



THERE'S ONLY ONE
THING WRONG WITH
MY IDEAS - TO MAKE
THEM WORK, I'VE
GOT TO WORK.

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weekend in SA with AA
May 13, 14, 15 1994

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:)

OTHER DOWNTOWN AREA HOTELS - Moderate

- Sheraton Gunter Hotel, 205 E. Houston, 1-800-222-4276
- St. Anthony Hotel, 300 East Travis, 1-800-338-1338
- 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
- Downtowner 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 6:00 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.

"We Will Be Amazed Before We Are
Half Way Through..."

THEME FOR THE 1994 WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA

SCHEDULED EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM - LEXINGTON STREET

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 1994

- 2:00 PM Registration Opens
- 3:00 PM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 8:00 PM **Sandy B.** (AA Speaker) - Washington, DC

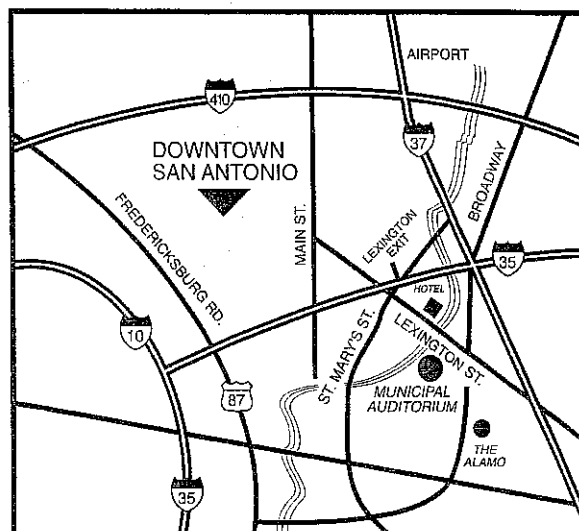
SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 1994

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens;
- 8:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM **Derilyn P.** (AA Speaker) - Huntington Beach, CA
- 12:00 PM **Linda B.** (Al-Anon Speaker) - St. Paul, MN
- 2:00 PM **Jack S.** (AA Speaker) - Louisville, KY
- 4:00 PM **Chayo C.** (AA Speaker/Hispanic) - San Antonio, TX
- 7:30 PM **Angie D.** (AA Speaker) - Blythe, CA
- 9:00 PM **DANCE** - Dance the night away!

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1994

- 9:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM **Bob B.** (AA Speaker) - St. Paul, MN

HOSPITALITY ROOMS ▲ ALATEEN MEETINGS ▲ FELLOWSHIP



Dee S. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer. Tonya read the Traditions. Betty Z. read the COR guidelines. Dee called for new CORs to introduce themselves. The only new COR is Johnny I, from the Free Spirit Group. Richard C. made the MOTION that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as printed in the NIGHTCAP. The motion PASSED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joe C. gave the financial report. There were 2 questions. They were regarding the seed money that CSO gives to the convention committee and what CSO does with jail funds. Both were answered.

CSO REPORT: Bonnie gave the CSO report and said she questions the accuracy of the report from the answering service. She has asked for a printout.

CONVENTION REPORT: The convention chairman, Renee Z. reported the speakers are all confirmed and there are over 200 pre-registrations. She asked that all groups encourage members to register early and remind everyone this is the 49th anniversary of AA in San Antonio. Virginia G. has forms that she has given to CORs to take to the groups for the scholarships. She said if a group or individual wants to make a donation, any amount will be accepted. Renee announced there will be an Hispanic Archives Display. The music will be provided by a DJ so there will be a variety. Denise announced the winner of the first \$100 drawing and gave

the dates of the next one. Mary S. is the hospitality chairman. She reported they will need food. She will also accept cash donations. The most food will be needed on Saturday. Madonna said she will need more greeters; it is a good job for new people. **Renee reminded everyone not to park at the Baptist Church. Your car will be towed away. The convention has reserved 600 spaces at the Nations Bank that can be used at no charge.**

INTERDISTRICT REPORT: Erik brought the CSO pamphlet to explain functions of CSO.

PHONE VOLUNTEERS: Raymond F. (See bottom of page.)

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Johnny I said Free Spirit Group is having a Mexican dinner on the 24th and needs help. Club 12 will have a raffle and fajita dinner to benefit AA in SA.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Bonnie R.

PHONE DUTY

April 25-May 1:	Stahl Road
May 2-8:	Colonies North
May 9-15:	SW Loop
May 16-22:	Foxy Ladies
May 23-29:	Group 12

Please call us... but not on Hotline

Groups/individuals are asked to use this number when calling CSO - 821-6325 for literature, group changes or information. Please do not use 828-6235, the Hotline number. Tying up that line may prevent an alcoholic from reaching help.
THANK YOU.

PARKING WARNING

DO NOT PARK AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT DURING WEEKEND IN SA. Your car will be TOWED. You will pay more than you anticipated for the weekend. 600 parking spaces have been reserved for FREE at the Nation's Bank parking lot. GO THERE. REPEAT: DO NOT PARK at the Baptist Church parking lot across from auditorium.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7: El Grupo Santa Fe de A.A., XXV Anniversary, St. John Berchman's Church Hall, 1147 Cupples, dinner at 5 p.m., Speakers at 6:15, Dick E. of Sequin, Romelia R. of Monterrey, Mexico, Dance at 8 p.m. Bring a newcomer.

MAY 13-15: Weekend in S.A. Municipal Auditorium. See information on Page 6.

MAY 27-30: Big D. Roundup, 1994. Southland Center Hotel, 400 N. Olive St., Dallas. Make \$30 registration payable to Roundup, P.O. Box 19117, Dallas, TX 75219. The Roundup is gay-sensitive.

MAY 27-29: A.A. Women's Spiritual Freedom Retreat, Oblate Renewal Center, SA Contact Irma, 349-4173 or Jeanne H., 737-0361.

May 27-29: 7th Annual Concho Valley Conference,

Holiday Inn, Rooms \$51. Call 1-800-Holiday. Registration \$20. checks payable to Concho Valley conference, P.O. Box 1341, San Angelo, TX 76902..

June 2-5: Texas State Convention, the Sheraton Astrodome, Registration, \$10, checks payable to Convention Treasurer, 201 Dixie Drive, apt. 1811, Clute, TX 77531. Rooms \$75. Call 1-800-627-6461.

June 17-19: Las Vegas Young People's Roundup, \$15 registration, checks to LVYPR, 420 North Nellis Blvd, Suite #A3-223, Las Vegas, NV, 89110. Holiday Inn, Rooms \$65, 1-800-HOLIDAY.

737-1643 for information.
Folded: No Strangers, 6900 Kitchner, Friday
Folded: Big Book Study, Mon, 8 p.m. 8600 Wurzbach.

Grapevine Jamboree

San Antonions are ready for a party. We in AA are no exception as we celebrte the 50th Anniversary of the Grapevine. We will party hearty. Don't stay home and let others tell you about it. Saturday, June 25 at Antonian College Prep, 6425 West Avenue. Registration at 11:30 a.m. Speakers, skits, trivia games...Fun...Fun

Wanted: Musical director or similar to help a group of singers get their act together. Must be AA member. Also need professional or shower singers. See you group GVR or contact Yolanda F. at 675-4560 or 927-3082. Remember: first come, first served.

GROUP INFORMATION

SUPPORT NEEDED: Villa Rosa Group, Come and bring a friend, call Robert O.,

Hospitals and Institutions

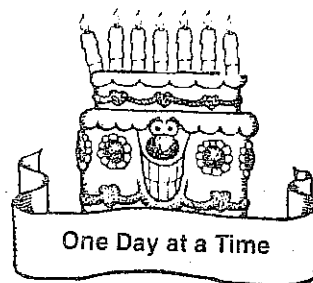
The Hospital and Institutions Committee invites you to attend its regular monthly meeting at Earl Abel's on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. Contact Brenda H. at 657-3953.

MON	Detox SASH	Marymont Club 12
WED	Cloudhaven Bapt. Hospital	Serendipity GOLIAD
THU	Detox VA Hospital	AM After Club 12

	SW GENERAL	AA WAY OUT
	SALVATION ARMY	BULVERDE
Fri	Detox Villa Rosa	Stahl Road No volunteers
Sat	ARC Detox On Track	Summit Pt. No volunteers Legacy

CSO CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

1 Year Herbert M. Mike H. Rusty M. Tim Y. Scott A. Chad B. Diane B. Mark B. David C. Bill D. Sylvia G. Marie G. Leslie G. Kevin H. Cliff K. Edmund L. Richard L. B.D. M. Mary M. Dolores P. Gayle P. David P. Bill P. John R. rosie R. Martin R. Deryln S. Gaye S. William S. Russell W. James W.	3 Years David A. Albert A. Ann A. Ken C. Kristine C. Chris F. Ruben G. Fran H. Andy K. Charles M. Greg M. Henry M. Pat M. Cheri N. Michael P. Pat P. Jerry R. Mike R. Matthew R. Gary W. Joanna W. Sheri N.	Ruben J. Rebecca L. Gini L. Elton P. John P. Melba T.	Bob B. David G. Lennie T.	19 Years T.S.
2 Years Ronnie R. Mike M. Laura J. Carl H. Mike S. Slim S. Shawn S. Deborah S. Audra S. Ed M. Jacob F. Julie M.	4 Years Becky M.* Kenny P.* Sherrie B. George W. John B. David C. Debbie D. Ron D. Andrea G. Joy G. Moye H.	6 Years Jeff A. Nick N. Rick A. Mark B. Michelle D. Frankie H. Sissy S. Thomas W. Colette T.	11 Years Annie N. Stephanie F. Allen P. Roxy Y.	21 Years Bob A. Grant S.
5 Years Bob G. Mike M. Victor B. Heather B. Pamela C. Kevin C. Jerry F. Ann H. Marilyn L.	7 Years Raymond F. Grace J. Nina Mc. Marjorie Mc. Ron P. Patti T. Randy W. Patty C. Pat E.	8 Years Don L. Pamela A. Tomi B.A. Denise S. Raymond F. Carl R.	12 Years Betty N. Ken C.	22 Years Bill B.
	9 Years Russell S. John C. Jim D. James D. Bill U.	10 Years Lylas W. Liz L.	13 Years Bill M.	23 Years Wayne B.
			14 Years Steve R. Jim H. Bob K. Steven R.	26 YEARS JOHN D.
			15 Years Larry Y. Alberto M.	29 YEARS TOM B.
			16 Years Bob J. Orville M.	32 YEARS JOHNNY C.
			17 Years Hank D.	34 YEARS JEN ROSE W.
			18 Year Clara P. Roland L.	36 YEARS BOB R.
				*BELATED APRIL BIRTHDAYS.
				IF YOUR NAME ISN'T HERE, CALL YOUR SECRETARY



EACH GROUP HAS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE... TO CARRY ITS MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS

Every newcomer learns (some of us the hard way) that the business of staying sober must have top priority. If we fail at that, we can't succeed at anything else. The Fifth Tradition tells us that groups should remember *their* "one primary purpose."

Often, unthinking enthusiasm puts a group off the main track. One, for instance, offered an "expanded A.A. program" that included helping newcomers to find jobs. Tradition Five doesn't frown on the individual A.A. who tells another about a good opening, but when the group turns itself into an employment agency, newcomers may get confused about *their* primary purpose. A.A.'s function is to help them get sober - then they can find work for themselves.

Using discretion, a member may lend a few dollars needed for a meal or a hotel room, or may even invite a broke alcoholic to be a temporary houseguest. But the A.A. group as a whole is not a friendly finance company, nor a welfare department, nor a housing bureau.

Even when acting on their own, as individual members, A.A. lay people certainly shouldn't award themselves honorary medical degrees and hand out diagnoses and prescriptions and amateur analyses of other people's neuroses. Exactly because this personal failing is so common, the A.A. group in all its dealings should be extra careful to emphasize that it is not invading the medical field. Through the personal experiences of its members, it is qualified to carry only one message: how an alcoholic can recover in A.A. That's all.

Yet one group recently felt itself equipped to set up an "alcoholism information center." The temptation is understandable; it

was even stronger at the time this Tradition was written., because public ignorance about alcoholism as an illness was more widespread than it is now. Since then, other agencies have sprung up to assume the task of educating the general public on alcoholism. That is not A.A.'s purpose, but these agencies also are trying to help an active alcoholic. They are our friends -- and Tradition Six marks the boundaries of the relationship...

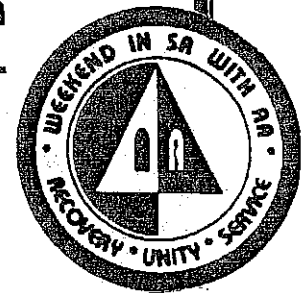


I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

THE 49th ANNIVERSARY of AA in SAN ANTONIO

w e e k e n d i n S A w i t h A A
M A Y 1 3 , 1 4 , 1 5 1 9 9 4

- ▲ English Speaking Semi-Marathon Meetings.
- ▲ Spanish Speaking Semi-Marathon Meetings.
- ▲ Al-Anon Speaking Semi-Marathon Meetings.
- ▲ Babysitting provided for meetings.
- ▲ Free coffee and fellowship.
- ▲ BIG DANCE Saturday night.
- ▲ Some FREE PARKING available.



Groups and individuals are needed for many of the committees that are so important to the success of this convention. If you are interested in volunteering, here is an explanation of what the committee does:

- Greeters:** Welcome conventioners on steps of Municipal Auditorium
- Decoration:** Help make them, then put them up and take them down.
- Coffee:** Help make it but more importantly, to help carry the urns.
- Hospitality:** Help set up and serve the food donated by the groups.
- Information:** Provide information about the city and answer phones.
- Registration:** Pass out registration packets and register participants.
- Door Prizes:** Sell tickets, collect & turn in receipts.
- English/Spanish-Speaking Meeting:** Lead, attend meetings.
- Al-A-Non:** Help run the meetings.

This is an excellent opportunity for a newcomer to become involved. Everyone who works for the convention, takes away more than they give. Call and volunteer today.

CHAIRPERSONS

- Greeters: Madonna 494-7032
- Decorations: Liz L. 490-3442
- Coffee: Gene W. 657-4920
- Hospitality: Mary S. 690-7750
- Marathon: Raymond F.
- Information: David J. 533-6890
- Registration: Bill T. 828-7865
- Alateen: Lynn S. 657-7650
- Door Prizes: Denise M. 658-3949
- Alanon: Roberta D. 709-3400
- Babysitting: Alpha House
- Dance: Debbie G. 493-1871
- Scholarship: Virginia G. 545-0526

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! We need an estimate of participants for planning purposes

OUR GROUP WILL :

- BRING FOOD /GOODIES
- SERVE IN HOSPITALITY
- SERVE AS HOST/HOSTESS
- SERVE IN REGISTRATION
- SERVE AT INFORMATION TABLE
- SERVE IN BABY-SITTING
- SERVE AS COFFEE HELPER
- AT EACH MEETING:**
- ANNOUNCE CONFERENCE
- GET PRE - REGISTRATIONS
- HAVE A FUND RAISING ACTIVITY
- REGISTER YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS
- REMIND EVERYONE TO COME

**THIS IS CENTRAL SERVICE
OFFICE ONCE A YEAR FUND
RAISER. PLEASE HELP US OUT**

NAME _____

BADGE _____

AA ALANON ALATEEN

NAME _____

BADGE _____

AA ALANON ALATEEN

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PRE - REGISTRATION \$15 x _____ \$ _____

DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP(S) \$ _____

ALATEEN \$ 2 x _____ \$ _____

DANCE \$ 5 x _____ \$ _____

**PLEASE
PRINT**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:
CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A. POST OFFICE BOX 791995
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78279-1995

