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weekend in SA with AA



FRIDAY, APRIL 3 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1992
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This is a once a year benefit for the San Antonio Central Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as a celebration of San Antonio's 47th A.A. Anniversary. Please join us in sharing "a weekend to remember."

Marathon Meetings (in English and Spanish) will begin Friday at 4 pm.

RESERVATIONS

For room reservations, call or write Holiday Inn Riverwalk North, (formerly El Tropicano Hotel) 110 Lexington at St. Mary's, San Antonio, TX 78205. Identify yourself as "Weekend in S.A." and ask for our special Conference Rates. Phone 512-223-9461 or 1-800-28-TEXAS.



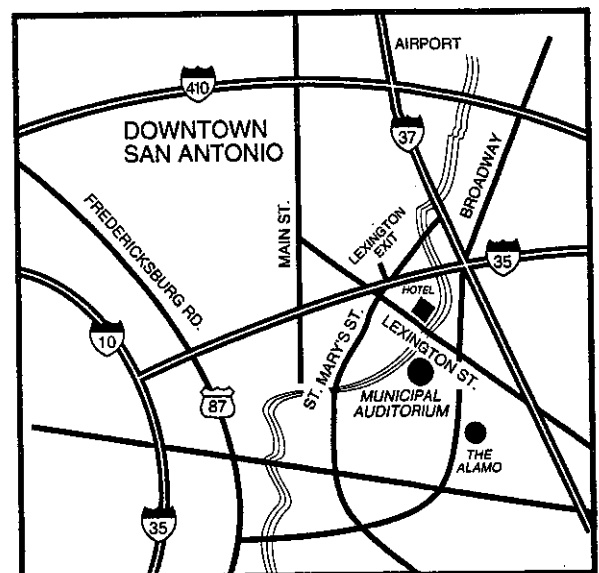
THEME FOR THE 1992 WEEKEND IN S.A. WITH A.A.

S P E A K E R S

Speaker Meetings start Friday at 8 pm, and run through Sunday Noon.

FATHER TOM W.--8 p.m. Fri. Oakland, California
 PATTY O.--10 a.m. Sat. Mission Viejo, California
 NELL L. (ALANON) Noon Sat. Waurika, Oklahoma
 RAMON M.--3 p.m. Sat. Corpus Christi, Texas
 PATRICK W.--7:30 p.m. Sat. Lincoln City, Oregon
 LIZ B.--10 a.m. Sun. Hollis, New York

MARATHON MEETINGS ★ DANCE
FELLOWSHIP ★ HOSPITALITY ROOMS
ALATEEN MEETINGS ★ ALL NIGHTERS



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jan T., Chairman. Jerry S. read the 12 Traditions. Two new General Service Representatives were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read. There were 59 people present.

Jerry G., CSO Board Treasurer, presented the financial report which was very precise and thorough, noting that the inventory is increasing at a rate of approximately \$300 per month.

Committee reports were as follows: PI Committee Chairman, Don N., reported that the Medical Center Hospital now has a telephone that his committee can call in on; new radio spots are being made; had a call from the White House regarding AA's participation in the Drug Summit to be held here in San Antonio, had also been contacted by the media. Jail Committee Chairman, Flynn J., reported that there are nine meetings a week at the various facilities now; anyone wanting to volunteer needs to call CSO and leave name and address. Also, this committee meets with the CFC on the first Wednesday of each month and they have tentative plans for another barbecue in March. H&I Committee, Charlie R., obtained names of groups to take meetings to various facilities (see list below). Convention Committee Chairman, Debbie G., reported that we have 80 pre-registrants and we really need to push registration; Jim W. reported that the State Convention will be held June 11 through 14 and a booth will be set up at Weekend in SA to take pre-registration for it. He needs volunteers to help with this and asked that he be called at 493-5983. Arley H. asked for names of groups who want to participate in the Weekend in SA Marathon Meetings.

Old Business: Regarding after-duty telephone volunteers signing up for the same day for one month rather than for one week was brought up. Dewey moved that we stay as we are on this; Jim D. seconded the motion. Much discussion followed, vote taken and motion carried.

New Business; Paula, GSR for Turtle Creek Group, brought up that some groups get to take meetings to several H&I facilities while some groups do not take any and wanted to know how this can be corrected. Jim D. suggested that groups sign up for only one meeting, then if there is any left, they could sign up for more than one.

CSO Report showed that 1525 copies of the February issue of THE NIGHTCAP were mailed with 18 copies being returned due to addressee moving and not notifying CSO. Telephone calls received in January totaled 1075.

Announcements: The Area Archives wants the history of all groups in SWTX Area. Call CSO if you want to contact Julie L. regarding this request.

Mike S. of the nominating committee for CSO Board of Trustees reported that nominees will be presented at the March meeting and election will be held to replace one trustee. Yolanda F. and Richard G. are other members of this committee.

The Fox Hall Group will celebrate their second anniversary on March 10. Renee Z. announced that the Northwood Group will celebrate its 32nd anniversary on March 4.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee S., Acting Secretary

AFTER-HOUR TELEPHONE DUTY FOR MARCH

MAR 02-08: Alamo Heights Group
MAR 16-22: Oak Hills Group

MAR 09-15: Schertz-Cibolo Group
MAR 23-29: Group 12

H&I MEETING VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

MONDAYS: Detox--Southwest Loop Group; SASH--Marymont Group.

WEDNESDAYS: Cloudhaven--Stahl Road.

THURSDAYS: Detox--Summit Turning Point; Hill Country Hospital--District 18 Groups.

Colonial Hills--Sunrise Group. VA Hospital--Group 12.

FRIDAYS: Casa del Sol--Goliad; Detox--Colonies North Group; Villa Rosa--N. San Pedro Group.

SATURDAYS: ARC--Abundance Happy Hour Group; Detox--Group 12.

If your group wishes to bring a food donation for the HOSPITALITY ROOM at Weekend in SA with AA, please call Debbie G. at 493-1871. Thanks!

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FREE PARKING!

While attending Weekend in S.A. with A.A., you may park FREE at the following locations. Please note Hours and Restrictions. We can assume no responsibility for any damage or lost articles—so be sure to lock your car and hide any valuables.

NATION'S BANK BUILDING (FORMERLY NCNB) 300 CONVENT AT NORTH SAINT MARY'S

Park FREE from 6:30 PM Friday through 2:00 PM Sunday (through the end of the conference.) Enter from Saint Mary's Street; exit from parking garage onto Convent, then walk east 1.5 blocks to the Auditorium. Unless you have handicapped license plates, please do not park in a "handicapped" space. Also, no parking in spaces assigned to tenants. Violations may result in your car being towed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT

AT THE CORNER OF LEXINGTON AND AVENUE A
ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR HOLIDAY INN HOTEL

Park FREE from 6:00 PM Friday through Midnight Saturday night. Sorry, due to church functions, there is NO PARKING WHATSOEVER ON SUNDAY! Violations may result in your car being towed. Once again, please take proper precautions with your vehicle.

THE NIGHTCAP IS ABOUT, BY, AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE AA FELLOWSHIP. OPINIONS EXPRESSED HEREIN ARE NOT TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AS A WHOLE, NOR DOES PUBLICATION OF ANY ARTICLE IMPLY ANY ENDORSEMENT BY EITHER AA OR THE NIGHTCAP. (Exceptions: Quotations from AA books, pamphlets, and the 12 Steps and/or 12 Traditions are reprinted with permission of AA World Services, Inc.; the AA Preamble, slogans, etc., are reprinted with permission of The Grapevine, Inc.)

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PRE-REGISTRATION * \$ 15.00 _____

REGISTRATION AT DOOR 17.50 _____

DANCE 5.00 _____

ALATEEN REGISTRATION 2.00 _____

COFFEE (ALL WEEKEND) FREE _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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BADGE NAME _____

A.A. AL-ANON ALATEEN

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A. POST OFFICE BOX 790582
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78279-0582

* PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 1st TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWINGS FOR FREE CONFERENCE TAPES AND OTHER EXCITING DOOR PRIZES!



NEW GROUPS+MEETINGS+CHANGES

KEEP IT SIMPLE group has moved to 11230 West Avenue, #1103. This is a closed discussion meeting and is held on Mondays at 8 p.m. It is a smoking meeting.

THE FLORESVILLE group has announced that their weekly meeting has been changed from an open meeting to a closed meeting. They meet on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m.

THE YOUNG, SOBER, & FREE group has changed their meeting time from 8 to 8:15 p.m. This group meets at 6435 N. New Braunfels in the Alamo Heights Christian Church on Tuesday and Thursday. All ages are welcome!!

THE SAC GROUP now meets in the Methodist Student Center, across from campus, at Belknap and Dewey. Meetings are held at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

THE SERENDIPITY group now has a meeting at 11 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays. This group meets at 5426 Schertz Road and it is a closed, smoking meeting. Your attendance is requested.

THE KIRBY GROUP has added another meeting which is held on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. This is an open-discussion meeting and is held at the Kirby Baptist Church, 5114 Seguin Rd.

THE CINCO DE MAYO group that met at Winners Club on Saturdays at 1 p.m. has FOLDED.

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MEETING SPACE

The Emmanuel Presbyterian Church located at 713 Division (off I-35) has rooms available for AA meetings. Anyone that is interested may call Ed Montez at 828-9031 or 491-0281 for more information.

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NEW DIRECTORY MISPRINTS

Page 11: Rush Hour Group meets at 8600 Wunzbach #1204. (NOT 6800!)

Page 13: Rush Hour Group is listed as "RISH" HOUR.

We apologize!!!

H E L P W A N T E D

The Central Service Office of San Antonio is now accepting applications for the position of Office Manager.

The qualifications are:

1. Applicants must currently have at least 5 years of continuous sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous.
2. Must have 2 years of managerial or supervisory experience.
3. Must be good typist and able to compose correspondence.
4. Pleasant telephone voice.
5. Must be familiar with the Twelve Traditions.

Please bring or send your letter of application, along with complete resume, to Central Service Office, 8804 Tradeway, San Antonio, TX 78217.

All applications and resumes must be received no later than March 10, 1992.

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VISITORS TO SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio is one very busy place when it comes to conventions and business meetings. We have people coming in from all over and many are members of AA. Some would like to attend AA meetings while here.

We would like your help in the formation of a group of individuals that would be willing and would like to pick up visiting AAs and take them to a meeting.

Anyone interested, please contact the Central Service Office--821-6325.

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S P E C I A L !

In order to attend the meetings held by the KELLY SPECIAL group, you will need to show proof of liability auto insurance before you will be allowed to drive on the base.

This group meets on Monday and Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Base Chapel, Kelly AFB.

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Upcoming Events

NORTHWOOD GROUP ANNIVERSARY

The Northwood AA Group will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary on Wednesday, March 4, 1992.

Place is: Northwood Presbyterian Church, 518 Pike Place (take Urban Crest off of Hanny Wunzbach to Pike).

Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Mark your calendar to attend this special event!

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CSO RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS		
1992		
RECEIPTS	JAN	YTD
Literature	\$8,693.94	\$8,693.94
Group Contributions	\$2,182.33	\$2,182.33
Other Donations	\$389.44	\$389.44
Nightcap	\$103.00	\$103.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
AA In SA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc Income	\$1,373.40	\$1,373.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$12,742.11	\$12,742.11
DISBURSEMENTS	JAN	YTD
Literature	\$3,471.13	\$3,471.13
Nightcap Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nightcap Printing	\$410.00	\$410.00
Salaries	\$3,274.25	\$3,274.25
Office Supplies	\$115.24	\$115.24
Other Supplies	\$42.14	\$42.14
Rent	\$570.00	\$570.00
Repairs & Maint	\$60.00	\$60.00
Taxes and Licenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$273.32	\$273.32
Employee Training	\$20.00	\$20.00
Auto Reimbursement	\$58.56	\$58.56
Utilities	\$151.94	\$151.94
Payroll Tax	\$250.48	\$250.48
Contract Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Audit Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Info Expense	\$42.00	\$42.00
Jail Expense	\$41.50	\$41.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$8,780.56	\$8,780.56
Gain (Loss)	\$3,961.55	\$3,961.55

SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to Mary T. for donating a great display board to CSO. Mary is one of our telephone volunteers and we are grateful to have her.

CSO Staff

MAR 21-22: Arlington, Texas will have their Spring Assembly. For more information write Chairman, P. O. Box 121742, Arlington, TX 76012.

APR 3-5: Weekend in SA with AA to celebrate AA in San Antonio's 47th Anniversary! See page 1 for more details.

APR 11-12: Southwest Texas Area Assembly to be held in Victoria, TX at the Holiday Inn. For room reservations call 512-575-0251. There will be a flier out on this soon.

JUN 11-14: Texas State Convention to be held in San Antonio. For more information write Chairman, P. O. Box 79-1992, San Antonio, TX 78279-1992, or call the Central Service Office, 821-6325. CSO has registration forms.

AUG 27-30: International Conference of Young People in AA to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. CSO has registration forms available.

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FOXHALL ANNIVERSARY

The Foxhall AA Group will celebrate its 2nd Anniversary on March 10, 1992 (Tuesday), at 8 p.m. Speaker is Jim W. from San Antonio.

The celebration will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in the Senior Building, 1801 N. Panam Highway/I-35 & Willow Street.

Please join us for a great meeting, refreshments, and share in our enthusiastic fellowship!!!

STAHL ROAD AA GROUP POTLUCK

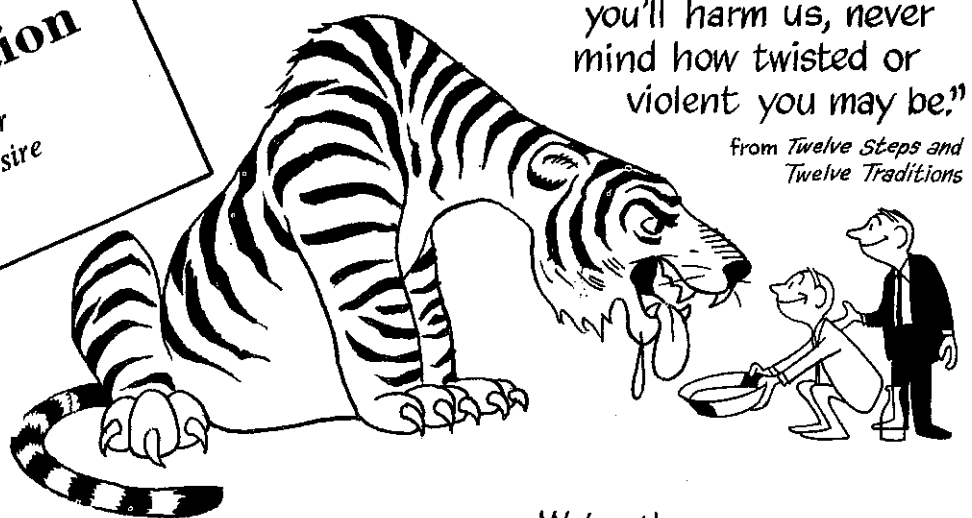
The Stahl Road Group will have their quarterly, potluck, open speakers meeting on the 19th of March, Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, so come on out for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun.

This group meets at 5310 Stahl Road in the St. Margaret Episcopal Church Annex.

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

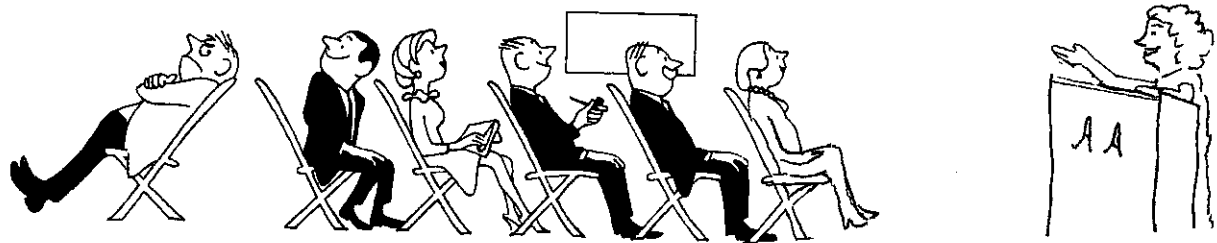


“We aren’t a bit afraid
 you’ll harm us, never
 mind how twisted or
 violent you may be.”
*from Twelve Steps and
 Twelve Traditions*

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.

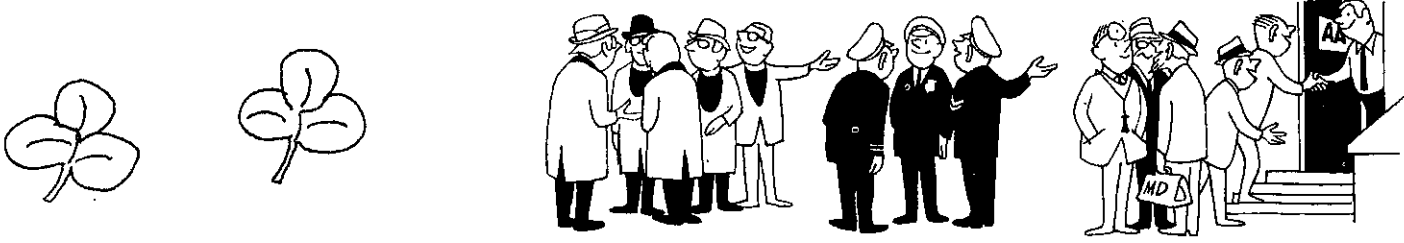


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The problem faced by this Tradition isn’t just past A.A. history. It keeps coming up—for instance, when a group debates whether to exclude alcoholics who are also hooked on other drugs. The Tradition mentions no such *negative* requirements, no demand 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 birthdays reported to CSO by various Groups--
if yours isn't here, complain to your Group Secretary
on call it in yourself--CSO does not keep sobriety records!

1 Year

Kim M.
Bill E.
Kim R. P.
Peggy N.
George S.
James B.
Harold G.
George M.
Nadja N.
Joey Z.

2 Years

Phil R.
Jenny A.
Cheryl B.
Steve B.
Freddy S.
Hamilton B.
John B.
B. A. B.
Alph B.
John D.
James G.
Roger McG.
Charlie R.
Monnis R.
Gordon W.

3 Years

Elaine C.
Dan K.
Monica G.
Lisa B.
Hope D.
Terry E.
Joseph H.
Lauren H. W.
Nema M.

4 Years

Gilbert B.
Ken F.
Die R.
Doug B.
Bob B.

4 Years (cont)

Barbara D.
Veronica G.
Jack J.

5 Years

Robin J.
Georgette K.
Ben C.
Lonnie G.
Tony J.
Barbara K.
George T.

6 Years

Enik S.
Kay W.
Don S.
Jack O.
Rod B.
John D.
Tim E.
David G.
Jimmie S.
Lea Ann T.

7 Years

Nina E.
Harry L.
Vivian R.

8 Years

Tama B.
Mario C.
Tom M.

9 Years

John M.
Linda K.
Suzanne McR.
Sally N.
Jo S.

10 Years

Jommy P.
Carol M.
Jewell R.
Linda T.
John W.

11 Years

Diana B.
Mange F.
Marilyn J.
E. B. M.
Laurie P.

13 Years

Ray A.
Dick D.

14 Years

Liz J.
Juan S.
Penny F.

16 Years

George S.
Dale B.
Jack H.

17 Years

Bob B.

18 Years

Kay N.

20 Years

John P.

22 Years

Pete H.
Dick T.

31 Years

Elves S.

35 Years

Curt L.



CONGRATULATIONS &
BEST WISHES
FOR MANY MORE!

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MARCH BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month's specials are "As Bill Sees It"
Regular price: \$5.50
Sale price: \$4.50

AND

"Como Lo Ve Bill"
Regular price: \$2.50
Sale price: \$2.00

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CFC/JAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

These committees met on February 5, 1992. Bob D. gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$302.50 with a prudent reserve of \$150. It was decided to hold another barbecue/workshop tentatively for May 9. A planning committee was formed. More literature will be donated to prison facilities. The Three Rivers Unit meetings are going well and more volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Thursday meetings. The Area Delegate wanted suggestions to take to AAWS. Flynn J. reported Bexar County Jail needs more volunteers; Syd said Wackenhut needs more women volunteers. Everyone is encouraged to attend the CFC/Jail meetings to learn more about this service work.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church. All AA members are welcome.

Lynne G., Secretary

		JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH 1992							APRIL							MAY																														
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SUN							
1	Birthdays Night at Goliad*	2	3	4 Northwood Group Anniversary	5 Birthdays Night at Goliad*	6	7 Birthdays Night at Starlite
8		9 CSO Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m. Foxhall Group 2nd Anniversary.	10	11 PI Committee meets, 6:30 p.m., Club 12.	12	13	14 St. Pat's Dance Club 12. DCMS meet at CSO 11 a.m.
15	GMM 8404 Speedway, 6:30 p.m. Goliad Barbecue	16	17	18	19 Birthdays Night at Devine Group. Potluck at Stahl Rd.	20	21 Games Night, Club 12.
22		23	24	25 Birthdays Night at Lytle, Oblate, Northwood. Potluck at Lytle.	26 Birthdays Night at Stahl Road, New Acceptance, North San Pedro, Grupo Nueva Esperanza.	27 Birthdays Night at Club 12, Southwest Loop, Freedom, Colonias North, El Libro Grande, Downtown, Schertz-Cibolo, Marymont. Potluck at Marymont 7 p.m.	28 Birthdays Night at Lambda, Winners Club, Grupo Unidad, Frontier, Serendipity. Dance at Winners; Potluck at Lambda.
29	30 Birthdays Night at Alamo Heights, Freedom Big Book.	31 Birthdays Night at Windcrest, Valley Hi, Santa Fe. Old Timers Social at Club 12, 2 p.m.					

*Birthdays are celebrated each Sunday and Thursday.

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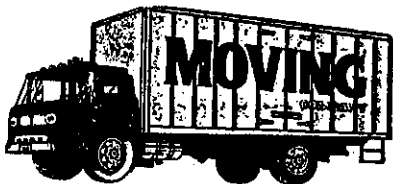
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