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CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

- OCT 10-12: Southwest Texas Area Conference, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX.
- OCT 24-26: Men's Retreat for Alcoholics, Bishop Drury Retreat Center, 1200 Lantana, Corpus Christi, TX.
- NOV 7-9: Tri-State Convention of AA, The Regency Hotel, Shreveport, LA.
- NOV 27-30: 20th Annual Las Vegas AA Round-up. Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.
- DEC 5-7: The Border AA Conference, Del Rio, TX. Write CP, B order Conference, Box 395, Del Rio, TX 78841-0395, or call 512-774-7090 for more info.
- JAN 9-11: Thirteenth Annual Lower Rio Grande Valley AA Jamboree, Ft Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, TX. Write Chairperson, Box 5453, Brownsville, TX 78520.

(For more detailed information on all of the above, please call CS0.)

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AA AT SEA

Recently two of our fellowship were on a cruise to Alaska and they saw a notice in the daily bulletin saying "Friends of Bill W. please come to room 350 at 5 p.m."

They went to the room and found six other passengers (one with a Big Book) ready for a meeting. One of them explained that an employee of the Holland-America Line had started this meeting years ago and it is also announced on other ships of that line.

It was a refreshing experience and good to know that AA is cruising along on land and sea!

G. L.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

THE GOLIAD GROUP is going to be celebrating their 22nd Anniversary on Sunday, October 19th! The address is 527 Avondale and everyone is welcome.

Schedule of events:

- 3 to 4 p.m. Fellowship and Snacks
- 4 p.m. Speaker's Meeting--Gary N. from Dallas is the speaker
- 5:30 p.m. FREE Barbeque Dinner

Be there for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and good ole' AA!

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

THE ALAMO HEIGHTS GROUP will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Monday, October 27th! The address is 1300 Wiltshire Blvd. in St. David's Episcopal Church. Time is 8:15 p.m. Their open meeting will be followed by fun, fellowship, and refreshments--so plan to be there!

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THIRD ANNIVERSARY

YOU are cordially invited to help celebrate the THIRD ANNIVERSARY of the WINNERS CLUB on Sunday, October 19th! Theme is "The Hand of AA." Beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, donuts, and fellowship, followed by the first speaker at 10:30 a.m.--Al-Anon. A buffet will be ready by noon. There will be an AA speaker meeting at 1 p.m., followed by a break before the next speaker at 2:30 p.m. Both AA speakers and the Al-Anon speaker are from out of town. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME SO LET'S ALL GO SHARE WITH THEM!**

WHY DO I BELONG ONLY TO ONE GROUP?

For some time now, I have noticed that more members have begun to understand the principle of belonging only to a given group, and, the importance of taking on one job at a time within that group.

I too have adhered to that principle because I find that it has many advantages. The Traditions as we know them are lacking in detail in this area, but those who can read between the lines can easily see the meaning they hide.

If we really understand the meaning of unity, the need for a group conscience, the efficiency of voluntary participation and the strength of uniformity, it is easy to conform to these principles of group membership.

On the spiritual level, it is lacking in charity to keep other members from growing in the three or four functions we occupy in their place. The person who has several functions takes the place of others, and in so doing prevents them from progressing in their recovery.

This is an egotistical attitude which is in contradiction with the basic principles of our philosophy, that is, love and sharing.

Secondly, I would say that as far as efficiency is concerned, it is preferable to do one job well than to do several halfway. The Fellowship would be the main beneficiary.

As to group conscience, it is apparent that if everybody is a member of a number of groups, there is no group conscience at all. If I vote and make proposals in the business meetings of all the groups I attend I am liable to influence their decisions, which would be improper.

Bill Said: "The magic word is ACTION." But we could add, "in my group." The Traditions and the Concepts are the guardians of our unity and, for there to be unity, participation is pre-supposed.

Ref: Andre-Emile P. (Montreal)
(taken from Salt River Valley Intergroup)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Downtown Group will serve noon meals Monday through Friday, beginning on Wednesday, October 1, 1986.

NEW GROUPS--NEW MEETINGS

The TOLERANCE AA GROUP at the Lutheran House of Prayer, 10226 Ironside at Wurzbach, holds their meetings on Thursday at 8:15. It is an open discussion meeting. For more information call Jose L. at 225-4117.

The HONDO AA GROUP has been reactivated! It holds an open discussion meeting on Monday at 8:15 in the Gill Savings Community Room, Hondo. Contact Micky L., 426-4818.

New Groups--New Meetings (continued)

The MADISON STREET AA GROUP meets at the King William Day Care Hospital, 418 Madison Street, on Monday at 8:15. This is an open discussion meeting. For more information call Tom H. at 226-8381 between 9 and 5 p.m.

The MEDINA VALLEY AA GROUP welcomes AAs and Alanons to an open Big Book Study meeting on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. in LaCoste, which is located 9 miles west of San Antonio off Highway 90 West. They meet in the Rector Hall at the only Catholic Church in LaCoste. For more information, call Jewell R. at 679-7839 or Bob G. at 670-1517 (San Antonio).

EL LIBRO GRANDE AA GROUP meets at St. James The Apostle Catholic Church, 907 W. Theo Ave. on Friday at 8:15--Closed meeting; last Friday of the month is a Marathon Meeting.

PURPOSE OF THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

1. To serve AA members and to act as an information center for anyone seeking AA help.
2. This office is a dependent of the AA Fellowship of the San Antonio area and our main source of income is from individual AA members and AA Group contributions.
3. This office belongs to you, the people of AA.
4. In order to serve you to our fullest, we need your HELP! Come see what we are doing. See how your investment operates. Give us your ideas on how we can improve YOUR operation.
5. You have invested in us and trusted us to serve you--aren't you interested in seeing how your business is doing?
6. Volunteer AA members are badly needed for the following:
 - a. Answering the phone and giving out information requested.
 - b. Unpacking and checking orders received.
 - c. Stamping and pricing literature.
 - d. Restocking displays of literature.
 - e. Cleaning the office.
7. We would like to start a beginners meeting here. It would have to be a small meeting because of our limited space. The meeting would be for members with 6 months or less sobriety. Give us your ideas on this.
8. Would the DCMs like to hold their district meetings here? Let us know.
9. We try to act as a clearinghouse for the circulation and exchange of information among all the AA groups in the community through our newsletter, THE NIGHTCAP. In this same connection, we could provide "program exchange" meetings, where group chairmen meet to exchange meetings with other groups.
10. Come to see us!

Your CSO Staff

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OUR AILING FRIENDS

Gene D. entered the Humana Hospital on September 24th for surgery on his feet. We are sure he could use some of our prayers.

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

Come on down and see what's happening,
 everyone is welcome here.
 No one will say "Don't Enter,"
 take a seat and have no fear.
 Relax and have a cup of coffee
 and tell us what you need,
 look at all the publications
 or just sit around and read.
 for your group's needs or your own,
 for those things you need to know,
 it's the place for information
 concerning things you need to grow.
 Everyone is here to help you and meet

you face to face. If you haven't figured out where this is CENTRAL OFFICE is the place!

(Excerpted from SUN-DRY, El Paso, TX)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As our cost for literature has gradually risen, we have not increased our selling prices. However, after an extensive and in-depth study of our inventory costs versus the prices we have been charging, we discovered that some of our stock has been selling at or below cost.

Consequently, your Central Service Office will have to increase its prices for literature, and some other items that we sell. This price increase is effective as of OCTOBER 1, 1986.

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THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--aloving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every AA group ought to be fully selfsupporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- *10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

***TRADITION TEN:** "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy." Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for, as one oldtimer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among AA members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

As by some deep instinct, we AA's have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. Let us reemphasize that this reluctance to

fight one another or anybody else is not counted as some special virtue which makes us feel superior to other people. Nor does it mean that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to AA as a whole, that's quite a different matter. In this respect, we do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does. We conceive the survival and spread of Alcoholics Anonymous to be something of far greater importance than the weight we could collectively throw back of any other cause. Since recovery from alcoholism is life itself to us, it is imperative that we preserve in full strength our means of survival.

Maybe this sounds as though the alcoholics in AA had suddenly gone peaceable, and become one great big happy family. Of course, this isn't so at all. Human beings that we are, we do squabble. Before we leveled off a bit, AA looked more like one prodigious squabble than anything else, at least on the surface. Despite their din, our puny rows never did AA a particle of harm. They were just part and parcel of learning to work and live together.

The Washingtonian Society, a movement among alcoholics which started in Baltimore a century ago, almost discovered the answer to alcoholism. At first, the society was composed entirely of alcoholics trying to help one another. The early members foresaw that they should dedicate themselves to this sole aim. In many respects, the Washingtonians were akin to AA of today. Their membership passed the hundred thousand mark. Had they been left to themselves, and had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the rest of the answer. But this didn't happen. Instead, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes. When the Washingtonians became temperance crusaders, within a very few years they had completely lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics.

The lesson to be learned from the Washingtonians was not overlooked by AA. As we surveyed the wreck of that movement, early AA members resolved to keep our Society out of public controversy. Thus was laid the cornerstone for this, the Tenth Tradition.

GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
CLUB 12, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson, Donna T., with the Serenity Prayer. Forty-one members were present. New GSRs were introduced: Chris R., Universal City Group; Eric Jr., Young People's Group, Winners Club and Eric Sr., Young People's Group Alternate; Rick C., Night Owl Group, Winners Club; John L., Mobud Big Book Study Group. Jim D. read the Twelve Traditions. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Bob B., Administrative Board Vice-Chairman, conducted the Board reports: Financial-- Wayne B. reported a \$1200 loss in August due to a decrease in group contributions and a slight increase in salaries; \$5,000 has been set aside for the anniversary dinner in the spring; inventory will be taken Tuesday, September 30, and volunteers are needed at the CSO at 6 p.m. to help count. Hospital and Institutions; Sylvia O. reported that Cindy B. will be the new chairperson beginning in October. Editorial: Dee S. reported the mailing list is 945 for THE NIGHTCAP. Also, a new printer has been located to save printing costs. Mailing: Absent, no report. Public Information: absent, no report. Penal: Absent, no report.

OLD BUSINESS: CSO now has Beginner Packets for newcomers available for \$1.00. The packet has 5 pamphlets and a meeting directory. A wide variety of Spanish literature is also available.

NEW BUSINESS: A policy has been established for 6 holidays to be observed by CSO: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. These will be announced in THE NIGHTCAP the month in which they fall. A vacation policy for paid employee was also established. The CSO was asked to consider a handicap ramp for easier accessibility for wheelchair members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. Impaired Nurses Hotline is 341-0425. This group, the IN-Group, meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church and is for impaired nurses.
2. Nonsmoker's Group will meet on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Prince of Apostle Church.
3. The Intercept Program has an AA meeting at 8:15 on Tuesdays at the Southwest General Hospital.
4. Adult Children of Alcoholics will have a Workshop beginning September 27 for 6 weeks at St. Mary's Church Basement from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
5. Twelve-Step Study Group is being reactivated at Club 12 on Wednesdays at 8:15.
6. Southwest Area Conference will be held on October 10 through 12 at the Inn of the Hills, Kerrville. All GSRs are encouraged to attend.
7. Six-hundred forty two calls were answered in August by CSO with 154 of those being after hours. The AA Hotline is doing a tremendous job.

AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE DUTY--OCTOBER

Oct 06-12: Marymont Group
Oct 20-26: Freedom Group

Oct 13-19: Southwest Loop Group
Oct 27-Nov 02: Brookhollow Group

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS--OCTOBER

SASH: Club 12 Nonsmokers 11 a.m. group
Thursday Detox: Abundance Happy Hour
Brookwood: 10 p.m. Night Owl Group, Winners
Salvation Army: Kingsboro Group
ARC: Santa Fe Group

Charter Real: Morning After Group
Casa del Sol: Downtown Group
Monday Detox: Goliad Group
Chest Hospital: Summit Step Study Group

(No DCM Reports given)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennie K., Secretary

October Birthdays

(These are the ones reported the CSO by various AA Groups-- if yours isn't here, and should be, complain to your Group Secretary!)

31 Years

Ted W.
Fritz B.

30 Years

Betty Z.

23 Years

Ben M.

22 Years

Scotty A.

21 Years

Bub W.
Lela W.
Carolyn B.

20 Years

Thala C.
Everett C.

17 Years

Thelma S.

16 Years

Eddie G.

15 Years

Charlie McM.
Irma K.

13 Years

Cal W.
Jean S.

12 Years

Sam M.

11 Years

Bill F.
Dan A.
Louise M.
Eileen G.
Miles G.

10 Years

Janis H.
Charles R.

9 Years

June S.
Tom G.
Carl C.
Merle E.

8 Years

Jeanne B.

7 Years

Leslie T.
Park L.
Loretta C.

6 Years

Glenn P.
John DeJ.
Fred D.
Roger C.

5 Years

Maxine E.
Michael K.
Mona M.

4 Years

Ollie S.
Brad S.

3 Years

Shirley K.
Slim R.
Querida C.

2 Years

Bill St. J., Jr.
Ron L.
Jane L.
Gary M.
John M.
Helen I.
Alan A.

1 Year

Christina K.
Peter P.
Tom M.
Pat Q.
John W.
Roy S.
Kathleen C.
Glenn N.
Leah D.
Molly W.
Joyce D.
Gary M.
Boerne Bob



Happy Birthday
Feliz Cumpañeos

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Have you heard of the old Birthday Contribution Plan? It is still in effect--and YOUR contribution of \$1.00 per year for each year of sobriety will certainly be welcomed by your Central Service Office on your AA Birthday. A lot of AA members practice this plan--so why not join them?

There is another way to celebrate your Birthday and that is by contributing a penny for each day of sobriety!

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CSO HAS AA BIRTHDAY ITEMS

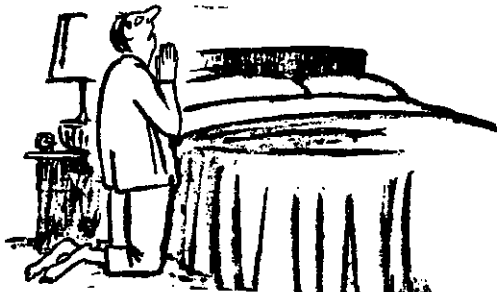
Your Central Service Office has lots of items for sale that would make your special AA person happy on their birthday! Come in and browse--you may find just what you are looking for to give to those dear ones on your AA birthday list!

This is YOUR Central Office--so why not do your shopping here!

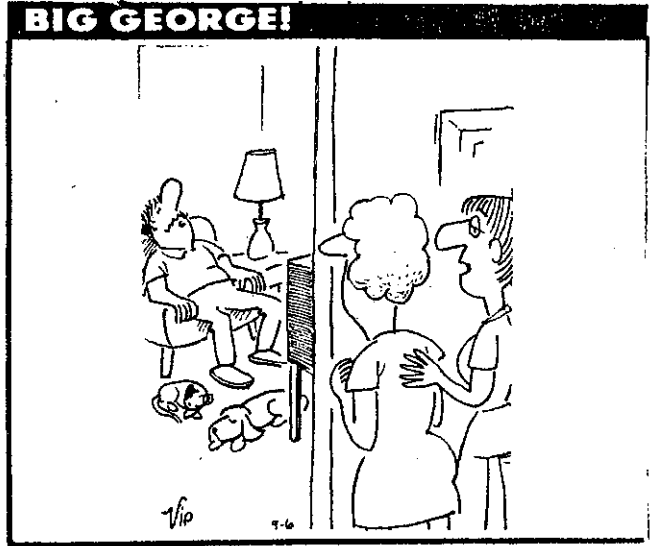
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 1986 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 1986 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1	2	3	4 Starlite Group Birthdays
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 SOUTHWEST AREA CONFERENCE KERRVILLE
12 SOUTHWEST AREA CONFERENCE KERRVILLE	13	14 CSO Administrative Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18 District IC Breakfas
19 GSR MEETING, Club 12 7 p.m. GOLIAD GROUP ANNI. WINNERS CLUB ANNI.	20	21	22	23 No. San Pedro Group Birthdays.	24	25 Winners Club Birth-day Night; Club 12 Games Night; Lambda Group Birthdays & Potluck
26 24-Hour Club Dinner 4 pm	27 ALAMO HEIGHTS GROUP ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAYS	28 Valley Hi & Windcrest Groups Birthdays	29 Park North, Northwood, 24-Hour Groups Birth-Days.	30 Southside Group Birth-days.	31 El Libro Grande, Down-town, Freedom, SW Loop, Colonies North, Brook-hollow, Group 12, Schertz, and Marymont Birthdays; Marymont Potluck.	

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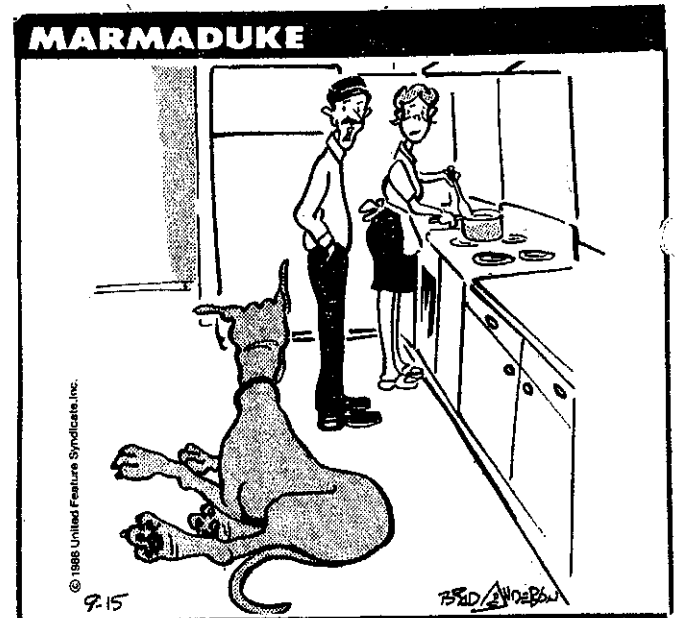
"Lord, please help me....
but could you please make it look like
I did it all myself?"



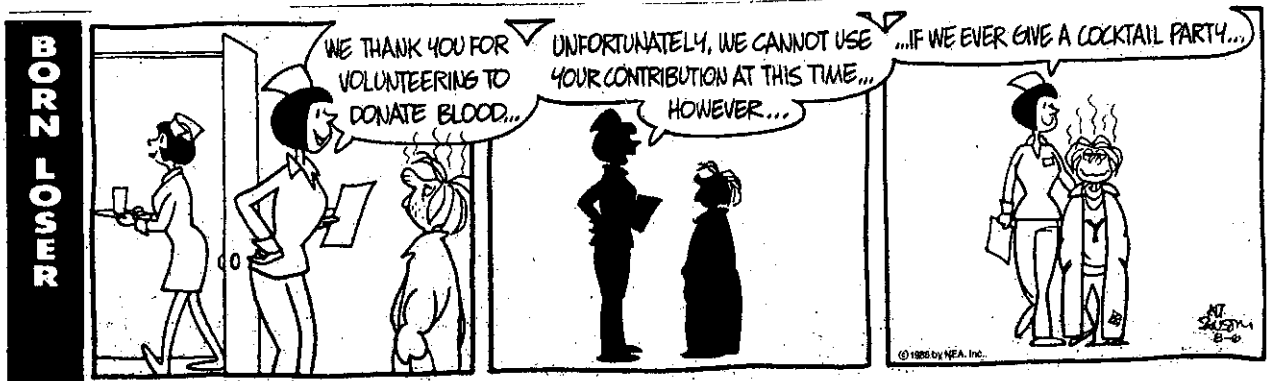
There is the quick and the dead--and then
there's George.



"There's 24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case
... and she thinks it's just coincidence!"



"It's very discouraging ... I made a list of
all his faults ... and he ATE the list."



WE THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING TO
DONATE BLOOD...

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT USE
YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME...
HOWEVER...

...IF WE EVER GIVE A COCKTAIL PARTY...

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AUG. 1986

GROUP	DISTRICT 1A	MO	YTD	GROUP	DISTRICT 1E	MO	YTD
ABUNDANCE		98.07	532.28	FRONTIER	10.74		70.46
BANDERA			129.90	GOLIAD			277.66
W FRI-SAT NIGHT OWLS			122.74	THE HAVEN			100.00
W GENERIC			34.00	HIGHLANDS	25.00		166.40
W LADIES MON.NIGHT			36.00	LAMBDA			151.86
W MENS MON NIGHT			38.08	SASH			100.00
W MOBUD BIG BOOK	5.50		73.70	SERENITY			90.00
W MOBUD ROUNDTABLE	24.80		97.81	SOUTHWEST LOOP			75.00
W MORNING AFTER	61.65		683.10	VALLEY HI			351.25
NORTHWEST			54.00	WILFORD HALL			73.00
REALITY	120.00		155.74	KELLY SPECIAL	10.00		50.00
W SAT NIGHT LIVE	56.92		185.38	DISTRICT 1F			
W SIESTA LADIES			82.35	GRUPO DEL SOL			51.35
W SUMMIT			109.66	GRUPO UNIDAD			26.00
W TURNING POINT	12.00		101.66	KINGSBORO			28.75
VILLA ROSA			100.00	LA NUEVA VIDA			11.00
W YOUNG PEOPLE			62.29	SANTA FE			52.00
DISTRICT 1B				WESLEY			10.00
AUDUBON			90.00	-----			
BLUEMEL OAKS	48.15		90.15	TOTALS	927.08		11,037.64
CALLAGHAN RD	60.00		300.00	AREA CONTRIBUTIONS			
COLONIAL HILLS			200.00	NEW BRAUNFELS			24.00
COLONIES NORTH			124.57	KINGSLAND			55.00
LAUREL HEIGHTS	50.00		508.00	BULVERDE			60.00
LOUIS PASTEUR			57.00	FRIO COUNTY	7.00		7.00
MEDICAL PROF.			260.00	TOTALS			
PARK NORTH			255.00		7.00		146.00
RANGER CREEK			18.00	MANY THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUAL			
TWELVE	120.00		960.00	SUPPORTING MEMBERS WHO DONATED			
TWENTY FOUR HOUR	10.00		60.00	DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST			
DISTRICT 1C				J.W.H.			
ALAMO HEIGHTS	42.00		294.00	MARY			
ALPHA HOUSE			50.00	ROSE MARY B.			
BROADWAY	40.00		100.00	ANONYMOUS CONTRIB.			
BROOKHOLLOW			172.00	MIKE D.			
EISENHAUER			30.00	BRIAN D.			
FREEDOM			840.25	JERRY B.			
MARYMONT	60.00		540.00	AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA AA			
NORTH SAN PEDRO			225.00				
NORTHWOOD			120.00				
STAHL RD.			95.00				
TEJAS			125.00				
WINDCREST			35.00				
DISTRICT 1D							
FT SAM HOUSTON			450.00				
DOWNTOWN	20.00		50.00				
NEW LIFE	30.00		55.00				
NORTHEAST	22.25		184.25				
SCHERTZ			245.00				
UNIVERSAL CITY			180.00				
UNIVERSAL CITY SUNDAY			41.00				

If you wish to be a SUPPORTING MEMBER please send any amount, large or small, and we will be happy to include you as one of our individual supporting members. REMINDER: THE NIGHTCAP is free--just send us your name and address to begin receiving it! Central Service Office, 103 Renner, San Antonio, TX 78201.

"THE TASK AHEAD OF US IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND US!"

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