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YOUR CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE IS MOVING

SEP 4-6: Big Country AA Conference, Abilene Civic Center. Write Big Country Conference 2850 Southwest Dr., Abilene, TX 79605 (915) 698-1358.

SEP 4-7: Austin, TX: Austin-San Antonio Roundup (presented by gay men & lesbians in AA); Capitol Marriott Hotel. Write Comm. Ch., Box 49879, Austin, TX 78765.

SEP 10-13: Richardson, TX: 4th Singles in Sobriety Conf.; Lake Murray Resort. Write Sec., 13911 Preston Valley Place, Dallas, TX 75240.

SEP 12-13: El Paso, TX: Founders Day--42nd Anniversary; McKelligan Canyon. Write Sec., Box 1405, El Paso, TX 79948.

SEP 25-27: Kansas State Conference; held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. All out of State Speakers. Write Ch., Box 408, Chapman, KS 67431.

OCT 9-11: Petit Jean, AR: ARKYPAA; Camp Mitchell. Write Ch., Box 7718 "S" St., #1-A., Little Rock, AR 72207.

OCT 16-18: SW Texas Area Conference, Ft. Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas. Write Chairman, P. O. Box 397, Santa Rosa, TX 78593.

NOV 12-15: Mid-America Big Book Seminar, Camelot Inn, Tulsa, OK 74105. Indepth Study of Big Book & 12 Steps. Write BB Seminar, 18102 S. 158th E. Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008.

NOV 26-29: Las Vegas Roundup of AA at Riviera Hotel. Write Round-Up Committee, P. O. Box 43177, Las Vegas, NV 89116. (Hotel Toll-Free Number--1-800-634-6753).

(For more information on the above, please call Central Service Office.)

We will be closed on Friday, August 28, for moving. We will be open on the following Monday, August 31, for "business as usual."

Our new address is: 8804 Tradeway. Tradeway is one block East of Broadway, between Cee Gee and Tesoro. Cee Gee is the second street on the left, North of Loop 410, that crosses Broadway. Turn right on Cee Gee and left on Tradeway and there you are!

An "Open House" will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. and we certainly hope to see you there.

Please continue to use our same telephone numbers until we can publish our new ones. The operator will give you the new one when you dial the old one.

PLEASE TELL YOUR AL-ANON that their office is moving with us and they are having their "Open House" on the same day and same time.

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SPECIAL EVENT

Mark your calendar to attend the Highland Group meeting on Wednesday, September 16th. The Ingram, Texas, AA Group is bringing the meeting to the Highland Group that night and everyone is invited to attend.

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PLEASE NOTE: Just received our new telephone numbers: 512-828-6235 and 821-6325. These will be in effect as of Monday, August 31.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE FT SAM HOUSTON GROUP TO THOSE WHO ANSWERED OUR PLEA FOR HELP!
Mae W.

NEW GROUPS**NEW MEETINGS**CHANGES

LAMBDA WOMEN'S GROUP is a new group and meets on Sunday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is an Open Discussion meeting and is held at 1409 N. Main.

THE SIGNED SPEAKERS GROUP is new and meetings will be held on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in Room 800, James and Mary Kay Ruble Center of Trinity Baptist Church. The Center is located at 419 East Magnolia (near Carleton and St. Mary's Streets). This meeting is OPEN and will be special in that speakers themselves will be fluent in Sign Language, or a trained interpreter will be present. The first meeting will be held on August 26; this is a remarkable opportunity for hearing AA members to carry the message to a very grateful population.

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS that were held at 210 W. Ashby, Horizon Recovery Center, have folded:

- Young Adults & Teens, Mon. 7:15 p.m.
- First Things First, Tues. 8:15 p.m.
- West Ashby, Sat. 8 p.m.

THE MEDINA VALLEY GROUP HAS FOLDED. This meeting was held on Thursdays at 8:15 p.m.

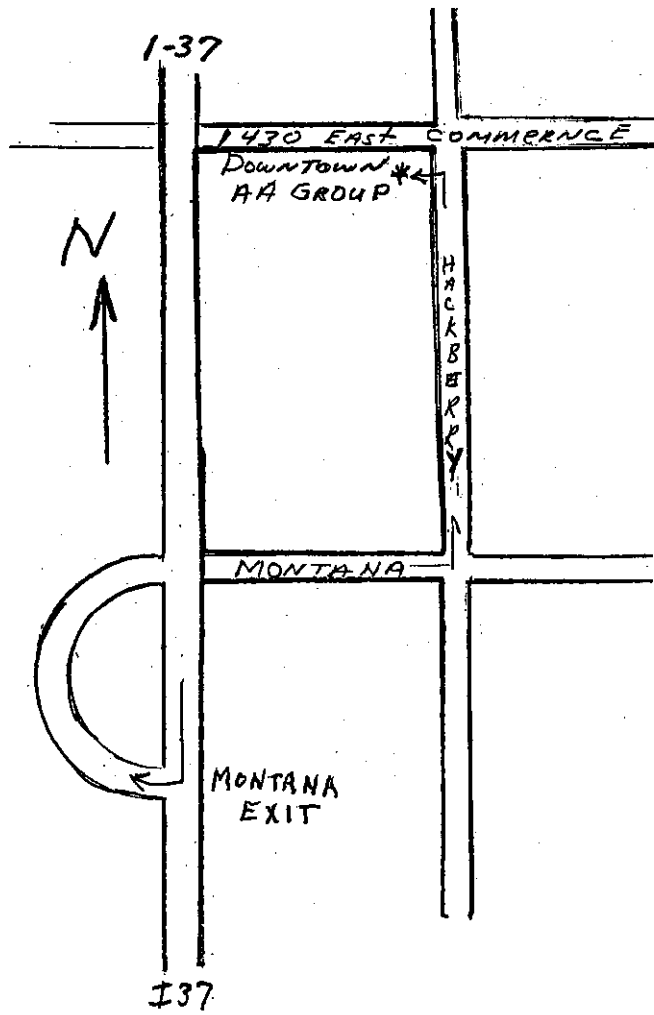
THE MADISON STREET Group that met at 418 Madison Street, King William Health Care Center Non-Smoking, has folded.

DOWNTOWN GROUP has two new meetings--The Beginners Meeting is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. (Beginners Wanted--No experience necessary!)

The other meeting is an Open Discussion and all AA members are welcomed. It is held at the Downtown-Alano Club beginning Sunday, August 30 at 6:15 p.m., and will be held every day of the week. (SEE MAP to 1430 E. Commerce, address of the Downtown-Alano Club in next column.)

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"There is more power in the open hand than in the clenched fist."



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DISTRICT MEETING

JIM D., DCM FOR DISTRICT 1-E, is having a meeting for all GSR's in 1-E on Saturday, September 12, at 7 p.m. at the Goliad Group. This meeting is to elect a new DCM. All GSR's are encouraged to attend.

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JAIL COMMITTEE

Tom B. says male volunteers are still going in to take meetings on Mondays; however, he needs women volunteers to carry the message to the female prisoners.

Qualifications: One year of sobriety and no felonies. For more details, call Tom at 525-1932.

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GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
CLUB 12, AUGUST 16, 1987
MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Gary L., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The CSO Guidelines were read by Jim D., and Fred D. read the Twelve Traditions. Steve S. of the Colonies North Group was recognized as a new Alternate GSR. The minutes from the July 19 meeting were accepted as printed in the August edition of the NIGHTCAP. There were 35 people present. The meeting was turned over to Fred D., Admin. Bd. Chairman, who informed the group that CSO would be moving to 8804 Tradeway on August 28, 1987. Our present location on Renner Avenue is not zoned for CSO to sell literature. The new location is larger, provides unlimited parking, has a handicap ramp, is properly zoned to sell literature, and will save us \$5,112.00 in rent over a 3-year period. Fred D. asked for reports from the various committees.

Wayne B., Finance Chairman, presented a review of the financial report. James H., H&I Chairman, asked for volunteers to carry meetings to multiple locations (see end of minutes for list). Dee S., Editorial Chairman, said that 1070 NIGHTCAPS were mailed out for August. She asked the GSR's to remind members of their groups to send CSO requests changes of address be submitted prior to moving. Dee also reported there were 781 phone calls handled in July. Jerri McC., PI Chairman, absent. John R., Penal Chairman, passed out copies of the magazine printed by Texas inmates called "Wynot." Subscriptions are \$4 per year; CSO can be contacted for more information. He thanked all groups for their contributions to the Penal Committee. Tom B., Jails, was absent but asked Fred D. to inform everyone he still needs females with one year of sobriety and no felony record to help carry the message into the jails. A CPC Chairman is still needed. For more information contact CSO.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary L. stated there has been no response from the SW Texas Area Penal Chairman concerning reimbursing volunteers who carry meetings to the penal institutions. A draft copy of the CSO Admin Bd By-Laws were presented to the Board on August 11, 1987. However, before any actions can be taken the Secretary of State has to be contacted for a copy of the Charter and Articles of Incorporation. CSO is working on this. Jim W. donated the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions window shades to Our Lady of the Spirit.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary L. explained how to perform phone duty and asked for volunteers. The list appears below. He also stated that elections will be held in November 1987 for three new Administrative Board members. Gary read the qualifications needed by nominees. All nominations should be given to CSO by October 30, 1987. Fred D. explained that visitors are welcome to attend the GSR meetings but are not allowed to participate in the meeting in any way. He also provided an explanation of why.

DCM Reports: 1A, Absent; 1B, Absent; 1C, Absent; 1D, Fred D. said the SW Area is having a workshop on 22 & 23 August in Kingsville. It is designed to help GSR's and Alternate GSR's. He also said it is time for the GSR's in District 1D to elect a new DCM. 1E, Jim D. said an election will be held on September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Goliad Group to elect a new DCM. All 1E Group GSR's are expected to come and cast their ballot. 1F, Absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Ft. Sam Group thanks everyone who has attended their meetings. Bill G. of the New Acceptance Group is working hard to carry the message to Black people and hopefully attract those who want help. This group keys on the Black community; if you know a possible prospect, call Bill G. at 650-9642. The following groups have folded: Horizon Recovery Ctr; Madison Street; the non-smokers at Peter Prince of Apostles.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS--SEPTEMBER

Monday Detox.....	Group 12, 11 a.m. N-Smk.	Parkside Lodge	Laurel Heights
Thursday Detox.....	W-Abundance Happy Hr.	Humana Metro.....	New Acceptance
Our Lady of Spirit.....	W-Morning After	Afton Oaks.....	Freedom Group
Salvation Army	Schertz Group	SASH	Goliad Group
RC	Penal Committee	Casa del Sol.....	Reliance Group
Charter Real.....	Brookhollow		

AFTER HOURS TELEPHONE DUTY--SEPTEMBER: 31 Aug-6 Sep: Northeast Group; 7 Sep-13 Sep: Winners Young People; 14 Sep-20 Sep: Marymont Group; 21 Sep-27 Sep: Colonies North Group; 28 Sep-4 Oct: New Acceptance Group.

Respectfully submitted,

3 Dave S., Secretary

In Memoriam

Sonny M., a relatively newcomer to our Fellowship, who attended most meetings at the Downtown Group, died in August. He will be missed by his friends and those who knew him.

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Ken M., passed away on August 9, 1987. He was very active in San Antonio AA and will be missed by his many friends.

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

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FROM OUR GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF AA.

The following is excerpted from a letter dated August 1987, to all Central Offices and Intergroups:

"Dear Friends, Last year an examination of more than 20 local meeting lists selected at random indicated an average of only 80% of groups listed locally are listed at G.S.O.

"Enclosed is a supply of New Group Information Record Forms. We hope you will invite AAs who notify you of a new group in the community to complete a New Group Record Form and send it to us so that we can register the group here.

"We think that many of the 'unlisted' groups are under the misconception that being listed locally means automatic registration at G.S.O."

Please ask us for a New Group Information Record Form if we fail to give you one. This will be quite helpful to all of us.

Thanks.

Dee S.

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"A speaker ought to be the first person to know when he's through."

WHO CARES!!

I don't know about you, but I'm getting awfully tired of hearing someone say, "I'm dually addicted," or, "I'm a drug addict and an alcoholic." SO WHAT! and WHO CARES!

I think I have all the addictions (except work), but I don't announce all of them when I attend AA meetings. For one thing, I don't want to set myself apart from other members, or above them. Somehow I get the feeling that those people who announce themselves as dually addicted want others to think that they are different from the rest of us--not just an alcoholic. Well, too bad for them. They're just making their own recovery a lot more difficult by feeding their own egos and pride.

I smoke, so that makes me addicted to nicotine. I'm 20 lbs overweight, so I guess I'm addicted to overeating. I can't tolerate drugs--I flip out with the smallest dosage of prescribed or over-the-counter varieties. Poker is my passion. But ALCOHOL is what nearly destroyed me, and my disease (alcoholism), is what brought me to AA. My primary concern is staying sober, and I've been in this program for more than a few 24 hours. When I go to meetings I want to hear recovery from alcoholism not kicking dope, or any other addiction for that matter. I discuss those with my sponsor.

So, to those people who insist on declaring they have more than one addiction----Give Us A Break!--we could care less--most of the rest of us do too.

One thing is for sure, you're no better, nor worse than any other recovering alcoholic.

(Taken from "Editor's Corner," Intergroup-Express, Fort Myers, Florida.)

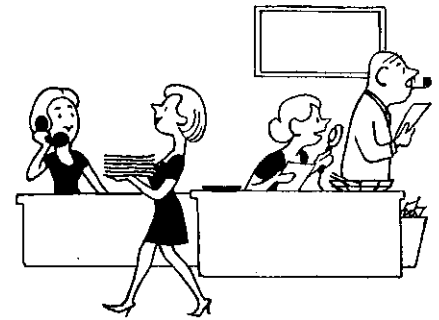
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TO ARMS!

Hugs are not only nice; they're needed. Hugs can relieve pain and depression, make the healthy healthier, the happy happier and the most secure among us even more so. Hugging feels good, overcomes fear, eases tension, provides stretching exercise if you're short and stooping exercise if you're tall. Hugging does not upset the environment, saves heat and requires no special equipment. It makes happy days happier and impossible days possible.

(Taken from Reader's Digest)

The Ninth Tradition

*A.A., as such, ought never be organized;
but we may create service boards or
committees directly responsible to those
they serve.*



The words "Let's keep it simple" were the last Bill W. heard from his fellow founder of A.A., shortly before Dr. Bob's death in 1950. Aware that "it" meant our *recovery* program, Bill later wrote, "We need to distinguish sharply between spiritual simplicity and functional simplicity. . . . When we get into questions of action by groups, by areas, and by A.A. as a whole, we find that we must to some extent *organize* to carry the message—or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity."

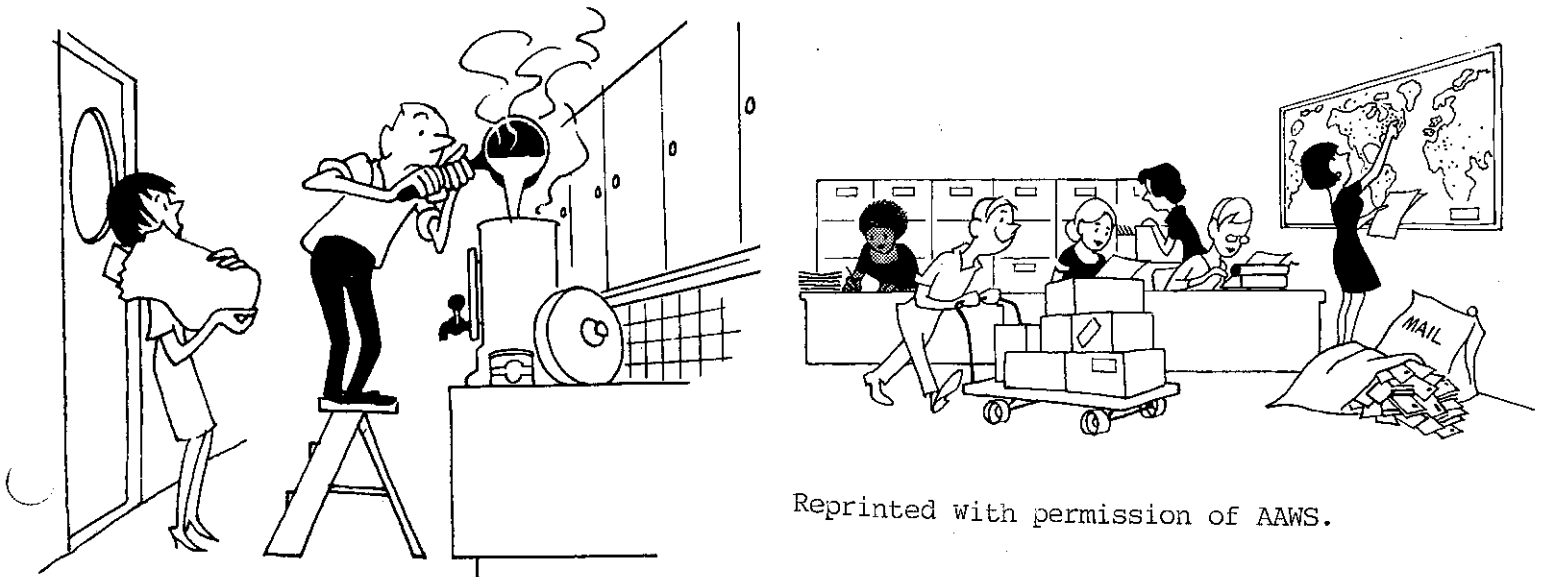
When Tradition Nine speaks of "A.A. as such," it goes to the heart of the A.A. experience, to the "spiritual simplicity" of one alcoholic's saying, silently perhaps, "Help!" and another alcoholic's answering, "I know how you feel. We're here to help you." Such a relationship couldn't be organized. Or could it?

A nonmember familiar with modern business procedures might examine the A.A. practice of sponsorship and see it as a haphazard operation. How about computerizing it? Then an A.A. behind an intergroup desk might say, "So you want help? First, you need the right sponsor. We have personality profiles of all our sponsors fed into our computer. We'll match you up to the best one for you if you'll just fill out this questionnaire. . . . Where are you going? Come back!" *That* would be an attempt to organize "A.A. as such." (Please—nobody get any ideas!)

But in "action by groups," we find that we do need some degree of organization. If everybody thinks somebody else is going to make the coffee, what's the result? No coffee! To avoid such a disaster, one or more members agree to be responsible for preparing meeting refreshments. All the way from coffee-brewers to trustees on the General Service Board, those who take part in A.A. service work are assuming responsibility—not taking on authority. (Here, Traditions Two and Nine interlock.) Group officers are responsible to the members of the group; intergroup committees, to the groups in one locality; institutions committees, to A.A. groups in treatment facilities and correctional facilities; area committees, to all groups in their areas; Conference delegates and committees, to all groups in the U.S. and Canada; the General Service Office and Board and the board's committees, to all groups and members everywhere.

In an average business corporation, the board has final power to determine company plans and policy. Our board of trustees serves in a custodial capacity; trustees vote at the Conference—but as individuals, with one vote apiece. In industry, branch offices jump when the home office speaks. Our G.S.O. is just a clearinghouse of A.A. information, offering *suggestions* based on experiences reported to it by groups.

And yet, with so small a degree of organization, A.A. miraculously does work! One reason may be that Tradition Five applies to each A.A. committee and board as directly as it does to each A.A. group. By cleaving to this "one primary purpose" in all its activities, the Fellowship retains "spiritual simplicity." To diffuse that purpose, to embroil A.A. in issues apart from its true concern, would create dangerous complications. . . .



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September Birthdays

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

1 Year

Kevin T.
Greg M.
Grace McC.
Anna H.
Bill W.
Reg L.
Shari G.
Dick R.
Mike R.

2 Years

Bill W.
Gordon L.
Bob P.
Dennis K.
Patsy W.
Bob H.
Helen H.
Roy T.

3 Years

Jerry W.
Robert S.
Keith M.
Fran F.
Ray V.
Reid L.
Mary McH.
Diane J.
Bob L.

4 Years

J. Pat B.
Kaaren Mc.
Raul
Sonny H.

5 Years

Jim W.
Rudie F.
Marilyn E.
Donna T.
Henry S.

6 Years

Dan B.
Peggy S.
Roy D.

7 Years

Gene B.
Will T.

8 Years

Kris G.
Lloyd B.

9 Years

Mike B.

10 Years

Bill H.
Ann M.

11 Years

Ann M.
Mae W.
Margaret C.

13 Years

Jennie C.
Al C.

14 Years

John H.
Horace A.

15 Years

George M.
Julian F.
Ed H.

17 Years

Jim M.

20 Years

Nick M.

21 Years

Wally G.

22 Years

Margaret

23 Years

Lila S.
Mary A.

24 Years

Vic O.

25 Years

Roger D.

37 Years

Dade R.

41 Years

Harold P.

47 Years

Roy Y.

BELETED BIRTHDAYS

(August)

1 Year

Peggy T.

2 Years

Tim M.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

THANKS FOR LETTING US SHARE YOUR
SPECIAL DAY!

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THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTORS.
NAMES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 9 FOR JULY BIRTHDAY
PLAN CONTRIBUTORS.

The Birthday money you send to your Central Service Office is used to help pay for the cost of printing and mailing the NIGHTCAP. If you wish your contribution to go to the General Service Office in New York, please send it direct to them (we now have pre-addressed envelopes to GSO for your use).

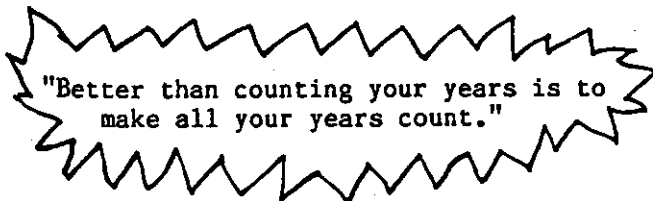
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Just a reminder that your Central Service Office has lots of items for Birthday Gifts and after our move we hope to have more!

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NOTICE! IF YOU WISH TO ADD YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE CSO TWELFTH STEP LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

IF YOU WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SAME LIST LET US KNOW THIS TOO!

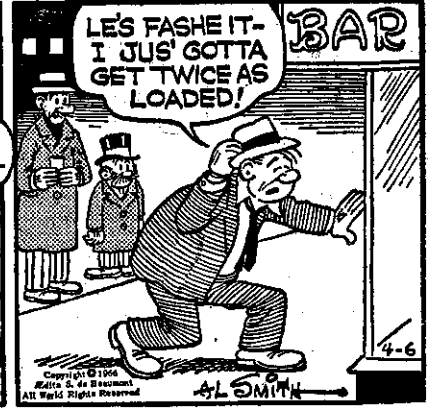
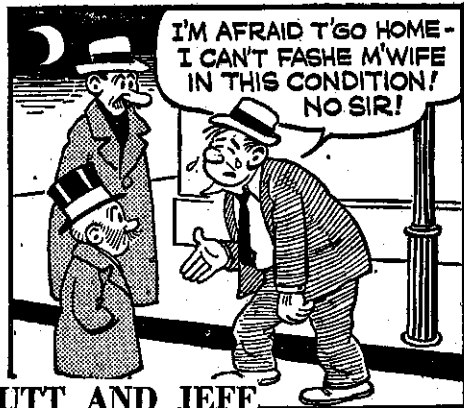
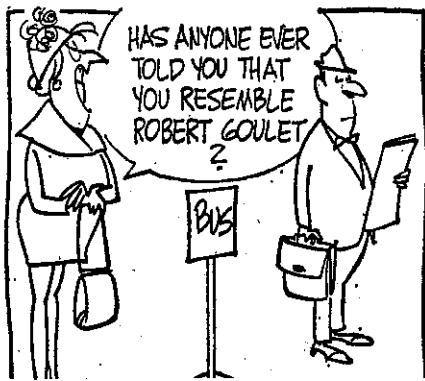


SEPTEMBER 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Starlite Birthdays
6	7 LABOR DAY CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED	8	9	10	11	12 Club 12 Dance; \$3.00 Cherokee Band District 1-E GSR's Meet, Goliad 7 p.m.
13 17	14	15 CSO ADMIN BD MEETING 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Club 12 Games Nite
20 GSR (CSOC) MEETING 7 p.m., Club 12. GOLIAD GROUP BAR-B-Q 6 p.m. DEADLINE DATE FOR OCTOBER NIGHTCAP.	21	22	23	24 North San Pedro Group Birthday Night Southside Group Birth- days.	25 BIRTHDAYS AT: Southwest Loop, Club 12, Winners Club, Lambda El Libro Grande, Schertz, Group, Audubon . Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Brook- holow, Marymont. Pot- luck at Marymont 7 pm.	26 BIRTHDAYS AT: Southwest Loop, Club 12, Winners Club, Lambda El Libro Grande, Schertz, Group, Audubon . Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Brook- holow, Marymont. Pot- luck at Marymont 7 pm.
27	28 Birthdays at Alamo Heights Group.	29 Birthdays at Valley Hi, Windcrest, and Fresh Start Group.	30 Birthdays at Park North Group and Northwood Group.			

JOKES ★ JOKES

THE BORN LOSER

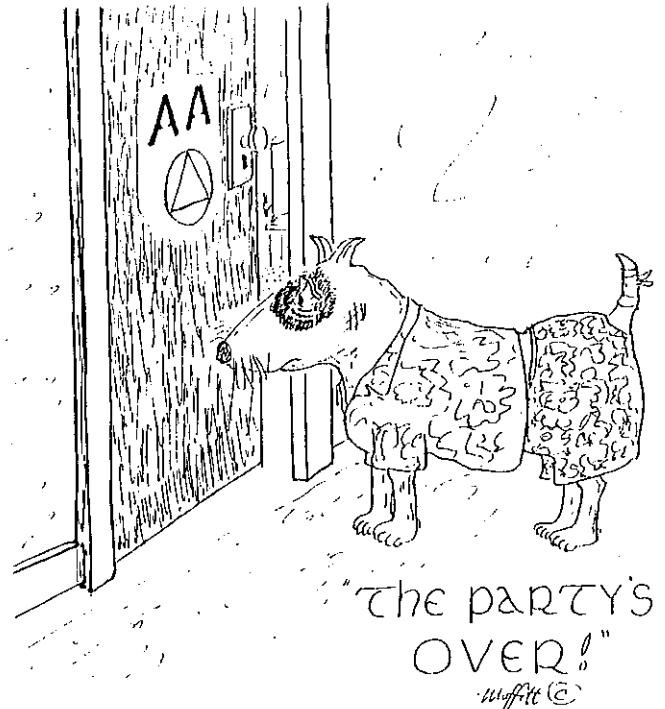


MUTT AND JEFF

COW POKES



"Maw, I want to make a deal with you, I'll stop nippin' if you stop naggin'!"



(Thanx, Hank)

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN JULY 1987

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-A</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISTRICT 1-E</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>
W Abundance		54.00	332.45	Fresh Start		18.00	97.31
Bandera			75.37	Frontier		39.42	145.55
W Mobud Big Book		8.30	23.56	Goliad		60.00	600.00
W Mobud Roundtable		24.74	111.28	Highland		25.00	175.00
W Morning After			105.00	Kelly Special			45.00
W Night Owls		23.39	54.22	Medina Valley		25.00	54.80
Northwest			60.00	New Acceptance		25.00	75.00
Reality			2.00	SASH			150.00
W Sat Night Live		39.80	157.94	Serenity		61.36	121.36
W Siesta Ladies			22.00	Southside		10.00	30.00
W Summit Step Study			24.47	Southwest Loop		54.00	134.00
W Turning Point		36.46	88.42	Valley Hi		60.00	270.00
Villa Rosa			150.00	Wilford Hall			110.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-B</u>				<u>DISTRICT 1-F</u>		
Bluemel Oaks		60.00	129.00	Grupo del Sol			5.00
Boerne			96.99	Grupo Unidad			47.76
Callaghan Road			80.00	Kingsboro		24.00	42.20
Colonial Hills			16.36	Santa Fe			40.00
Colonies North			20.00	Wesley		10.00	10.00
Creekview Young People			2.00				
Dietz-Elkhorn		60.00	120.00	TOTALS		1,409.47	10,116.58
Family Afterwards			60.60				
Lambda		60.00	60.00		<u>AREA</u>		
Laurel Heights		60.00	389.50	Hondo		45.00	125.00
Medical Professional			72.00	Marble Falls			60.00
Oak Hills			804.00	Kingsland			60.00
Oblate			100.00				
Park North			265.00	TOTALS		45.00	245.00
Ranger Creek			30.00				
Twelve		120.00	840.00		<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>		
	<u>DISTRICT 1-C</u>			Sarah W.			
Alamo Heights		72.00	288.00	Jerry B.			
Broadway			100.00	Mike D.			
Brookhollow			163.00	Anonymous		TOTAL	437.65
Brookwood			90.00				
Bulverde			30.00			<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Coker			50.00	John Q. (19 Years)			38.00
Easy Does It			74.50	Etura (1 Year)			3.65
Freedom		100.00	588.94	Frana (4 Years)			10.00
Marymont		60.00	360.00			TOTAL	51.65
North San Pedro			75.00				
Northwood		90.00	210.00			<u>MEMORIALS</u>	
Reliance			125.00	Roger W. for Dennis B.			
Stahl Road			96.00	Roger W. for George S.		TOTAL	20.00
St. Paul's			38.00				
Tejas			25.00			<u>PENAL FUND</u>	
Windcrest			70.00	Valley Hi Group			41.00
	<u>DISTRICT 1-D</u>			Northwood Group			25.00
Downtown			40.00	Coker Wed. Group			25.00
Eisenhauer		30.00	30.00	Nite Owls Winners			42.50
Ft Sam Houston			480.00	Medical Professionals Group			54.00
New Life			25.00	Fresh Start Group			49.70
Northeast		99.00	223.00			TOTAL	237.20
Palisades			10.00				
Schertz			240.00				
Universal City			240.00				

W=Meets at Winners Club

We now have the envelopes pre-addressed to General Service Office in New York. These are for Group and Birthday contributions to that office.

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(Address Correction Requested)

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Let Us Know BEFORE You Move!