

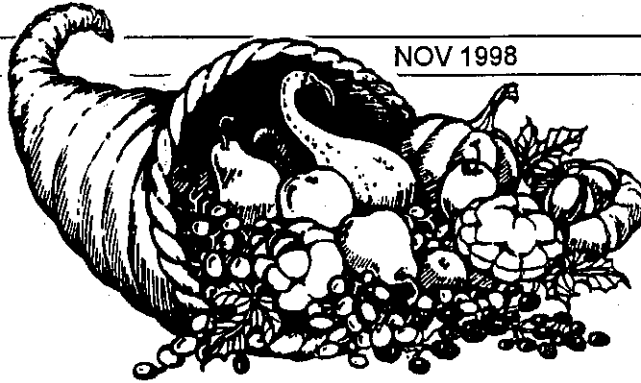
# The Nightcap

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## *Gratitude: Language of the Heart*

Gratitude is a must for us - not only feeling grateful, but showing we are grateful. But how does one ever show true gratitude for A.A.?

As grateful alcoholics learning to live with a subtle, progressive and lethal illness, we have a fighting chance on a day-to-day, hour-by-hour basis to be of some use to ourselves, our families and our communities. We may even achieve magnificent and beneficent things if we chose.

The grateful A.A. member learns bit by bit what life is all about. We learn to live without lies, without conning people and especially, without trying to be somebody we're not. In essence, we unlearn all the "skills" we had developed in order to justify our addictive behavior.

Then too, grateful alcoholics attend several meetings a week, to let others know we care, to welcome the newcomer with friendship and understanding, and to pass on the message of how to live without taking a drink.

Grateful A.A.'s know that we must give away the priceless gift of sobriety if we are to keep it. The experience of the paradox of giving to receive occurs whenever we involve ourselves, at any level, in A.A. service. Some of us may have special talents to offer as expressions of our gratitude, but we can all lovingly give away our sobriety in the simple act of sharing. We can also give our attention to others who would (and sometimes desperately need to) share with us.

And finally, grateful alcoholics thank their Higher Power. Many A.A. members develop a systematic daily spiritual program. They discipline themselves to seek God through prayer and meditation, to achieve conscious contact, and thus achieve an understanding of God. But, if adequate thanks sometimes seem beyond our capabilities, one can simply say, "Thank You for what You have given, for what You have taken away, and for what You have left me."

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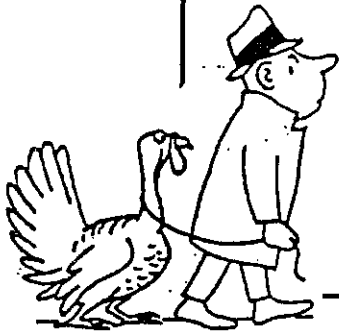
*November  
is  
Gratitude Month*

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Due to inclement weather, a flood,  
the COR Meeting was  
not held.

Kim may need more after hours phone volunteers.  
If you are willing to help call: Kim: 522-0488



THE NEXT COR MEETING WILL BE  
HELD AS USUAL....  
SUNDAY, NOV 15, 1998

## URGENT: READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE

*IT COULD SAVE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU HAVE NOT EVEN MET!*

Every day an alcoholic who still suffers reaches out to us for the first time by phone. Since the A.A. Hotline requires answering 24 hours a day, and the Central Service Office is only open 9-5 Monday through Friday, that first phone contact is often with an after-hours telephone volunteer. *Phone service work is full-fledged twelve-step work, every bit as important as carrying a meeting to hospitals or institutions. Believe it or not, "answering service" operators previously took those calls that were often a first link to recovery! We know that only another alcoholic can reach the one who still suffers. Our collective decision to take on this responsibility was made in September of 1997. Ongoing fine-tuning has made phone service work both convenient and rewarding.*

The "Telephone Service Committee" was created to serve as the response team during hours that the Central Service Office is closed. A variety of shift times are available (5-10PM week nights, 9AM-1PM weekends, etc.). Six months continuous sobriety is suggested for volunteering, but that can be waived with backup support from a sponsor. The "duty time" itself is easy. *This is the only Twelve Step work you can do in your pajamas.*

The A.A. Hotline number is automatically transferred from C.S.O. to your home phone. You simply answer your phone, "Hello, may I help you?" during your shift. Only the C.S.O. and phone committee will have your home phone number, and you do not have to make Twelve Step calls either on the phone or in person. There is a list of Twelve Step Volunteers which you use to refer someone who needs more attention; the alcoholic who still suffers or the fellow member on the verge of a slip. The amount of involvement on a particular call is up to you. You will find, however, that the majority of your calls are meeting information requests from court-referred, new arrivals, or visitors to our city. Yours will be the first friendly voice they hear!

Instructions, guidelines, and related program reference numbers, such as Alanon, are included in your volunteer packet. Experienced phone committee volunteers are available for advice. You are not in it alone. *There is an ongoing urgent need for Telephone Service Volunteers.* The signup sheets are filled monthly. Without this critical twelve-step work our A.A. Hotline would be answered by impersonal voice mail. What if your first contact with A.A. was an answering machine?

*Call the CSO 9am-5pm Monday-Friday @ 828-6235, Telephone Service Committee Chair, Kim C. @ 522-0488, or David W. @ 738-0307, to ask questions or to take a shift on an individual basis. Ask your C.O.R. if your group is involved. When someone reaches out for help, let the hand they find be yours.*

# GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1998 SWTA FALL ASSEMBLY  
KERRVILLE, TX  
OCT. 30, 31 & NOV. 1  
"INN OF THE HILLS"**

**Friday:** Registration - 5-10 PM  
Speaker: 8 PM - Lynn D. -S.A., TX  
Round Robin @ 10 PM  
**Sat. Afternoon:** CFC presents TDC speaker  
Bi-lingual - Richard S.-S.A., TX  
8 PM - Jim W. - S.A., TX  
**Sun. AM:** Speaker Ted W. - Austin, TX

**BULVERDE GROUP  
13TH ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE  
WED., NOV. 11TH**

**LOCATION:** Bulverde Community Center  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM - Dinner, 8:15 PM - Speaker  
**CONTACT:** Daryl (210) 695-3540

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**SAMSO  
GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
54TH ANNIVERSARY  
GRAPEVINE CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 1998 - 5:00-11:30 PM**  
**LOCATION:** WINNER'S CLUB  
5723 KENWICK (Near Loop 410 & Bandera Rd.)

**SPEAKERS, DINNER, TRADITIONS PLAY  
BY DISTRICT 13, DRAWING FOR  
PRIZES, SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT,  
DANCE!**

**ONLY \$5.00 DONATION/PERSON**

**CSO WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR THE THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY**

**on Thursday, November 26, 1998  
and Friday, November 27, 1998**

## CHANGES

**Serendipity Group has a new meeting.  
Sunday at 6:30 pm. Spanish meeting -  
Contact Ruben @ 599-1063.**

## DISTRICT 18 MEETING

**Change to Thursday after 3rd Sunday @ 7:00  
PM - 810 Kitty Hawk - St. Matthews  
Episcopal Church.**

## CLUB 12 ACTIVITIES

11/7	9-Noon	Pancake breakfast
11/7	1-4:30PM	District Workshop
11/14	8-Mid- Night	Dance SS Express, \$3.00 mem/\$4.00 non-mem. No one under the age of 15.
11/17	7 PM	Group Conscience Mtg.
11/21	9-Mid- Night	Casino Night - \$6.00 for \$6,000 in chips - Auction! Watch for the prizes.
11/26	1PM	Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Club 12 & Group 12.
11/28	8-Mid-	Dance SS Express, \$3.00 mem/\$4.00 non-mem. No one under the age of 15.

**Henry M. from District 1F, Area 68 is  
the new coordinator for CPC. He is  
looking for members interested in  
working for this committee. Meets on  
2nd Thurs. of each month at 7:30pm.  
Contact Henry at 533-9770.**

**REMEMBER!**

**CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER -**

**HO, HO, HO!**

**SHOP AT CSO!**

**(after Thanksgiving, of course)**

# NOVEMBER 1998 BIRTHDAYS

1 YRS

PETE D.  
BILL H.  
PAULA S.

2 YRS

ED B.  
GLEN B.  
DEMENCIO C.  
FERNANDO C.  
ALAN F.  
ARTHUR G.  
RAY L.  
DONALYN M.  
DAVID N.  
GAVINO P.  
WILLIAM S.  
DEBBIE V.  
JIM H.

3 YRS

FRANK A.  
PEARL A.  
DAVID C.  
KEVIN F.  
PAUL K.  
ROGER M.  
CHARLIE McN, JR  
ROGER M.  
RICHARD P.  
JEFF R.

4 YRS

KAY M.

5 YRS

MARVIN Q.

6 YRS

GREY A.  
TERRENCE M.

7 YRS

LOURDES F.  
CATHY W.  
DAVID W.  
DONNA G.

8 YRS

CARY B.  
JAY JOHN H.  
TOM K.  
CAROL ST J.  
NICK ST. J.

9 YRS

BELINDA L.  
C. J. K.  
LISA D.

10 YRS

JAN R.  
CLARE B.  
CONNIE G.  
DANA M.  
MAX McK.  
JIM O.  
SANDY S.

11 YRS

BEN C.

12 YRS

RICHARD B.  
GENE B.  
KIMBERLY T.  
LINDA R.

13 YRS

GAY N. (OCT)

14 YRS

WALTER H.  
SAM R.

15 YRS

LUCKY W.

16 YRS

LYNN D.

17 YRS

PAT J.  
JAYNE L.  
PATRICIA J.

19 YRS

THORNETON S.  
BARBARA L.

20 YRS

NELDA T.  
RITA S.

21 YRS

LARRY S.

22 YRS

DOROTHY T.

23 YRS

ROLAND R.  
JOE G.  
DON C.  
BONNIE F.

26 YRS

SAM G.

27 YRS

JIM W.

32 YRS

DINA DEL M.  
AL D.

37 YRS

GEORGE R.

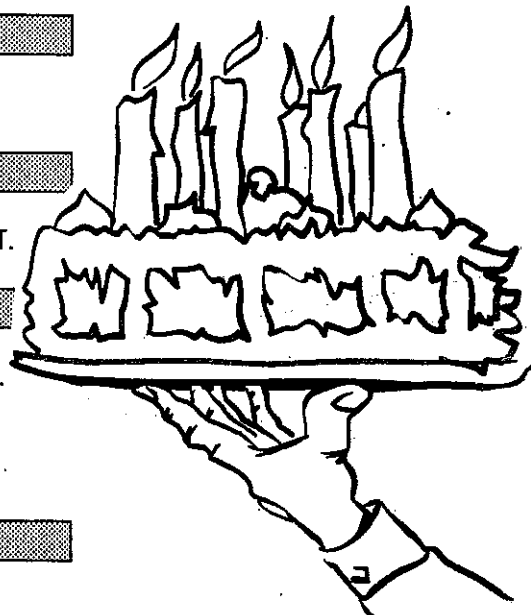
46 YRS

NICK C.

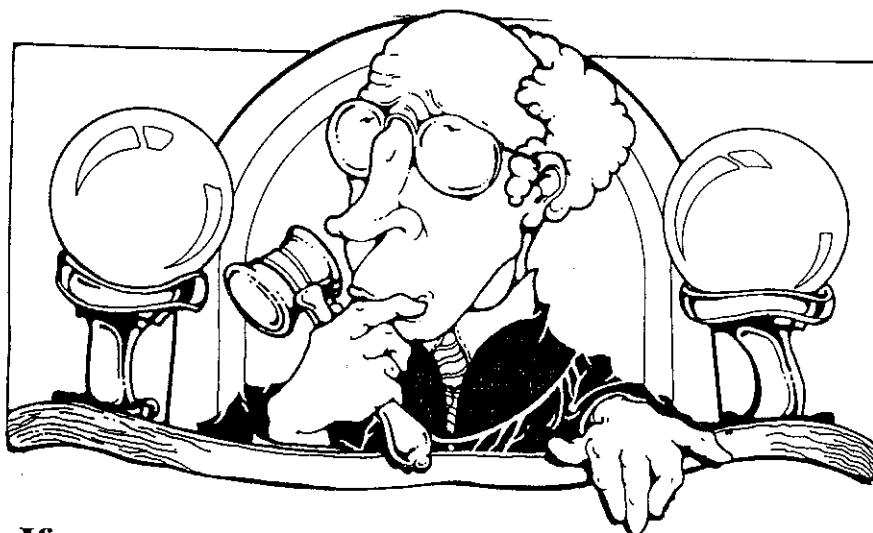


*Why can we remember  
the tiniest detail that  
has happened to us,  
and not remember  
how many times we  
have told it to  
the same person.*

*La Rochefoucauld*



**IF YOUR  
BIRTHDAY  
DOES NOT  
APPEAR ON  
THIS PAGE,  
PLEASE CALL  
CSO BEFORE  
THE 20th OF  
THE MONTH  
PRIOR TO  
YOUR  
BIRTHDAY AT  
821-6325.**



**If you were accused of carrying the A.A. message,  
would there be enough evidence to convict you?**

**YOUR RIGHTS AS AN A.A. MEMBER**

**You have the right to remain sober. If you give up this right, your misery will be cheerfully refunded.**

**You have the right to a sponsor of your choice. If you can not choose a sponsor, your group may find you a temporary sponsor to set your feet on the "Road of Happy Destiny."**

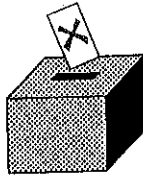



**You have the right to participate in all matters affecting A.A., both locally or worldwide. If you choose not to participate or let your voice be heard, you must take what you are given.**

This is where the  
SAMSO MINUTES  
would have been

This is where the  
H & I Schedule  
would have been

# November 1998

## NIGHTCAP

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>1</b> 4:00pm ID Seering Committee at Winners Club	<b>2</b> Birthdays-Goliad	<b>3</b> 6:30pm P.I. Committee Meeting-Winners Club 	<b>4</b> 7:00pm CFC Meeting-Club 12	<b>5</b> 7:00pm H&I Meeting-Jims (Blanco - 410) Birthdays-Goliad, Foxhall	<b>6</b> 	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Birthdays-Goliad	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30pm CSO Board Meeting 6:30pm Bulverde Group 13th Anniversary-BBQ & Speaker Veterans Day 	<b>12</b> GV Committee Meeting-Club 12, Birthdays-Goliad	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2:00pm H&I Committee Meeting, Jim's @ 410 & Blanco 5:00pm Grapevine Fall Fest at the Winners Club
<b>15</b> 5:00pm Dist 1A & 17 Meeting-Jim's Bandera & 410 5:30pm COR Meeting 6:30pm SAMSO Meeting-Both at St Andrew's Episcopal Church	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Archives Meeting-Denny's (Perrin Beitel-Loop 410) Birthdays-Goliad	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Dist 18 meeting St Matthews Episcopal Church Birthdays-Goliad & Devine	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Dist 19 Meeting, St David's Episcopal Church 7:30pm Grapevine Meeting-Earl Abels	<b>21</b>
<b>NOVEMBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH</b>						
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Birthdays-Goliad	<b>24</b> Birthdays-Windcrest, Valley-Hi, Santa Fe New Acceptance	<b>25</b> Birthdays-Oblate, Northwood, Foxy Ladies, Lytle	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Birthdays-Goliad Birthdays-Fort Sam, Goliad, N San Pedro 	<b>27</b> Birthdays-SW Loop, Colonies North, Schertz-Cibolo Marymont, Rush Hr, El Libro Grande, Group 12	<b>28</b> Birthdays-Winners Club
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Birthdays-Goliad	<b>CSO WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY on Thursday, November 26, 1998 and Friday, November 27, 1998</b>				

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP		SEP 9	YTD	GROUP		SEP 98	YTD	INCOME STATEMENT		SEP 98
c	Acceptance			Men's Big Book			10.00	4005 Sales		5,776.02
g	Alamo Heights		203.00	New Acceptance				4006 Cost of Sales		-3411.15
	Alpha House			New Hope				Gross Profit		2,364.87
	Blue Door			New Life		20.00	20.00			
	Boerne, Sun Night			Nooners				Contributions:		
	Broadway		600.00	North San Pedro		55.00	242.00	4010 Nightcap Contributions		36.00
	Bulverde			Northeast				4020 COR Meeting Contributions		0.00
	Callaghan Road			Northwest				4030 Group Contributions		1681.52
cg	Colonies North		121.99	Northwood				4040 Memorial Contributions		0.00
	Community	15.00	27.00	cg Oak Hills		236.19	1220.90	4050 Individual Contributions		29.22
	County Line			Oblate			652.00			
g	Devine			Old Pearsall Road				Total Contributions		1746.74
	Easy Does It			g Pearsall				Other Income:		
	Entire Abstinence			Pleasanton				4110 Interest Income		80.81
	Entire Abstinence II			Polaris				4120 Office Kitty		19.35
	First Things First			Poteet-Strawberry				4130 AA in SA Net Income		0.00
	Floresville			Promise Hour			10.00	4320 Sales Tax Discount		0.00
	Forest Oaks, Ladies			Road to Happy Destiny						
	Fort Sam Houston	90.93	132.60	Roosevelt						
c	Foxy Ladies		75.00	g Rush Hour		110.90	740.92	Total Other Income		99.96
	Foxhall		10.00	SAC				Total Income		4211.57
	Free at Last		42.06	Samaritan				Wage Related Expenses:		
	Freedom	70.00	166.25	g San Antonio North			138.91	5010 Salaries		2871.75
	Freedom From Bondage			Sanity & Serenity				5020 Payroll Tax		214.77
	Friends of Dr Bob			Saturday Night Live			56.64	5030 Contract Labor-Clerical		0.00
	Frontier			Schertz-Cibolo			300.00	5035 Contract Labor, Janitorial		0.00
	Generic Thursday		200.00	cg Serendipity		99.00	279.00	5040 Mileage Reimbursement		50.00
g	Goliad		140.00	Sobriety				5050 Employee Training		0.00
	Grupo 3 Legados			g Southwest Loop			38.39	5060 Miscellaneous		288.09
	Grupo El Libro Grande		50.00	cg Stahl Road			123.5	Total wage related expenses		3424.61
	Grupo Gozo y Paz			Sunrise			205.00	Occupancy Expenses:		
	Grupo Mensaje			Survivors		50.00	250.00	5110 Rent		1065.00
	Grupo Internacional			Teen			7.00	5120 Utilities		0.00
	Grupo Nueva Esperanza			cg Thur Night Speak Easy				5130 Telephone		0.00
	Grupo Nueva Sendero			TGIF Staying in Solution			20.00	5135 Answering Service		0.00
	Grupo Santa Fe			Tolerance				5140 Repairs & Maintenance		0.00
	Grupo Una Luz en mi Camino			Travis Park		35.00	480.00	5150 Insurance		801.15
	Grupo Unidad	10.00	80.00	cg Twelve		360.00	3240.00	Total Occupancy Expense		1,866.15
	Halt on Tezel Road	70.00	190.00	Universal City			240.00	Other expenses:		
g	Highland	58.50	208.00	Universal City, Sun			40.00	5210 Office Supplies, Clerical		520.02
	Hondo			cg Valley-Hi		35.00	205.00	5211 Office Supplies, Non-Clerical		50.16
	Keep It Simple		218.00	c W-Abundance Happy Hr				5215 Postage		85.59
	Kelly Special		180.00	W-First One Today				5216 Freight UPS		0.00
	Keystone			c W-Fresh Start (Newcome)		100.00	375.00	5220 Janitorial Supplies		0.00
	La Vernia	30.00	100.00	W-Morning After			63.00	5225 Equipment Lease & Main		0.00
cg	Lambda		120.49	W-Summit Turning Point				5270 SWB Yellow Pages		0.00
g	Last Call		77.33	Windcrest			20.00	5310 Nightcap Print. & Post.		514.50
	Laurel Heights		130.00	g Woodlake		20.00	90.00	5415 Accounting Service		137.50
	Legal Professions		110.00	g Young & Golden Years			20.00	Total Other Expenses		1307.77
	Live Oak		60.00					Total Expenses		\$6,598.53
	Losoya							Net Income		(\$2,386.96)
	Longhorn			AREA				BIRTHDAY		
	Lytle			New Braunfels Group		106.00	205.45	Alice L.		20.00
cg	Marymont		118.75	Blanco Group			120.00	INDIVIDUAL		
	Medical Professions			Fellowship Gr. Kerrville			50.00	Craig		9.22
				Grupo Sempre Verde		10.00	40.00			
c	Attended COR Mtg Sep 20			Women's Sol. Canyon L.			10.00			
g	Attended interdistrict Mtg Sep 20			Boerne Noon Group		100.00	100.00			
				TOTAL		1681.52	12963.18			

Is your  on board?

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