

The NIGHT CAP

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THE NIGHT CAP - RIGHT ON!

In past months and years your Central Service Office Secretary has published a monthly newsletter in an attempt to keep the Fellowship informed of current events. In May of this year the Central Service Office again started publication of The Night Cap which was published during the years 1950 through 1955. The Night Cap, second time around, is the media now for sharing current news. The mailing list has doubled in the past year, new groups have been started, new committees have been organized and A.A. activity in the main is on the move. The Night Cap has become a part of the main stream due to the interest and participation of groups and members.

In recent months Beth J. has taken the initiative for getting it together and has some good idea's for expansion of this beautiful little paper. She is presently working on getting a nucleus of people to write, edit, assemble and prepare the publication for mailing. Anyone wishing to help may do so by contacting Beth at 733-9576 or the Central Service Office.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

John H. has submitted the enclosed article taken from a past issue of the Salvation Army War Cry publication as additional information on the prayer. Permission was granted by the local Salvation Army Officials to reprint article. Its origin and inception in A.A. was printed in the August 1972 issue of The Night Cap.

... this is how it reads in A.A.

God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

BIRTHDAYS

SERENITY GROUP: "OPEN HOUSE, PLEASE COME"

On October 27, 1966 seventeen members of A.A. living in the south and southeast area of San Antonio met at the home of Dee W. and Jimmie H. for the purpose of organizing an A.A. discussion group. This was to be a neighborhood group with meetings held weekly in various member's homes. The members present voted to name the group Serenity Group and then elected the following Officers: Tom M., G.S.R., Cotton D., Alternate G.S.R., D.W.H., Secretary and Myrl H., Treasurer.

The group soon grew too large to meet in homes, so a building was rented on Hot Wells Blvd. The meetings were changed from discussion to speaker type meetings. The first speaker's meeting was held on Christmas Day, 1966.

In a few months the group outgrew this building and moved to 1700 Roosevelt Ave. in May 1967. The group is still located there and meets on Friday nights at 8:15 P.M.

The Serenity Group will celebrate its sixth birthday on Friday, October 13th this year with an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. followed by a meeting at 8:15 P.M. This will be an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend. Please come.

ALAMO HEIGHTS GROUP: "MARK YOUR CALENDAR"

On October 16 (Monday Night) the Alamo Heights Group celebrates the sixteenth anniversary of its first meeting in the same month of 1956. Its members issue to all an invitation to attend its meeting that night to help celebrate this milestone. One of the speakers will be Bishop Everett H. Jones who played such a vital role in bringing A.A. to San Antonio over 25 years ago.

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MEETING CHANGE SCHEDULE

Ft. Sam Houston Group: Alternating Open Speaker, Open Discussion type meetings are held Monday, 8:15 P.M.

Closed Discussion type meetings are held Thursday, 8:15 P.M.

Al-Anon meetings are held Thursday, 8:15 P.M.

Welcome Group: Open Discussion type meetings are held 8:15 P.M. Birthday last Friday in the month, Open Meeting.

Unidad Grupo: New Group holding Open Speaker type meetings, 8:15 P.M., Saturday, 311 N.W. 24th St.

Pilgrim Group: Wednesday night meetings discontinued. Holding Open Discussion type meetings, Sunday, 8:15 P.M.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Will meet Sunday, October 8 at Club 12. This is a special meeting to begin at 6:30 P.M.

MONTHLY INTERGROUP MEETING

Jack and Dee S., local residents and a lovely couple with an inspiring message will be the speakers for meeting to be held October 8, 8:15 P.M. at Club 12. Imogene U. from the Pilgrim Group will chair the meeting.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Central Service Office Committee will be held this year at the Turner Club, 120 9th on Saturday, December 23. Ray Adams and his band will play. Dorothy C. is Chairman and Clare 'Little Bit' C. is Co-Chairman for the event. More details later.

G.S.O. GROUP INFORMATION CARDS

A reminder to Group Officers to fill out your G.S.O. Information card and return to New York. For your Group to be listed in 1973 Directory, your card must be in by November 1.

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Meeting place is St. Luke's Episcopal Church located at Devine Road and Corona (just north of Olmos Park) where the first meeting was held. This first meeting resulted from planning on the part of Betty L., a parishioner of St. Luke's and its then Rector who were assisted by Doc B. of the Central Office. Although an open discussion group was planned and has been the format ever since, the first meeting in October 1956 was a speaker's meeting and was attended by approximately thirty members from Group Twelve, Olmos and other groups. Two of the speakers were John C. and John O. During the first two years the attendance at Alamo Heights varied from seven to twelve and then began to grow. Present meetings average close to the fifty mark!

The first big celebration of its founding was held in 1959 and was a public meeting with well over 200 present. Every year since then the anniversary meeting has been a speaker's meeting with lots of refreshments and fellowship.

Several of the original group are now deceased, among them Joe and Harriet C. and Clyde W., but the present G.S.R., Mary Lou G. is one of the original members. Some of the past Secretaries and/or G.S.R.'s are Gene and Merle D., Mary F., Fred H., Amelia P., Harold S., Gayle M., Kate R., Carl and Christi H., Margaret L. and Mary Lou G., among many others, most of whom remain active in the group.

Another speaker will be Ransom P. of Fayetteville, N.C. with 23 years sobriety. He is the brother of Adele M. and is coming here just for this celebration.

Remember the date - October 16

Remember the time - 8:15 P.M.

Remember the place - St. Luke's Church

Remember the reason - Sixteen years of carrying the message!

HOSTS FOR FRONTIER GROUP MEETINGS

Goliad Group will host October Saturday night open speaker meetings of the Frontier Group, held at 8:15 P.M. at the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center on Southton Rd.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Frost U., Co-Chairman of the Education Subcommittee of the Public Information Committee, reports continuing calls from civic, religious and educational organizations for speakers to talk to them about A.A. and the recovery program. During September Ed M. spoke to the Northwest Rotary Club; Mary Lou G., Lee Ray C. and Ray E. talked to three classes at Kennedy High; Jane W. spoke at the First Baptist Church in Schertz. Speakers to answer these calls are needed. Won't you help? Call Frost at 822-7062. More members are needed to work on one or all of the PI Committees!!!! Volunteers?????

Come to the Southwest Area Conference in Brownsville, October 27-29 at the Fort Brown Motel! Here is a sneak preview of hosting groups and some of the events you will enjoy while there!

Friday - October 27

- 2:00 P.M. -- McAllen Group
- 3:30 P.M. -- Monterrey Groups
- 8:00 P.M. -- Harlingen Group
- Night Owl Meeting

Sunday - October 29

- 10:00 A.M. -- Corpus Christi

SWINGING DOOR GROUP

From the Swinging Door Group in Luling, Joe W., G.S.R., writes that their meetings (closed) are now held in the recreation room of the Christian Church, Luling. He says visitors are welcome, and invites A.A.'s in the area to pay them a visit.

FOR TRAVELING A.A.'S

25th Anniversary Top O'Texas Roundup Will be held October 6,7,8 at the Holiday Inn West, 601 Amarillo Blvd.W., Amarillo, Texas

Annual Dinner Meeting and Dance Honoring our Co-Founder Bill W. will be held October 7, 7:00 P.M. at the New York Hilton Hotel, N.Y. City

Northeast Texas Area Fall Conference Will be held October 13,14, 15 at the Sheraton Inn, Nacogdoches, Texas

Saturday - October 28

- 8:30 A.M. -- Business Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. -- San Antonio (Raul M. & Jeanne W.)
- Al-Anon Luncheon & Speaker (at Fort Brown Motel)
- Afternoon free for shopping
- Banquet & Dance (Tony F., Chairman & Big John from Brownwood Speaker)

