



The Nightcap

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STATE CONVENTION IS JUNE 6-9

If you are planning to go to the state AA convention in Austin, the time to make hotel reservations is NOW.

You can make hotel reservations directly to Wyndham Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governor's Row (IH35 at Ben White Boulevard) in Austin.

The new toll free number is 1-800-822-4200. Or you can call the Austin Wyndham direct at 1-512-448-2222. To receive special room rates, identify AA convention. Special convention rates are \$55 single, \$60 double. To get those rates, you must reserve by May 27. Normal room rates there begin at \$79 per night.

Practically the entire Wyndham hotel has been blocked off for the AA state convention, but as of Monday, April 29, only about 25 rooms were remaining. So hurry!

Here's the state convention speaker line-up:

THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 6: Dottie S., North Hollywood, Calif.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7: Curtis M., General Service Office, New York, NY; Craig S., Akron, Ohio; Barbara C., Richmond, Va.; Ed C., Washington, DC; and Scotty A., Midland, Tex.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8: Doris N., Amarillo, Tex.; June G. (Young People), Venice, Calif.; Jana P., (Alateen), Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jack C., (Al-Anon), Richmond, Va.; and Cajun Joe R., Golden Meadows, La.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9: Ernie M., Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Registration fee (includes dance) is \$20.

CAN ANYBODY SPARE A MONTREAL HOTEL ROOM?

If you have reserved a hotel room for the International Convention in Montreal July 4-7 and have decided you won't be going, please call the Central Service Office at 733-6876 and let us know.

The CSO has a list of people wanting to go who do not have reserved accommodations.

Or if you have ended up with TWO hotel reservations (some lucky people have!) and are willing to let one of them go, call us!

DELEGATE TO GIVE REPORT ON MAY 19

Jim R. of Harlingen, delegate to the General Service Conference from the Southwest Texas Area, talked to us about the conference upon his arrival home from New York.

He said that AA's stand on non-alcoholic drug addicts was a big topic at the conference. A statement to the effect that AA deals only with alcoholism will be included in pamphlets aimed toward the professional community. The statement, Jim emphasized, is intended to help professionals in determining who they should and should not direct to AA. The statement will NOT be included in any AA recovery pamphlets.

"We don't want to all of a sudden haul off and say that we don't want certain people," he said. "But at the same time, we want to emphasize AA's singleness of purpose."

Jim will give his Delegate's Report at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Club 12, 102 Thames.

40TH ANNIVERSARY A BIG SUCCESS

Almost 500 people attended the celebration of AA's 40th Anniversary in San Antonio. As far as we know, that's the most people ever to attend an anniversary here.

As usual, there were some last-minute panics. The P.A. system which we were assured a year ago would be included in the rental of the facility had been broken for six months. The anniversary committee learned that news with three hours to go before the event! But the old Serenity Group's P.A. system which Elves S. had donated to CSO was quickly called into service.

A podium was also supposed to be present at the facility, but was nowhere to be found. The New Life Group came to the rescue with their podium.

By the last week in April, the anniversary had cleared \$590, with a little ticket sales money still remaining to be collected.

A big thanks to all who helped.

During this reporting period, I visited Bluemel Oaks, Colonies North, Callaghan Rd., Park North, and West Ashby groups, and furnished the Medical Professions Group with the proposed expenditures for area officers and committees. I also visited with the new program director at Raleigh Hills Treatment Facility and visited with the pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church on Vance Jackson. He had sent a letter to Central Office offering his church as an AA meeting place. I have found a group of bilingual northsiders who would like to form a group.

I-B GSRs discussed this as well as the 2nd Tradition, and the AA pamphlet "The AA Group" and what it has to say about types of meetings and who could attend and participate. And what the highest authority in AA is: "A loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience." We also discussed forming a hospital committee in 1B to become involved with the hospitals that do not have AA groups meeting at them. Next 1B GSR meeting: May 16 at 7 p.m. at Club 12.

THANKS -- THANKS -- THANKS

Your Central Service Office expresses our thanks to those LIFETIME members of the Buck-A-Month Club. (Nightcap subscribers):

Catherine J., Gene L., Jim W., Helen T., Kenneth M., Norman C-M., Claire C-M, Robert T., and new members Sarah W. and Garnett I.

Any member of AA that makes a one-time contribution to the Central Service Office of \$100 or more will become a lifetime member and will never again be sent a renewal notice for the Nightcap. What more could you ask?

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103 Renner, San Antonio, TX 78201

Jim B., District Committee Member for 1E, has asked that anyone interested in restarting the Serenity Group call him.

The group, which met at the State Chest Hospital, folded last year. Now the hospital staff has shown an interest in having a group there again. Call Jim, 922-9791.

WINNERS BEGINNERS GROUP NOW ON SATURDAYS

The Half-Year Bunch which used to meet at the Winners Club on Sunday has been reorganized and is now meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. That's a closed meeting for persons with six months or less sobriety.

CLUB 12 NOTES AND NEWS

Congratulations to new club manager Julia L., and best wishes to former manager June S. as she begins a new job.

There will be a dance with live music Saturday night, May 4. Admission \$3.

Sunday morning AA speaker on May 5 will be Paul T. (Any other AA groups scheduling AA speakers in advance please call CSO -- we'll announce them in the Nightcap.)

CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

MAY:

- 23-26 Annual Texas Round-Up of Young People, Fort Worth (Tex.) Hilton
- 10-12 Texas Conference of Young People in AA, Whitney, Tex.
- 17-19 2nd annual Texas Man-to-Man Conference, Texas 4H Center, Lake Brownwood
- 24-27 Big D Roundup (gay/straight), Dallas, Tex. Hilton Inn.
- 3-5 1st annual Heart of Texas AA Conference, Brazos Inn, Waco, Tex.

JUNE:

- 6-9 Texas State AA Convention, Wyndham Hotel, Austin.

JULY:

- 4-7 International Convention, Montreal.

AUGUST:

- 6-10 Crested Butte Mountain Conference, Crested Butte, Colorado

OCTOBER:

- 4-6: Southwest Texas Area Conference, San Antonio

DECEMBER:

- 6-8 Southwest Regional Forum, Dallas,

GSO ASKS HELP WITH BOOTH

General Service Office in New York has asked the area to man an AA booth at the San Antonio Convention Center May 13-15. Sunny M. is chairman of this assignment; call Central Office if you're interested in volunteering to assist and we will put you in touch with her.

The booth will be at the 56th annual scientific meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association. Booth hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 13, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14 and 15.

GOLIAD GROUP MEETINGS

Goliad Group's 10 p.m. Friday meeting is now called the "Candlelight Meeting."

Also, Goliad's 8:15 p.m. Monday meeting is now a Beginner's Meeting; 8:15 p.m. Tuesday is a Step Meeting, and 8:15 p.m. Wednesday is a Big Book Meeting.

HISPANIC ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 15, a fundraiser for the July statewide Hispanic assembly will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Perez St.

Dinner, an AA talk by Ray A., and live Mexican music and dancing planned. Donation \$2.50.

A VISIT WITH BISHOP JONES

As a small token of our gratitude to Bishop Everett H. Jones for his efforts in helping to start AA in San Antonio, a group of members visited him at his home in late April to deliver a gift.

The gift was a copy of Pass It On, the official biography of our founder, Bill Wilson. On the flyleaves were signatures of hundreds of AA members who are now benefiting from Bishop Jones' energy and determination to help us recover.

His face lit up when he saw all the names and he was obviously touched by our gift. He expressed his gratitude for the continued growth of AA in San Antonio through the dedication of all of us.

TWO AA MEMBERS WERE OVERHEARD DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING CONVENTION IN MONTREAL:

Gene: They'll all be going into the Canadian Club.

Al: Drinking Canada Dry.

mental or moral superiority over those who have. Indeed, I believe if we take habitual drunkards as a class, their heads and their hearts will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class."

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Central Service Office is most grateful for all the support received from Group 12 over the years. Beginning in May, "12" will be reducing their monthly donation to the Central Service Office.

This comes at a time when the Central Service Office has made a commitment to staying open longer hours to be more effective in carrying the message. And it comes at a time when CSO is faced with the possibility of being forced to move to much more expensive quarters.

We urge you to look at ways in which you or your group might help. Group contributions, memorial donations, and individual contributions are all greatly appreciated in this vital business of carrying the message. Together we can make it!

WINNERS CLUB MAYFEST SET FOR MAY 25

It will be Las Vegas Night at the Winners Club at their May 25 Mayfest.

That's the Saturday before Memorial Day, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10.

ARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ AA MEETING

The ARC's big summer event, normally held on July 4, will be on Sunday, June 23 this year.

The big AA speaker meeting will follow a 2 p.m. board of directors meeting. Then a barbecue will be served at 3:30 p.m.

The ARC (Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center) is a men's halfway house on Southton Road south of Loop 410 S.

NEW BILINGUAL GROUP FORMING

The organizational meeting of a new bilingual group will be held at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, according to Rich R., District Committee Member for that district (1B).

The church is at 1902 Vance Jackson, in the northwest part of town and inside of Loop 410.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

"In my judgment such of us who have never fallen victim (to alcoholism) have been spared more by the absence of appetite than from any

MINUTES - THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
(GSR Meeting, Sunday April 21, 1985, at Club 12)

Donna T., Alamo Heights, GSR, Chairman, introduced new GSRs: Susan C., Saturday Weekend Winners Group; Tom McG., Kelly Booze Busters; Judy P., Stahl Road Group; Katina M., Sunday Morning Winners; Lisa K., Young Peoples Group, Winners.

Administrative Board Reports: Cecil B. is the new finance chairman. In his absence Janis gave the report. The office is ahead \$2,200 for the year. Hospitals and Institutions: Sylvia O. reported that Park North Hospital has requested help with a Friday night meeting. Penal Report: Carolyn P. reported the recent visit of five women to the Huntsville Prison, presenting four meetings. All went very well. Don S., Penal Chairman, reported the recent visit of a men's group to Huntsville - they were well received. Volunteers are needed at the County Jail during the day each Wednesday. Public Information: Bob W. has resigned and Jerri McC was introduced as the new Public Information Chairman. Editorial: Janis H., Editorial Chairman, had nothing to report. Mailing: Al M., Mailing Chairman, asked GSRs to remind people to call in change of addresses.

Old Business: 40th Anniversary Report: Janis H. reported that with nearly 500 attending the event will probably break even and then some; final figures are not yet in. New Office Location: Sylvia O. said quarters like we need range from \$800 to \$1,000 each month - too much for us. The current lease expires August '86. Aerospace Medicine Booth: Contact Sunny M. to volunteer, May 13-15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Convention Center.

New Business: Business Hours - Central Service Office: Donna T. reported new hours will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., except for Thursday. Thursday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Lambda Club has a new A.A. meeting, Friday, 11:00 p.m., open. At Lambda there will also be two new Al-Anon meetings, Tuesday and Friday, 8:15 p.m. State Hospital Group: Clara P. announced the Annual Homecoming, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming will include refreshments, fellowship and Shorty A., Corpus Christi, as speaker. There will be a dance, free to all. Kelly Booze Busters: Tom McG. announced two meetings: Tuesday and Friday, 5:15 p.m., Kelly AFB library.

District Reports:

1A -- Charlie K. Absent.

1B -- DCM Rich R. presented a report (printed elsewhere in The Nightcap). Also, Rich pointed out the discrepancies of Park North, requesting a Friday night meeting, as there already exists an AA Group at Park North. He said he would check into the matter.

1C -- Fred D., DCM. Present, no report.

1D -- Fred D., DCM, represented by Laurie S. - no report.

1E -- Jim B., DCM, absent.

1F -- Lalo A., DCM, introduced the new district to the GSRs. It is a sub-group of bi-lingual groups that are now unified so they may become more active in Central Service and GSR matters. The groups represented are: El Libro Grande, Grupo el Sol, Grupo Wesley, Santa Fe, Kingsboro, and Grupo Unidad. New Life is considering joining. Lalo reported Santa Fe's 16th anniversary will be celebrated April 28 at the Harlandale Center. Grupo el Sol will have a business meeting May 10. Grupo Unidad has decided on a method to disburse funds to Spanish Inter-group Central Service Office and General Service Office.

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GSR Meeting, April 21, continued....

Hospital and Institution Meetings, May:

- * The Haven -- Santa Fe Group
- * VA Hospital -- Southwest Loop
- * Monday Detox. -- Alpha House
- * Thursday Detox -- Alamo Heights
- * Saturday Detox -- Winners Club
- * Park North -- Lambda (later cancelled)

- * The ARC -- Group 12
- * Salvation Army -- Universal City
- * State Hospital -- Valley Hi
- * Casa Del Sol -- Saturday Night Winners
- * House of Yuki -- Freedom

Telephone Answering Service, May:

- April 22 - 29 Windcrest Group
- April 29 - May 6... Northeast Group
- May 6 - 13 Marymont Group

- May 13 - 20 Oblate Group
- May 20 - 27 Alamo Heights Group
- May 27 - June 3.. Northwest Group

The next GSR meeting will be at Club 12, 7:00 p.m., May 19, 1985.

Denny K., Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 YEAR

- Bob D.
- Shirley M.
- Gary L.
- Carol P.
- Maureen M.
- Don M.
- Gabby K.
- Laurie M.
- Donna D.
- Jack A.
- Paula D.
- Michael T. K.
- Carol Elaine M.
- Bob B.
- Lylas W.
- David G.
- Keith T.
- Anna B.
- Liz

3 YEARS

- Fran W.
- Arnie M
- Ken M.
- M. P. (Nard) T.
- Kin S.
- Joe R.

10 YEARS

- Maury H.
- Helen A.
- Dick T.
- Theda "Tee" S.
- Evelyn W.

19 YEARS

- Harry

4 YEARS

- WILLIAM M.

11 YEARS

- Jean B.

20 YEARS

- Tom B.

5 YEARS

- Jackie J.
- Steve R.
- Margaret E. M.

12 YEARS

- Grant S.
- Ray E.

25 YEARS

- Jen Rose W.

27 YEARS

- Bob R.

A N D

36 YEARS

- Emil O.

2 YEARS

- Patrick F. C.
- James H. H.
- Donald H.
- Joan H.
- Tommy W.
- Carol J. M.
- Wiley P.
- Chris S.
- Clinton W.
- John W.
- Mauri T.

7 YEARS

- Bob J.
- Joyce H.

15 YEARS

- Les P.
- Lee Ray C.
- Harold W. D.

16 YEARS

- Joe J.

8 YEARS

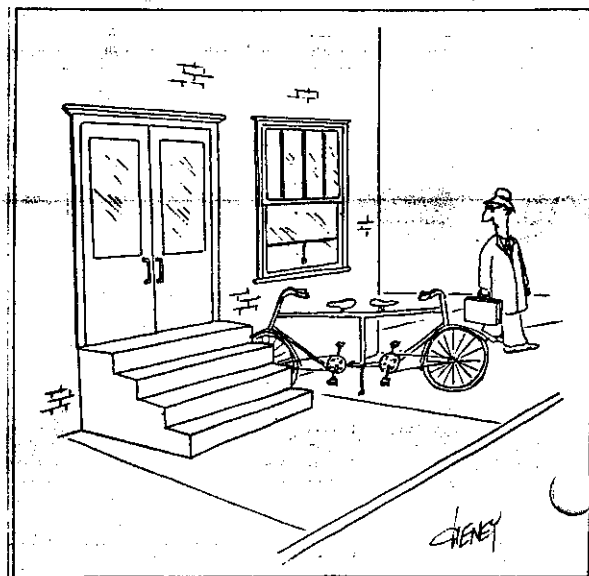
- James W.
- Steve C.

17 YEARS

- John D.
- Polly W.
- Leo R.
- Bill B.

9 YEARS

- Clara P.
- Jose L.



AA - Al-Anon Meeting Night? (Joke!)

(GSRs note: Please report June birthdays) (by May, 22 thanks.)

GROUP OF THE MONTH

FT. SAM HOUSTON

"Where there is a need. . ." is exemplified in the beginning of the Ft. Sam Houston A.A. Group. This group started in 1972 after the first half-way house for alcoholics at Ft. Sam was opened. Original members were Bob J., Jerry P., John H., Dan J., and George B.

They are now meeting at Building 1123 on Chaffee Road, next to the Blood Donor Center. Their meetings are every Monday and Thursday evening at 8:15 p.m. and are open discussions. Because of various military assignments their membership fluctuates - approximately 9 to 20. A large number of young people are part of the group. Birthday night is the last Thursday of the month. At present there is no Al-Anon group. Ginny S., Don J., George B., and Mae and Bob W. brought us up-to-date on this great group. Pass it on!

AND...the Grapevine History Continued!

The Grapevine having started in 1944.... It wasn't long before the paper caught on with groups all around the country, and in 1945 they asked that the Grapevine be the national AA magazine. In 1948, again at the request of the Fellowship, the format was changed from the large newspaper size to the present pocket-size magazine.

Those Grapevines of the 1940's were exciting reading, because so many new things were happening. AA had taken root and was growing, and news of the Fellowship ranged from reports of the new groups being formed to an article on AA's tenth anniversary celebration in July, 1945.

(to be continued)

You may not be responsible for your disease - but - you certainly are responsible for your recovery.

GOT A MINUTE?

Check the upper right hand corner of your NIGHTCAP mailing label. That is the month and year of your last issue. If it is "MAY85" please renew your membership in the Buck-a-Month Club, continue receiving the NIGHTCAP and supporting the Central Service Office.

Normally, the CSO sends out renewal notices by 1st class mail, but this is getting rather expensive. We will continue to send out reminders to those who do not respond on or before their last issue date. You can renew ahead of time and will be given the proper credit.

Other codes used in last issue date are:

EX000 Exchange Newsletters
C0000 Complimentary
00000 GSR's
L0000 Lifetime Subscribers

Lifetime membership is given to any member of AA who makes an individual contribution of \$100 or more.

THOUGHTS

Life consists not in holding good cards, but in playing those we do hold well.

Josh Billings

Fame is something which must be won; honor is something which must not be lost.

A. Schopenhauer

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars and callouses.

Elbert Hubbard

Self-distrust is the cause of many of our failures.

Christian N. Bovee

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

A. Lincoln

Discussion is an exchange of knowledge, argument: an exchange of ignorance.

Robert Quillen

Dear Editor:

I think the Nightcap needs to stop using the A.A. symbol (the triangle inside of a circle) on its front page. Readers may not know that this publication is not A.A. Conference approved literature, which is what the symbol of a circle and triangle means to me.

Sincerely,
D.M.
Colonies North Group

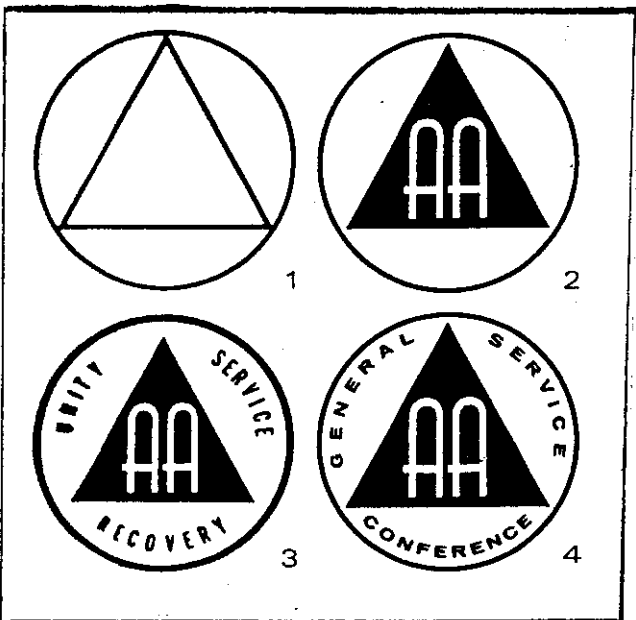
Editor's Reply:

Thanks D.M. - you are attentive!

A.A.'s earliest symbol, or logo (fig. 1) is familiar to most of us. But there are other versions. One is a replica of the original logo, with the letters "A.A." added inside the triangle (fig. 2). Another adds the words "Unity," "Service" and "Recovery" just inside the circle but outside the triangle (fig. 3). Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use these three symbols on newsletters, meeting schedules, or other A.A. materials.

There is yet a fourth symbol - this one containing the "A.A." letters inside the triangle and the words "General Service Conference" outside (fig. 4). Use of this logo is confined to conference-approved literature.

Our source for this information? "Box 459," a publication from the General Services Office of A.A., Vol 30, No. 2.



Dear Editor:

Referring to item 8 in the article "Believe It or Not" from the April Nightcap, I find the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" no less than 14 times in the basic text of the Big Book. See pages 17, 104 (twice), 113, 125, 152 (twice), 153, 157, 161 (twice), 162, 163, and 164.

I also see these words in the Preface and Forwards of the second edition on pages xi, xii, xiii, xiv, xv, xvii, xviii, xx and xxiii. I suggest the person who submitted the article (initials G.L.) be informed.

Yours in Fellowship,
Jim M.

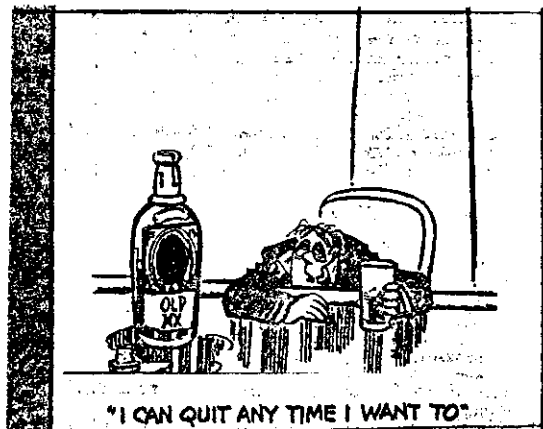
Editor's Reply: We stand corrected. Our face is red!

Dear Editor:

I have grave concerns about the article in the April edition that names specific people who might be used for taking our Fifth Step. Publishing this article appears to violate our Tradition of placing principles over personalities and of not endorsing non-AA organizations. I don't believe the Nightcap (or any AA-related publication) should send readers to specifically named church-related persons for this vital work.

A new person in A.A. should at least be referred to page 74 of the "Big Book" for specific instructions on how to choose someone to take the Fifth Step with.

Yours in A.A.
Don M.
Colonies North Group



About Alcoholism

A French alcoholic describes himself:

"My name is Pierre. I am not an alcoholic. I do not know alcoholics. There are no alcoholics in France, except tourists.

"I have drunk wine since I was a child. Wine is good for you. I drink it with meals and when I am thirsty. Since I was a young man, I have drunk three or four liters of wine every day. I also enjoy an occasional aperitif, especially on Sunday mornings and after work. I never drink more than this. I have no problems from alcohol.

"Once, when I was in the Army, no wine was permitted. I started shaking all over and thought bugs were crawling on me. I think it was the Army food. My doctor says my liver is too large. My father and grandfather had large livers. It probably means nothing."

("Is Alcoholism Hereditary?" by Donald Goodwin, Oxford Univ. Press, 1976, p. 39)

Is Alcoholism a Disease?

Is lead poisoning a disease? Lead poisoning is diagnosed by a specific set of symptoms: abdominal pain, headache, convulsions, coma. Alcoholism also is diagnosed by a specific set of symptoms....Both lead poisoning and alcoholism are "medical" problems, meaning that doctors are supposed to know something about them and possibly be of help. One reason people, including doctors, have trouble viewing alcoholism as a disease like cancer is that alcoholism is associated with having fun, and fun is not usually associated with disease. Where, then, does that leave syphilis? Is sex less fun than drinking?

The point is this: why or how a person "catches" a disease is not relevant. If some people enjoyed lead

Items published in this section may be contrary to A.A. philosophy. Publication here does not mean that The Nightcap or A.A. endorses or approves -- they are offered solely for your information.

and ate it like popcorn, this would not change the diagnosis of lead intoxication. Diseases are known by their manifestations as well as their causes, and why alcoholics drink is irrelevant to the diagnosis of alcoholism.

("Is Alcoholism Hereditary?" by Donald Goodwin, Oxford Univ. Press, 1976, p.40)

...and more on the topic

One thing about alcohol: it works. It may destroy a man's career, ruin his marriage, turn him into a zombie unconscious in a hallway - but it works. On short term, it works much faster than a psychiatrist or a priest or the love of a husband or a wife. Those things... they all take time. They must be developed.... But alcohol is always ready to go to work at once. Ten minutes, half an hour, the little formless fears are gone or turned into harmless amusement. But they come bac. Oh Yes, and they bring reinforcements.

-Charles Orson

(In "Is Alcoholism Hereditary?" by Donald Goodwin, Oxford Univ. Press, 1976, p. 113)

Overheard at a meeting of the 24 Hour Group: "AA may not show me the way to Heaven, but it sure did open the gates of hell and let me out."

(Thanks to Rudy Z.)

About Alcoholism

Drunk-driving charges can be reversed where a court takes no action to insulate a jury from an anti-drunk driving campaign, establishes the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. It overturns the conviction of a motorist charged with drunk driving that resulted in a death because members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, led by a uniformed sheriff, sat in court displaying their MADD buttons. The court, describing the group as a formidable, albeit passive influence, says jurors must be shielded, where possible, from pressure or prejudice against a defendant. (U.S. News and World Report, April 15, 1985, p. 77)

You have asked me how I feel about whiskey. All right, here is just how I stand on this question.

If, when you say whiskey, you mean the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster that defiles innocence, yea, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children, if you mean the evil drink that topples the Christian man and woman from the pinnacles of righteous, gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation and despair, shame and helplessness and hopelessness, then certainly I am against it with all my power.

But, if when you say whiskey, you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, the stuff that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer; if you mean the stimulating drink that puts the spring in the old gentleman's step on a frosty morning; if you mean the drink that enables a man to magnify his joy, and his happiness, and to forget, if only for a little while, life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrows, if you mean that drink, the sale of which pours into our treasuries untold millions of

dollars, which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitiful aged and infirm, to build highways, hospitals and schools, then certainly I am in favor of it.

This is my stand. I will not retreat from it; I will not compromise.

Address to the legislature
by a Mississippi state senator
in 1958

(In "Is Alcoholism Hereditary?" by Donald Goodwin, Oxford Univ. Press, 1976)

A Spiritual Retreat for Alcoholics - and A.A. Families: Conducted by The Reverend Tom Bradfield and The Reverend Paul Worley at Camp Capers, May 3 - 5. Camp Capers is located near Waring, Texas, off IH 10 West. Registration Fee is \$40 (or whatever you can afford). Registration 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., May 3. Contact Jack Carothers (512) 824-7959.

Sixth Annual Women and Substance Abuse Conference: Chapman Graduate Center, Trinity University, May 30 and 31. Speakers will include Muriel S. Bumpus, Starlite Village Hospital, Judy Brow, Austin Family House, Charlie Love, Bexar County MHMR, and Lidia Romero, Rio Grande Valley Midway House, Inc. For information, call Martha Reyes, Alamo Area Council of Governments, 225 - 5201.

TOUGHLOVE has announced workshops for May 4 and 5 at Trinity University. Fee for the two-day workshop is \$165 each person. Fee for one-day professional training is \$85.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
MAR 27 - APR 26, 1985

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>YTD</u>
*NORTHWEST		\$	\$60.00	ALAMO		\$60.00	\$150.00
V A HOSPITAL				DOWNTOWN		10.00	40.00
VILLA ROSA			97.00	EISENHAUER		30.00	30.00
W ABUNDANCE HAPPY HR		95.61	220.88	FORT SAM HOUSTON			50.00
W FRI-SAT NIGHT OWLS		11.50	11.50	KIRBY-CONVERSE			
W GENERIC				NEW LIFE			
W HALF-YEAR BUNCH			9.20	NORTHEAST		90.00	90.00
W MOBUD BIG BOOK		12.60	75.27	SCHERTZ		60.00	90.00
*W MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S				STEPPING STONES			
W MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S			4.30	*UNIVERSAL CITY			60.00
*W MORNING AFTER		66.40	224.80	*UNIVERSAL CITY, SUN			15.00
W SIESTA-LADIES			30.45	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>			
W SUMMIT			53.45	CASTROVILLE			
*W SUNDAY, DISCUSSION				DAKOTA			
W MOBUD ROUNDTABLE			5.75	FLORESVILLE			25.00
W TURNING POINT			38.25	FRONTIER			
*W WEEKEND WINNERS				GOLIAD			100.00
*W YOUNG PEOPLE				HAVEN		100.00	
<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>				HIGHLAND		20.00	80.00
AUDUBON			25.00	*KELLY'S BOOZE BUSTERS			
BLUEMEL OAKS			55.75	LAMBDA (GAY)		60.00	120.00
BOERNE			47.00	LYTLE			40.00
*CALLAGHAN ROAD			100.00	PLEASANTON			
COLONIES NORTH		50.00	50.00	*SASH		100.00	100.00
MEN'S ATTITUDE ADJ.				*SOUTHWEST LOOP			10.00
DE ZAVALA BIG BOOK				*VALLEY-HI			46.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS		40.00	140.00	WILFORD HALL			60.00
MEDICAL PROFESSIONS			70.00	<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>			
OBLATE			140.00	EL LIBRO GRANDE			
PARK NORTH			150.00	GRUPO EL SOL			
SINGLES IN SOBRIETY				*GRUPO UNIDAD		17.00	27.00
*TWELVE		200.00	800.00	KINGSBORO			10.00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR				*SANTA FE		8.00	8.00
WEST ASHBY		30.00	195.00	*WESLEY			9.00
<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>				<u>AREA</u>			
ALAMO HEIGHTS		42.00	210.00	CALDWELL TRI-CITY		5.00	5.00
*ALPHA HOUSE			75.00	<u>SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			
BROADWAY		33.00	111.00	DISTRICT 1		\$1,361.11	
COKER				BUCK-A-MONTH		428.00	
FREEDOM		75.00	275.00	AREA		5.00	
*MARYMONT		100.00	160.00	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		171.80	
NORTH SAN PEDRO			75.00	MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS		-0-	
NORTHWOOD		50.00	150.00			\$1,865.91	
RELIANCE				DISTRICT 1 ACTIVE GROUPS		82	
SAHARA				NEW GROUPS REPORTED		0	
*STAHL ROAD				DISCONTINUED GROUPS		0	
ST PAULS							
SUNSET							
TEJAS							
WINDCREST							
*CSO COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING CSOC MEETING APRIL 21, 1985.							
W = WINNERS CLUB GROUPS							

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