



# THE BENDER

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*"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."\**



Grace Presbyterian Church ([3604 N. Ben Jordan](#) in Victoria) is home to

- **Victoria Women's Group** which offers a Women's Closed Discussion Meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays in this room.
- **District 7's UNITY DAY, an annual event** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the first Saturday in November. Unity Day features four special speakers and includes breakfast and lunch.

This is a "party's over" photograph of the room as it was decorated for Unity Day on November 4th, 2017



**The Weber Road Nooners Group** meets at **Travis Baptist Church** (5802 Weber Road at Schanen in Corpus Christi). They offer

- **12:00 Noon meetings every day except Sunday.**
- **5:30 PM meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a**
- **10:00 AM meeting on Saturday.**

## Step 12

### Service & Community

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**STEP 12 IS ABOUT SERVICE AND COMMUNITY.** It brings an end to isolation and gives me a sense of being a contributing member of society. I'm no longer just visiting this planet.

**I NEEDED TO GET RID OF MY OLD IDEAS ABOUT SERVICE.** I used to serve with an agenda -- to make me look good or to create a debt. "You'll owe me big time for this"; "After all I've done for you the least you could do . . ." Early in recovery, I had an evangelical period where I tried to save people. ("Give me a tambourine and a tent.") I drug a few people to meetings and tried to make them see the light. Trying to help people who didn't want to be helped was like trying to teach a pig to sing. I wasted my time and annoyed the pig. Somebody told me about our tradition of attraction rather than promotion and told me that no matter how many people I brought to the program I would not get a free toaster.

**THE SPIRIT OF STEP 12 SERVICE IS "I'M NOT ESSENTIAL AND I MAKE A DIFFERENCE."** I can be replaced (e.g., when my commitment is up) and the world is a little better place because of my contribution. (At least we had coffee on Tuesday nights.) **STEP 12 SERVICE HAS NO HIDDEN AGENDA:** "You don't owe me anything. Someday you will be able to help somebody else." An exercise that helped me get this was to do something nice for somebody every day and not get found out. If I got found out, I had to do something else.

**HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS A RESULT OF THESE STEPS.** You cannot give away something you do not have. Albert Schweitzer once said "When it comes to influencing other people, example is not the main thing. Example is the only thing." Until I had worked ALL the steps with a sponsor, I really did not know what is available out of working the program or even how it works. This greatly impaired my ability to carry the message. All of my spiritual awakenings, started out as rude awakenings. The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off. The steps make it possible to transform my rude awakenings into spiritual awakenings.

**WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO (ALCOHOLICS).** To keep it you have to give it away. Every time I share my recovery I get it again. I remember where I came from. I remember the things that got me sober, which are the same things that will keep me sober, day by day, year after year. I remember the miracles God has performed in my life. Often when I'm speaking about one of the suggestions of the program, I tell myself "Listen up, Robby. You

should be doing that.” Then I scramble to have my actions catch up with my words.

**DIRECT SERVICE** is sharing my experience, strength and hope with another alcoholic: Speaking at a speaker meeting, sharing at a discussion meeting, talking one-on-one with someone I sponsor; talking with a newcomer after a meeting; etc. More than anything (except for my relationship with God), direct service helps me stay sober. Every time I share my recovery I get it again. I remember where I came from and what happened: how God took me to AA and then how AA took me to God; how the 12 Steps of AA continuously make me available to the Grace of God and make my life worth staying sober for.

**BACKROOM SERVICE** is the behind the scenes work that keeps the program functioning: setting up the room, making coffee, cleaning up after the meeting, serving on a committee or being a treasurer, a Group Service Representative (GSR), a District Committee Member (DCM), or a Delegate. This kind of service has made me feel a part of and made me feel like I've made some progress at paying back AA for what it has done for me. However, this is no substitute for DIRECT SERVICE when it comes to keeping me sober.

**WE TRIED TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.** It's not enough for me to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am, the person I aspire to be, the person God created me to be ONLY in the context of the program. I have to be that way when I'm driving on South Padre Island Drive during the evening rush hour and someone cuts in front of me without signaling. I have to be true to my best self when I'm visiting a relative. I even have to be that way in the express check-out at HEB (a grocery store. I seem to be less often upset since I stopped counting the items in the cart in front of me).

I am an integral, functional part of the whole, a contributing member of society. I try to

- do my share of the chores;
- be a team I player;
- clean up after myself;
- honor my commitments and keep my word.

This has made me a worker among workers, a friend among friends. After all, whatever I do in AA, I will always just be another recovering alcoholic and just another member of the group and just another member of the fellowship. The highest you can go in AA is sober.

Nothing gets me out of my head and takes me away from my obsession with my stuff -- my problems, my issues, and my little plans and designs, like doing service work. It gives me a more realistic and grateful perspective on my own life and frees me up to do the next right thing and allow God's plan to unfold before me, as if by magic.

# MINUTES

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

### October 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

#### I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Les** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at
- **Jim** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Jimmy** read the General Warranties
- **Hud** read the 12 Traditions

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Les M.** (*Chair*), **Hud H.** (*Vice Chair*), **Harold B.** (*Financial Trustee*), **Jim W.** (*Trustee*), **Jimmy V.** (*Trustee*), and **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) were present.
- **Franny J.** (*Trustee*), **Laurie H.** (*Trustee*), and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were not present

#### III. MINUTES:

- Review and approve minutes of Board Meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - Hud moved to approve the minutes *as submitted*. Harold seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the **September Financial Report:**
  - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of September 30<sup>th</sup> were \$28,098.66; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$13,044.74 in Checking; \$12,603.41 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,400.51 in the Jamboree Account.
  - **Profit & Loss** for the month of September: Group & Individual Contributions \$500.65; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$741.75 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$508.44*); Gross Gain for the month was \$733.96; Total Expenses were \$2,449.79, for a Net Loss of \$1,715.83 for the month.
- **Hud** moved to approve the September Financial Report. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **Les** said he had nothing to report.
- **Archives:** **Jimmy** said there was nothing new.
- **Bilingual:** **Jimmy** said he had nothing to report.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Hud** said the BENDER went out on time and looked good.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said the new Warden is not yet in place at McConnell in Beeville. Everything else is the same.
- **Jamboree:** **Franny** was not present. **Rob** said planning continues to proceed on schedule.
- **Nominations:** **Franny** was not present. **Rob** said we have about as many candidates as openings for the trustee election on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **PI/CPC:** **Jim** said he had nothing to report.
- **Social:** **Laurie** was not present. **Rob** said we have sold tickets worth \$118 for the Halloween Dance scheduled for Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> at All Saints. This is not considered a fund raiser but our budget calls for ticket revenues to cover the cost of the DJ (\$350). It would be great if it also covered the rent (\$300.).

#### VI. OFFICE REPORT: **Rob** said we had a windfall of \$1,200 because he was not able to Attend the national office manager's conference, as budgeted.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- **None.**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Hurricane Harvey** - What should CBIA do to help groups and individuals affected by the storm? Should we accept books / funds for books?
  - Rob said we were given 20 hardcover big books and 10 hardcover step books but groups upstate.
    - 12 hardcover big books were given to the Jaywalkers Group to replace books lost in the hurricane.
    - 8 hardcover big books and 10 hardcover step books were given to District 15 (*the area with the most hurricane damage*) to be given (not sold) to individuals or groups who lost books in the hurricane and cannot afford to replace them.
  - He said the Port Aransas Group was given cases of big books and step books to replace books destroyed by Harvey - directly from a group upstate (*not through CBIA*).
  - Rob said we received two checks for \$200 each from groups upstate to help groups / individuals affected by the storm. He said he did not know of any additional expenses it would be appropriate for us to incur for this purpose.
    - **Jimmy** moved that **Rob** return the checks with a thank you note. **Hud** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Hud** said an inmate in Beeville was making four hand tooled leather big book covers for the silent auction. He asked if CBIA would donate hardcover big books to go in them.
  - **Jim** moved to authorize CBIA to provide four hard cover big books for this purpose. **Harold** seconded. Motion carried.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:**

- Next **CBIA Board of Trustees meeting** will be on Monday **November 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office.

**X. NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:**

- Next **CBIA Quarterly Association meeting** is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday **October 30<sup>th</sup>** at All Saints Episcopal Church (*3026 S Staples*).

**XI. CLOSING:**

- **Hud** moved to adjourn. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Les** closed the meeting with prayer at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rob M.**

Office Manager

# MINUTES

## CBIA QUARTERLY MEETING

### October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

#### I. OPENING:

- **Les** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:00 PM.
- **Jimmy** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Franny** read the General Warranties
- **Hud** read the 12 Traditions

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Les M.** (*Chair*), **Hud H.** (*Vice Chair*), **Harold B.** (*Financial Trustee*), **Franny J.** (*Trustee*), **Jim W.** (*Trustee*), **Jimmy V.** (*Trustee*), **Laurie H.** (*Trustee*), **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were present.
- **Patty A.** (*New Women's Group*), **Rosario T.** (*New Phoenix Group*), **Terry M.** (*IGR-Portland Jaywalkers*), **Rae T.** (*Bookmarks*), and **Ed B.** (*Goliad Open Arms*) were also present.

#### III. MINUTES:

- Previously-approved **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 31<sup>st</sup>** were reviewed.
  - **Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>** were reviewed. **Hud** moved to approve the minutes as submitted. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the **September Financial Report:**
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#### V. TRUSTEE ELECTION

- **Les followed the Third Legacy Procedure to elect three new trustees** to two year terms starting in January 2018. Candidates present were:
  - **Patty A.** (*New Women's Group*)
  - **Rose T.** (*New Phoenix Group*), and
  - **Terry M.** (*IGR-Portland Jaywalkers*),

- Since there were three qualified candidates for three positions, **Hud** moved to elect the entire slate by acclamation. **Rae** seconded. Motion carried.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **12th Step:** **Les** said he had nothing new to report.
- **Archives:** **Jimmy** said he had nothing to report.
- **Bilingual:** **Jimmy** said there was nothing new. **Rob** said there will be a **Hispanic Assembly** on November 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Marina in Corpus Christi. The event will be in Spanish with English translators available. He said he and **Terry M.** plan to attend.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Hud** said the November Bender is good to go out on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said a new warden is in place at the McConnell Unit. We are still supporting meetings in the same facilities as in the past.
- **Jamboree:** **Franny** said she attended the monthly meeting of the Jamboree Committee. They are finalizing selection of the Voice of the Jamboree and the local speaker.
- **Nominations:** **Franny** said three qualified candidates were elected to the board this evening so her work is done for this year.
- **PI/CPC:** **Jim** said a panel of distinguished speakers from Area 68 will speak at **District 7's Unity Day** next Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Presbyterian Church (3604 N. Ben Jordan in Victoria).
- **Social:** **Laurie** said we made a profit of \$38.80 at **the Halloween Dance:**
  - **Revenues of \$823**
  - **Less Expenses of \$784.20** (primarily for rent (\$300) and D.J. (\$350))**State regulations allow two fund raisers a year** (the Jamboree and Founder's Day). Ticket sales at the Halloween and New Year's Dances are just to cover event expenses.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

## **IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office.

## **X. NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:**

- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

## **XII. CLOSING:**

- **Hud** moved to adjourn. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Les** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Rob M.***

Office Manager





## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **Holiday Happenings**

#### **Cullen Mall Holiday Candlelight Gratitude Meeting** (*Wed., December 13<sup>th</sup> in CC*) \*

The Cullen Mall Group will host its annual Holiday Candlelight Gratitude Meeting at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the scout hut behind Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe at Brawner Parkway in Corpus Christi). Arrive early to get a seat at this popular meeting.

#### **Flour Bluff Unity Group Christmas Day** (*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> in CC*)

The Flour Bluff Unity Group will have a potluck Christmas Dinner at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi) on December 25<sup>th</sup>, after the noon meeting.

#### **Humility Group Christmas Day** (*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> in CC*)

The Humility Group will have a Christmas meal after its noon meeting on December 25<sup>th</sup> at their facility (2777D S. Staples Street at Annapolis in Bel Air Center in Corpus Christi). Bring a side dish or dessert if you wish.

#### **Rockport Fellowship Group Christmas Day** (*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> in Rockport*)

The Rockport Fellowship Group will have its annual Christmas Dinner after the noon meeting on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 814 Wharf Street in Rockport. Bring a side dish or dessert if you wish.

#### **CBIA Office Closed** (*Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in CC*)

The Coastal Bend Intergroup Office will be closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observation of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. The helpline committee will answer the phones while the office is closed. The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for normal business hours.



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### **Holiday Happenings (Continued)**

#### **Weber Nooners Holiday Meetings at 10:00 AM (Mon., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> in CC)**

The Weber Road Nooners Group will have 10:00 AM holiday meetings on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in addition to the regularly scheduled noon meetings on those days.

#### **Hilltoppers No Meetings when Church is Closed (Mon. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> in CC)**

The Hilltoppers Group does not have meetings on days when the church is closed for holidays – Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Hilltoppers meets in First Methodist Church (900 S. Shoreline, Room 244). This includes the noon meetings and the 5:30 PM meeting on these Mondays.

#### **CBIA New Year's Eve Dance (Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \***

The Coastal Bend Intergroup Association presents a New Year's Eve Dance from 8:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight on Monday December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street) in Corpus Christi. Admission is \$7 (*children under 12 are free*). DJ, Hors d'oeuvres, Fun and Fellowship are included.

#### **Have a Sober Holiday - Tips from the AA Grapevine \***

Attached are tips from the AA Grapevine for having a Sober Holiday season.



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## Special Events

### CBIA New Year's Eve Dance (Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \*

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### SWT Area 68 Winter Workshop (January 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> in CC)

The Area 68 Winter Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Marina (707 N. Shoreline Blvd in Corpus Christi) on January 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. Area assemblies are not often held in Corpus Christi. If you are a General Service Representative (GSR) this is an opportunity to represent your group at the area level without traveling out of town. District 8D is hosting the event and has a variety of service opportunities available.

### 2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree (February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

The 2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### HOTEL Reservations

The event will again be held at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. Attached is the registration form. Below is the Omni Hotel information with the code for making phone reservations and the link for making on line reservations. Call the number [1-800-843-6664](tel:1-800-843-6664) (Omni Central Reservation #) and **give group code number** below.

Group Block Name	Group Code	Reservation Dates	Rate/Night	Parking Rate	Deadline for Reservations
2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree	<b>14500813554</b>	Thu., Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun., Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 - 4 Guests in Room @ \$121	Current Self Parking - \$12.00 Guests receive 50% Discount	Wed., January 3, 2018

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/meetings/2018-coastal-bend-jamboree>

Event Registration is now available online at (<http://www.cbjamboree.org/>). The registration form is attached.



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## Service Opportunities

### Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities

Volunteers are needed to carry the message to alcoholics in corrections facilities. You must be at least 18 years old and not been in trouble with the law (*arrested, incarcerated, pending, etc.*) for at least 18 months.

#### SATF – Corpus Christi

- **Attend Meetings** to support separate men's and women's meetings at 8:00 PM on alternate Fridays. (*NA provides meetings every other Friday.*) (*New development: prior clearance is now required to attend meetings at SATF.*)
- **Activity Sponsors** take people to meetings once a week or so. (*Minimum one year sober and prior clearance.*)
- **Step Sponsors** work the steps with people. (*Minimum two years sober and prior clearance.*)

#### Avalon (Formerly Reality Ranch) – Corpus Christi

- **Attend Meetings** to support a men's meeting at 8:00 PM every Sunday. (*Prior clearance is required.*)

#### Live Oak County Jail – George West

- **Attend Meetings** to support a men's meeting at 7:00 PM every Wednesdays. (*Prior clearance is required.*)

If you are interested in any of these service opportunities, call the CBIA Office (361) 992-8911 during business hours (*M-F 7:30 – 11:30 AM and 1:30 – 5:30 PM*)

Where clearance is required, provide us your full name, as it appears on your driver's license, your driver's license number and state and state of issue at least 3 weeks prior to service. You must also indicate which specific meeting(s) you plan to attend.

To volunteer in state prison facilities, you must complete a Department of Criminal Justice training session. This training is very helpful for people who volunteer in any corrections facility, but it is a prerequisite for state jails and prisons. The training is offered in state facilities in Beeville and elsewhere.



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### Service Opportunities (Continued)

#### Helpline / 12 Step List

The Helpline is staffed by volunteers who are making sure that the hand of AA is available 24 hours a day in the Coastal Bend area by answering the phones overnight (5 PM to 8 AM) and on weekends (8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday; or 8 AM Sunday to 8 AM Monday). A minimum of six months sobriety is required to answer the phones. The helpline is pretty well staffed at present.

If someone needs help beyond meeting information, the helpline passes them to someone on the 12-Step List for a longer conversation and maybe a visit to discuss how to get sober and stay sober. A minimum of two years sobriety is required to be on the 12-Step List. We can always use more people on the 12-Step List. We especially need people (*particularly women*) in the surrounding area (*like Beeville and Alice*). If you would like to be on the 12-Step List or on the Helpline, call Rob or Kelly at the CBIA Office (361) 992-8911 or (866) 672-7029.

#### Jamboree Raffle Donations

The Jamboree Committee is looking for donations to be used in making raffle baskets for the Coastal Bend Jamboree (*February 2-4, 2018*). They need new or re-gift items, gift cards or monetary donations. See attached flier for details.<sup>55</sup>



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### **Coastal Bend Area District Meetings**

#### **District 7 (Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> in Victoria)**

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Christ the Victor Lutheran Church (202 Stanly in Victoria). Service Manual study will be at 9:00 AM.

#### **District 8C (Kingsville Area)**

District 8C does not currently have a DCM and no district meetings are scheduled at this time.

#### **District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite H, in Corpus Christi).

#### **District 8E (Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

District 8E will meet at 1:30 PM on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi).

#### **District 15 (Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in Rockport)**

District 15's next meeting will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Peace Lutheran Church (1302 W. Market Street in Rockport).



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## Group / Meeting Changes

### Fellowship Group Resumes 7:00 PM Meetings (*Mon., Wed. & Fri. in Rockport*) (1)

The Rockport Fellowship Group will resume meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Those meetings have been suspended since Hurricane Harvey. They meet at 814 Wharf Street in Rockport at Noon every day, at 8:00 AM Monday thru Saturday, at 7:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 7:30 PM on Tuesday. They have a women's meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays and a men's meeting at 6:00 PM on Sundays.

### Blind Faith Group - New Meeting Thursdays in Corpus Christi (2)

The Blind Faith Group will have an open discussion meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursdays at Our Lady of Pilar Church (1101 Bloomington Street in Corpus Christi) starting on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Happy, Joyous & Free - New Meeting Tuesdays in Corpus Christi (2) \*

Happy, Joyous & Free now offers an Open Big Book / Step Study at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church (900 S. Shoreline Blvd, Suite 216, in Corpus Christi.)

### Nueces Bay Group Changes Start Time for Thursday Meeting to 7:00 PM (2)

The Nueces Bay Group will start its Thursday Meeting at 7:00 PM instead of 8:00 PM. They meet at the Trident Club (822 Denver Street in Portland).

### Free Thinkers Group Adds Monday Meeting & Suspends Tuesday Meeting (2)

The Free Thinkers Group has suspended its 6:00 PM meeting on Tuesdays and added a 7:00 PM meeting on Mondays. They meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi (6901 Holly Road in Corpus Christi). They also meet at 7:00 PM on Thursdays and at 11:00 AM on Saturdays at the same venue.



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## Addresses for Group Contributions for 2016-2018

### Coastal Bend Intergroup (Suggested 50% \*)

#### **CBIA**

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### Districts (Suggested 10% \*)

#### **District 7 Treasurer**

P.O. Box 5324  
Victoria, TX 77903

#### **District 8C Treasurer**

P.O. Box 821  
Kingsville, TX 78364

#### **District 8D Treasurer**

P.O. Box 61135  
Corpus Christi, TX 78466

#### **District 8E Treasurer**

#### **District 15 Treasurer**

2441 Oak Lane  
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

### Area 68 Southwest Texas (Suggested 10% \*)

#### **SWTA 68 Treasurer**

P.O. Box 720651  
McAllen, TX 78504

### General Service Office (Suggested 30% \*)

#### **GSO**

**P.O. Box 459**  
**New York, NY 10163-0459**

‘\* Suggested percentages are from AA Pamphlet F-3, **SELF-SUPPORT: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** (Available on our web site: [cbiaa.org](http://cbiaa.org) under DONATE). Group Contributions are always at the discretion of the group conscience.





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## Save the Dates

*(Future Events - Fliers included for events flagged with an \*.)  
(Fliers are on the area website aa-swta.org if flagged with an @.)  
(Fliers / Registration available on aa.org if flagged with a #.)*

**Cullen Mall Group's Annual Holiday Candlelight Meeting** (Wed Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in CC)  
**CBIA New Year's Eve Dance** (Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in CC)  
**2018 SWTA 68 Winter Workshop** (January 12-14<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*  
**2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree** (February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

## AA Meeting Schedules for Our Area

For current AA meeting schedules for areas serviced by the Coastal Bend Intergroup, visit our website [cbiaa.org](http://cbiaa.org) - printable schedules.

- **AA Meetings in Corpus Christi \***
- **AA Meetings in CC Surrounding Area \***
- **AA Meetings in Victoria & Surrounding Area \***
- **Los Grupos Hispanos \***

**Coastal BENDER Mission Statement**

Our primary purpose is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. A secondary purpose of The Bender is to keep the CBIA Area of South Texas informed as to the events, meeting changes, Board of Trustee actions / decisions, and other news of interest to AA's in the area. Finally, as a newsletter we provide a forum for the broad spectrum of views held by our members. Publication of any article submitted will be at the discretion of the Bender Editor as advised by the CBIA Board. A controversial subject, as long as it does not concern an outside issue and involves principles and not personalities, will be considered for publication. As a general guideline, any letter or article that is of interest to members of AA and in good taste is worthy of publication. However, an article or letter that advocates ignoring or violating the Traditions, Concepts, or General Service Conference actions will not be considered for publication. All decisions will be made under the direction of God as expressed through our group conscience.



Diana M.	Saratoga Group	12/04/1998	19 Years
Jimmy M.	Port Lavaca Group	12/14/1987	30 Years
Bill S.	Corpus Christi	12/15/2005	12 Years
James H.	Bookmarks Group	12/17/1993	24 Years
Barbara J.	New women's Group	12/17/1988	29 Years
Bill J.	Kingsville AL-K Group	12/19/1975	42 Years
Jane D.	New Life Group	12/20/2008	9 Years
Kym J.	Weber Nooners Group	12/21/1998	19 Years
Joe M.	Portland Nueces Bay Group	12/21/1980	37 Years
Tony P.	Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	39 Years
Johnie S.	Port Aransas Group	12/24/2003	14 Years
Russ	Just For Today	12/24/1984	33 Years
Rose R.	Rockport Fellowship	12/26/1984	33 Years
Paul B.	Oso Group	12/27/1989	28 Years
Theresa	Just For Today Group	12/30/2007	10 Years
Tony G.	New Phoenix Group	12/30/1991	26 Years
Dan D.	Weber Nooners	12/31/1972	45 Years

Don't see your group's birthdays? For best results e-mail your birthday to CBIA at [cbia@grandecom.net](mailto:cbia@grandecom.net).

**October 2017**

	<b><u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u></b>		<b><u>AFTER HOURS</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup> STEP CALLS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>53/10</b>
<b>INFORMATIONAL CALLS</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>13</b>	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

### Intergroup Meetings

**CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting** will be held Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

**CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting** will be held Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). Each group gets a vote at this meeting.

### District Meetings

See Bits & Pieces section for information on district meetings in the Coastal Bend area:

- District 7** (Victoria Area)
- District 8C** (Kingsville - Alice Area)
- District 8D** (Corpus Christi Area)
- District 8E** (Corpus Christi Area)
- District 15** (Portland, Port A, AP, Rockport Area)

### Group Announcements

**New Phoenix Group Conscience** is held the last Sunday of the month at 2:00PM. **Birthdays Night** is first Saturday of the month at 8:00PM. **Potluck Supper** is second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. (5433 S. Staples, Suite F in The Boardwalk.)

**Hilltoppers Group Conscience** is the 1st Tuesday of the month following the Noon meeting. (First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline Dr., Room 244)

**Weber Road Nooners Group Conscience** is held the 1st Saturday of each Quarter (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) following the 10:00AM meeting. **Birthdays** are celebrated the first Monday of each month at noon. (Travis Baptist Church, 5802 Weber Road at Schanen, park in rear, meeting upstairs.)

**Calallen Group Conscience** is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month following the 6:30PM meeting. **Birthdays Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month. (Potluck at 6:30PM, Meeting at 8:00PM). (Pass it on Club, 11425 Leopard (Hilltop).

**Flour Bluff Unity Group Conscience** is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon. **Birthdays Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month with **Potluck Supper** at 7:00 PM and **Birthdays Meeting** at 8:00PM at The Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in CC).

**Turning Point Group Conscience** is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Birthdays Meeting** is last Saturday of the month.

Group Contributions		
GROUP NAME	NOV 2017	YTD 2017
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	255.00	322.75
Aransas Pass Group		28.00
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		200.00
CC-Bookmarks Group	20.00	60.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		350.00
CC-Day of AA		100.00
CC-Dorothy's Group		230.00
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		700.00
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		100.00
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		300.00
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		2,310.70
CC-Humility Group		200.00
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		60.00
CC-Mountain Toppers		300.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		32.60
CC-New Phoenix Group	46.50	575.74
CC-New Women's Group	75.48	662.52
CC-Oso Group		274.42
CC-Rodd Field Group		250.00
CC-Saratoga Group		1,300.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		619.40
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		3,976.00
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
District7		487.14
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		75.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		76.48
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		600.00
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		75.00
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group		200.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		30.00
Port Lavaca Group	28.36	192.73
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		223.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Quarterly Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition		40.00
Riviera-SASTO Group		260.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		25.00
Rockport-Happy Hour Group	40.00	160.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		528.38
Sandia Group		37.00
Schulenburg Group		60.00
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		927.53
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		
Victoria-High Nooners Group		100.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group		75.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		103.95
Victoria-Women's Group		50.00
Yorktown Group		27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>465.3416</b>	<b>17355.34</b>

# Los Grupos Hispanos

## HORARIO

### Grupo en Corpus Christi

- **Grupo Nueva Esperanza** (552 Old Robstown Road, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (todo los dias).
- **Grupo Primer Paso** (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles); **Mediodia** (Sabado).
- **Grupo Serenidad** (408 Brownlee, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Domingo);
- **Grupo Tres Legados** (1015 S. Port, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Lunes y Viernes); **6:00 De la Noche** (Sabado y Domingo).

### Grupo en Kingsville

- **Grupo Un Dia a La Vez** (819 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kingsville) **7:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles)

### Grupo en Moulton

- **Grupo Moulton** (301 N. Hackberry, Moulton) **7:00 De la Noche** (Lunes)

### Grupo en Schulenberg

- **Grupo Schulenberg** (901 Kallus, Schulenberg) **7:00 De la Noche** (Domingo)

### Grupo en Sinton

- **Grupo Segunda Chance** (215 Sodville, Sinton) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Viernes)

## Coastal Bend Intergroup Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Coastal Bend Intergroup Association is to provide the vital first contact to the alcoholic seeking help. The CBIA office must be maintained for the benefit of those still suffering. Of primary importance to this goal, the CBIA Office is to

- Establish a 24-hour help-line;
- Print meeting schedules; and
- Maintain a 12-Step list

whereby AA groups and individuals are enabled to conduct 12-Step calls which are essential to the growth of AA in the Coastal Bend area.

## Coastal Bend Intergroup Association Services Provided

1. Maintains an office which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11:30AM and 1:30 to 5:30PM.
2. Provides information and referrals for A.A. inquiries.
3. Maintains a 12 Step listing and calls individuals for 12 Step work.
4. Provides an A.A. listing in the Telephone directory.
5. Provides a 24 hour volunteer phone answering during hours when the office is closed.
6. Publishes meeting schedules of all groups in the Coastal Bend Area at no charge.
7. Publishes a monthly newsletter, the "Coastal Bender", to keep A.A. members informed of local A.A. affairs and special events.
8. Purchases and sales "CONFERENCE APPROVED" literature, and non-conference approved Anniversary Medallions, Sobriety Chips.
9. Conducts monthly Trustee meetings. All members of Alcoholics Anonymous are welcome at these meetings and Group Input is essential.
10. Conducts Quarterly Meetings to keep groups apprised of Intergroup activities, and to seek group participation in CBIA affairs.
11. Maintains service committees for service work in the Coastal Bend Area.