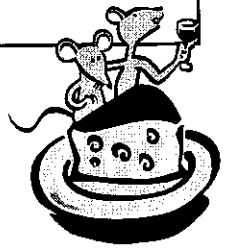


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Thanks for the Pains

I really began to understand gratitude and what it meant to my sobriety when I learned to be grateful for the not so gracious moments in my life. Being grateful when the chips are down is a sign of real spiritual success. I figure it this way; look at those 90-day wonders still sailing on the pink cloud. They feel grateful to be alive, just alive. The real test comes when we've been sober long enough to know better and we do some fool action anyway and pay the consequences and still feel grateful for the lesson.

I know in AA it's very popular to make healthy decisions and act in situations with all the grace and dignity that the steps provide. However, I don't feel it's a very realistic approach to a spiritual way of life. Spiritual seekers understand the need to live life and hope for the best. It is what enhances my life and brings me closer to God. Every "Oh, no!" moment in my sobriety has been the very thing that pushed me to the next level—emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically. I'm not saying go out and stir things up. I'm just pointing out that once we reach the level of sobriety where we can grow and be grateful for ALL of our life, good and bad, then we have found the level of success that the Big Book strives to give us.

Gratitude is a gift for people who find peace in any given situation. It is the sole reason we all endeavor, one day at a time, to go on without a drink. It is the hope for the suffering and the foundation when we are feeling well. It is what we all labor to be and why we really work the steps (after physical sobriety has been attained). It is the end all and be all of AA. If I could not eventually find gratitude for my mistakes, I don't think I could go on. Even more to the point, I don't think I could have a trusting relationship with my Higher Power. It is the very foundation that keeps me forever linked to God, and I pray I never lose it. I pray you never lose it either.

Gratitude can become like a drug and it can be sought so hard that we miss out on the pain. Life is just life; We all get dealt a set of cards and we do the best with what we are handed and try not to discard too many aces. I love the strength that is attained through going fully through the process: (1) the mistake, (2) pain, (3) prayer, (4) action, (5) resolution, and (6) gratitude. May we find it through its process and not manufacture it through our fear.

Valerie T. Hillsboro Road Group

"Gratitude should go *forward* rather than backward. In other words, if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best repayment for the help given you." As Bill Sees it



CSO Notes

In an on going effort to keep groups informed , the following events have, and or are taking place at your Central Service Office. A reminder you can contact us by E-mail for information, or to order literature , or If you have something for the Nightcap . We also take complaints, compliments, and best of all suggestions .

The BIGGEST NEWS for the San Antonio fellowship is San Antonio has been selected as the site for the 2010 International AA Conference There has been a lot of hard work to make it a reality and a lot of individuals past and present. Space does not permit for their names, just know that we owe them our thanks , and when the time comes we owe them our commitment to service, to make it work.

The Fourth Edition Big Book will be shipped November 15 . The earliest the books will be in our offices in a perfect world will be 21 November. The board has approved a reduction in price on the 4th edition, the Hardback will be reduced to \$6.50 and the paper back will drop to 5.90. The Large print will remain the same price until it comes out in 4th edition.

If you have any extra third editions gathering dust Bring them to the Central Office . We turn them over to the Hospital and institutions and Correctional Facilities Committees to distribute to those in need.

Within the next 40 days (or less) your CSO will be have its website up to bring us into the 20th century .(We still have a ways to go before the 21st) The meeting Schedule will be there with a lot of other pertinent information to make your CSO user friendly ,and easier to access. Look for the announcement sooner than later.

We have started to put together the new meeting schedules if there are any meeting changes for your group, or your group is not listed or the group wants to change something, let the CSO know . We may be able to change it on the website quickly, however once in print you will have to look at the misinformation for six months, speak now while the window of opportunity is open .

It's the time of the year for rotation of the Central Office Board of Trustees . This year we have four members rotating off . The elections will be 18 November at the COR meeting . Only Group COR's and Board members can vote . If you don't want your groups voice to be mute send your group COR and or representative . Here are the names of the individuals who have agreed to stand for election to the Board of Trustees . In no particular order, Cary Q (winners Club) Butch W (group 12) John C-S (Group 12) Char (Women's Big Book) Larry K (Rush Hour) David A (Group 12) Gayle M (Rush Hour) Andres M (First Things First) . Nominations will be also taken from the floor provided they qualify for the position. If interested call the CSO for a list of the qualifications

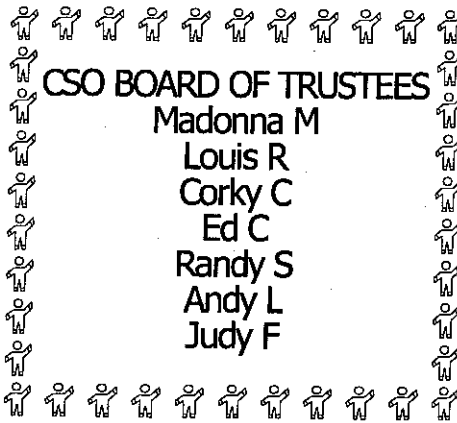
Last but not least the Central Office extends a Huge thank you to the Womens Big Book Group plus all the individuals who were involved with putting together the Emotional Sobriety workshop. All those who attended deserve a round of applause also for making it the success that it was, for themselves and the Central Office

More will be revealed

Your Manager Bill T

EDITORS NOTE

We always accept articles from anyone who wants to express their experience strength and hope and or just plain let the world know how they feel on a variety of issues . Even if it's just anyone who wants to let us know how they will fix things when they get to be president of AA. (Rule 62 applies there) We may not always agree with what is printed, however we will stay as inclusive as AA . We will always be committed to our fellowship in the San Antonio area sharing experience strength and hope with the rest of our AA



CSO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Madonna M
- Louis R
- Corky C
- Ed C
- Randy S
- Andy L
- Judy F

FEAR

We of AA now find ourselves in a world characterized by destructive fears as never before in history. But in it we nevertheless see great areas of faith and tremendous aspirations toward justice and brotherhood.

Yet no prophet can presume to say whether the world outcome will be blazing destruction or the beginning, under God's intention, of the brightest era yet known to mankind.

We AA.'s can say that we do not fear the world outcome, whichever course it may take, This is because we have been enabled to deeply feel and say, 'We shall fear no evil, Thy will, not ours, be done.'

Bill W., January 1962 AA Grapevine, The Language of the Heart, p. 268

I LOVE AA MEETINGS

I love AA meetings. The only fault I find is that there are too many alcoholics! I know that may sound funny but we found the one thing that keeps us sober and we constantly complain about it. I wanted to lead a meeting and make the topic, "What bugs you at AA meetings?" Everybody has at one time been dissatisfied with something or someone at an AA meeting, (if not, you're probably not going to enough meetings!). Most of us just shrug off the dissatisfaction. Some members may talk to their sponsors and some may even change meetings.

Let's try to imagine what might go on in a "**Bad meeting.**"

Rambling' Rose is quite eager to share her experience as it relates to the topic, but she feels compelled to talk about each and everything else that has happened recently. Both she and Longwinded Willie fail to realize others are waiting to share.

You-know Eunice might be saying what I need to hear, you know, but as she talks, you know, my mind seems to wander, you know, and I find myself counting the you knows, instead of paying attention you know.

Drunkalog Dick doesn't know that the one thing we all know well is how to drink. Some of us would rather hear about his living sober, one day at a time.

Dirty-mouth Harry believes he has to tell it like it is. Hopefully, he'll soon learn that's the way it was, and clean up his language.

Babbling Bob believes he has something to share on each topic. So he does, every day.

Then of course there's *Check-in Charlie*. Well he was at an AA meeting his last birthday, and now his share sounds like the Christmas cards you get from people you don't see but once a year.

When I think of where I would be today if I didn't work the program and attend meetings, it is frightening. I thank God for the meetings of AA and I wouldn't change a thing. I would like to, but I do know a lesson in futility when I see it. My Sponsor has guaranteed me that I will get something out of every AA meeting, even if it's a resentment. Hopefully, I have grown somewhat by always extending my hand and welcoming all to AA. I know that if they stay they will change. I always want the hand of AA to be there, and for that I am responsible. I think we all have to remember and protect the first tradition especially from ourselves. *Bob R, Jndio, CA*

F.Y.I AT CENTRAL OFFICE the Month of October

the following calls were handled through the hotline 9am-5pm by 10 volunteers (23 working days) Night time figures are unavailable.

600- Meeting information

47- A1-anon/alateen

24 other 12 step program Info

34 Detox info

30-12 step calls with members going to the alcoholic

22 12 step calls handled by phone (by volunteer or having another AA member followup by phone)

30 Miscellaneous (Club activities, GSR info, -dances-H&I info

Total 787 calls

THE FOLLOWING LITERATURE WAS SOLD IN OCTOBER

312 AA BOOKS	YTD 3,345
533 AA PAMPHLETS	YTD 5,978
12 SPANISH AA BOOKS	YTD 36
1,223 DIRECTORIES	YTD 6,671
50 NON AA BOOKS	YTD 553
1,240 CHIPS, DESIRE, 30, 60 DAY ETC.	YTD 11,175
283 YEARLY CHIPS	YTD 3,116

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SAN ANTONIO

Weekend in SA with AA
March 22, 23, 24, 2002

HOTELS AND SUITES

WALKING DISTANCE

- ② Hawthorn Suites - 830 N. St. Mary's
210 527 1900 - Ask for the special rate for Weekend in SA.
- ③ Four Points San Antonio Riverwalk - 110 Lexington
1 800 288 3927 -- 210 223 9461 -- Fax 210 233 9267
- ④ Alamo Travelodge -- 405 Broadway
210 222 1000 -- Fax 210 229 9744

FREE PARKING

Parking Information:
See Information Desk
At The Front Entrance
Of The Auditorium

FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING

There are many AA. Conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA Meetings. Conventions and conferences are special events which require a substantial amount of money. This Conference is funded primarily through registration fees, plus contributions from individual AA members and AA Groups. The majority of these contributions are in the form of food, drinks and scholarship money. No baskets are passed. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA Members, "we pay our own way".

"God could and would,
if He were sought"

THEME FOR THE 2002 WEEKEND IN SA WITH AA

SCHEDULED EVENTS

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM - 100 AUDITORIUM CIRCLE

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002

- 2:00 PM Registration Opens
- 5:00 PM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 7:30 PM Michael M. (AA) Wairing, Georgia

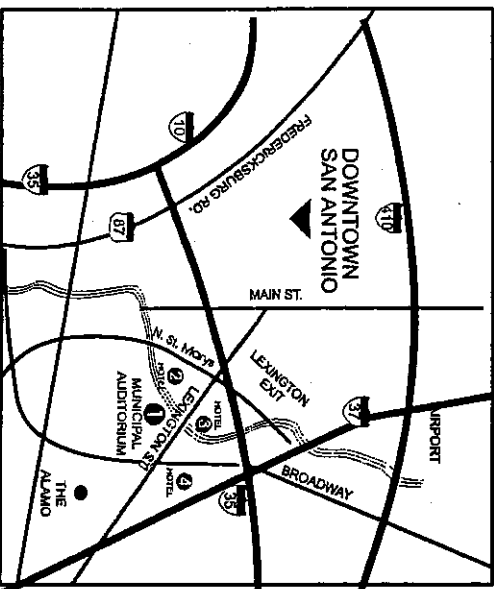
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2002

- 9:00 AM Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM Semi-Marathon Meetings Begin
- 10:00 AM Joe A. (AA) Cincinnati, Ohio
- 11:30 AM Hispanic Speaker (AA)
- 1:30 PM Tom H. (AFG) San Antonio, Texas
- 3:00 PM Talent Show
- 7:00 PM Kip C. (AA) Yreka, California
- 8:30 PM DANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2002

- 8:30 AM Taco Cowbell Breakfast with
side order of Shalring
- 10:15 AM Franche W. (AA) Maun, California

Visit our Website -- www.AAinSA.org



DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION

SAN ANTONIO REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BADGE NAME _____ AA ALANON

BADGE NAME _____ AA ALANON

PRE-REGISTRATION (Per Person) \$20 (\$5. Savings)

DOOR REGISTRATION (\$25 Per Person) _____

DONATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$ _____

DANCE (Per Person) \$ 5 _____

TOTAL (Check) {Credit Card} \$ _____

Credit Card {VISA } {MC } {AMEX }
{DISCOVER } {DINERS } {Carte Blanche } _____

Card Member Name (Please Print or type) _____

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Signature _____

If you are using a credit card to register you may choose to complete the registration form and:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:
CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN SA,
PO BOX 790282
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78279-0282

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
 Central Service Office Of San Antonio

Statement of operations

	One month Ending	Year to date
	September	01
Revenue		
Sales	\$4693.00	\$52,852.00
Nightcap Contributions	48.00	438.00
COR Meeting Contributions	14.00	84.00
Group Contributions	1094.00	16,537
Individual Contributions	979.00	2404.00
Birthdays	0	74.00
Memorial Contribution	0	75.00
Total Revenues	6,828.00	72,464.00
	8,885.50	28,830
Total Cost of sales	2,614	23,459.31
Gross Profit	4,214. 00	43,634
Expenses		
Accounting Service	150.00	1,947.00
Depreciation	00.	1,250.00
Salaries	2,902	25,694.00
Payroll Tax	56	1405 .00
Rent	912.00	8,094.00
Equipment & storage leases	175.	2176. 00
Utilities	290.	2296.00
Telephone & Answering system	239.00	2148.00
Repairs & Maintenance	305.00	2,211.00
Office Supplies,	89.47	2,213.21
Supplies	261.00	1,163
Postage & Freight	303.00	1,302
Advertising	60.00	449.00
Nightcap printing and postage	0	1920.44
Other personnel expenses	00.00	469.69
Miscellaneous Expense	00.00	441.01
Bank and Credit Card Fees	36.00	749.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,689	55,980.00
Operating expenses		
Interest Income	1.00	28.00
Income from AA in SA	0.0	16,808.00
Pocket Expenses	(188.00)	(697.00)
Pockets Income	464.00	464.00
Total	277.00	16,603.00
NET income	(1,198)	4,257.00

Platitude of Gratitude

- * Gratitude is knowing what you are and knowing that you're not what you used to be.
- * Gratitude is knowing that whatever is going on right now, it'll pass. Good or bad.
- * Gratitude is recognizing hope when it rears its ugly head.
- * Gratitude is what you feel when you know it's not the topic of the meeting.
- * Gratitude is recognizing impending doom for what it is.
- * Gratitude is knowing that you're telling the truth, no matter which way it rubs you.
- * Gratitude is something for which, if you only feel it a few seconds at a time, you should be grateful.
- * Gratitude is the feeling that your skin fits.
- * Gratitude makes you feel humble. If it doesn't, then you might just be hyperventilating.
- * Gratitude is grace in casual clothes.
- * Gratitude only takes about two minutes with a newcomer or two bucks in the basket to show. Otherwise, it's talk.
- Gratitude can't be saved to enjoy later.
 Charlie C. Los Angeles, CA

Listen Up!
Ego-

Tells me I am right, you are wrong. I know what is best for you and the world. Ego leads me into loneliness, devastation and despair.

Self Pity -

Tells me you are right, I am wrong. You know what's best for the world and me. Self-Pity leads me into loneliness, devastation and despair.

Serenity -

Tells me I am OK, you are OK. God knows what's best for the world and me. Serenity leads me to Peace of mind and Good Orderly Direction.

	September '01	YTD '01
Alamo Hts		\$275.50
Broadway		\$600.00
Castroville Big book	\$25.00	\$25.00
Community		\$108.00
Colonies North		\$393.09
Chesney Group	\$148.00	\$148.00
Cork in Jug		\$29.00
Callaghan Road		\$25.00
First things First		\$1234.70
First One Today		\$20.00
Families In AA	\$100.00	\$100.00
Fort Sam Houston	\$67.50	\$215.25
Freedom Group	\$30.00	\$85.00
Free at Last	\$10.00	\$87.25
Generic		100.00
Grupo El Libro Grande		\$65.00
Grupo Esperanza		\$30.00
Grupo Unidad		\$50.00
Grupo y Paz	\$10.00	\$90.00
Hondo		\$25.00
Halt Group		\$263.10
Hunt Ingram Group		35.00
Laurel Hts Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
La Vernia Group	\$100.00	\$300.00
Last Call Group		\$30.00
Lambda		\$200.00
Marymont		\$50.00
N.E.Group		\$100.00
New Downtown Group		\$16.00
New Life	\$15.00	\$45.00
N. San Pedro Grp		\$393.00
Oak Hills Group	\$193.00	\$1733.44
Oblate Group	\$12.80	\$87.00
Perernales Valley Grp		\$119.20
Pleasanton		\$50.00
Road Of happy Destiny		\$218.00
Rush Hour Group	\$82.80	\$1113.28
San Antonio NO. Women		\$50.00
Schertz-Cibolo		\$1,200.00
Serendipity Group		\$440.00
Stahl Rd Group		\$100.00
S.W. Loop Group		\$33.60
Tezel Rd Women		\$30.00
Travis Park Grp		\$407.60
Twelve	\$360.00	\$3,240.00
UC TGIF		\$80.00
Universal City		\$470.00
Valley Hi		\$160.00
Windcrest		\$81.00
Walzem Rd Group		\$115.81
Women's Solution group		\$10.00
Woodlake	\$20.00	\$180.00
<u>AREA</u>		
Boerne Noon		\$400.00
Blanco		25.00
New Braunfels Grp		\$531.62
Kerrville Speakers		\$50.00
Kerrville (Fellowship Grp)		\$126.40
Utopia Group		\$10.00
Tolerance Group		\$100.00
Total	\$1094.10	\$16,536.68
Birthdays	0	\$844.00

THE MISSING LINK"

When my rebellion was done, I saw, I believed, and I followed it. That had been the missing link: one alcoholic talking to another, bearing hopelessness in one hand and hope in the other. I could make my own choice, and that I had done.

As these realizations burst in upon me I became wildly excited. It was not daylight-clear why the clergymen's advice "you can do it, but only with God's help" hadn't worked. By contrast, Rowland, Ebby, and I had admitted that we of ourselves couldn't do anything at all. Nearly all the cases cited by Professor James had made the same admission. They, of themselves, couldn't do a thing about their several dilemmas. Before they could receive the gifts, their self-confidence had to be destroyed—absolutely destroyed. Ego deflation at great depth was the key to the riddle. The sociologists and psychologists who would restore self-confidence had been mistaken. God-confidence was the thing, not self-confidence.

But how were alcoholics, agnostics, atheists, and those of faith long ago destroyed—how were such people to find confidence in a God they thought nonexistent? That had always been a poser. But now the answer seemed clear: Provided their personal hopelessness was great enough, an appeal to any higher power at all would bring results. They only needed to cry out in the dark for whomever or whatever might be there. No Faith would be required. That would be part of the gift itself. Of this I was not perfectly sure, for this had been exactly the case with Ebby and me. We had both humbly, and indeed hopelessly, asked, and the faith had come.

The moment the admission of hopelessness ran deep enough, any alcoholic could begin to receive faith and release. And one alcoholic turning the message to another could ready the sufferer for his gift as nobody else could.

BILL.W. "My First 40 Years" Pg. 154, 155."



South-side Heritage Health Fair on Thursday, Oct. 25TH from 3-8 PM, the Levi-Strauss Health Fair on Saturday and the National Perinatal Association (NPA) Annual Clinical Conference - Nov 29-Dec 1 at the Adams Mark Hotel on the River Walk. **The CPC / PI Committee holds its meetings on the 2ND Wednesday of each month at Club 12 at 102 Thames at 7:00 PM. Glenn can be reached at (H) 342-2330, (Pager) 220-9281, or email at GlennC3663@aol.com.**

Bilingual – Jose G. – The Committee can use more Volunteers. The Bilingual Committee holds its meetings on the 4TH Sunday of each month at Jim's at 410 and Perrin-Beitel at 4:00PM. Jose can be reached at 655-5661.

District 1A – Mike C. – The District is joining forces with District 17 to conduct a Workshop/Big Book Party on November 10TH at the Freedom Group (281 and Winding Way Drive). Flyers were distributed. The District has elected to keep **Mike C.** as the DCM for the next term. The District has a new Group: The Love and Tolerance Group which meets on Sundays from 3:00 - 4:30 PM.

District 1E – Len A. – (Absent – No Report)

District 1F – Frank E. – (Absent – No Report)

District 16 – Barbi H. – The District will be donating another Literature Rack to a High School. This will bring the total donated Literature Racks to 4: Lee, Churchill, Clark, and Reagan High Schools. The District has a new Group: The Turning Point Group which meets at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (281 and 1604) on Tuesdays at 8PM.

District 17 – Steve J. – The District has elected **Lucian D.** as the new DCM for the next term. The Bulverde Group will be celebrating their 16TH Anniversary on Wednesday, November, 14TH at the Bulverde Community Center. The Bar-B-Q Dinner will start at 6:30PM, followed by a Speaker Meeting at 8:15PM.

District 18 – Gil C. – (Absent – No Report)

District 19 – Bill T. – The District will hold their elections next month.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Adjourned – 7:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer Respectfully Submitted: Steve J. – SAMS Secretary

COR Meeting Minutes

10/21/01

COR meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Members agreed to the previous meeting minutes as published in the Nightcap.

New Business: Matthew M. of the Road to Happy Destiny Group volunteered to mail postcards to COR's as a reminder of the upcoming November COR meeting.

Election of New Officers:

A list of the duties of the Recording Secretary and Meeting Chairperson were passed to the COR's. Matthew M. volunteered for Chairperson. Nominated, seconded and passed. Roy H. nominated Larry G. for Recording Secretary. Matthew M. seconded, passed. Terms are to be for 6 month beginning Jan. 2002.

CSO Board Elections: Andres M. Confirmed nominations and applications for two CSO Board of Trustee openings filed by 5 candidates, as follows: Char of the Women's Big Book group, Larry K. of Callaghan Road group, David A. of Group 12, Gayle M. of Rush Hour group, and Andres M. of First Things First. Elections will be held during the regular COR meeting on November 18th 2001 at 5:30 PM at St Andrew's Episcopal Church. Elections will be conducted by the COR's and nominees are respectfully requested to be in attendance. New board members will begin in January, 2002. COR's were requested to carry the list of nominees to their respective groups and get the recommendations of group members for their choice of nominee.

Nightcap Committee Report: Reports that the Nightcap was mailed out on time this month with no problems.

Pockets of Enthusiasm Fundraiser: Bill T. asks for individual volunteers or groups to chair Marathon Meetings to begin Saturday 12 Noon on the hour, every hour. Groups are also needed to sponsor 12 baskets representing each of the 12 Steps. Spurs tickets have been donated to place in the 12th Step basket... 'the spiritual awakening' basket. The baskets will be given away in the course of the weekend. Volunteers needed for hospitality room, coffee, greeters. We were requested to contact the chairpersons;
Marathon Meetings chair Shawn S. 308-1050 Registration Sherill 490-9199, 213-5122 cell
Step baskets and Hospitality, Coffee Mary S. 877-6162, 821-6325 WK. Greeters Lloyd S. 946-8374
Other volunteers Bob C. 662-7876, 287-5550 cell

CSO Report: Bill T. reports that CSO needs daytime volunteers for phone duty at the office. COR's are requested to generate a list of volunteers willing to serve.

A basket was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM closed with The Lord's Prayer.

**SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2001 MEETING**

In Attendance:**District 1A DCM** – Mike C.**District 17 DCM** – Steve J. (Secretary)**Archives Chair** – Tom H.**Hospitals / Institutions Chair** – Bob T.**Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Chair** – Glenn C.**District 16 DCM** – Barbi H. (Treasurer)**District 19 DCM** – Bill T. (Chair)**Alt. Corrections Chair** – Paul B.**Bilingual Chair** – Jose G.**Public Information Chair** – Glenn C.**Absent:****District 1E DCM** – Len A.**District 1F DCM** – Frank E.**Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO** – Judy F.**SAMSO to Central Service Office Liaison** – Vacant**District 18 DCM** – Gil C.**Grapevine Chair** – Martha H.

Meeting called to order by **Bill T.** at 6:45 PM with Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Mike - Read the Traditions. New GSRs: **Becky H.** – Community Group, **David S.** – Helotes Group, **Ben H.** - Winner's Club Love and Tolerance Group; New DCMs: None

Announcements: None**Presentations:**

Joe M. – The New Pockets of Enthusiasm Conference will be held November 23-25 at the Radisson Hotel Market Square. Joe encouraged the GSR's to announce the Conference at their meetings. The Conference Committee needs volunteers from Groups and Individuals for Marathon Meetings, Hospitality, Greeters, and Door Prizes. Early Registrations are encouraged. Volunteers can contact Joe at 823-0613.

Alicia - CSO Phone Committee Coordinator. Asked the GSR's to have members contact Alicia for phone duty commitments. Although she is not soliciting Group sign-ups, she is also not turning away any. Alicia stated that the most important thing is to be committed to the assigned time slot; or to ensure that the time-slot is filled by someone else if the full commitment cannot be made. Volunteers can contact Alicia at 545-2002.

Alberto A. - New Spanish District. The District meets on the 2ND and 4TH Sundays of each month at 935 New Laredo Hwy. Suite #2, San Antonio, TX. 78211. The District has four Groups and four Committees: Correctional, Public Information, La Vina, and Festivities and Activities. The District has elected a new DCM for the next term - **Carlos F.**

Central Service Office Liaison to SAMSO – (Absent – No Report).

SAMSO Liaison to Central Service Office – Vacant

Chairman's Report – **Bill T.** – Reminded the attendees that the SWTA Voting Conference will be held in Victoria on October 26-28. Encouraged everyone to attend, as the Area will be electing a new Delegate and new Area Officers.

Secretary's Report – **Steve J.** – Asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the *Nightcap*. **Bob T.** made the motion; seconded by **Mike C.** All approved.

Treasurer's Report – **Barbi H.** – Submitted the report for September. Donations were \$314.30 with expenses of \$265.32 for a balance of \$4,800.05, of which \$600.00 is earmarked for Area Workshop attendance by the five Standing Committee Chairs, leaving an available balance of \$4,200.05. A motion was made by **Glenn C.** to accept the report as given. **Teresa** seconded the motion. All approved.

Archives – **Tom H.** – The Committee is looking for a new Chairperson. **The Archives Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Sunday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 1300 Wiltshire, at 7:15 PM. Tom can be reached at 823-0338, or email at teh543@sprynet.com.**

Correctional Facilities – **Paul B.** for **Marvin Q.** The Committee donated 120 Big Books and 100 "Inmate-to-Inmate" pamphlets to institutions. The Committee can use old Grapevines and Sponsor by Mail Volunteers. A partial list of the Institutions the Committee support are: The Dominquez Unit on Thursdays; DAC on Sat/Wed; Gatesville on the 3RD Saturday of each month; the Garza Unit on the 4TH Thursday of each month; and the Bexar County Jail every Monday. **The CFC Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Wednesday of each month in the Alanon room at Club 12 at 102 Thames at 7:00 PM. Marvin Q. can be reached at 365-9973 or Paul B. can be reached at 820-0689.**

Grapevine – **Martha H.** – (Absent – No Report). **The Grapevine Committee holds its meetings on the 1ST Monday of each month at Jim's at 410 and Blanco at 7:00 PM. Martha can be reached at 344-6588, or email at JHernden@aol.com.**

Hospitals / Institutions – **Bob T.** - Mentioned that the Temporary Contact Program is really starting to work - as he has received several calls. All of the slots on the H&I list were filled for the month of November. **The Hospitals/Institutions Committee holds its meetings on the 2ND Saturday of each month at the Winner's Club (Snack Bar Area) at 11 AM. Bob can be reached at 628-7340 (Pager), or e-mail at anotherdrunk@r67.net.**

Cooperation with Professional Community / Public Information Chair – **Glenn C.** – Brought 5 Literature racks to give to any interested Group. The only associated cost is for maintenance of the Literature. The Committee will be supporting the following events:

BIRTHDAY NIGHTS

Last Sunday Birthday Night -New Life Group (Birthday Night open speaker)

Last Monday Birthday Night Alamo Hts.

Last Tuesday Birthday Night-Valley Hi,- Windcrest,-Santa Fe-
New Acceptance-Life Support

Last Wednesday Birthday Night -Oblate- Women's Big Book-
Northwood

Last Thursday Birthday Night : Goliad-Devine- Ft Sam- North San
Pedro -Stahl Rd Acceptance Group

Last Friday Birthday Night: Pearsall (Come as you are)- SW Loop-
Colonies North El Libro Grande- Rush Hour-Group 12-Marymont

Last Saturday Birthday Night Schertz-Cibolo- Lambda- Winners club

Service Opportunities Available

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION MEETINGS Monday

8 pm O-Disc Patrician Movement,
222 E. Mitchell Phone 213-4561

7:30 pm O-Disc Southton Juvenile,
3621 Farm Rd. Juvenile Hall

Tuesday

8 pm O-Disc Transplant Hospital,
8026 Floyd Curl Phone 358-4000

7 pm O Disc S.A.S.H, 5800 S. Presa
Phone 532-8811

8 pm O-Disc Salvation Army,
1324 Flores Phone 223-6877

7 pm O-Disc Laurel Ridge 1604 &
Redland Rd. Colorado unit
Phone 534-5124

Wednesday

8pm O Disc NIX Hospital, 4330 Vance
Jackson, Detox Unit

8pm O-Disc S.A.M.M Shelter 910 W.
Commerece Phone 224-5838

Thursday

8: 15 pm O Disc Audie Murphy V.A.,
7400 Merton Minter (617-5300)

8 pm O Disc Women At The Well,
221 Post (Phone-472-2787)

8 pm O Disc Transplant Hospital,
8026 Floyd Curl, (Phone 358-4000)

7 pm O- Dis Laurel Ridge, 1604 &
Redland Rd.

Saturday

8:15pm O Disc A.R.C, 10290
Southton Rd. Phone 633-0201

SERVICE COMMITTEE TIMELINES

Archives Committee every first Sunday 7:15 @ St David's Episcopal Church
1300 Wiltshire POC Tom H 696-5228

Grapevine Committee every first Monday @ Jims 410 & Blanco 7 pm
POC: Martha H 344-6588

Correctional Facilities Committee every first Wednesday in the Club 12
Al-non room. POC Marvin Q 365-9973 7 pm

Cooperation with Professional Community/ Public Information every
second Wednesday @ Club 12 , 7 pm POC: Glenn C Pager 220-9281

Hospitals and Institutions Committee every second Saturday 11 am @
Winners Club POC: Bob T pager 628-7340

BILINGUAL COMMITTEE Last Sunday of the month 4 pm Jims Restaurant
Perin-Beitel and Loop 410 POC Joe 655-5661 or Enrique 653-7983

The Ladies of the Wednesday night 7:00pm meeting, Woman's Big Book, extends our thanks and appreciation for all the support with our project, A Day of Emotional Sobriety.

We were able to raise \$1760.27 for the San Antonio Central Service Office. More importantly, we now know more about the Traditions, the guidelines for an A.A. Conference, and have received the great gift of the meaning of love and service in our fellowship.

Thank You

1YR

Tami R
Ralph O
Kenton B
Andy S
Kathleen M
Joe W
Rachal B
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Dewy W
Greg B
James M
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2YRS

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Lisa T
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Ed R

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Ed B

6YRS

Rick L
Barbara S
David C
Priscilla H
Pearl A

7YRS

"Lefty" Lionel R
Louie B
Mary J

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Marvin G

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Tom K
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Daniel B

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SATURDAY	8:00 A.M.	Registration Re-opens		
24th	10:00 A.M.	ANASTACIO E.	[A.A.]	San Antonio, Texas
	2:00 P.M.	LYNN S.	[Alanon]	San Antonio, Texas
	6:00 P.M.	Banquet		
	7:30 P.M.	KEITH L.	[A.A.]	Wilmington, N.C.
	9:00 P.M.	Dance		
SUNDAY	10:00 A.M.	RON P.	[A.A.]	Austin, Texas
25th				

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"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely....EMERSON

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Mary S 877-6162
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Sherrill H 490-9199/cell 213-5122

nyone with time on there hands over the Thanksgiving weekend and poking for a chance to get away this is a great opportunity

The 7 Wonders of the World

group of Geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids.
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, ma'am, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To Touch
2. To Taste
3. To see
4. To hear
5. To Run
6. To Laugh
7. And To Love

She hesitated a little, and then
It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits atman and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all God has done, regarding them as merely ordinary." **Anonymous**

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