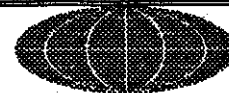


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A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



The registration forms for the 1995 International Convention in San Diego have finally arrived. We will continue to have copies of the forms, but have a very limited supply of the accompanying brochures. The earlier you register, the better your chances for the type of accommodations you would prefer. Deadline is May 15, 1995.

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

"We are not

a glum lot."

October 14 - 16:

17th Annual Brazos Riverside Conference

Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, just south of DFW. AA and Al-Anon meetings, out of state speakers, fellowship. Registration, 6 meals, & lodging - \$70.00, \$50.00 w/o lodging. For more info call (713) 683-8036 or (512) 239-6196 or write: Brazos Riverside Conference, 2018 Brimberry, Houston, Tx, 77018

October 28 - 30 1994

Spirit of the Pines

Camp Cullen on Lake Livingston

There are many details. For further information contact: Caryn D. (713) 864-3606 or write: Spirit of the Pines, 2100 Tamehill #1001, Houston, Tx 77008

Oct 28-30 at the Holiday Inn on Hwy 59

2nd Annual Crossroads Soberfest, Victoria, Tx

AA & Al-Anon speakers, meetings, banquet, play and dance. Registration: \$12.00, dance: \$3.00, buffet & play: \$12.00. Rooms: \$47.00. For room reservations call 1 (800) 465-4329. Mail to: Crossroads Convention, 301 E. Convent, Victoria, Tx. 77901

Nov. 25-27 2nd Annual Pockets of Enthusiasm

Seven Oaks Hotel 824-5371/800-346-5855. Mention "Pockets" for special room rates. Speakers: Clancy L. Vannoy S., Dick & Peggy M. Send \$10.00 registration to: Pockets Chairman, PO Box 17363, San Antonio, Tx 78217. For info call Tom at (210) 661-0049 or Corky at (210) 737-0530.

RESULTS of the CSO QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Have you ever been to CSO?

— 26% of the CORs have not been to CSO.

2. Do you know the functions and services of CSO?

— 70% say they know what CSO does.

3. Would you like CSO to provide additional services?

— 96% say no.

4. Do you suggest any means of improved communications?

— 74% have no suggestions. 26% offer solutions

such as:

- Better informed CORs
- Increased Nightcap circulation
- A presentation or workshop

5. Can you volunteer at CSO?

— 74% say no. Of the 26% that would volunteer, half qualified their "yes"; they don't have enough time in sobriety or have no transportation.

How valid are these stats??

Only 58% of the CORs responded. (23 out of 40)

Only 36% of groups have a COR. (40 out of 110)

Hence, this response represents 21% of the AA groups in the San Antonio area (23 out of 110) and of that 21%, more than a quarter of their CORs have never been to CSO.....Does your group have a COR???

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Erik C., the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Erik announced the resignation of Dee S., due to uncertain health. Renee Z. is now the Vice Chairman and Susan B. is the Interdistrict Liaison. George A. is the new board member appointed to serve out the last three months of Dee's term. Erik led the Serenity Prayer and asked Joe McF. to read the traditions. All board members were present except for George A. The sign-in sheet was passed around. Erik called for new CORs to introduce themselves. They are: Ronnie of Colonies North, Judy of Truth Seekers, Lisa of Highlands, Sandra of Generic, and Troy of Young & Golden Years. Richard C. made the **motion** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the Nightcap. The motion **passed**. Joe C. gave the financial report. Keith asked how long it took for his group's contributions to appear in the Nightcap. The answer is: 2 months, as is noted at the top of the contributions page. Bonnie gave the CSO report. No comments. Erik gave the Interdistrict report. He said the ID is working on getting display cases for the archives. Raymond F. called for phone volunteers. The slots were filled immediately, with the exception of the last week which was inadvertently omitted. (See list)

Old Business: Erik read the proposed amendment to the bylaws, and the statement from the Board, saying they have reconsidered, and thought the amendment would not promote unity; however, it had been presented to the CORs and needed to be called to a vote. A COR made the **motion** to withdraw the amendment. Joe C. said it would be better to vote and finalize the procedure. The motion to withdraw the amendment **passed**.

Nominating Committee: Richard C., chairman of the committee, read a statement of the committee's purpose. He announced 4 openings and gave an October 1 deadline.

Erik announced that it had been suggested by the chairman of AA in SA '95 that CSO donate 20% of the proceeds from the '95 convention to Interdistrict. Jim B. said it would not hurt CSO and he hopes it will increase participation. A COR asked how Interdistrict would use the money. It would be used to fund the various service committees.

New Business: Cost of the Nightcap was brought up. Some of the groups think the expense is too high and it should be mailed out by paid subscription. Joe asked Al D. to give a brief history of the number of Nightcaps mailed out by subscription, and the increase when it was made available at no charge. Al said the mailing list tripled when the Nightcap became free. More discussion followed. Keith made a **motion**; to take this back to the groups - to charge or not for the Nightcap. The motion **passed**.

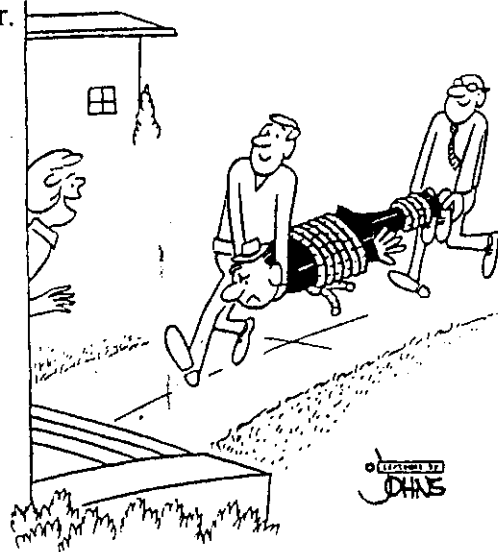
The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Bonnie F.

PHONE DUTY:

Sep 26-Oct 2	Truth Seekers
Oct 3 - 9	Windcrest
Oct 10 - 16	Highlands
Oct 17 - 23	Group 12
Oct 23 - 31	<u>Open</u>

CSO now has some new meditation books and histories of AA. These are non-AA publications. We also have the new Grapevine historical tapes available.



"Oh, good! Another volunteer."

Thanks to all of our great volunteers!

EVENTS

Goliad Group 30th Anniversary Fiesta
 Sunday, Oct. 16th. Fun starts at 1:00pm. Enchilada dinner at 5:00pm. Speakers: Edwina B at 3:00 & Jim W at 6:30
 537 Avondale Ph# 532-0371

Alamo Heights Group 39th Anniversary
 Monday, Oct. 24th 8:00pm Speaker
 St. David's Episcopal 1300 Wiltshire Blvd.

CHANGES

The **Big Book Study Group** that meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays was mistakenly identified as the Schertz-Cibolo Big Book Study in last month's issue. Our apologies.

The **AA Way Out Group** that met on Tuesdays at the SW General Hospital is now an H&I meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Truth Seekers Group** invites your participation in their "back to basics" style meeting. "Our meetings are based on the simplicity of our program, our experience with the three parts of the AA plan: Unity, Service, and Recovery." (sic) Wednesday 7:30pm St. Luke's Catholic Church on Callaghan Rd. 1 block south of 410.

The Parita United Methodist Church is inviting any AAs interested in starting a meeting in that community to consider using the facility at the Cover Community Center, 7709 Knowlton Rd. (Sulphur Springs and Knowlton) Please contact Hellen Lawrence at 649-1543 or the church at 649-2636. They are very interested in helping a new group/meeting get started.

The **Ft. Sam Group** is looking for support from the AA community to open and lead weekend meetings: Fri - 8:00pm, Sat - 5:00pm, & Sun - 4:00pm. We also meet Mon. & Thu. at 8:00pm. For further info call Cita at 829-8262.

*Dear Sir,

Regarding Volume 24, Sept. 94 issue of the Nightcap, section titled Grpnews. etc. "Changes"/ When I read the small paragraph about the SASH Group folding- I was startled-Not by the demise of a group but by the reason stated.

If the SASH Grp met the guidelines for an AA group-Self supporting, primary purpose-autonomy ect- Why would lack of State funding effect the group?

Why would the State Hospitals maintaining an Alcohol unit-or not- effect the AA group?

If the information was reported correctly These Two issues were responsible for the groups folding- Therefore, I am assuming the SASH Grp was not an AA group at all- AA groups are not affected by politics. organization or institution- I am guessing that the State Hospital had an alcohol rehab unit that enlisted the aid of Hospital and Institution (H&I) committee to arrange for AA members to come to the unit and share their experience strength & hope as part of their volunteer service work. Such an effort "does not an AA group make" As that paragraph implies.

CLUB TWELVE ACTIVITIES

- Oct 1 Film and speaker meeting
- Oct 9 Dance SS Express 8:00pm - 12:00am
- Oct 15 Pancake breakfast
- Oct 25 Long-timers' Social 2-3:00pm
- Oct 28 Birthday Night Longest sobriety first 7:30pm
- Oct 29 Halloween Dance & costume contest
 SS Express 8:00pm - 12:00am

I strongly urge the editor of the Nightcap review material more closely. There are enough mis-conceptions about what AA is & Does in the "Civilian Community" Lets not perpetrate our own.

Sincerely,
 Patty H.

*Reprinted verbatim

The SASH Group was registered with the General Service Office in New York as group# (D-44-14984)(68-18). It was not an H&I meeting. As to whether the group functioned within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions, that determination is outside the purview of this office.

The participants at this meeting came in large part from the hospital population. When the alcohol unit was closed, the patients disappeared, the facility was no longer available, and with them went the basis for the group.
 Ed.

1 YEAR

Chris A.
Tiffany A.
Buckner B.
James B.
Kevin B.
Michael B.
Craig C.
Tom C.
Gary D.
Keith D.
Norman D.
Patrick D.
Steve F.
David H.
Richard H.
Rochelle H.
Terry H.
Veronika H.
Eddie J.
Kris K.
Ralph K.
Rick K.
Steve K.
Brenda L.
Dwayne M.
Mario M.
Robert M.
Cliff Mc.
Joe Mc.
Katherine P.
Julie R.
Rita R.
Charlotte S.
Dan S.
Debbie S.
Randall S.
Tracy S.
Clayton T.
James T.
Rudy T.
Tillie T.
William T.
Robert V.
Jean W.

Karen W.
Randy W.

2 YEARS

Darryl B.
Kenneth B.
Joe G.
Terry H.
Warren K.
Jerry L.
Dale Mc.
Kirsten P.
Andy S.
Jimmy T.
Bill W.
Terry W.

3 YEARS

Jeff B.
Jay H.
Carole J.
Carol M.
Mickey O.
Jim P.

4 YEARS

Sally B.
Russell M.
Cookie P.
William R.

5 YEARS

George G.
Faustino H.
Sam K.
Norman L.
Robert M.

6 YEARS

Eric H.
Terry H.

Alicia M.
Stanley Mc.

7 YEARS

Chuck H.
Richard K.
Kathy P.
Sandy P.
Bill S.
Fred S.
Myra S.
John T.
Gene W.

8 YEARS

Art C.
Terry H.
Pat M.
Barry S.
Randy S.

9 YEARS

William C.
Gary M.
Patrick Q.
Janis T.

10 YEARS

Alan A.
Cecil McL.

11 YEARS

John D.

12 YEARS

Ralph B.
Lupe G.
Mark H.

13 YEARS

Mike A.
Maxine E.
Bill H.
Mona M.
Marty S.

14 YEARS

John D.
Anne G.

15 YEARS

Les T.

17 YEARS

Carl C.
June S.

19 YEARS

Daniel A.
Bill F.
Eileen

20 YEARS

Marvin S.

22 YEARS

Bill G.
Bill K.

23 YEARS

Richard P.

28 YEARS

Everett C.
Thala C.

30 YEARS

Scotty A.

36 YEARS

Bernadette C.

38 YEARS

Betty Z.

39 YEARS

Fritz B.



MATURITY

This is maturity:

to be able to stick with a job until it's finished

to be able to bear an injustice without wanting to get even;

to be able to carry money without spending it;

and to do one's duty without being supervised



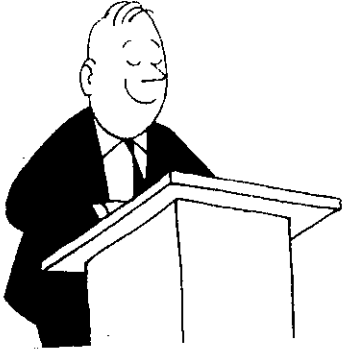
Be the hand of A.A. that reaches out...

Become a phone volunteer

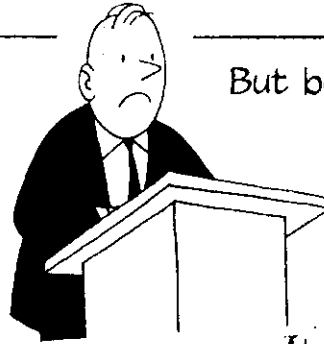
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The Tenth Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.



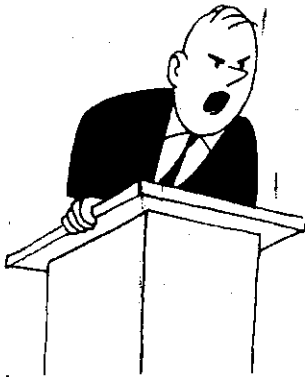
And so, thanks to A.A., I have maintained a happy sobriety for ten years. I thank you.



But before I leave...

...I know I speak for all of A.A. when I protest the current legislation before the Congress! I refer to that infamous piece of rubbish known as House Bill No. x7-11-12!

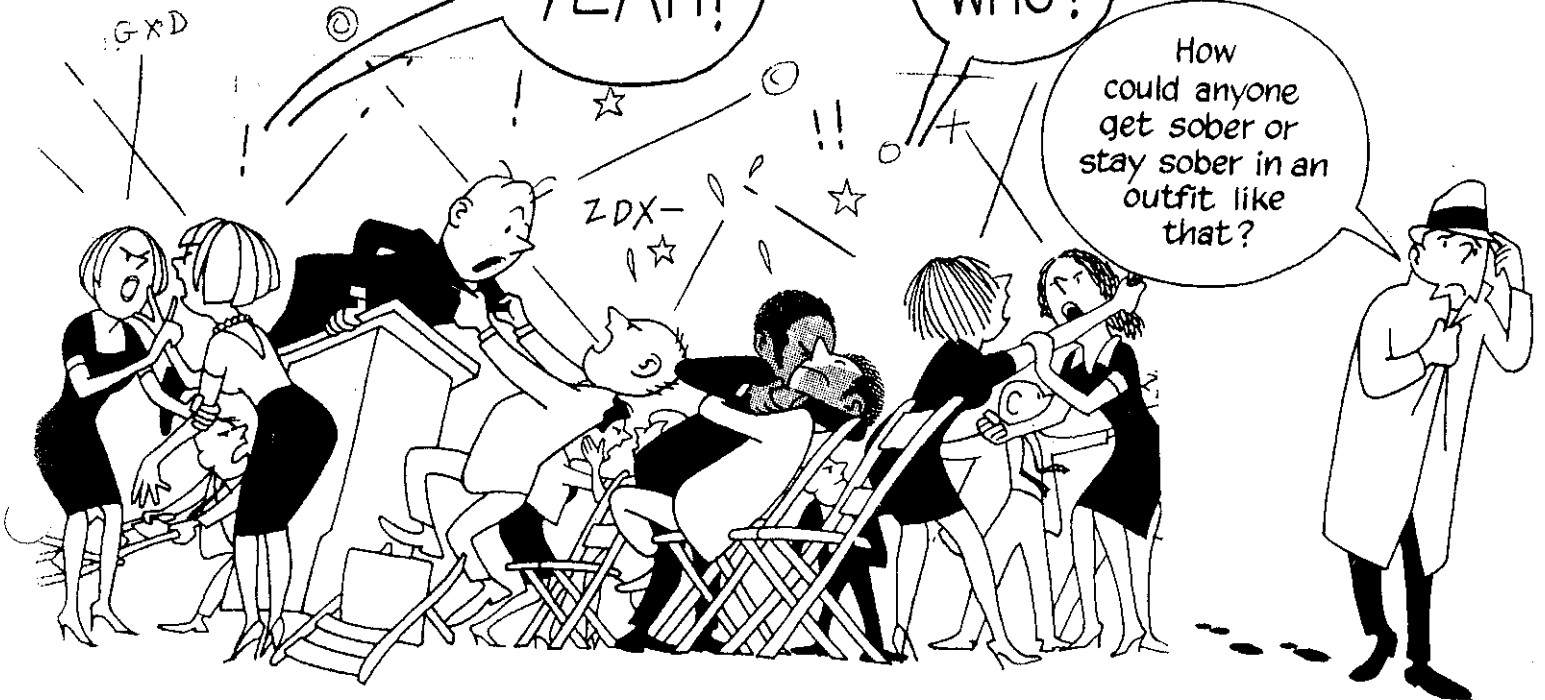
...It must not pass! And to that end I am sending a telegram in the name of A.A. and our group...



OH YEAH?

SEZ WHO?

How could anyone get sober or stay sober in an outfit like that?



Minutes of the September 18, 1994 Interdistrict Meeting

Gene P. opened the meeting at 6:40pm with the Serenity Prayer. Julie L. read the traditions.

GSR pamphlets were given to the following new GSRs: Sandra C. - Generic Group, Nancy C. - Blue Door, Nancy K. - UC, John C. - Highlands, Cathy W. - Oblate.

Gene announced that an Ask-it-Basket was being passed around.

Richard C., from the CSO nominating committee, gave packets to the new GSRs.

Julie L. volunteered to be responsible for the coffee the next two months.

Committee Reports:

H&I: Jeanne announced a new H&I meeting at SW General Hospital on thursdays at 8:15pm. She also stated that Detox was in need of Big Books. Julie L. moved that ID donate 10 books to Detox; seconded by David, passed with one opposed.

Hospitals & Institutions Meetings-Oct.

Chair - Jeanne W.

(H) 674-0641 (W) 433-1449

Monday:
Detox Rush Hour

Tuesday:
SW General Abundance Happy Hr

Wednesday:

Cloudhaven Schertz-Cibolo
Baptist Hospital Goliad

Detox
Audie Murphy
SW General

Detox

ARC
Detox

Thursday

STP
Callaghan
Alamo Heights

Friday:

Twelve

Saturday:

Legal Professions
Highlands

SWARSA

Come share with AA members from the seven state Southwest Region of AA at Ft. Smith, Ark., Oct. 14 - 16. We have arranged for van transportation at a cost of \$5.00 per person, plus gas and hotel. Contact Jim B. at 545-0526 for more information.

CFC: Cleo T. stated that there were approximately 18 meetings per week in SA and only 15 volunteers. He said the committee has money, but needs more people. The committee meets at Club 12 the first wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.

PI: Lynne G. said she still had openings for volunteers to handle a convention at the Hyatt Regency downtown Oct. 20-21. She also encouraged participation in the Brady Green program Sep. 28 at 6:00pm. Contact Lynne at 699-6208.

Archives: Mark C. handed out guidelines and group history forms. He stated that the committee is drawing up plans for display cases to be placed at CSO.

Treasurer: There was no current report due to a problem with the PO Box. Randy said the balance should be approximately the same as last month. (ed. note - The Interdistrict PO Box has been lost due to the Treasurer's misplacement of the bill. Until further notice, send all correspondence to: SAMSO c/o Randy Simon 9813 Village Briar SA Tx 78250.)

Secretary: Denny asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Motion made and passed.

DCM reports were given.

Jim B., chairman for AA in SA, said the CSO board voted to donate 20% of profits from the '95 convention to Interdistrict. Gene asked the GSRs if we would accept the contribution. No one had any objection.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35pm

Trudging the road to happiness,

Denny S. Secretary

The Grapevine Committee is looking for groups interested in sponsoring a magazine subscription of \$12.00 a year to a local school. This offer is being made to 31 San Antonio high school libraries. If your group is interested, please let your GSR/GvR know so that he may bring your answer to the next Interdistrict meeting. We have seven groups with positive responses at this time. Do not send money now; what we need is a commitment along with your group name, contact, and phone number.

The committee has also placed pick-up boxes at CSO, Club 12, and Winners Club for old Grapevines that you may want to donate for 12 step work. They will be distributed to the service committees as they are requested and available. Please help us recycle the Grapevine message to those who suffer. Always remember - "CARRY THE GRAPEVINE - CARRY THE MESSAGE."

Southwest Texas Area Fall Assembly

Holiday Inn Victoria, Tx October 8, 1994

This is our annual fall voting conference. Participation of all GSRs and DCMs is **highly** encouraged.

Conference - Dance, speakers, and entertainment all weekend. \$10.00 registration.

District 16 Workshop

Hosted by Group 12

Monday, Oct. 24 6:30-8:00pm Club 12

A solutions oriented workshop concerning our "Singleness of Purpose".

Panel discussion with Jim W., Jim B., and Mike S.

Please join us.

SAMSO (Interdistrict) Service Committee Chairpersons

Archives	Mark C.	738-3704
Correctional Facilities	Bill T.	828-7865
Grapevine	Yolanda Y.	927-3082
Hospitals & Institutions	Jeanne W.	674-0641
Jail	Sy d T .	650-9460
Public Information	Lynne G.	699-6208

District Committee Members

<u>District</u>	<u>Approx. Area</u>	<u>DCM</u>	<u>HmPh#</u>
1A	(NW/SW)	Gene P.	344-6794
1E	(S&W of Bexar)	Denny S.	(210) 277-1395
1F	(Spanish speaking)	Pilo G.	534-2340
16	(NW)	Randy S.	521-7118
17	(N/NE)	Diane W.	659-6851
18	(S/SE)	Frank H.	493-7014
19	(NC/E)	Mary S.	690-7550

<- Coming Attraction ->

"Freedom from Bondage" Conference

Hosted by the San Antonio Correctional Facilities Committee

Seven Oaks Resort Feb. 3-5 1995

Featured speaker - Jim Estelle, Chairman of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

October 1994

NIGHTCAP CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						1 Starlite Birthdays
2 Birthdays:Goliad	3	4	5 7:00pm CFC & Jail Committee meeting Club 12	6 Birthdays:Goliad, Devine	7	8
9 Birthdays:Goliad	10	11 6:00pm CSO Board meeting	12	13 Birthdays:Goliad	14	15
16 5:30pm GMM,St Andrews Epicopal Church, 6110 NW Loop 410 6:30pm INTER- DISTRICT MTG - St. Andrews Birthdays:Goliad Barbecue:Goliad	17	18	19	20 Birthdays:Goliad, Devine NIGHTCAP DEADLINE!	21	22
23 Birthdays:Goliad	24	25 2:00pm Long- Timers Social: Club 12 Birthdays: Windcrest, Valley-Hi, Santa Fe,New Acceptance	26 7:00pm PI Committee meets at Club12 Birthdays:Oblate, Northwood, Foxy Ladies Birthdays & Potluck:Lytle	27 Birthdays:Stahl Rd, N.San Pedro, Goliad,Ft.Sam	28 Birthdays: EiLibroGrande, Dntown, Marymont,Grp 12, Colonies N, Schertz-Cibolo, SW Loop Potluck:Marymont	29 Birthdays:Winners, Frontier, Serendipity, Broadway Grp Unidad, Lambda,SA North Goliad BBQ & Spkr mtg 6/8pm Potluck:Lambda
30 Birthdays:Goliad	31 Birthdays:Alamo Heights, Northwest, Freedom					

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