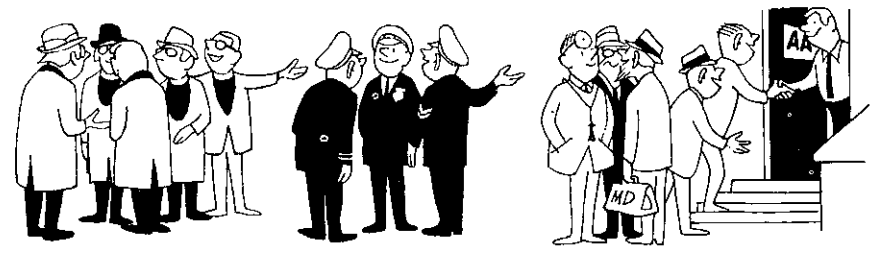


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The problem faced by this Tradition isn't just past A.A. history. It keeps coming up—for instance, when a group debates whether to exclude alcoholics who are also hooked on other drugs. The Tradition mentions no such *negative* requirements, no demand that the prospective member must *not* be a "pill" addict, a homosexual, an ex-convict, a person with a record of mental illness. All alcoholics are welcome.

What about the group that seems to impose extra *positive* requirements, beyond "a desire to stop drinking"? This might be a "special interest" group or collection of groups in which, for example, each member must be a physician—or a young person, a man, a woman, a priest, or a law-enforcement officer. By their own account, those who belong to International Doctors in A.A. or Young People in A.A. consider themselves A.A. members *first*, and they attend general-membership meetings as well as those that fill their other individual needs, while remaining devoted to A.A.'s primary purpose.

These "special interest" groups offer only one instance of the wide variety within the Fellowship. Our Traditions allow unparalleled freedom, not only to every A.A. member, but to every A.A. group. . . .



March Birthdays

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

1 Year

Lowell A.
Ed A.
Barbara C.
Marguerite C.
Ben C.
Alonzo G.
Christine J.
Barbara K.
Michael P.
Suzanne W.
Ronald P.
Nathaniel T.
Vincent W.
Ed S.
Bruce B.
Sebastian
Don B.
George S.
Ruthie S.
John W.
Steve

2 Years

Rod B.
Charles S.
Robert B.
Estella A.
John D.
Rene G.
Tim E.
Lloyd R.
Bob E.
Jay S.
Jack G.
Ed K.
David G.
Vincent E.
Leonard H.
Dale S.
Robert L.
Don S.
Jimmie S.
Jan T.

3 Years

Doug B.
Cagle
Larry B.
Johnny B.
Jack H.
Michael M.
Nadine McC.
Harris N.
Vivian R.
Ruddy R.
Craig B.

4 Years

Moe B.
Andy A.
Mario C.
Mike M.
Kris B.
Don T.
Jack O.

5 Years

Earl M.
Morris L.
Suzanne S.
Jo S.
Ramon V.

6 Years

Carol M.
Tom G.
Jewell R.
Dave M.
Linda T.
John J.
Millie L.

7 Years

Diana B.
Genny N.
Marilyn J.
Laurie P.
Georgianna W.

8 Years

Dinah B.
Bob B.
Ruth W.

9 Years

Ray A.
Richard D.

10 Years

Penny F.
Lalo A.
Elizabeth J.
Dino A.

11 Years

Bob S.
Bill D.
Eva P.

12 Years

Dale B.
Jack H.
Bob S.

13 Years

R. W. B.

14 Years

Kaye N.

16 Years

John P.
Chuck C.

17 Years

Edith R.

18 Years

Fred D.
Dick T.

26 Years

Edward S.
Ken C.

27 Years

Elves S.

31 Years

Cunt L.

BELATED FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hoyt S., 1 Year
Darlene B., 12 Years
Leonard M., 13 Years
Mike C., 14 Years

CONGRATULATIONS

TO YOU

ALL!



THANKS FOR LETTING US SHARE YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!

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Do your AA Birthday shopping with your Central Service Office! We have many items for birthday gifts for your favorite AA member. Besides the bronze and gold plated medallions, we have specialized AA cards, covers for Big Books, 12 & 12 (regular and gift size), neckchains with bezel for medallions, praying hands earrings, lapel pins, Bic lighter cases, Zippo lighters, key-holders, money clips, and gift certificates. Come in and browse--the coffee pot is always on!

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"It is now generally believed that the most common cause of car sickness is its sticker price."

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"The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action."

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Golliad Birthdays*	4 Corpus Jamboree	5 Corpus Jamboree Starlite Birthdays Dance at ARC
6 Golliad Birthdays*	7	8	9	10 Medina Valley Group Birthdays	11	12 DISTRICT 1-E MEETING, GOLIAD GROUP, 7 P.M.
13	14	15 CSO ADMIN BOARD MEETS	16	17	18	19 Games Night, Club 12 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES POTLUCK 6 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE, WINNERS CLUB
20 DEADLINE FOR APRIL NIGHTCAP! GSR MEETING, CLUB 12 7 P.M. Golliad Group Dinner	21	22	23	24 Birthday Nite at North San Pedro Group	25 Birthday Night at Group 12, El Libro Grande, South-west Loop, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies No., Schertz, Brookwood, & Marymont; Potluck at Marymont & Downtown. FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	26 Birthday Night at Winners, Audubon, Lambda; Potluck at Lambda. DANCE AT CLUB 12 PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE. APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
27 PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE	28 Birthday Night at Alamo Heights Group	29 Birthday Night at Windcrest, Valley Hi, & Fresh Start Groups	30 Birthday Night at Park North & Northwood Birthday Night at Oblate Group.	31 Birthday Night at Southside & New Acceptance Groups		

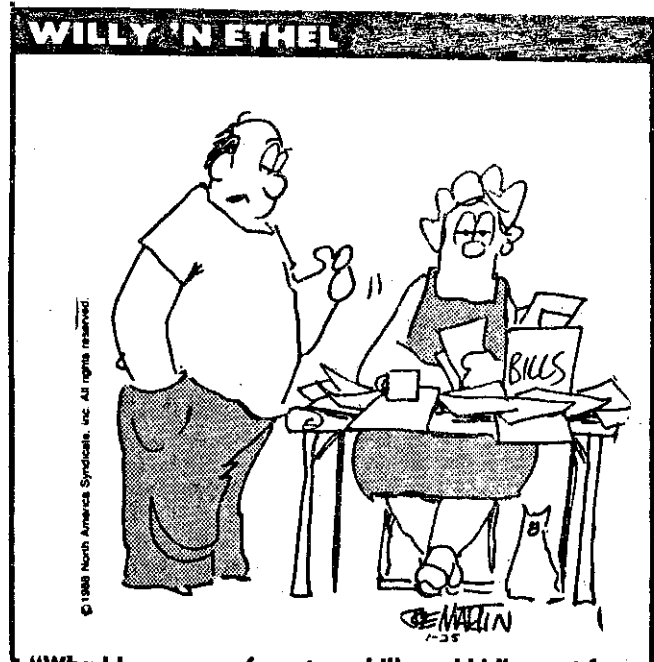
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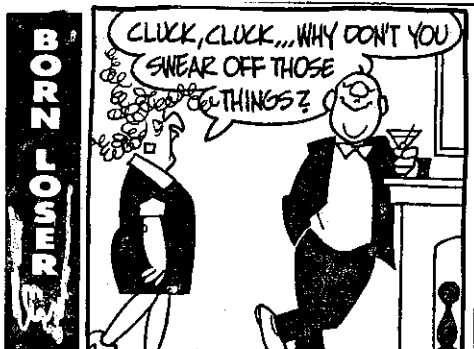
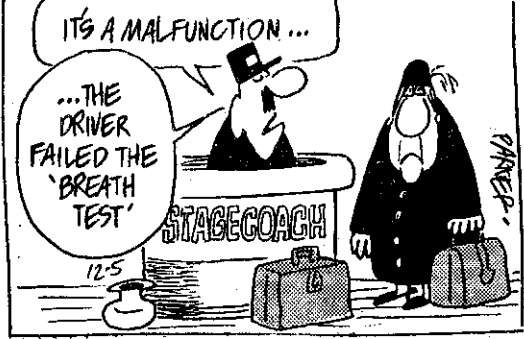
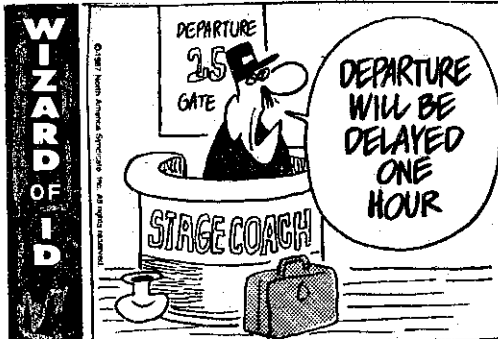
Creeping Resentment

*The Golliad Group celebrates AA Birthdays every Thursday and Sunday.

Jokes & Jokes & Jokes & Jokes



"That'll be enough of your cold remedy!"



CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN JANUARY 1988

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Morning After	1-A	72.51	72.51
Northwest		30.00	30.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>		
Lambda		50.00	50.00
Park North		50.00	50.00
Twelve		120.00	120.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>		
Alamo Heights		36.00	36.00
Marymont		60.00	60.00
Sunset		100.00	100.00
Windcrest		60.00	60.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>		
New Life		25.00	25.00
Schertz		60.00	60.00
Universal City		60.00	60.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>		
Downtown		25.00	25.00
Frontier		8.83	8.83
Goliad		60.00	60.00
Highland		25.00	25.00
Longhorn		60.00	60.00
New Acceptance		25.00	25.00
Southside		10.00	10.00
Southwest		30.00	30.00
Valley Hi		70.00	70.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>		
Grupo del Sol		5.00	5.00
TOTALS		1042.34	1042.34

<u>PENAL LITERATURE FUND</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Fresh Start	17.84	17.84
Medical Professional	54.73	54.73
New Acceptance	15.00	15.00
Night Owls	78.50	78.50
TOTALS	166.07	166.07

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CONTRIBUTIONS 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 recommends that groups follow the "60-30-10" plan. It works like this: First, take care of your basic group expenses--rent, refreshments, AA literature, GSR's expenses (if paid by group), divide the remaining funds as follows:

*60% to Your Central Service Office:
Make check payable to Central Service Office
8804 Tradeway
San Antonio, TX 78217*

*30% to Your General Service Office:
Make check payable to General Service Office
P. O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163*

*10% to Your Area Committee:
Make check payable to SW TX Area Fund
Area Treasurer
P. O. Box Q
Ingleside, TX 78362*

Individual members may contribute up to \$1,000 per year.

Your contributions to this office (CSO) are greatly appreciated--Thanks!!

INDIVIDUAL

MONTH

Anonymous	247.60
Bill R.	24.00
Buster B.	12.00
Forrest J.	200.00
John D.	12.00
Loleat L.	12.00
William H.	60.00
TOTAL	567.60

BIRTHDAYS

Karla S. (9 Years)	9.00
Hank S. (10 Years)	100.00
Gene L. (19 Years)	19.00
TOTAL	128.00

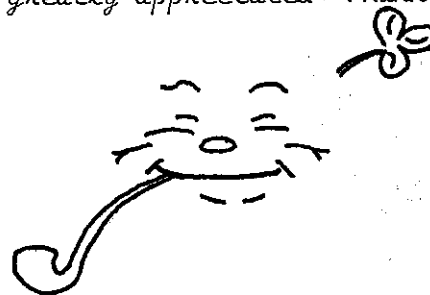
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HUMILITY

*They gave me a medal for humility
For which I have a knack;
But, the first time that I wore it,
They made me give it back!*

(Rotter B _____!)

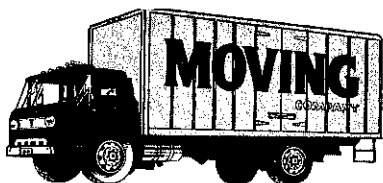
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SAN ANTONIO, TX 78217

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LET US KNOW
BEFORE YOU GO!