

# The Nightcap

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## Upcoming Events

**MAY 28-30:** Sixth Annual Concho Valley Conference, San Angelo, Texas. Holiday Inn Convention Center, 441 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76903. Registration \$20. Call 915-658-2828 for room reservation. Send check or M.O. to Box 1341, San Angelo, TX 76903.

**JUN 4-6:** New Mexico State Convention Albuquerque, NM--No registration fee! Dorms are available. Write 1993 NM State Convention, 6508 Ruth, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 for more information.

**JUL 2-4:** Oklahoma State Roundup of Young People in AA, The Radisson Inn, I-40 and N. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Call 405-947-7681 for room reservations; or call 405-392-4999 (Kim F.) for more information.

**JUL 30-AUG 1:** Hill Country Roundup, Inn of the Hills Hotel. More info will be forthcoming.

### JUST RECEIVED

**JUN 4-6:** 2nd Annual Mini-Congreso, Royce Hotel, One South Main Ave., Laredo, TX 78040 (800-252-7336). Send \$10 registration to CPR-LAREDO P. O. Box 430435, Laredo, TX 78043-0435.

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## GRUPO SANTA FE XXIV ANNIVERSARY

The Grupo Santa Fe invites all members and their families to join them in the celebration of their 24th Anniversary.

### Program

Date: Saturday, May 1, 1993

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Speakers: 6:45 p.m.

Severo V. (Spanish), Corpus Christi

Dick D. (English), San Antonio

Dance: 8 p.m.

Place: St. John Berchmans Church

1147 Cupples, San Antonio

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## T H A N K Y O U ! !

The Central Service Office extends its sincere thanks to all volunteers who worked at the **Weekend in SA with AA Convention** held April 16-18.

Without all of your help and donations we could not realize a successful convention and AA anniversary celebration.

Thank you again, and hope to see you and work with you again in 1994!

CSO Staff

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## JULY GARAGE SALE

Items are needed for this year's sale at Winners Club. Anything you wish to donate may be dropped off at the Club, 5723 Kenwick, or call Charlotte H. at 698-1055 for larger items to be picked up.

Last year's garage sale was a great success and we are depending upon you to help us make this one just as great!!

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# HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS

MAY 1993

## MONDAY FIVE (3,10,17,24,31)

C Goliad Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

SE Abundance Happy Hr SASH (8:15pm) O-Spkr 6711 S New Braunfels

*NOTE: TUESDAY NIGHT MEETINGS AT DETOX: Alumni of Detox are especially welcome at these meetings for a get-together.*

## WEDNESDAY FOUR (5,12,19,26)

NE Universal City Grp Cloudhaven (7:00pm) O-Disc 127 Cloudhaven  
824-0611

C Stahl Road Group Baptist Hospital (8:00pm) O-Disc 5th Floor Rm 5A  
Downtown

## THURSDAY FOUR (6,13,20,27)

C Freedom Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

C VACANT Dwyer Avenue Center (8:00pm) O-Disc 307 Dwyer

NW Rush Hour Group Veterans Hospital (8:15pm) O-Disc 7400 Merton Minter Blvd.

## FRIDAY FOUR (7,14,21,28)

C Group 12 Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

NW Sunrise Group Villa Rosa Cottage H (8:15pm) O-Disc 5115 Medical Dr  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

## SATURDAY FIVE (1,8,15,22,29)

SE Highland Group ARC (8:15pm) O-Spkr 10290 Southton Road  
633-0201 (Last Sat Birthdays)

C Turtle Creek Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

# In Memoriam

## GROUP+MEETING CHANGES (Cont.)

**BOB T.** died suddenly at his home on April 5, 1993, here in San Antonio. He was very active in service work and as a member of the Freedom Group. Bob left us with over 14 years of continuous sobriety and will be greatly missed.

THE PARK NORTH GROUP that met at 6209 West Avenue on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Castle Hill Christian Church, has **folded**.

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

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### SINCERE THANKS

My sincere thanks to all of you for your kindnesses, prayers, and love shown me at Bob's death. I am so grateful for having such dear AA friends.

Jan T.

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### NEW GROUPS+MEETINGS+CHANGES

GROUP 12 announces that it now has a late night meeting, Monday through Saturday from 10 to 11 p.m. This is a closed discussion meeting and will be held in the Hope Room. Group 12 meets at 102 Thames in Club 12.

THE SAC GROUP now meets on Tuesdays and on Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. in the MPCB Building, Room 200, 1300 San Pedro. This group formerly met on Monday and Friday at noon. It is still a closed discussion meeting.

THE NEW ACCEPTANCE GROUP has changed its meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday, beginning on May 4. This is a closed discussion meeting at 8 p.m., 963 SW 40th St., in the Macedonia Baptist Church.

THE GRUPO FE Y CONVERSION that met at 1135 Mission Road on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. has **folded**.

THE OPEN BEGINNERS MEETING that was held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., 1801 N. Pan Am Hwy, in St. Patrick's Senior Bldg., has **folded**.

GRUPO NUEVA ESPERANZA that met at 1600 Saltillo on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Center, has **folded**.

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INTERDISTRICT MEETING REPORT

The Interdistrict met on April 18, 1993, at St. Patrick's Church. Over 40 members were present. Erik C. presided, opening the meeting at 6:30 p.m. John P. read the minutes from the March meeting which were approved as read. Ray A. acted as treasurer. Committee reports were presented and groups signed up for H&I services (see page 3). The PI/CPC reported on the program providing speakers for local schools. Jim D., CFC/Jails, handed out cans with green labels for GSRs to take back to groups to aid in collecting donations for inmate literature. He also announced more women are needed to carry the message to the county jail. Tomi A., with the pre-release program needs volunteers and can be reached at 656-1302 for more info. District reports were: Juan S., 1-A, is planning a workshop on "Home Group & Sponsorship." Ray A., 16, is planning a picnic and workshop on July 17; this district will meet at 6:10 prior to Interdistrict meetings. John P., 17, reported 6 representatives attended the Pre-General Serv. Conf. Jerry S., 18, reported 4 GSRs attended same in Austin. Erik C., 19, reported a service structure workshop on April 24. Reynaldo T., 1-E, gave out fliers regarding his May 8 workshop. Jim C., H&I Chairman, noted that alumni of Detox are especially welcome at the Tues. night meetings, whether or not their group has a service commitment for Detox. Renee thanked the groups for supporting Weekend in SA Convention and said more than 1300 registrations were reached.

(Excerpts from minutes submitted by John P.)

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### CFC/JAIL THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Universal City, Stahl Road, Fort Sam Houston, and Marymont Groups for the generous contributions of money and literature to this committee this month.

Syd M., Secretary  
CFC/Jail

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**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

The following is a letter from Daniel J. to the CFC, who shared it with CSO:

"To Whom This May Concern: Thank you for sending Bill T., James D. and Lorain D. to the Torres Unit. The others here and I really enjoyed what they had to say.

"I spoke with them after the meeting and I was glad they took the time out to talk with me. I can't wait till the time comes when I can meet other caring and wonderful people like them in my hometown (Dallas).

"We are all very grateful to you there in San Antonio for sending them to us and we here hope that you and others will come back soon.

"From all of us to all of you. Thank you and God bless you! Your friend in the fellowship."

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Rule 62: Don't take yourself so seriously! This seems to be a truism in most of life, but especially in Alcoholics Anonymous. At times I thought it meant don't take AA so seriously. The difference often escapes many of us.

We often see AA members who react so strongly to things that when viewed by others we wonder what it is that makes them feel so strongly about the issue. One theory is that those who have several years sobriety but are not yet oldtimers often react vehemently when they observe any perceived infraction of AA tradition. This seems to be the one area that AAs are collectively sensitive about or are in disagreement about. It might come from the fact that we don't think others take "us" seriously. Perhaps they don't. It's as though any slight shift of what we perceive to be the traditional way of doing things is a threat to the very existence of AA and by extension, a threat to ourselves.

What makes this happen to "middletimers?" That is the \$64,000 question. What does it say about someone with several years in AA who would stand by and watch newcomers do things that we know from experience lead to problems in recovery? Shouldn't we be vigilant of the Traditions? Isn't that the role of the person with some sobriety--to help

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER Continued**

the newcomer by teaching them what works and what doesn't work? Perhaps we will never know the answer to that question, inasmuch as oldtimers today acknowledge it has been a problem from the very beginning--hence the rule!

(Stolen from MIRUS via Darlene B.)

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**MITCHELL'S LAW OF COMMITTEES:**

Any simple problem can be made insoluble if enough meetings are held to discuss it!!

**DIPLOMACY**

This is the art of saying "nice doggy" until you can find a rock!

**LAW OF PROBABLE DISPERSAL**

Whatever it is that hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

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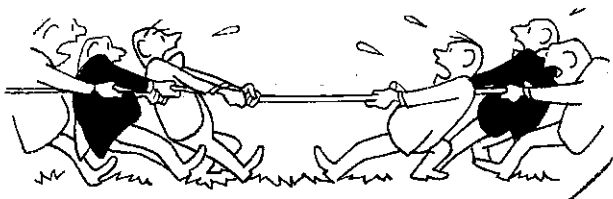
The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

There has been an alarming increase in the number of things you know nothing about.

(Thanks to Alice L.)

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| <b>CSO RECEIPTS &amp; DISBURSEMENTS</b> |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1993                                    |                    |                    |
| RECEIPTS                                | APRIL              | YTD                |
| Literature                              | \$7,763.45         | \$35,152.54        |
| GRP Contributio                         | \$1,659.71         | \$7,139.07         |
| Other Donations                         | \$391.50           | \$1,892.60         |
| Nightcap                                | \$51.00            | \$307.00           |
| Interest Income                         | \$0.00             | \$235.81           |
| AA In SA                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Misc Income                             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                   | <b>\$9,865.66</b>  | <b>\$44,727.02</b> |
| DISBURSEMENTS                           | APRIL              | YTD                |
| Literature                              | \$5,036.61         | \$20,070.82        |
| Nightcap Postag                         | \$150.00           | \$432.18           |
| NightcapPrintin                         | \$375.00           | \$1,160.00         |
| Salaries                                | \$3,602.52         | \$11,944.23        |
| Office Supplies                         | \$559.85           | \$1,274.31         |
| Other Supplies                          | \$70.93            | \$290.30           |
| Rent                                    | \$570.00           | \$2,350.00         |
| Repairs & Maint                         | \$0.00             | \$65.29            |
| Taxes & License                         | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Telephone                               | \$298.57           | \$1,319.79         |
| EmployeeTrainin                         | \$20.00            | \$40.00            |
| Auto Reimburse                          | \$99.69            | \$318.00           |
| Utilities                               | \$119.78           | \$614.24           |
| Payroll Tax                             | \$275.59           | \$913.73           |
| Contract Labor                          | \$57.75            | \$110.25           |
| Insurance                               | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Public Info Exp                         | \$106.45           | \$495.61           |
| Jail Expense                            | \$0.00             | \$135.00           |
| Misc Expense                            | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>                    | <b>\$11,342.74</b> | <b>\$41,513.75</b> |
| Gain (Loss)                             | (\$1,477.08)       | \$3,213.27         |



We found that there are all kinds of goals, motives and ambitions...

...and the good name of A.A. could be smeared!

AA



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## The Sixth Tradition

*An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

The "related facility" may be an outside group combating alcoholism—or an enterprise that A.A.'s want to start. It was the latter that most often confronted the young Fellowship. Outside agencies were pretty scarce in those days, and some members thought A.A. should cover the whole alcoholism field. Led by a "super-promoter" (as the "Twelve and Twelve" describes him), one group built an all-purpose center, including a section for drying-out treatment. Picture any group tackling such a project! Arguments over cost, architecture, staff, fees, medication, and rules might even make the local paper. (And pity the poor newcomer straying into the group—"We'll get around to you in a minute.")

Though that ambitious center failed, some individual members have since founded successful clubhouses, rest farms, halfway houses, etc. The enterprises are run by these A.A.'s and patronized by other members or prospective members. But money and property *are* involved. Therefore, it has proved wise to keep the operation of the facility completely separate from that of any A.A. group, and to keep "A.A." or terms like "Twelfth Step" out of the name.

Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is "cooperation but not affiliation." A group cooperates, for example, by welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. But in one area, money for a rehab was solicited *at an A.A. meeting*—implying affiliation. In another, A.A. was listed among beneficiaries of a United Fund drive. . . .

A.A. members employed by outside agencies "wear two hats"—but Tradition Six cautions any such members against wearing both at once! On the job, they may be alcoholism counselors; they are *not* "A.A. counselors." At meetings, they're just A.A.'s, not alcoholism experts.



AFFILIATION OF A.A. GROUPS WITH ANYTHING OUTSIDE A.A.

ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD HARM A.A. AS A WHOLE

There are two major danger areas. But our course has been charted and the hazards clearly marked. If we steer clear of them, we should have smooth sailing...

# May Birthdays

These are the birthdays reported to CSO. If yours isn't here,  
complain to your Group Secretary or call it in yourself--  
CSO does not keep sobriety records!!

**CONGRATULATIONS &  
BEST WISHES  
FOR MANY MORE!**

## 1 Year

Rob W. (Apr)  
Eleanor C. (Apr)  
Susie G. (Apr)  
Tracy G.  
Mike A.  
Derrick F.  
Daniel G.  
James H.  
Marc M.  
Tammy O.  
Mike S.  
Slim S.  
Shawn S.  
Deborah S.  
Audra S.  
Ronnie R.  
Mike M.  
Tara L.  
Nita H.  
Pamela E.  
Karl H.  
Bill F., Jr.  
at P.  
Ashley P.  
Laura J.  
Renee C.  
Jennifer S.  
Jeanette H.

## 2 Years

Lynn H. (Apr)  
Judy Kay L.  
Albert A.  
Kristine C.  
Nora D.  
Chris F.  
Ruben G.  
Fran H.  
Tim I.  
Andy K.  
Susie M.  
Charles M.  
Greg M.  
Henry M.  
Pat M.  
Cheri N.  
Michael P.  
at P.  
Jerry R.

## 2 Years (Cont.)

Matthew R.  
Gary W.  
Joanna W.  
Ann A.  
Julian R.  
Bob W.  
Bill H.  
Judy V.  
Jim H.  
James W.  
Mitchell H.  
Wayne M.  
David A.

## 3 Years

Kim H.  
Kim N.  
David C.  
John B.  
Debbie D.  
Ron D.  
Andrea G.  
Joy G.  
Moye H.  
Jeff K.  
Helen K.  
Jani W.  
Ed H.  
Mike O.  
George W.  
Sherrrie B.  
Bob H.

## 4 Years

Mike C.  
Victor B.  
Heather B.  
Pamela C.  
Kevin C.  
Jerry F.  
Ann H.  
Marilyn I.  
Ruben J.  
Rebecca L.  
Gini L.  
Elton P.  
John P.  
Melba T.

## 4 Years (Cont.)

Carol C.  
Jerry S.  
Mike M.  
  
5 Years  
Mark B.  
Michelle dela R.  
Frankie H.  
Sissy S.  
Thomas W.  
Ron K.  
Collete T.  
Bob R.  
Jeff A.  
Yvonne C.  
Rick A., Sr.  
Francis N.

## 6 Years

Patty C.  
Pat E.  
Raymond F.  
Grace J.  
Marjorie McC.  
Ron P.  
Patti T.  
Randy W.  
Dani F.  
Joe C.  
Roger D.J.

## 7 Years

Wayne G. (Apr)  
Pamela A.  
Carl R.  
Tommi B.A.  
Denise S.  
Ken P.  
Stephanie A.  
  
8 Years  
Jim C. (Apr)  
Steve H.  
Jim D.  
Mike K.  
Bill U.

## 8 Years (Cont.)

Russell S.  
John C.  
  
9 Years  
Daniel B.  
Robert R.  
Jane M. (Apr)  
Thomas D. (Apr)  
Bob B.  
David G.  
Lennie T.  
Lylas W.  
Liz L.  
Alex V.

## 10 Years

Mike A. (Apr)  
Annie N.  
Stephanie F.  
Allan P.  
  
11 Years  
Betty N.  
Bill F.

## 12 Years

"Sweet" Ed P.  
Holly B.  
Bill M.  
Bill H.

## 13 Years

Steve R.  
Marjorie B.  
Jim H.  
Bob K.  
Steven R.

## 14 Years

Larry Y.  
Alberto M.

## 15 Years

Bob J.  
Orville M.

## 17 Years

Roland L.  
Clara H.  
Jose L.  
Clara T.

## 18 Years

Tee S.

## 20 Years

Bob A.  
Grant S.

## 21 Years

Bill B.

## 22 Years

Wayne B.

## 25 Years

John D.

## 28 Years

Tom B.

## 31 Years

Johnny C.

## 33 Years

Jen Rose W.

## 35 Years

Bob R.

**What I was then**

**A**ngry  
**L**ustful  
**C**areless  
**O**bstinate  
**H**ateful  
**O**bsessive  
**L**ying  
**I**nsecure  
**C**oncedited

**What I am now**

**A**ware  
**L**earning  
**C**ompassionate  
**O**pen  
**H**onest  
**O**utgoing  
**L**oving  
**I**ntuitive  
**C**aring

-Fred G.

via "The Story"

*The will of God will  
never take you where  
the grace of God will  
not protect you.*

**WORD IS THAT THE TEXAS STATE AA  
CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 17-  
20, 1993, IN DALLAS AT THE SUTHER-  
LAND CENTER. HOPE TO HAVE MORE  
DETAILS NEXT MONTH. (Editor)**

# May 1993

## "NIGHTCAP CALENDAR"

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

### MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

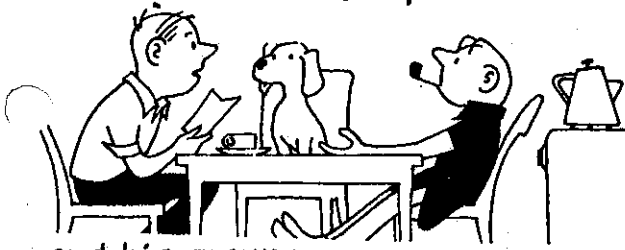
The First Baptist Church has meeting space available for AA/Alanon non-smoking meetings. For information call R. B. Cooper, Director of Social Ministries, 226-0363.

**1**  
Birthdays: Starlite Village  
Anniversary: Grupo Santa Fe (24th)  
Games Night: Winners Club

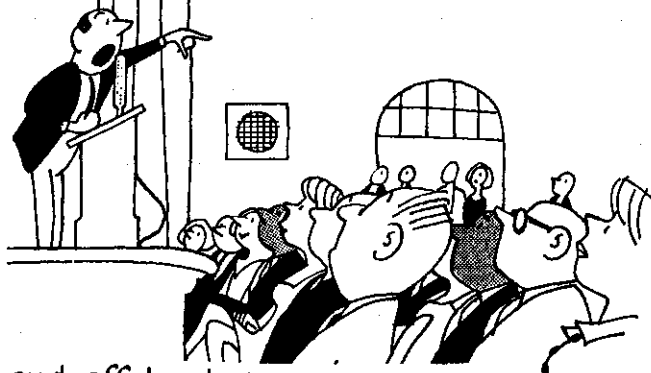
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| <b>2</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>7:00pm CFC-<br>JAIL Committee/<br>St Pats Church<br>(Jim D 490-1235)           | <b>6</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Games Night: Club 12<br>Workshop: District 1-E   |
| <b>9</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad   | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>7:00pm CSO<br>Trustee Mtg  | <b>12</b><br>6:30pm PI-CPC<br>Mtg/Club 12<br>(Don N 821-6325)                              | <b>13</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad   | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b><br>Dance: Club 12/<br>Winners Club   |
| <b>16</b><br>5:30pm GMM/St Pats Church/I-35 & Willow<br>6:30pm INTER-DISTRICT<br>MTG/ST Pats<br>Birthdays: Goliad<br>Barbecue: Goliad | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>"DEADLINE FOR NIGHTCAP!!!"<br>Birthdays: Goliad/<br>Devine          | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b><br>Piano Bar: Club 12  |
| <b>23</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>2:00pm Old-Timers Social/<br>Club 12<br>Birthdays:<br>Windcrest/<br>Valley-Hi/Santa Fe   | <b>26</b><br>Birthdays & Potluck: Lytle<br>Birthdays: Oblate/<br>Northwood/<br>Foxy Ladies | <b>27</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad<br>Birthdays: New Acceptance/Stahl Rd/N.San Pedro | <b>28</b><br>Birthdays: SW Loop/Colonies N/<br>Schertz-Cibolo/<br>Group 12/EI Libro Grande/Dntown/<br>Marymont<br>Potluck: Marymont | <b>29</b><br>Birthdays: Winners/<br>Frontier/<br>Serendipity/SA North/<br>Grp Unidad/<br>Lambda<br>Dance: Winners/<br>Club 12<br>Potluck: Lambda |
| <b>30</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad  | <b>31</b><br>Birthdays: Alamo Heights/<br>Northwest/<br>Freedom<br>"CSO CLOSED--MEMORIAL DAY" | <b><u>DISTRICT 19 WORKSHOP</u></b><br><br>Mark your calendar for "AA's 12 Concepts of World Service" workshop to be held on May 29, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tom McM., Area Treasurer, will be the leader/speaker; it will be hosted by the Alamo Heights AA Group and held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1801 N. Pan-Am Hwy, (I-35 & Willow, in the Senior Center). |  |  |   |  |

There are all kinds of groups...

Little groups...



and big groups...



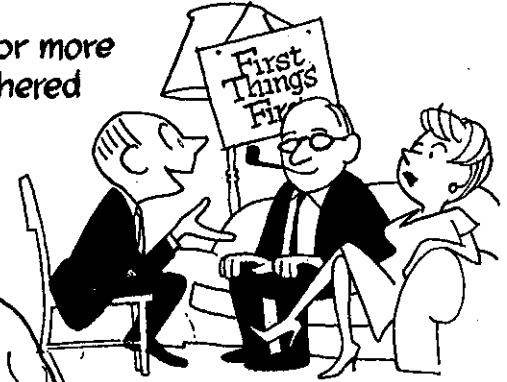
and off-beat groups...



# The Fourth Tradition

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

But wherever two or more alcoholics are gathered together to practice A.A. principles, it is an A.A. group if they say it is.



And you are a member if you say you are!



YOU JOIN THE 'IN' CROWD WHEN YOU JOIN A.A.



A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody's living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, "My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic." In another, everybody happily shouts, "Hi, Ann!" And in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name—at a one-hour meeting or a 90-minute meeting. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., the local group is free to work out its own customs.

As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there have been such actions—or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions," Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually."

Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all the public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided, "We have all the answers," the lid's off. The group may then decide that, let's say, the Eleventh Tradition is an outdated technicality: "This is a competitive age! We're going to come right out and give A.A. some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group is A.A. Its antics reflect, not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship.

In a way, the Fourth Tradition is like the Fourth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take a best inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions, "Would this break any Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities—they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups. . . .

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# April 1993

## "NIGHTCAP CALENDAR"

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

### FAMILY GAMES NIGHT

Winners Club will have a Las Vegas Style Games Night on May 1, 1993, 9:30 p.m. Adults \$5 donation, kids under 12 free. Your winnings may be used to bid on super prizes. Come out and be a **WINNER!** For more info call 680-5496.

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|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|
|  |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad                               | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>Birthdays: Starlite Village   |
|  |   |  |  | Pre-General Service Conference                              |  |   |
| <b>4</b><br>"Pre-General Service Conference"<br>Birthdays: Goliad  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>9:00am Pancake Brkf-Club 12  | <b>7</b><br>7:00pm CFC-JAIL Committee/<br>St Pats Church<br>(Jim D 490-1235)       | <b>8</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad                               | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br>"Bunny Hop" at<br>Winners/Dance Club 12  |
| <b>11</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad   | <b>12</b>                                       | <b>13</b><br>7:00pm CSO Trustee Mtg  | <b>14</b><br>6:30pm PI-CPC Mtg/Club 12<br>(Don N 821-6325)                         | <b>15</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad Devine                       | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>   |
|  |   |  |  | "CONVENTION" Weekend in S.A. with A.A.                      |  |   |
| <b>18</b><br>5:30pm CSO MTG/St Pats Church/I-35 & Willow<br>6:30pm INTER-DISTRICT MTG/ST Pats<br>Birthdays: Goliad<br>Barbecue: Goliad<br>"CONVENTION" Weekend in S.A. with A.A. | <b>19</b>                                       | <b>20</b><br>DEADLINE FOR NIGHTCAP   | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad                              | <b>23</b><br>Birthdays: SW Loop Grp  | <b>24</b><br>1:00pm District 19 Workshop/St Pats<br>Birthdays: Winners/Frontier/Serendipity/SA North/Grupo Unidad/Lambda<br>Dance: Winners/Club 12<br>Potluck: Lambda |
| <b>25</b><br>Birthdays: Goliad   | <b>26</b><br>Birthdays: Alamo Heights/Northwest | <b>27</b><br>2:00pm Old-Timers Social/Club 12<br>Birthdays: Windcrest/Valley-Hi/Santa Fe | <b>28</b><br>Birthdays & Potluck: Lytle<br>Birthdays: Oblate/Northwood/Foxy Ladies | <b>29</b><br>Birthdays: New Acceptance/Stahl Rd/N.San Pedro | <b>30</b><br>Birthdays: Freedom/Colonies North/Schertz-Cibolo/Group 12/EI Libro Grande/Downtown<br>Potluck & Birthdays: Marymont |   |

# SAN ANTONIO

weekend in SA with AA  
April 16, 17, 18 1993

## RESERVATIONS

For room reservations, call or write the Holiday Inn Riverwalk North. Identify yourself as "Weekend in SA," and ask for our special conference rates. Make your reservations early, to be assured of getting our special rates!

- ▲ **Holiday Inn Riverwalk North**, 110 Lexington at St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Phone 1-800-28-TEXAS or (210) 223-9461 (The following are nearby, but have no special "Weekend in SA" rates:)
- ▲ **Sheraton Gunter Hotel**, 205 E. Houston, San Antonio, Texas 78205 Phone 1-800-222-4276 or (210) 227-3241
- ▲ **St. Anthony Hotel**, 300 East Travis, San Antonio, Texas 78205 Phone 1-800-338-1338

### OTHER DOWNTOWN AREA HOTELS - Moderate

- Alamo Travelodge, 405 Broadway, (210) 222-1000
- Emily Morgan Hotel, 705 East Houston, (210) 225-8486
- Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, (210) 223-4361
- Crockett Hotel, 320 Bonham, 1-800-292-1050 or (210) 225-6500
- Downtown Motel, 902 East Houston, (210) 227-6233
- Travelodge Hotel on the River, 100 Villita, (210) 226-2271

## FREE PARKING!

While attending Weekend in S.A. with A.A., you may park FREE at the Nation's Bank Building Parking Garage—300 Convent at North St. Mary's—from 5:00 PM Friday through 2:00 PM Sunday. (Enter from St. Mary's Street; exit from the parking garage onto Convent, then walk east 1.5 blocks to the Auditorium.) Please note Hours and Restrictions. We cannot assume responsibility for any damage or lost articles, so be sure to lock your car and hide valuables. Unless you have handicapped plates, please don't park in a "handicapped" space. Also, no parking in spaces assigned to tenants! Violations may result in your car being towed.

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DANCE (Saturday Night/Per person) \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ALATEEN REGISTRATION (Per person) \$ 2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

COFFEE (All Weekend) FREE \_\_\_\_\_

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The Weekend in SA with AA is our opportunity to have every sober member of AA in SA under one roof at the same time, April 16-18, at the Municipal Auditorium! AA's could truly come together in the "FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT."

Arley H.

**THE PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, WILL BE HELD IN AUSTIN** at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Hwy 183 & IH-35, **April 2-4, 1993.** Room rates are \$50 single; \$58 double and includes breakfast buffet. To qualify for the special rates, make reservations by calling 512-836-8520--specify AA Conference rates. Please register **early!**

### HARDCOVER SPANISH BIG BOOK

About mid-April, your CSO will have the Alcoholicos Anonimos in hardcover. The price will be \$5.00 per copy.

**HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS****APRIL 1993****MONDAY Four (5,12,19,26)**

C Ft. Sam Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

SE Goliad Group SASH (8:15pm) O-Spkr 6711 S New Braunfels

**WEDNESDAY Four (7,14,21,28)**

NE Freedom Group Clouthaven (7:00pm) O-Disc 127 Clouthaven  
824-0611

C Colonies North Grp. Baptist Hospital (8:00pm) O-Disc 5th Floor Rm 5A  
Downtown

**THURSDAY Five (1,8,15,22,29)**

C Marymont Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

C VACANT Dwyer Avenue Center (8:00pm) O-Disc 307 Dwyer

NW Sunrise Group Veterans Hospital (8:15pm) O-Disc 7400 Merton Minter Blvd.

**FRIDAY Five (2,9,16,23,30)**

C Rush Hour Group Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

NW Medical Professions Group Villa Rosa Cottage H (8:15pm) O-Disc 5115 Medical Dr  
(RESTRICTED-PATIENTS ONLY)

**SATURDAY Four(3,10,17,24)**

SE Group 12 ARC (8:15pm) O-Spkr 10290 Southton Road  
633-0201 (Last Sat Birthdays)

C District 1A Groups Detox (8:00pm) O-Disc 711 E Josephine  
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# APRIL 1993 CONTRIBUTIONS

| GROUP                | APRIL   | YTD      | GROUP                  | APRIL    | YTD        | OTHER             | APRIL    | YTD        |
|----------------------|---------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| Abundance Happy Ho   | \$12.30 | \$167.59 | * Morning After        | \$20.00  | \$121.00   | <b>INDIVIDUAL</b> |          |            |
| Alamo Heights        |         | \$217.00 | New Acceptance         |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Alpha Home           |         |          | New Life               |          |            | Jerry B           | \$50.00  |            |
| Audubon              |         |          | Nooners                |          | \$40.00    |                   |          |            |
| Believers Voice      |         |          | North San Pedro        |          | \$65.00    | Total             | \$50.00  | \$249.00   |
| Blue Door            |         |          | Northeast              |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Broadway             | \$48.99 | \$150.00 | * Northwest            |          | \$35.00    |                   |          |            |
| * Bulverde           |         |          | * Northwood            |          | \$69.00    |                   |          |            |
| Callaghan Road       | \$18.00 | \$18.00  | No Strangers           |          |            | <b>BIRTHDAY</b>   |          |            |
| Charlotte Group      |         | \$7.20   | Nurses in Recovery     |          | \$50.00    | George S(17yrs)   | \$17.00  |            |
| Circle of Power      |         |          | Oak Hills              | \$180.00 | \$620.00   | Curt L(36yrs)     | \$36.00  |            |
| * Colonies North     |         | \$34.14  | Oblate                 | \$25.00  | \$46.50    | Total             | \$53.00  | \$757.50   |
| Community            | \$17.00 | \$32.00  | Open Door-1604         |          |            |                   |          |            |
| * Devine             |         |          | Pearsall               |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Downtown             |         |          | * Pleasanton           |          | \$30.00    |                   |          |            |
| Downtown Brown Bag   |         | \$146.07 | Poteet-Strawberry      |          |            |                   |          |            |
| First One Today      |         | \$25.00  | Randolph               |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Floresville          |         |          | Realty                 |          |            | <b>MEMORIALS</b>  |          |            |
| Folded Groups        |         | \$86.55  | * Rush Hour            | \$170.10 | \$807.89   | AI D              |          |            |
| * Fort Sam Houston   | \$90.00 | \$240.00 | SAC                    |          |            | for Bob T         | \$25.00  |            |
| * Foxhall            |         | \$10.00  | Samaritan              |          |            | Char/Tom McM      |          |            |
| Foxy Ladies          |         |          | San Antonio North      |          |            | for Bob T         | \$25.00  |            |
| * Freedom            |         |          | SASH                   |          |            | Total             | \$50.00  | \$115.00   |
| Freedom from Bondage |         |          | Schertz-Cibolo         | \$93.94  | \$288.38   |                   |          |            |
| Friends of Dr Bob    |         |          | Serendipity            | \$267.50 | \$553.49   |                   |          |            |
| Frontier             |         |          | * Sixteen-O-Four       |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Goliad               | \$65.00 | \$195.00 | South San              |          |            | <b>PI FUND</b>    |          | \$20.00    |
| Grupo 3 Legados      |         |          | Southwest Loop         | \$12.00  | \$86.00    |                   |          |            |
| Grupo Del Sol        |         |          | * Stahl Road           | \$80.00  | \$160.00   |                   |          |            |
| Grupo El Libro Grand | \$15.00 | \$15.00  | * Summit-Turning Point |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Grupo Internacional  |         |          | Sunrise                |          | \$270.00   | <b>JAIL FUND</b>  |          |            |
| Grupo Libertad       |         | \$40.00  | Survivors              |          | \$35.00    | Stahl Rd          | \$20.00  |            |
| Grupo Mensaje        |         |          | Tolerance              |          |            | SW Loop           | \$79.50  |            |
| Grupo Ocho de Febrer | \$6.00  | \$11.00  | Turtle Creek           |          | \$21.04    | Dist 1-A          | \$100.00 |            |
| Grupo Santa Fe       | \$19.20 | \$51.20  | Twelve                 | \$300.00 | \$1,200.00 | Total             | \$199.50 | \$508.34   |
| Gr Luz En Mi Camino  |         |          | * Universal City       |          | \$120.00   |                   |          |            |
| Grupo Unidad         |         | \$15.00  | Universal City, Sun    |          | \$55.00    |                   |          |            |
| Halt at Tezel Road   |         | \$75.00  | Valley-Hi              | \$45.00  | \$155.00   |                   |          |            |
| * Highland           |         | \$30.00  | Villa Rosa             | \$50.00  | \$50.00    | <b>CSO KITTY</b>  | \$24.00  | \$148.56   |
| Hi-Nooners           |         |          | Windcrest              |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Hondo                |         |          | Womens Big Book        |          |            | <b>CSO MTG</b>    |          |            |
| Keep It Simple       |         | \$65.00  | Women in Sobriet       |          |            | APRIL 18, 1993    | \$15.00  | \$94.20    |
| Kelly Special        |         | \$122.32 |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Ladies Big Book      |         |          |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Lambda               | \$25.00 | \$75.00  |                        |          |            | <b>TOTAL</b>      | \$391.50 | \$1,892.60 |
| * Lambda Women       |         |          |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Last Call            |         |          |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |
| Laurel Heights       |         |          |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |
| LaVernia             |         |          | <b>AREA GROUPS</b>     |          |            | <b>NIGHTCAP</b>   |          |            |
| * Legal Professions  |         |          | Canyon Lake            |          | \$50.00    | Diane             | \$6.00   |            |
| Live Oak             | \$50.00 | \$50.00  | Guad River Grp         |          | \$20.00    | Mrs Peter H       | \$6.00   |            |
| Longhorn             |         |          | Dist 18                |          | \$10.00    | Jerilyn C         | \$12.00  |            |
| Losoya               |         |          | TXSCYPAA               |          | \$82.19    | Marilyn H         | \$6.00   |            |
| Lytle                |         |          | Marble Falls           |          | \$50.00    | Jim M             | \$10.00  |            |
| Marymont             | \$49.68 | \$95.68  |                        |          |            | Elva G            | \$6.00   |            |
| Medical Professions  |         | \$74.83  |                        |          |            | Mark C            | \$5.00   |            |
| Medina Valley        |         |          |                        |          |            | <b>TOTAL</b>      | \$51.00  | \$307.00   |
| Mens Big Book        |         |          |                        |          |            |                   |          |            |

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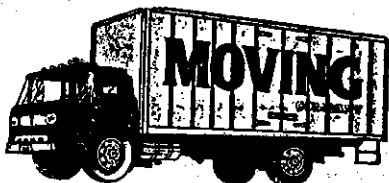
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