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! "Viva La La" !

!! DO YOURSELF A BIG FAVOR !!

Enjoy a rewarding and exciting four days in the beautiful sub-tropical Rio Grande Valley including a trip to Mexico - attend the 27th Southwest Texas Area Conference, October 27 - 30, 1977, Fort Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas.

Top flight speakers from far and near, including Monterrey, Mexico; GSO Film Strip, Alanon Luncheon, Banquet and dance!

This is the most significant conference as this is election year for our Southwest Texas Area Delegate to the General Service Conference in New York, as well as the Area Chairperson and Alternate. All General Service Representatives and Committee Members should try and attend this election. Make Hotel reservations directly to Fort Brown Motor Hotel, Box 2255, Brownsville, Texas 78520, or you may call: 512/546 - 2201.

To pre-register for the Conference make checks payable to: Southwest Texas Area Conference, Box 2221, Brownsville, Texas 78520. The registration fee is \$5.00; Banquet and dance: \$7.00.

If you plan to fly to the Valley on Southwest Airlines, notify the Conference Committee of your arrival time in Harlingen and you will be met and transported to Brownsville.

Hope to see you at the "Tip of Texas" !

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS! Please submit the names of your newly elected GSR'S and their Alternates to the Central Service Office as soon as possible !

GETTING TO KNOW:

DISTRICT 10

Laredo:

Laredo Group  
Senior Citizen Home, 720 Juarez  
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8 p.m.  
Mon. & Fri., Spanish Speaking  
Sun., 3 p.m. Welfare Bldg Center,  
2600 Cedar Street  
Contact: Joe G. : 723-9741 or 723-1561

San Juan:

San Juan Group  
1st Methodist Church Annex  
800 S. Nebraska  
Mon., 8 p.m.  
Contact: Les O'N. 686 - 5337

Pharr:

Pharr Group  
1st Methodist Church Annex  
119 E. Kelley  
Tues., 8 p.m.  
Contact: Sue F. 686 - 8786

Echo Valley Group

Texan Hotel, 321 S. Cage  
Sun. Morning Breakfast Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Contact: Bob B. 585- 4189

McAllen

McAllen Group  
1st Methodist Church  
220 N. Main Street  
Thurs., 8 p.m.  
Contact: Glen M. 682 - 2946

Edinburg:

Edinburg Group  
1st State Bank, Community Room  
Corner of Closner & Cano  
Wed., 8 p.m.  
Contact: Martha N. 686 - 7655

Mission:

Mission Group  
Ferrets' Pit Barbeque  
2 1/2 Miles, East Business 83  
Mon., 8:30 p.m.  
Contact: Bob B. 585 - 4189

Rio Grande City:

Rio Grande City Group  
Civic Center, San Juan Plaza  
Fri., 8 p.m.  
Contact: Pilar G. 487 - 2055

MAY TODAY FIND YOU FEELING BETTER THAN YESTERDAY . . . MAY THIS MORNING BE  
FILLED WITH FRESH BEGINNINGS . . . MAY YOU HEAR GOOD NEWS FROM MANY  
FRIENDS . . . AND MAY TOMORROW FIND YOU EVEN BETTER THAN TOADY

STAT'S: 8/17/77 - 9/14/77

AA	110
Alanon	15
Information	34
Students	2
P.I.	3

NOTICE : To ALL GROUPS!!!!!!!

Reminder to all groups to be sure to  
elect new GSRs and their alternates  
before the next C.S.O.C. Meeting on  
October 9th.\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* This is very IMPORTANT to the  
Program of AA\*\*\*

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

The Administrative Board of the Central Service Office will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. in the Central Service Office.

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The C. S. O. C. will meet on Sunday, October 9th at 7 p.m. in Club 12, 102 Thames Blvd.

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The Goliad Group, 1004 Avondale, will hold its monthly barbeque Sunday, October 16th at 6 p.m. followed by an "Open Speakers' Meeting" at 7:30 p.m. All other Sunday meetings are held at the usual time of 8:15 p.m.

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Group 12 will hold its monthly dinner and games night on Saturday, October 29th at 7 p.m. in Club 12.

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The Frontier Group will sponsor its regular monthly dance Saturday, October 29th following the "Open Speakers' Meeting" at 8:15 p.m.

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The 24 Hour Service Group, 1203 Fredricksburg will hold its monthly dinner on Sunday, October 30th at 1 p.m.

\* \* \* Addition \* \* \*

The 1977 General Service Conference suggested that the 60 - 30 - 10 plan which suggests contributions of 60% to intergroup, 30% to GSO, and 10% to the area committee, be added to the pamphlet "The AA Group" in the next printing.

\$\$\$ BUCK - A - MONTH \$\$\$

BE AN ELF TO YOURSELF -



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UP! UP! AND A-WAYYYYY! ! ! ! !

Circulation of "The Night Cap" rose from 85,801 in 1976 to 93,250 in 1977.

THE LOCAL SCENE:

Alamo Heights 21st Anniversary

The Alamo Heights Group will celebrate 21 years of "carrying the message" on Monday evening, October 17th at 8:15 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is the site of the anniversary fete as it was the location of the first meeting 21 years ago. The church is located at Devine Road and Corona, north of Olmos Park.

(The meeting will be held in the basement cafetorium rather than the parlour.)

Peggie S. and Jim W. will be the evening's speakers, and the party following the meeting promises the usual fine food and fellowship for which this group is noted.

You won't want to miss this "Coming of age"! See ya'.

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Thanx! Carolyn B., Callista H., Imogene U. and Warren E. for all your service. Couldn't do without you!

28 Years of Service

Group 12 celebrates the founding of its "home" for 28 years on Friday, October 21st at 8:15 p.m. with an "Open Speakers' Meeting" followed by open House - in Club 12.

All AAs, Alanons, families and friends are urged to join the group in "cordial fellowship" - and "delicious refreshments".

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The Times They are A'Changin'

The Brees Group, which meets at The Alamo Heights Methodist Church, 5101 Broadway has changed their meeting time from 8:15 to 8:00 p.m. each Thursday evening.

The group holds "Closed Discussion Meetings" for AA's and Alanons. An "Open Speakers' Meeting" is held on the last Thursday of each month - "Birthday Night".

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How about a helping hand? The 24 Hour Service Group is very much in need of your support! Drop in any time for a cup of coffee, stay on to chat with a newcomer and attend a meeting (better yet, offer to chair one!) - your company is always welcome!

La Esperanza Womens' Group holds "closed Discussion Meetings" every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., 3210 W. Commerce - Why not make it a night out with the girls? For more information call: Anna R., 224-7252.

The Open Door issues an "open invitation" to join them for their "Open Step Meeting" held in the Sunday School room behind the parish hall at St. Georges' Episcopal Church (6904 West Ave.) every Tuesday evening at 8:15 p.m. Step right in!

Infiltrate the Underground! The Park North Group meets in the basement cafeteria of Park North General Hospital, 4330 Vance Jackson at 8 p.m. every Friday evening. Welcome to middle Earth! It is an Open Discussion Meeting.

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Hi Babe! The newest group in the San Antonio area made its debut in September. The spiritual Living Group meets at 8:15 p.m. every Saturday in Suite 404, The North Crown Building, 830 N.E. Loop 10. The group holds "Open Discussion Meetings".

It's always a pleasure to welcome a new group - and the happiest way to express that welcome is to join them for an evening!

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Stuck?

Puzzled? Perplexed? Looking for just that special gift for that special occasion - for that very special person in AA? Well, why didn't you say so! Don't give up - give the Central Service Office a try! Beth J. always has the latest and finest selection of books, jewelry, cards and anything else you might need for the perfect gift.

Drop in for coffee and take your time browsing - or ask Beth for a suggestion. For a gift that really pleases - make The Central Service Office your first stop!

IN MEMORIUM:

Bob Gerber, San Antonio - August, 1977

TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WE EXTEND SINCERE SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS THAT THEIR BEREAVEMENT MAY BE TEMPERED BY REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS UPON THE HAPPINESS

\* \* \* SHARED \* \* \*

MISSING PERSONS

Missing someone in your group? Perhaps they've been hospitalized, or confined at home for a lengthy convalescence - possibly they are no longer able to be as active as they once were in AA activities due to advancing age or changes in health - whatever the reason, they are shut off from the normal stream of fellowship.

Just as you miss them, surely they miss the normal contact with friends that once was theirs. We'd like to alliviate that in a small way. Just drop us a line with the name, or names of these "missing persons", we'll print them, and rely on the heart of the AA family to do the rest - with notes, cards, or just a phone call to say: "Hi".

From my own personal experience I know how very much these small contacts can mean! So, let's all take a moment to consider who's been missing - and let them know how much we hope they'll be "home" again, soon.

(Editor)

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Editorial Policy

"The Night Cap" is the newsletter of the Southwest Texas Area. As such we may print all activities directly related to AA, Alanon, and Alateen Groups in this area.

From time to time we are asked to print items on activities of other agencies or facilities working in the field of alcoholism, but not affiliated with AA.

In many cases an AA group holds meetings on the premises of these organizations. Editorial policy prohibits us from publishing any activity not a part of the AA program (AA Group activities).

We do want the news of your Group, articles, poems, or just random thoughts. We're interested in questions that may have arisen in your mind. We may not have a ready answer, but "bet'cha" we can find someone who does!

Send all items to "The Night Cap", 215 Abiso Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78209, or the Central Service Office.

The deadline for news is the 19th of the month preceeding the month in which the event is to be held. Articles, or other items of interest may be submitted at any time.

- Mary Lou C., ed. -

Financial Corner:

The Group Contributions to The Central Service Office were way up in July!

Congratulations to GSR's and Group Secretaries for reminding their groups of the importance of doing a little "catch-up" work in this area. We appreciate it.

- Hod C., Financial.

Chairman -

AA 'Round the Clock:

Even though the doors to the Central Service Office may be closed after normal business hours - the work of AA goes on.

Club 12, The 24 Hour Service Club, Sahara Club, and the Haven are on call via the Central Service Offices' Answering phone service. No matter the hour the sick alcoholic can always contact some member of AA.

Our Spanish speaking groups have provided a Spanish language tape for men and women to be played through the Central Service Office phone giving pertinent information to callers who do not speak English.

What about you? Have you filled out a 12 Step Card - to be kept on file at The Central Service Office? Ask your group secretary for one, or call the Office: 226 -2523.

... IF YOUR DAY IS HEMMED WITH PRAYER  
IT IS LESS LIKELY TO UNRAVEL ...

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Alamo Heights	15.00	135.00	Open Door	20.00	20.00
Audubon	20.00	90.00	Park North	10.00	45.00
Brees	0	85.00	Reality	5.00	30.00
Broadway	10.00	90.00	Reliance	10.00	80.00
Downtown	0	60.00	Sally	0	0
First Step	0	0	SASH	0	30.00
Ft. Sam Houston	20.00	160.00	Santa Fe	10.00	10.00
Frontier	0	120.00	St. Agnes	0	0
Goliad	20.00	86.00	Serenity	10.00	80.00
Group I2	0	450.00	Sharing	70.00	70.00
Grupo Del Sol	0	0	Stepping Stones	0	150.00
Grupo Esperanza	3.00	18.00	Sunset	15.00	135.00
Grupo Unidad	0	37.50	Trinity	0	10.00
Harmony & Harmonia	15.00	40.00	The Haven	0	40.00
Highlands	20.00	180.00	24 Hour	0	70.00
Hope	0	0	Universal	0	30.00
Laurel Heights	15.00	120.00	Valley Hi	15.00	120.00
Marymont	0	75.00	VA Hospital	0	70.00
Northeast	0	70.00	Villa Rosa	0	200.00
N. San Pedro	0	60.00	Wesley	0	30.00
Northwest	25.00	200.00	Windcrest	0	60.00
Northwood	0	135.00	Woodlawn Heights	0	0

AREA

Bandera	0	20.00	Kerrville	10.00	50.00
Boerne	0	0	*Men's Stag	0	10.00
Bridge (N.B.)	10.00	90.00	Women's Serenity	10.00	80.00
El Toro (Port Manfd)	0	8.00	Luling	2.00	25.00
Floresville	0	40.00	New Braunfels	0	12.00
*Grupo Victoria (NB)	0	15.00	Pearsall	0	10.00
Hill Country Group	0	15.00	Seguin	0	30.00

\* Disbanded Groups

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Please enter my contribution to the BUCK-A-MONTH for \_\_\_\_\_ months. Donation is enclosed on the basis of \$1.00 per month.

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