

The Nightcap

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EXCITING EVENTS

Oct 11-13: **ANNUAL BLANCO RETREAT-** Camp-out, Cook-out, Speakers. \$5.00 Registration for Adults. Call Charlotte:210-964-3446.

Oct 12: **LAGO VISTA CONFERENCE-** Hosted by District 22, 10 am to midnight! Bar K Clubhouse, Lago Vista, TX Contact: Cindy at 512-267-3098.

Oct 19: **EL NUEVO DIA-14 Years** Celebration, 108 Cozzi Circle, Victoria, TX. 9 am to midnight-Speakers-Food-Dance.

Oct 18-20: **S W R A A S A - The Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly.** Hosted by Area 39, Western Missouri. Held at the Kansas City Airport Marriott, Kansas City, MO. For reservations call: 1-800-228-9290.

Nov 15-17: **SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA CONFERENCE-**"Participating in our Heritage." Held at the OMNI HOTEL (formerly The Wyndham) 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX The phone number for reservations is: 1-800-433-2241. Area Assembly begins-9 am Saturday.

Nov 15-17: **WOMAN'S JOURNEY-**at MO Ranch in Kerrville, TX. Open Discussion Meetings, Speakers, Workshops on many topics. For more info call Barbara A. at 210-490-2903.

Nov 29-Dec 1: **POCKETS OF ENTHUSIAM-**at the Seven Oaks 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio TX. For reservations call: 1-800-346-5855. Marathon Meetings, Scramble-Par Three. RV Parking Available. Registration forms can be picked up at CSO.

Nov 28-Dec 1: **LAS VEGAS ROUNDUP-** Sober Fun in the Sun! Speakers, marathon meetings, Golf Tournament, Meetings in Spanish also. For reservations call Riveria Hotel at 1-800-634-6753.

A PRESENTATION OF UNITY (The Second Legacy)

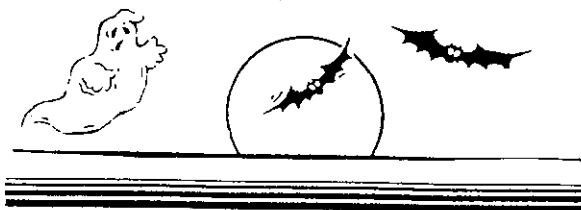
Saturday, Oct. 12, 1996
1-4 pm

at
CLUB 12
102 Thames

PANEL

FREE FOOD AND COFFEE

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 16



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Call to Order: Dave C. at 5:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Don read the Traditions and Bill read the COR guidelines.

Three new CORs were welcomed; Ed from Last Call, Tom from Summit Turning Point, and Daryl from Stahl Road.

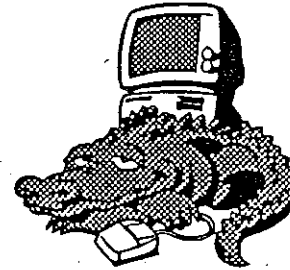
The Check-In Sheet was passed around.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed-passed unanimously.

Susan gave the financial report-we are still in the black.

Glenn called for phone duty volunteers.

- Sept 30-Oct 6 Colonies North
- Oct 7-13 Truthseekers
- Oct 14-20 Summit Turning Point
- Oct 21-27 Goliad
- Oct 28-Nov 3 Twelve



Old Business: Fred gave the budget report.

New Business: New meeting directories will be printed - deadline is 10-18-96 at 5 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6 pm.

Submitted by: Dave C.

**ANY GROUP CHANGES? MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!
 DEADLINE FOR THE MEETING DIRECTORY IS
 FRIDAY-OCTOBER 18, 1996-at 5 pm**



NON ALCOHOLIC BEER....

ALMOST!

A recent full-page ad in a popular magazine boldly states:

LOOKS LIKE A BEER..
 SMELLS LIKE A BEER..
 TASTES LIKE A BEER..

Complete with a beautifully illustrated frosty glass of this delectable brew.

And the copy went on to extol the virtues of this particular brand of non-alcoholic suds.

But wait a minute!

In very small print, at the bottom of the page, it states this beer "contains less than 0.5 alcohol by volume....which is true of all the non-alcoholic brands."

A prominent doctor warns that there is enough alcohol in the popular non-alcoholic brews to kick a recovering Alky off the wagon. Maybe! But I think that most A.A. members would agree that the real problem with non-alcoholic beer is between the Alky's ears. One thing the Big Book makes very clear is that we believe the disease centers in the mind.

But for those who would still like to pooh-pooh the idea of non-alcoholic beers being a problem, consider this.

Doctors warn patients taking antabuse that drinking non-alcoholic beers can be lethal.

GROUP NEWS

Names are still needed for the **Speakers List**. If you are willing to be a speaker; please call CSO at 821-6325.

GROUPS FOLDED:

The **Boys Night Out** is no longer meeting. They met on Tuesday night at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Blanco.

Grupo Llegamos a Creer formerly met on Thursday and Friday at Rolling Oaks Christian Church. They have folded also.

Foxhall celebrates birthdays every Thursday.

Alamo Heights Group will celebrate their 40th Anniversary, with an ice cream social, on Monday, Oct. 21st at St. David's Church, 1500 Wiltshire at 8 pm. All AAs and friends are invited to attend and help eat ice cream and cake!

Winners Club 13th Anniversary, Oct 20th. Noon to 6 pm. Food-Music-Door Prizes. The speakers will be Fred D. (Chicken Fred) from Dallas, and Chris R. of Kerrville. On Saturday, **October 26th** **Winners Club** will have **birthday night**, a **Halloween Dance and Costume Party**.

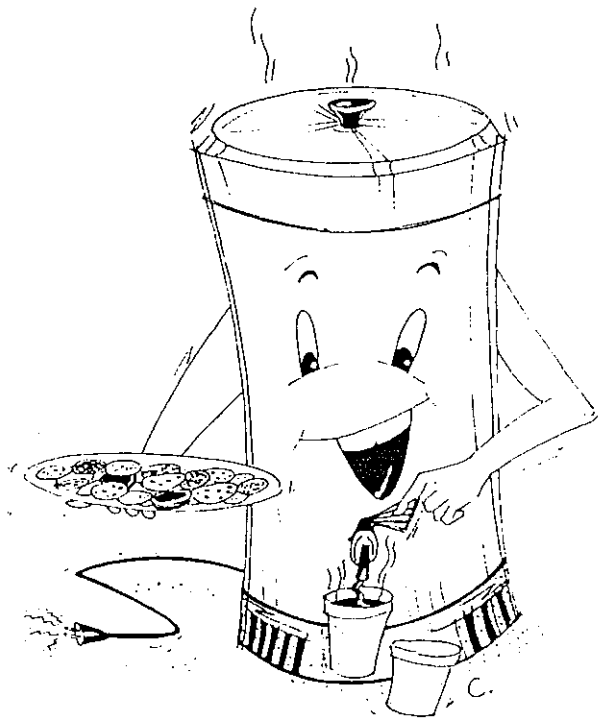
Ft. Sam Group invites you to Friday night Big Book Study at 8 pm and 12 x12 on Saturday afternoon at 5 pm.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!
Medical Students Workshop at the

Brady Green Hospital, Wednesday, **October 9th** at 6 pm. The workshop will be on the 3rd floor. For more info call Barbi at 696-5228.

GOLIAD GROUP IS CELEBRATING THE 32nd ANNIVERSARY!! The party will be **Sunday, October 20th** at **537 Avondale**. A **Free Dinner of Ham and Sweet Potatoes** at 4 pm and a **speaker, Dr. John M.** at 7 pm.

District 1-F Workshop with 3 **Hispanic Delegates** and 3 **Workshops**, at **St. Jude's Church** on **S. San Augustine** (off **General McMullen & W. Commerce**), from 10 am to 3 pm with lunch.



**If you can't live or die,
Make coffee!**

**Please pray, God
loves to hear a
strange voice.**

OCT 1996 BIRTHDAYS

1 YR

TINA H.
DAVID C.
JOE D.
KEN K.
RAFAEL M.
MARY LEE S.
HENRY W.

2 YRS

CONNIE C.
SALLY A.
ROBIN C.
CHARLES D.
GLENN F.
MICHAEL H.
PAMELA L.
TREY S.

3 YRS

RANDY W.
MICHAEL B.
JIMMIE E.
FRANK C.

4 YRS

KRISTIN P.
ANDY S.
BILL W.
BRIAN B.

5 YRS

JOHN C.
JAY H.
CAROLE J.
JIM P.
MICKEY O.

6 YRS

COLLEEN P.
BILL R.

7 YRS

SAM K.

8 YRS

MICHAEL J.
LINDA K.
TERRY H.

9 YRS

PABLO C.
FRED S.
CHUCK H.

10 YRS

TERRY H.
CHRISTINA K.
PAT M.
RANDY S.
EDDIE A. (SEP)

11 YRS

BOB P.

12 YRS

GARY M.
ALAN A.
MARGE A.

13 YRS

JOHN D.
GREG S.

14 YRS

ANN D.
MARK H.
JIM W.

15 YRS

MAXINE E.
MONA M.
MARTY S.
BILL H.

16 YRS

ANNE G.
JOHN D.

17 YRS

LES T.

19 YRS

CARL C.
JUNE V.

20 YRS

DOROTHY T.

21 YRS

BILL F.
EILEEN H.

22 YRS

SAM M.

25 YRS

RICHARD P.
IRMA K.

30 YRS

EVERETT C.
THALA C.

32 YRS

SCOTTY A.

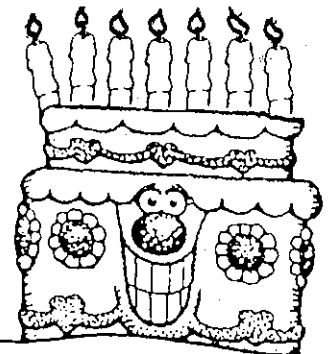
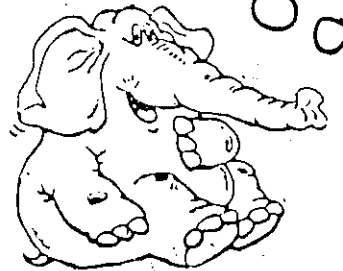
40 YRS

BETTY Z.

41 YRS

FRITZ B..

Want you name on the birthday list?
Call it in yourself to CSO 821-6325.
Nightcap deadline 20th of each month.
You remember—we remember.



One Day at a Time

To be is to do....Aristotle
To do is to be....Socra
Do Be Do Be Do....Sinatra

The 12 Traditions

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Some thoughts on why we must not compromise them!

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We must pass them on literally- each and every word.

It never ceases to amaze me, how almost everyone I get to visit and share with agree that the traditions must never be changed. People are very serious about it. But somewhere between the rubber and the road we are drifting more and more distant from the actual traditions themselves. These drifts or "exceptions" to the traditions are totally justified, by the participants, in every case I have ever asked about. Not to mention the fact that some people get very defensive in their justification. It is not a very popular subject in or out of meetings.

Somehow, the "old-timers" have failed to connect the written traditions and the daily reality of their actual practice as they are passed down. I really believe that these "exceptions" to the traditions have been handed down also over at least 25 years. They are not looked at as breaking the traditions but as more of a peaceful, convenient compromise. I believe that the traditions, like abstinence from alcohol, and the steps are absolute.

What will happen if we continue? I don't know. Perhaps nothing. What can be done? I don't know. I do know that if we are apathetic toward the traditions our fellowship will suffer with a snowball effect.

INTO ACTION

- Let's start a tradition revolution.
- First in our hearts and minds..... then in our own groups.
- Let's bring the traditions back together.
- Let's make how we use our traditions and what is written in

Never play leap frog with a bull. Never!

the traditions be one and the same.

- The traditions can not be compromised, no matter how much we can justify it in our minds.

At your home group you can....

1. Invite them to look at their group & traditions
2. Become involved in your group as they follow the traditions
3. Speak up anytime traditions are stretched or broken anywhere
4. Suggest using a meeting to study the real purpose of one or more traditions
5. Share with newcomers how traditions can be broken & the potential result
6. Study the "Washingtonian Movement" & what caused their end

Corky S.



"Two Stepping" --- combining parts of the first and twelfth steps such as: "My life is unmanageable and I'd like to share it with you"

INTERDISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

Secretary report read and accepted.

Treasury report read and accepted.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1-A Workshop on "How to Chair a Meeting" was a success. Next workshop on Sponsorship in Jan '97.

District 18-Frank H. announced Goliad's 32nd Anniversary on 20th Oct at 3:00pm. Food and Speakers.

District 19-Men's Big Book Study Anniversary, 7:00pm 22 Sep '96 Food & Speaker at Northwood Presbyterian Church, 518 Pike Place.

District 17-Jim D. (490-1235) reported the workshop on "How to Help a Wet One" was a success. Stahl Roads anniversary was well attended.

District 16-Bill H. reported that on October 12, 1-4 pm, there will be a workshop at Club 12 on the 2nd Legacy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I-Lynn R. reported all commitments filled.

CFC-Syd T. Dress code still a problem. Dress conservatively to gain access to meetings in jails..Next month (Oct '96) will be the election for CFC Chairperson to take office in Jan '97.

PI-Chris M. Agenda for committee meeting on table. Need more people to serve on the committee for media and health fair in Oct at Palo Alto College. New sign available for use at health fairs instead of all the hand-outs. For information call 659-2313.

ARCHIVES-Mary Lynn D.-Looking for a suitable place to display and store SWTA and SAMSO records. Also looking for more committee members.

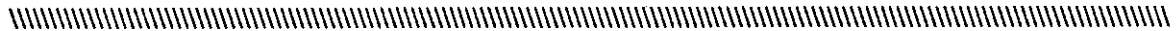
GRAPEVINE - Robin Needs more help on committee. Call 599-3020. They meet every 2nd Thursday at Club 12 in the Al-Anon room.

Old Business None

New Business Glen C. brought up open letter about SAMSO rotation and made presentation based on Traditions and that SAMSO is based on Tradition 9 Frank H. explained background of District rotation for SAMSO, primarily to support experience for ongoing service committees. The idea was presented originally back in Feb '95 and taken back to District for GSR's and a vote. A motion was made to nullify rotation and seconded to take back to groups. After serious discussion from the floor on the pros and cons of rotation the motion was voted down. SAMSO rotation of DCM will continue for the steering committee.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Noel McD, ID Secretary



HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1996

MON	Patrician Mvt DAC Zero Tolerance	Stahl Road Goliad Summit TP	THU	Laurel Ridge Comm Hosp VA Hosp	Serendipity SW Loop Colonies N
TUE	Dwyer Ave	Abundance HH	SAT	ARC	Marymont
WED	Baptist Hosp DAC	Group Twelve Entire Abs	SUN	DAC Baptist Hosp	Dist 16,19 Devine

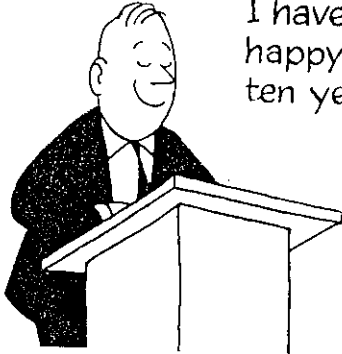


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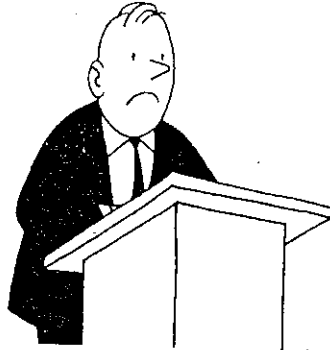
The Tenth Tradition

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

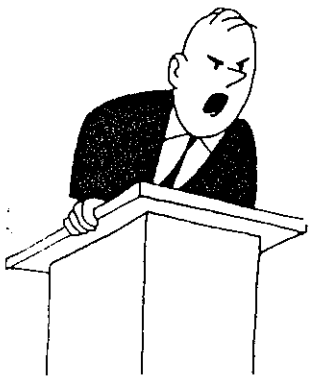
And so, thanks to A.A., I have maintained a happy sobriety for ten years. I thank you.



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!



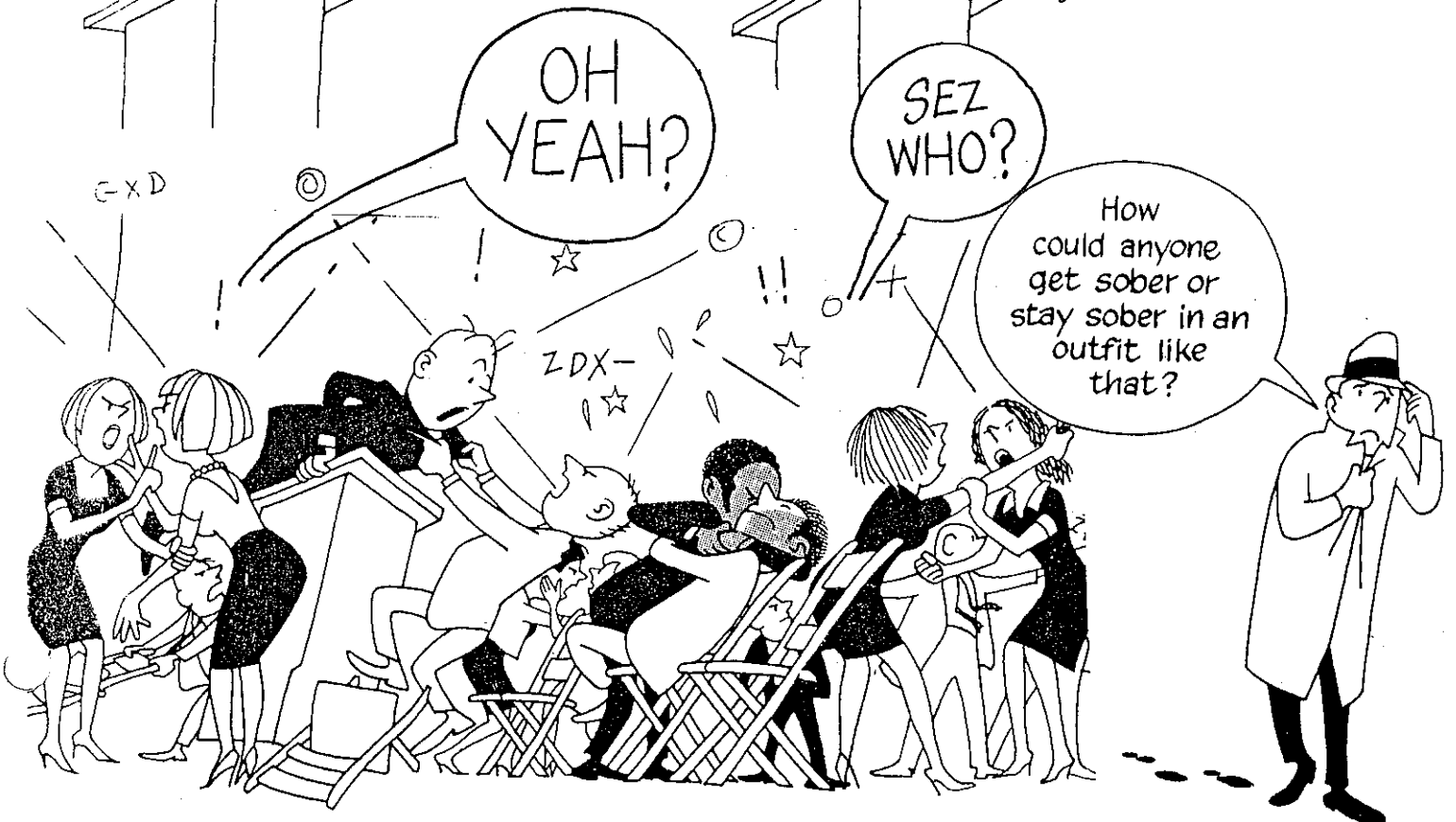
...It must not pass! And to that end I am sending a telegram in the name of A.A. and our group...



OH YEAH?

SEZ WHO?

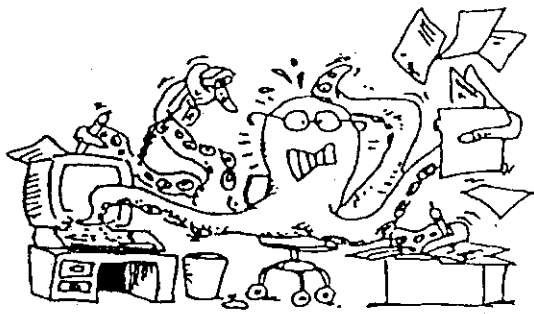
How could anyone get sober or stay sober in an outfit like that?



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



			<p>2 7:00pm CFC & Jail Committee Mtg: Club 12</p>	<p>3 Birthdays: Goliad</p> <p>(1945) Grapevine adopted as nat'l publication of A.A.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 8:00pm Starlite Birthdays</p> <p>(1988) Lois W. dies at 97</p>
<p>6 3:30pm PI/CPC Meeting-Winners Club 4:00pm ID Steering Committee Mtg: Winners Club Birthdays: Goliad</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7:30pm District 18 Meeting St Matthew's Episcopal Church 810 Kitty Hawk</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Grapevine Committee Mtg: Club 12 Birthdays: Goliad</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Take my advise... I'm not using it.</p> </div>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Birthdays: Goliad</p>	<p>14 Columbus Day (Observed) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)</p>	<p>15 6:00pm CSO Board Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Birthdays: Goliad, Devine</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>20 5:00pm District 1A & 16 Mtg 5:00pm District 17 Meeting at Jim's 410 & Bandera 5:30pm COR Meeting 6:30pm Interdistrict Mtg: St Andrew's Episcopal Church Birth & BBQ: Goliad NIGHTCAP DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 (1963) Dr. Jellnick dies at 73</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Birthdays: El Libro Grande, Marymont, Group 12 Colonies North, Schertz-Cibolo Birthday: SW Loop Potluck: Marymont</p>	<p>26 Birthdays: Winners, Frontier, Serendipity, Broadway, SA North, Grupo Unidad, Lambda</p>
<p>27 Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour Birthdays: Goliad</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>28 6:00pm Archives Meeting--Jim's at Blanco & Loop 410 Birthdays: Alamo Heights, Northwest, Freedom</p>	<p>29 Birthdays: Windcrest, Valley-Hi, Santa Fe, New Acceptance</p>	<p>30 Birthdays: Oblate, Northwood, Foxy Ladies, Lytle Potluck: Lytle</p>	<p>31 Halloween Birthdays: Stahl Rd, Ft Sam, N San Pedro, Goliad Goliad Birthdays</p> <p>(1963) Rev. Sam Shoemaker dies at 73.</p>	<p>(1937) It is decided the small society of 40 recovered alcoholics needs a book. (1957) <u>A.A. Comes of Age</u> published</p>	

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	GROUP	AUG	YTD		GROUP	AUG	YTD
	A Monday Affair				Lytle		
	A Solution		90.90	g	Marymont	60.00	292.50
cg	Acceptance	15.10	97.36		Medical Professions		68.30
	Alamo Heights	119.00	119.00		Medina Valley Step Savers		
	Alano Dellview			cg	Men's Big Book		5.00
	Alpha Camden				New Acceptance		
	Alpha House		25.00		New Hope		
	Big Book Study			g	New Life		45.00
g	Blue Door		30.00		Nooners		41.00
	Boerne, Sun Night				North San Pedro	20.00	160.00
	Boy's Night Out				Northeast		100.00
	Broadway		200.00		Northwest		
	Bulverde				Northwood		60.00
	Callaghan Road				Oak Hills	200.00	1480.00
	Charlotte Group			g	Oblate	300.00	300.00
cg	Colonies North	89.77	203.60		Pearsall		
g	Community		13.92		Pleasanton		10.00
	Day Reporting Center				Poteet-Strawberry		
	Devine		79.11		Randolph		
	Doors of Hope			cg	Rush Hour	202.27	910.88
	Downtown Brown Baggers		167.00		SAC		
	Easy Does It				Samaritan		
g	Entire Abstinence			c	San Antonio North		155.12
	Floresville			g	Saturday Night Live	49.50	49.50
	Fort Sam Houston		184.00		Sanity & Serenity		
	Foxy Ladies		60.00	c	Schertz-Cibolo	50.00	385.00
cg	Foxhall	50.00	64.00	cg	Serendipity		418.67
c	Freedom	200.00	300.00		Sobriety		
	Freedom From Bondage			c	Southwest Loop		44.08
	Friends of Dr Bob			g	Spirit Trail	31.86	91.86
	Frontier		18.00	g	Stahl Road		155.00
	Generic Thursday		147.79		Sunrise	60.00	350.00
	Goliad		20.00		Survivors		
	Grupo 3 Legados				TGIF Staying in Solution		
	Grupo El Libro Grande	10.00	40.00		Tolerance		
	Grupo Mensaje				Travis Park	40.00	150.00
g	Grupo Internacional			c	Truth Seekers	50.00	150.00
	Grupo Libertad			c	Twelve	360.00	3240.00
	Grupo Llegamos a Creer				Universal City		240.00
	Grupo Nueva Esperanza				Universal City, Sun		
g	Grupo Nueva Sendero			c	Valley-Hi	20.00	150.00
	Grupo Ocho de Febrero			g	W-Abundance Happy Hr		55.00
	Grupo Santa Fe		70.00		W-Calm Before the Storm		
	Grupo Una Luz en mi Camino				W-First One Today		
g	Grupo Unidad		65.00	c	W-Fresh Start (Newcomers)		
g	Halt on Tezel Road		160.00		W-Hearing Impaired		
g	Highland	75.00	205.00	cg	W-Morning After		60.00
	Hondo	35.00	35.00		W-Night Owls		
	Jews in Recovery				W-Summit Turning Point		35.00
	Keep It Simple		233.00		W-Women of the Spirit		
	Kelly Special		260.00		We Are Not Saints		
	La Vernia		100.00		Wellness		
	Lambda	100.00	100.00		Wesley		
	Last Call			g	Windcrest	87.00	162.00
	Laurel Heights		190.00		Woodlake		
	Legal Professions		50.00	g	Young & Golden Years		
	Lincoln Heights						
	Live Oak		40.00		AREA		
	Longhorn				New Braunfels		33.74
c	Attended Aug '96 COR Meeting				TOTAL	2224.50	12765.33
g	Attended Aug '96 Interdistrict Meeting						

INCOME STATEMENT	
AUGUST 1996	
4005 Sales	5235.93
4006 Cost of Sales	-2599.85
Gross Profit	2636.08
Contributions:	
4010 Nightcap Contributions	266.00
4020 COR Meeting Contributions	16.25
4030 Group Contributions	2224.50
4040 Memorial Contributions	0.00
4050 Individual Contributions	34.00
Total Contributions	2540.75
Other Income:	
4110 Interest Income	0.00
4120 Office Kitty	19.50
4310 AA in SA Net Income	0.00
4320 Sales Tax Discounts	0.00
Total Income	5196.33
Wage Related Expenses:	
5010 Salaries	3575.24
5020 Payroll Tax	273.07
5030 Contract Labor-Clerical	0.00
5035 Contract Labor, Janitorial	50.00
5040 Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
5050 Employee Training	0.00
5060 Miscellaneous	0.00
Total wage related expenses	3948.31
Occupancy Expenses:	
5110 Rent	668.00
5120 Utilities	276.62
5130 Telephone	112.82
5135 Answering Service	149.50
5140 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
5150 Insurance	0.00
Total Occupancy Expense	1206.94
Other expenses:	
5210 Office Supplies	62.00
5215 Postage	9.24
5220 Janitorial Supplies	59.10
5225 Equip Maint & Lease	0.00
5270 Advertising	84.00
5310 Nightcap printing & postage	304.50
5410 Legal & Professional	0.00
5415 Accounting Services	200.00
5420 Bad Debts	0.00
Total expenses	5874.09
Net income (loss)	(\$677.76)

BIRTHDAYS

Howard C.	\$23.00
Madonna M.	7.00
Rheta H.	4.00
Total	\$34.00

Bean Counters Page
Pretty good group beans this month!

