

# NIGHT CAP

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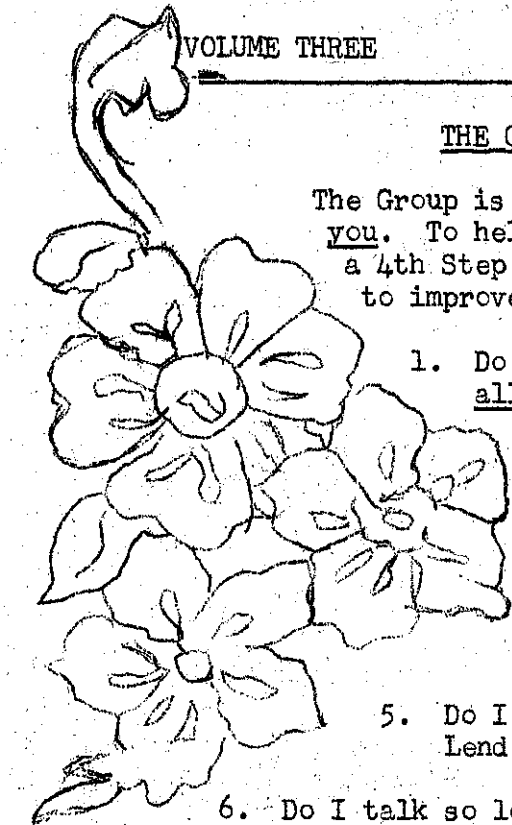
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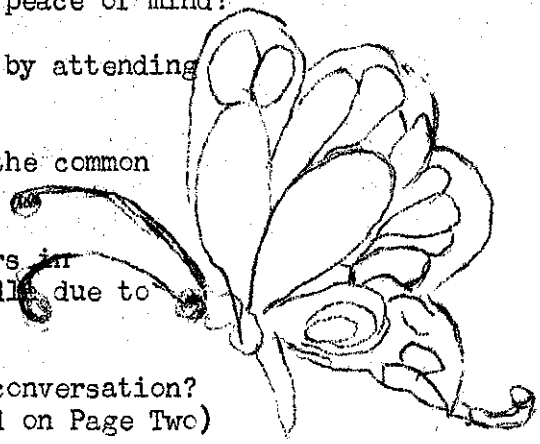
## THE GREAT-GOOD " GROUPE " HANDBOOK

The Group is only as good as good as each individual member - you. To help with your attitudinal spring cleaning here is a 4th Step Inventory which may suggest areas you might wish to improve. A handy guide for all good "groupies"!



1. Do I adequately support my Group financially? In all areas?
2. Do I leave my coffee cup and/or ash tray for others to pick up?
3. Do I get to meetings on time?
4. Do I willingly take my turn at being responsible for programs?
5. Do I expand my AA experiences by visiting other groups? Lend my support to new groups?
6. Do I talk so long at meetings that others do not get the chance?
7. Do I interrupt when others are trying to talk?
8. Do I avoid 12 Step work?
9. Do I criticize members who are serving in an office or on a committee - while I'm doing nothing? Do I refuse such responsibilities?
10. Do I greet the new members and try to make them feel welcome?
11. Do I talk so loudly that no one else can have peace of mind?
12. Do I support institutional meetings and groups by attending their functions?
13. Am I willing to make personal sacrifices for the common welfare of the group?
14. Have I been instrumental in placing new members in service positions they may not be able to handle due to their limited sobriety?
15. Do I intrude on what appears to be a private conversation?

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16. Do I treat anyone as though I was the only one with a brain?
17. Do I resent the more mature members who will not step aside and allow the newer members to assume responsibilities - or do I turn to them for advice and guidance acquired from experience?
18. For the good of the group - as well as myself - am I willing to sacrifice BIG-SHOT-ISM, PHONYNESS, SELF PITY and ANGER in an attempt to gain humility and self respect?

Please NOTE:

- Margaret H. -

(Credit for the idea and a few of the questions of this inventory should go to BOX 459 "Who is A Good AA")

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A FRIEND THINKS YOU'RE A GOOD EGG EVEN IF YOU'RE SLIGHTLY CRACKED!

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FREE-FOR-ALL (AN OPEN LETTER)

Having heard the oft repeated and perhaps ever-emphasized phrase, "there are no dues or fees in AA", have you taken it so literally that you squawk at every request for financial support, each mention of money, coffee-kitty, funds for anniversaries, "The Night Cap"? But how do you suppose a group can meet in a rented hall, purchase supplies, hold an anniversary party - for free? In reality we do know better but the above-quoted phrase is an excellent salve and excuse for what might be our own "tightness". I have often wondered whether the constant emphasis on "no dues" is not a little bit over-done. It does provide us with such a smooth excuse to avoid supporting AA. I am of the Opinion that we should begin to change this attitude and clearly specify that information and help on how to stay sober cost nothing, but meetings, literature, printing, maintaining The Central Service Office, anniversaries, and other group activities cost money, and should be supported by the members who can afford to do so.

My sobriety today, as well as in the future, depends on my supporting AA activities. My support also helps to carry the message to other alcoholics who still need help, and insure that:

"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for the hand of AA it will always be there to help."

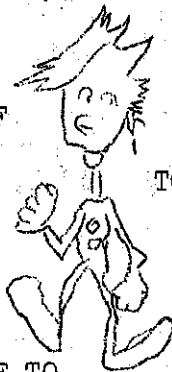
I must not allow myself to become complacent in supporting AA. I need not be reminded of the time in the past when I would have sacrificed all for a drink. The same must be true for me in supporting AA. For if I fail in my support of AA I may find an unanswered call when I ask for help! It's all too easy to say, "I'm busy", "I can't afford it", "Let somebody else carry the ball for awhile", but when I put a price tag on my sobriety - will I be sober long?

To me supporting AA means doing what ever is asked of me, not only to insure my own sobriety, but that of others who chose this way of life. If I want AA to be here in the future, I must be responsible for AA today.

A Grateful Alcoholic,  
- DuWayne F. -

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BE AN ELF



TO YOURSELF

SUBSCRIBE TO

THE NIGHT CAP!

\$\$\$ \$ BUCK - A - MONTH \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

A subscription to THE NIGHT CAP makes a thoughtful gift for a newcomer - new to AA or the area. And how about that friend who's moved away - but would still enjoy catching up on "home happenings" What about the Alateen who'll be away for the first time this summer? or an older member who does not get out as much as she/he once did? And don't forget your physician or your clergyman. It's such a nice way to say, "Hi!" When you're thinking: gift - think: THE NIGHT CAP, and think about how far your BUCK -A - MONTH goes to keep the hand of AA outstretched to all those who need help in your community!

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ANNUAL AREA PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Southwest Texas Area Twelfth Annual Pre-Conference Workshop was held at the Ramada Inn March 26, 27, 1977.

Attending were 10 District Committee Members, 24 General Service Representatives, 11 Alternate GSR's, 23 AA members, 3 Past Delegates, 6 Alanons, 5 Area Officers, with a total attendance of 82.

The Conference theme was "THE AA GROUP - WHERE IT BEGINS".

Following opening remarks and announcements by Raul M., Area Chairman, the reports of the District Committee

Members were given.

The sessions on Saturday consisted of presentations on "THE AA GROUP", "GROUP UNITY", and "GROUP PROBLEMS". Following each presentation, workshop Sessions on the topics were held. These workshops brought about spirited participation, numerous questions and multiple experiences related.

Saturday evening, after a dinner enjoyed by many, an AA meeting was held. Chairman was Jerry O. and speakers were JoAnn H. of Killeen and Fred H. of San Antonio.

The Sunday morning sessions were presentations on "ROTATION THROUGHOUT THE FELLOWSHIP", "THE CONFERENCE CHARTER AND WARRANTIES". These two sessions were followed by most informative Workshops on the topics. Gene D., the Area Delegate, held a most instructive session which included an excellent film on the General Service Office.

The Delegate reported that he had received a great deal of information concerning Area as well as the general feeling of the groups on the topics on the agenda.

- Margaret H. -

MY FRIEND SINGS THE SONG IN MY HEART  
... WHEN MEMORY FAILS.

FOCUS:

The Local Scene:

If you would be interested in attending a meeting devoted to bringing the best of AA to S. A. via taped messages get in touch with Dan or Midge at: 8543 Braewick, Tel. # 653 - 8794.  
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The Central Service Office says, THANKS - A BUNCH! Your groups' efforts made The 32nd Anniversary of AA in San Antonio a SMASH!

Approximately 225 members of AA, and

FOCUS: (Cont'd From Page Three)

their guests enjoyed dinner and the evening 's speaker, Modina ( " Big Mo" ) R., Dallas. The financial report is not yet completé, but as of now \$189.61 is shown as profit. If you have not yet turned in your group's ticket money, please do so that we may finish our tabulations. And "Thanks", again for your generosity - you made it a really memorable evening for everyone!

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The Central Service Office has received a wide and varied listing of Spanish Literature, including the Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the 24 Hour Book, AA Group, Alcoholism is an Illness, Alcoholic Husband, Letter to a Woman Alcoholic, and AA Tradition - How It Developed.

The Office also has lighters, pendants, and 2 year calendars for yourself, or a friend. Its a great time to stock up for all that summer reading you are planning!

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We'd like to correct our report of a merger between the Harmony and Harmonia Groups printed in last months "Night Cap". You'll still find three fine groups meeting at the Harmony Club, 2208 N. Zazamora. Trinity which meets on Tuesday evening, Harmony, Thursday and Saturday, and Harmonia on Friday.

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Despite the lack of a formal Committee, P. I. work goes on. There is a real need for interested members to work on this Committee. Speakers are needed for schools, civic organizations, hospitals, radio and T.V. It's easy, fun, and most of all deply rewarding. Call: 226-2164. ! Give it a try !

The Alanon Central Office reports that Janet S. and Pete C. spoke to the girls P.E. classes at Leal Middle school. The two covered Alanon, Alateen and AA for the girls.

Mary Lou C. and Dee S. of the Park North Group say, "Hi! Come on out and have a TGIF. meeting with us."

The group meets at 8 p.m., Friday evenings in the basement cafeteria of Park North hospital, 4330 Vance Jackson.

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The Floresville Group will be celebrating their 2nd Anniversary on Sunday, June 19th ( Father's Day ) in the Floresville American Legion Hall located across the street from the Library (1412 4th Street) from 4 - 8 p.m. Ray V. from Beeville will be the speaker, and the meeting will be followed by famous Floresville bar-beque - with all the trimmin's, live music, and plenty of fun and fellowship!

The theme of the Anniversary is: AA FAITH - AA HOPE - AA CHARITY - and AA LOVE. Let's all join them in that beautiful thought by helping Floresville celebrate a bang-up 2nd!

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TO SHARE WITH A FRIEND IS TO SEE  
TWICE THE BEAUTY.

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STAT'S: 3/15/77 - 4/15/77

AA	97
Alanon	21
Information	64
Stulents	7
P.I.	5

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

The Administrative Board of the Central Service Office will meet at 7 p.m. in the Central Service Office on Tuesday, May 3rd.

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The C. S. O. C. will meet on Sunday (Con'td. On Page Five)

May 8th at 7 p.m. in Club 12, 102 Thames.

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The Goliad Group will hold its regular monthly barbeque Sunday, May 15th at 6 p.m., followed by an "Open Speaker's Meeting" at 7:30 p.m. All other Sunday meetings are held at 8:15 p.m. The group meets at 1004 Avendale.

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The 24 Hour Service Club will hold its regular monthly dinner on Sunday, May 29th at 1 p.m., 1203 Fredricksburg.

IN MEMORIUM:

Maggie King, San Antonio - March, 1977

Zoe Cassidy, San Antonio - April, 1977

Jerry Pruett, San Antonio - April, 1977

Hondo Sam, San Antonio - April, 1977  
(originally from Hondo - much later S.A.)

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

CONVENTION NEWS:

Don't forget the East Texas Alanon Convention, May 27th - 29th at the Holiday Inn in Galveston, Texas.

Registration fee for AA's and Alanons is \$13.50 for all meetings and the Luau. Alateen registration is \$2.00. Mail to: Mrs. Catherine Griffin, 2910 Avenue Q, Galveston, Texas 77550.

For reservations write: Holiday Inn, 600 Strand, Galveston, Texas 77550.

Oklahoma State AA Conference

Help our good neighbors celebrate their 36th Anniversary by sharing in their State AA Conference to be held May 20th - 22nd at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel, Park Avenue at Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The speakers are fine. The hospitality finer! Take the family along for a Spring "breather". A registration fee of \$13.00 includes the banquet, and banquet tickets must be ordered in advance - none will be sold at the Conference. Mail to: Conference Committee, P.O. Box 75493, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107.

For reservations write direct to:

Skirvin Plaza Hotel  
P. O. Box 1677  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

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If you'd care to roam a bit farther abroad you might consider attending the 1st Transatlantic AA Congress May 20th-22nd in Paris. The Congress will play host to people from Europe, Canada and, of course, the United States.

One half of the meetings will be in French, one quarter will be conducted by English speaking Europeans and the remainder by North Americans. There will be simultaneous translations of all meetings. In addition to the meetings there will be ample opportunity to sight-see in this exciting city of your dreams!

A fee of \$497.00 includes round trip air fare from Chicago, seven nights at the Hotel Sofitel Paris, with breakfast. It also includes all baggage handling and transfers from the airport to the hotel and return.

The Conference registration fee of \$25.00 includes the banquet and dance as well as all meetings. For more information write: Bill Britt, North American Committee, 1st Transatlantic AA Congress, 5707 North Virginia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659.

FINANCIAL CORNER  
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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	15.00	60.00	Northwood	0	45.00
Audubon	0	30.00	Reality	5.00	5.00
Breeze	0	30.00	Reliance	20.00	40.00
Broadway	10.00	40.00	Sally	0	0
Downtown	0	10.00	SASH	5.00	5.00
First Step	0	0	Santa Fe	0	0
Ft. Sam Houston	20.00	60.00	St. Agnes	0	0
Frontier	0	60.00	Serenity	0	30.00
Goliad	0	41.00	Sharing	0	0
Group 12	0	200.00	Step. Stones	0	75.00
Grupo Del Sol	0	0	Sunset	30.00	60.00
Grupo Esperanza	3.00	6.00	Trinity	0	10.00
Grupo Unidad	15.00	22.50	The Haven	0	20.00
Harmony Harmonia	0	10.00	24 Hour	10.00	40.00
Highlands	20.00	80.00	Universal City	0	0
Hope	0	0	Valley Hi	30.00	60.00
Laurel Hts.	15.00	60.00	VA Hospital	0	30.00
Mary Mont	0	25.00	Villa Rosa	25.00	100.00
Northeast	20.00	40.00	Wesley	15.00	15.00
No. San Pedro	10.00	30.00	Windcrest	0	60.00
Northwest	25.00	100.00	Woodlawn Hts.	0	0

AREA

Boerne	0	0	Men's Stag (Kerr)	0	10.00
Bridge (N. Braunfels)	10.00	40.00	Women's Serv. (Kerr)	0	30.00
Floresville	5.00	20.00	Luling	2.00	15.00
Kerrville	0	20.00	Seguin	5.00	20.00

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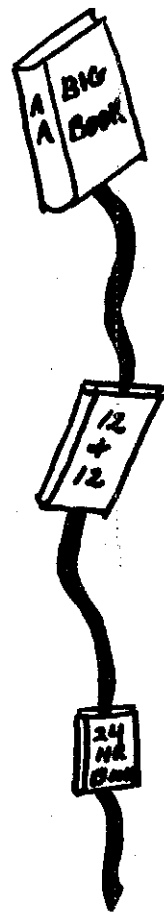
Donation is enclosed on the basis of \$1.00 per month.

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BUCK-A-MONTH CONTRIBUTION FORM

DETACH AND MAIL

# New a a meeting



PARK NORTH HOSPITAL CAFETERIA  
4330 VANCE JACKSON  
(BEHIND Fedmart & HANDY DAN)

FRIDAYS AT 8:00 p.m.

OPEN ~~~~~ DISCUSSION

Come and share with us —  
We need your support!

