



The Nightcap

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35th Annual Southwest Texas Area Conference

Oct. 4, 5, 6, 1985

El Tropicano Hotel
110 Lexington Ave.

San Antonio, Texas

512-223-9461

Service: Gratitude in Action

ALL GSR'S OR ALTERNATE GSR'S ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY, 8:30 a.m. ASSEMBLY!
THIS IS A VOTING MEETING AND PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION ON THE AGENDA
WILL BE FOR OUR NEW AREA DELEGATE WHO REPRESENTS US IN NEW YORK FOR THE NEXT TWO
YEARS. SINCE YOUR GROUP ELECTED YOU AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, AND YOUR GROUP NEEDS
TO HAVE A VOTE--YOU NEED TO BE THERE!

REMEMBER: ONE GROUP--ONE VOTE!

FRIDAY

- 8:00 p.m. Howard P. — Calif.
- 10:00 p.m. Nite Owl Meeting

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. S. W. TX Area Assembly
- 8:30 a.m. Alanon Workshop
- 1:30 p.m. Alanon Speaker
- 3:30 p.m. TDC Speaker
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. Fr. Hilary, Cullman, Ala.
- 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Dance

SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Lindy L., Huntington Beach,
Calif.

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO
EL TROPICANO HOTEL
(Single \$40; Double \$45)
Self-Contained RV Parking at Hotel

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

Make Check Payable to:
Southwest Texas Area Conference
P. O. Box 5863
San Antonio, TX 78201

Registration & Dance	\$12.50
Alateen	2.00
Banquet	10.00
Tickets for Dance ONLY (Meeting free, of course)	5.00
Music by SASH Band	

OCTOBER GET-TOGETHER

Combine some great AA with a riverwalk weekend! Whether you are an interested, concerned AA member or a fun-loving person who likes doing things and spending time with sober people, the weekend of OCTOBER 4, 5, and 6 will be an ideal outing for you! The recently renovated El Tropicano Hotel will be the riverwalk host and site for the Southwest Texas Area Conference weekend activities. A brief description of what sober social enjoyment will be going on is as follows:

Friday Night: Get downtown early and walk your dinner off along the riverwalk! Then attend an AA meeting with an excellent guest speaker at 8 o'clock--this will start things off.

Saturday Morning: An important part of the service legacy, an area election assembly--at 8:30. The delegate and area officers will be elected by the Third Legacy procedure. All AA members are invited to witness this most important event! All General Service Representatives and District Committee Members are expected to be there to vote. Alternates for both GSR's and DCM's will learn a lot about this vital, behind the scenes, workings of the program.

Saturday Afternoon: There will be speakers from different service functions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Again, the El Tropicano Hotel, and the riverwalk restaurants will be happy to satisfy your luncheon appetites. After you either go to your room and rest and freshen up, or drive home to rest and drive back to the hotel, the Saturday evening festivities should begin about 6 o'clock. Socializing will be from 6 to 7 o'clock; the banquet will begin at 7:00; there will be a fine guest speaker at 8:00; then dancing and socializing from 9 to 12 o'clock. For those who still have the energy, an evening stroll on the riverwalk will be in order, to wrap up a very enjoyable sober day.

Sunday Morning: From 9 to 10 a.m.--coffee and chit chat; at 10:00 the closing spiritual meeting will begin and, again, a special guest speaker will polish off the weekend.

If you have ever attended a weekend roundup or an area assembly, you know you'll get your batteries recharged! Do some friends in the program a favor and tell them about your great experiences, and that the price of registration, the dance, and the banquet are an investment in your sobriety. ONLY \$22.50 spent on this weekend covers registration, the banquet, and the dance. Most of us could spend that much in an hour or two of drinking!

We, in the service structure, need and appreciate your support. HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Sincerely,
A Grateful Alcoholic

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PARA UD. EN ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS

CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

¡ Ola, Amigos!

We are thinking of printing a column in Spanish now and then, but only if you believe there is a need for it.

Let us hear what you think. Are there any bilingual members who would be willing and able to write short personal experience articles?

Call the Nightcap Editor at 733-6876. Ole!

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- OCT 4-6: Southwest Texas Area Conference.
- NOV 1-3: Texas Young People in AA Conference. Whitney, Texas.
- NOV 14-17: Roundup, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- NOV 15-17: Spirit of Houston AA Conference, Houston, Texas.
- DEC 6-8: Border Conference, Del Rio, Texas
- DEC 6-8: Southwest Regional Forum, Dallas.
- JUN 26-29, 1986: State Convention, Downtown Marriott Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

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ONE DAY AT A TIME WORKS FINE!

GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Club 12, September 15, 1985

Chairman, Donna T. of the Alamo Heights Group, opened the meeting and introduced three new GSR's--Bob B, Mobud Big Book Group; Richard P., Downtown Group; Kathy M., Alternate for Southwest Group.

Committee reports were as follows:

FINANCIAL: Jim D. reported this month's statement reflects an increase in proceeds so far this year. He also congratulated everyone on a great day at Aggie Park.

HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS: Sylvia O. obtained volunteers for meetings held at these facilities. (See last paragraph for schedule.)

PENAL: Don S. was not present.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Jerry McC. was not present.

EDITORIAL: Jim D. reported that Dee S. is the new editor of the NIGHTCAP. Donna T. requested that all GSR's call in a list of the birthdays in their group by the 22nd of the month.

MAILING: Al M. reported that the mailing fees for the NIGHTCAP are going up in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS: Because there were not enough GSRs present at this month's meeting for a vote on the by-law changes, the vote has been postponed. At least 60 groups must be represented before a vote can be taken on this matter. Jim D. suggested contacting all GSRs by phone to encourage meeting attendance.

Bob requested volunteers to help man coffee stands for the Southwest Texas Area Conference.

NEW BUSINESS: CSO needs volunteers to replace Al D., longtime CSO volunteer.

Jim D. reported on nonconference-approved material being sold at the CSO. Motion was made and seconded to continue the sale of such materials until a viable solution can be found. Vote was unanimous in favor of this motion. It was then moved that this subject would be discussed in each group, then brought back for a vote after the first of the year. The vote on this matter was opposed by one.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1A: Needs DCM to replace Charlie K.

District 1B: Absent

District 1C: Fred D. reported on GSRs attending SWT Conference Area Assembly. All alternates will be asked to attend.

District 1D: No report

District 1E: Jim B. reported that new officers have been elected as follows: Jim D., DCM; Bob B., Alternate DCM; Miles G., Sec.-Treas.; Gary L., CPC Chairman. He also reported that a vote was taken and passed to pay gas expense money for DCM from the District funds.

District 1F: Absent

OCTOBER AFTER HOURS TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE:

Oct 01-07: Oblate Group

Oct 07-14: Northeast Group

Oct 14-21: Windcrest Group

Oct 21-28: Colonies North Group

Oct 28-Nov 04: Stahl Road Group

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS OCTOBER MEETINGS:

State Chest Hospital--Lytle/District 1D Groups
The Haven--District 1E
House of Yuki--Colonies North Group
SASH--Lambda Group
Monday Detox--Callaghan/Audubon Groups
Thursday Detox--Abundance Happy Hour Group

Saturday Detox--Sunday Morning Winners Group
Casa del Sol--District 1D
Salvation Army--Goliad Group
Brookwood--Freedom Group
The ARC--Valley High/Southwest Groups

Respectfully submitted, Chris M.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (These are the ones reported to CSO by various AA Groups)

<u>30 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>2 Years</u>
Fritz B. Ted W.	Gordon M. Daniel A. Bill F.	Kenneth A. John S. D. Randy W. H. L. H. (Slim) R. Donna L. W.
<u>29 Years</u>	<u>9 Years</u>	
Betty Z.	Janis H. Sammie M.	<u>1 Year</u>
<u>22 Years</u>		Alan A. Helen O. I. Jane L. John M. Gary M. Deane O. Jane R. Tex R. Becky S. William F. St. J.
Ben M.	<u>8 Years</u>	
<u>21 Years</u>	Carl C. June S.	
Scotty A.	<u>7 Years</u>	
<u>20 Years</u>	Jeanne B.	
Carolyn B. Bud W. Lela W.	<u>6 Years</u>	
<u>19 Years</u>	Park L. Leslie H. T.	CONGRATULATIONS
Everett C. Thala C.	<u>5 Years</u>	TO
<u>16 Years</u>	Lloyd C. John D. Fred D. Jim M. Glenn P.	YOU
Thelma B. S.	<u>4 Years</u>	ALL!
<u>14 Years</u>		
Irma K. Charlie McM.	Maxine E. Michael K. Mona M. Chuck L. R. Yolanda S.	
<u>12 Years</u>		
Jean S. Calvin W.	<u>3 Years</u>	
<u>11 Years</u>	James R. C. William L. Brad S. Ollie S.	
Sam M.		

PLEASE REPORT
NOVEMBER BIRTH-
DAYS TO THE CSO
BY OCTOBER 22.
THANKS!

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The 3-day AA Con-
ference originally
scheduled for Feb.
1986 has been post-
poned. GSRs will
vote for rescheduling
at a later date.
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In Memoriam

Hal P. died in September 1985, the month in which he would have had 39 years of continuous sobriety! He will be missed greatly!

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

About Alcoholism

ITEMS PUBLISHED IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONTRARY TO AA PHILOSOPHY. PUBLICATION HERE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE NIGHTCAP OR AA ENDORSES OR APPROVES--THEY ARE HERE SOLELY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

12TH ANNUAL ALAMO AREA REGIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE- OCTOBER 21-23.

A 3-day training institute on the medical aspects of chemical dependence and addiction, prevention, and intervention programs, and counseling techniques in treatment and rehabilitation.

Place: Four Seasons Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

For more information, please call the AACOG office at 512-225-5201.

The greatest strength of this program is that we're not all down at the same time.

Art R.

Group of the Month

A fabulous time was had by all who attended the mini-conference held at Aggie Park on Saturday, August 31.

Delicious food, including a salad bar that left nothing to be desired, Mexican delicacies, such as nachos and tacos, barbecue, plus all kinds of drinks and other goodies were on hand for the over 300 people attending.

The many and various afternoon speakers were just great! This variety enabled all of us to identify with at least one. The evening keynote speaker, Jerry F., was no disappointment either! He was certainly willing to "go to any lengths" to carry the message to others, while maintaining his own sobriety, and gave us an outstanding meeting.

Mini-conferences like this one, with all its excellent speakers, food, fun, and especially the fellowship that was enjoyed by all, could most surely become habit forming!

Our special thanks to all of you who helped to make this event a very successful AA in SA Day!!

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STAND UP AND BE COUNTED--BUT ONLY ONCE, PLEASE!.

Anyone who has been involved in AA service work realizes the importance of keeping our General Service Office in New York informed of our group membership numbers. Of course, the numbers vary and, at most, the total International AA membership count has never been anything but approximated. Our numbers do fluctuate, unfortunately, mostly by those who come in for awhile then, for one reason or another, decide that they "do not want what we have."

It is the responsibility of the GSR to report his or her group membership number to the GSO, and to update this report at least once a year and preferably in time for the changes to be printed in the newest AA Directory.

The only way our GSR's can keep an approximate accurate count is by we members just being counted as a member of

The Goliad AA Group. A Declaration to AA's Future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA Unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

NOW HEAR THIS!! October 1964 the Goliad Group had its first meeting at 1004 Avondale. A candlelight meeting of AA members who cared; why candlelight? As Mac C. says, "They had the building but the electricity hadn't been turned on!" On October 20, the Goliad Group will celebrate its 21st anniversary. Fellowship begins at 2 p.m.; at 4 p.m. Helen M. of San Antonio will be the speaker and at 6 p.m. a barbecue dinner will be held. The Goliad Group is located in the southeast part of the city near McCreless Mall at 537 Avondale. There are meetings everyday and evening; birthdays are recognized on Thursday, and there are speaker meetings on Sundays. Another nice feature of the Goliad is that they are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Keep OCTOBER 20th in mind for the Goliad's 21st Birthday!!

BE THERE!!

Jeanne W.

only one AA group. Otherwise, we may be counted four or five times or at least, more than once.

Texans are well-known, throughout the country, for being "braggarts" and even in AA it probably feeds our ego to brag about "belonging" to more than one AA group. This is OKAY if it helps keep us sober--and it is wonderful to be able to attend lots of different meetings and groups--but, please only be counted as a member of just one group so we can help our General Service Office maintain a more accurate count of total members of our Fellowship.

Anonymous

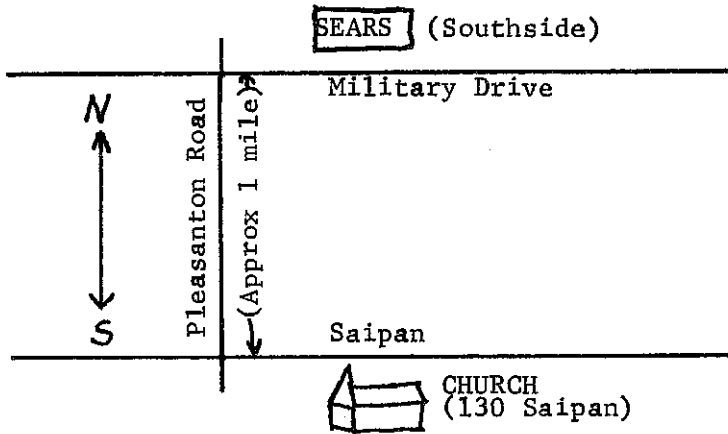
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LET GO AND LET GOD
(Try it, you may like it!)

New Groups

A new group will meet in the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 130 Saipan, San Antonio, Texas. An organizational meeting will be held on the 24th of October at 8:15 p.m. at the church. A name for the Group, meeting times, etc., will be discussed.

For further information, call 922-6533. AA's and Alanons are welcomed. There are enough facilities for all.



The Acceptance Group is new and is an open discussion meeting on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. The meetings are held at 11208 West Avenue.

The Dietz-Elkhorn Group holds open discussion meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. The meetings are held in a red, barn-like building on the Dietz-Elkhorn Road. It is near Boerne and to get there from San Antonio, take the Fair Oaks/Tarpon Drive exit off of I-10.

The Redoubt River Ranch Group meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesday & Saturday. This meeting is near Canyon Lake at Sattler, Texas, on River Road. For more information, call Allen M., 964-3766.

The Colonial Hills Group is new--and meets in the Colonial Hills Methodist Church at 5247 Vance Jackson; the meetings are held on Mondays at 8:15 p.m. and are open discussions. For more info, contact Sunny M.

There is a NEW AA MEETING held at Dr. Payte's Clinic, 3701 W. Commerce. This meeting takes place on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and is a closed discussion.

HELP NEEDED!! THE ALAMO GROUP needs your support! Lately, only three people have attended. Women will be escorted to their cars, if desired. This is a Monday, 8:15 p.m. closed discussion meeting. Dick P. says "y'all come."

Anniversaries

The Winners Club will celebrate its second anniversary, Sunday, October 20, with an all-day speaker's meeting, including speakers from Houston and Dallas. This year's theme will be SOBRIETY: AN ADVENTURE.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the club will offer coffee and fellowship. At 10:30 there will be an Alanon speaker, Ruby B. from Houston. A free luncheon is planned followed by another speaker at 1 p.m., Lloyd B. from Houston. To end the celebration, there will be another AA talk by Gary N. from Dallas.

Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar for a memorable lineup of three excellent circuit speakers!

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The Kerrville VA Hospital Group will celebrate its 11th Anniversary on Saturday, October 19, 1985, beginning at 2 p.m.

You are guaranteed lots of fun, fellowship, good ole' AA talk, and refreshments. Plus, a barbecue that evening for \$5 per plate.

Y'all Come!

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NEW MEETINGS!!

The El Libro Grande Group now has a podium participation marathon meeting on the last Friday of each month. It begins at 8:15 and lasts till 1 or 2 a.m. They also have meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday which begin at 8:15 p.m.

The Audubon Group has added a closed discussion meeting. It is held on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m.

The Medical Professions Group meeting is now closed.

MEETINGS DISCONTINUED

The Stahl Road Group has discontinued their Saturday night meeting.

The El Libro Grande Group has discontinued their Tuesday and Thursday night meetings.

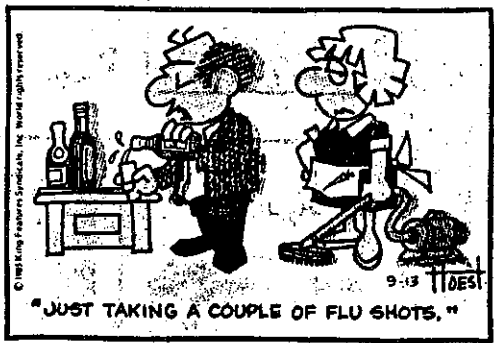
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"AA, they say, is a program of attraction."



THE LOCKHORNS



The time of year to start thinking about taking "flu shots" has arrived. Looks like old Lockhorn has already taken his!



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



OCTOBER 1985

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 1985 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 1985 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 CSO Administrative Board Meeting.	2	3	4 SW TEXAS AREA CONFERENCE Downtown Group Potluck & Birthdays	5 SW TEXAS AREA CONFERENCE "Fifth-A-Month" Club Dinner Starlite Birthdays
6 SW TEXAS AREA CONFERENCE	7	8	9	10	11	12 Unity Club Games Night
13	14 COLUMBUS DAY THANKSGIVING DAY (Canada)	15	16	17	18	19 District 1-C Breakfast Meeting Kerrville VA Group Anniversary BBQ
20 GSR Meeting Goliad Group's Anniversary; Winners Club Anniversary	21	22	23	24	25 Group 12, SW Loop, Freedom, Colonies North Groups' Birthdays	26 Winners' Birthdays; Lambda Potluck; Club 12 Games Night
27 24-Hour Club Dinner DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	28 Alamo Group and Alamo Heights Group Birthdays	29 Marymont, Valley-Hi, Windcrest Groups' Birthdays. Marymont Potluck	30 Park North, Northwood, 24-Hour Groups' Birthdays	31 North San Pedro Group Birthdays HALLOWEEN		

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AUG 22-SEP 24, 1985

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1A</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1D</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>YTD</u>
NORTHWEST			\$60.00	ALAMO			\$210.00
VA HOSPITAL			0.00	DOWNTOWN	10.00	10.00	70.00
VILLA ROSA	100.00		297.00	EISENHAUER			72.00
W ABUNDANCE HAPPY HR	94.35		445.35	FT SAM HOUSTON			200.00
W FRI-SAT NIGHT OWLS			54.09	KIRBY-CONVERSE			0.00
W GENERIC			0.00	NEW LIFE			55.00
W HALF-YEAR BUNCH			9.20	NORTHEAST	18.00	18.00	162.00
W MOBUD BIG BOOK	9.37		121.15	SCHERTZ			210.00
W MOBUD ROUNDTABLE	15.50		48.70	UNIVERSAL CITY	54.00	54.00	276.00
W MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S			119.70	UNIVERSAL CITY, SUN			33.00
W MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S			4.30	<u>DISTRICT 1E</u>			
W MORNING AFTER	72.08		575.37	CASTROVILLE			0.00
W SIESTA LADIES			50.45	DAKOTA			0.00
W SUMMIT	28.20		142.90	FLORESVILLE			25.00
W SUN DISC 10AM			70.50	FRONTIER	10.00	10.00	10.00
W TURNING POINT	12.88		128.49	GOLIAD			175.75
W WEEKEND WINNERS	306.70		306.70	HAVEN			200.00
W YOUNG PEOPLE			30.00	HIGHLAND	20.00	20.00	180.00
<u>DISTRICT 1B</u>				HOUSE OF YUKI			0.00
AUDUBON	25.00		75.00	KELLY'S SPECIAL			0.00
BLUEMEL OAKS			66.95	LAMBDA (GAY)	30.00	30.00	270.00
BOERNE			191.75	LYTLE			60.00
CALLAGHAN ROAD	114.97		214.97	PLEASANTON			0.00
COLONIES NORTH			74.50	SASH			100.00
GRATITUDE			0.00	SERENITY	40.00	40.00	40.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS	90.00		372.00	SOUTHWEST LOOP	60.00	60.00	75.00
MEDICAL PROFESSIONS	50.00		320.00	VALLEY-HI	90.00	90.00	196.00
OBLATE			140.00	WILFORD HALL			80.00
PARK NORTH			200.00	<u>DISTRICT 1F</u>			
SINGLES IN SOBRIETY			0.00	EL LIBRO GRANDE			0.00
TWELVE	120.00		1400.00	GRUPO EL SOL			5.00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR			0.00	GRUPO UNIDAD	7.40	7.40	45.40
WEST ASHBY			195.00	KINGSBORO	15.00	15.00	65.00
<u>DISTRICT 1C</u>				SANTA FE			20.00
ALAMO HEIGHTS			344.00	WESLEY	10.00	10.00	29.00
ALPHA HOUSE			125.00	<u>AREA</u>			
BROADWAY	48.00		219.00	CALDWELL TRI-CITY			5.00
BROOKHOLLOW			0.00	KINGSLAND			25.00
COKER			76.20	<u>SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS</u>			
FREEDOM			485.00	DISTRICT 1		\$1,562.45	
MARY MONT	120.00		390.00	BUCK-A-MONTH		285.00	
NORTH SAN PEDRO			225.00	AREA		0.00	
NORTHWOOD			160.00	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		281.36	
RELIANCE			0.00	MEMORIAL		145.00	
SAHARA			0.00			<u>\$2,273.81</u>	
ST PAULS			0.00				
STAHL ROAD	41.00		61.00				
SUNSET			0.00				
TEJAS			180.00				
WINDCREST			45.00				

W = Groups meeting in Winners Club

DISTRICT 1 ACTIVE GROUPS 81

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 Donation is \$12 per year; make check payable to CSO and mail to the above address.

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 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Stop by your Central Service Office and
 browse--hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon-Fri;
 Open till 9 p.m. on Thur.