



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.”**

A Drunken Sailor

I had my first drink at age 15, old-old Thunder Chicken (*Thunderbird*). My friends and I barely got the \$1.20 together to get the stuff, half for our bottle and half for whomever we could get to buy us the hooch.

A wino near the liquor store on Greenville and Walnut Hill in Dallas got it for us. We then went to the park on Skillman near where I lived on Palo Pinto Street.

The bottle was passed around with varying reactions, from “Ugh! This tastes like _ _ _ _”, to just contorted faces and to spitting it out. When it got to me, I took a long pull and almost right away felt the warmth and relaxation that comes with the first drink. I had discovered what had been missing in my life.

That was the start of a long and progressively worsening deterioration of my health, life, sanity, and, while I didn’t know it, my spirituality.

I entered the U.S. Navy on 14 December 1957 at age 18. Just prior to shipping out to Boot Camp, I got a young lady in trouble. When I tried to “DO THE RIGHT THING” she said, “I wouldn’t marry you if you were the last man on the face of this Earth.”

Thus began my problem with taking responsibility for any wrong I may or may not have committed.

In December 1959, I received orders to report to Receiving Station USNS Charleston, South Carolina.

We were given assignments to varying tasks until our orders came I and by that time I had advanced in Rate to AG3 (E-4). I was assigned to the Brig as a Brig Chaser and assigned a shotgun and a .45 caliber pistol with 2 spare clips.

The night before my second time taking prisoners out to varying assignments, I went to the Enlisted Men’s Club, got totally trashed and went to sleep. I was awakened by the Fire Watch the next morning at 0530 (5:30 AM to you civilians). I wasn’t exactly at my best, in fact, I believe I was still legally

drunk when I arrived at the Brig to assume my duties. I was assigned 10 prisoners to take out to the Golf Course and paint a fence near the 3rd hole. A thunderstorm came up and the prisoners and I had to take cover in a Quonset hut nearby. I had the prisoners clean off their brushes on the inside of the hut and was off to the side and couldn't see all the men there. One of the prisoners had, in bold letters written _ _ _ _ Captain Winkler. He was the base commanding officer.

I then loaded all the prisoners onto the bus and went back to the Brig, and I went back to my barracks.

My bad luck held as usual. The Captain himself was out on the 2nd hole and was moving to the 3rd hole and he (after my crew left) to cover under the same Quonset hut.

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I was called into the Brig to the Turn Key's Office. He told me what happened, gave me a royal _ _ _ chewing and told me that he was writing me up on USMJ Article 92, Dereliction of Duty.

The next day I went before the same Captain. He gave me an even bigger _ _ _-chewing and said I was to get 10 days restriction, which in those days was somewhat like being in the Brig today. I was also awarded a 6-months Suspension Bust to AGAN (E-3) and had my work orders canceled. Originally, I was going to Rota, Spain. My new orders was to an old converted, flat-bottomed LST. It was converted to what was called an Advanced Base Ship. Quite a drop in status.

My career in the Navy went down-hill from there and by the time I had 15 years in the Service, my drinking had escalated to a point where my tolerance for alcohol had dropped significantly. I was now stationed at NAS Kingsville, Texas as a Weather Forecaster and now an AG1 (E-6). My eyesight had begun to deteriorate to where I was legally blind. I turned myself in for alcoholism and fortunately for me a physician on staff at the Naval Hospital Corpus Christi had dealt with this before and gave me a shot of vitamin B-12, B-1 and B2-2. My eyesight came back to about 80%, and I was told by him I should go to treatment. I refused and said I could do it myself.

I lasted about -6 months before I started drinking an occasional beer. One day my Navy roommate called me up and said to come down to the EM Club, that there was someone who wanted to see me. I went and sure enough there was an old relationship sitting across from my roommate. I slid into the seat next to her and ordered a double-vodka. This started the whole thing over again and very rapidly I went down-hill. My eyesight didn't go completely this time, however, physically I almost died. I was supposed to go on watch that night. I was really sick. I couldn't keep a swallow of cold water down. I didn't know it, but I was bleeding inside and I crawled to the phone with blood coming out my nose, mouth and rectum.

The Corpsmen came and took me to the same hospital. Only this time the doctor I got wasn't the nice guy I had the first time. He told me he was going to get me kicked out of the Navy (I had 15 years at that time – five years to retirement.) I said, "Wait a minute, don't I get a chance at treatment?" He said it would be okay after talking to his boss.

I went to Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois outside of Chicago. I was okay for a time and told them I didn't think I was that bad. About 36 days sober, I started to lose track of reality and had a psychotic break. I did not know who I was or where I was.

I was put into Psychiatric Ward 5 North. The next morning, in the ward I was taken to a small dispensary and a hospital corpsman tried to take blood and I freaked out, slammed him into a bookcase and threw him out of the space. Within a minute, three of the biggest men I could have imagined beat me down, tore my shirt off, and put me into a "Love-Me Jacket" and put me into a padded cell.

This was the best I could do at 37 days sober.

I was supposed to be in alcoholism treatment for six weeks. I ended up in treatment for psychiatric disorders for 30 days plus (not sure how long really), but I was in treatment for four months.

I was still flipping out in and out of reality even after I was discharged from the psych ward and was sent back to rehab. I was in our on-site AA meeting when our guest speaker liked what I had to say and my co-chair said also. We were invited to do a seven-minute talk on New Year's Eve before his main talk. We were given a hotel room, and I was still hallucinating. The TV was calling me nasty names. I came out of this with a bottle of vodka in my hand and the top off. I noticed it looked like nothing had been used. However, I called my counselor and he came up. We poured it out, and I changed my sobriety date to 12/31/1972.

I would like to say that my sobriety took off from there. That was not the case. It took a year and four months and real consideration of suicide for me to see how bad I had it. I went to an AA meeting and my sponsor and his sponsor cornered me and asked me if I was ready to do it their way now. I said, "I think so." My sponsor said, "Think?" I then said, "I'll do anything you say."

From that day forward, I have had a gradual increase in my love of the program. I was given orders to overseas to a Flag Staff in White Beach, Okinawa. I was so afraid that I was never going to see AA and that I was "toast".

I went to San Francisco to catch a flight to Okinawa. I called my sponsor in Kingsville many times on that day. Finally, his sponsor took the phone out of his hands and told me, "He told you everything you need to know, read your Big Book, go to a meeting, pray and try to help someone."

I did that. I caught the flight, put down at Kadina AFB, Okinawa and went into the terminal. Above the check-in desk was an emergency status board with emergency phone numbers and right at the top was Alcoholics Anonymous. I knew that GOD LOVED ME THAT DAY.

I stood there with tears in my eyes. So much for the big, bad tough guy.

My life is now different as I have retired from everything. I am now writing three different novels that may or may not result in publication. However, it's fun and it's sober. I have time for the people I sponsor. They keep me sober.

I love, not *I am in love with AA*. It's the best relationship I have ever had, certainly the longest one. Thanks to God, AA the people in the rooms, my family and my friends for their love and support.

This is the best thing that's ever happened to me.

~ Dan D. (12/31/1972) Weber Road Nooner's Group, Corpus Christi, TX

Step 8 - Brotherly Love

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

In early recovery I made amends in such a way that I had to make amends for the way I had made amends. The problem was that I had a hidden agenda -- I wanted to check them off my list and straighten them out at the same time.

I've learned that I need adult supervision in Step 8 to make sure I do not have a hidden agenda, to make sure my amends are appropriate, and to make sure I do not dig the hole deeper. My sponsors have mostly deleted things best left unsaid and kept me focused on my part in it "I was wrong when I . . . and this is what I propose to make it right." No rationalization or justification and certainly no snide remarks.

The principle behind Step 8 is Brotherly Love. A line in The Desiderata captures the spirit of this: "Wherever possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons." Without surrender means I don't have compromise my integrity to please someone else. I don't owe amends for who I am -- just for my bad behavior. So sponsors have deleted people who did like me for who I am, as long I did not behave badly towards them.

Most of the people on my list came from the resentment inventory I made in Step 4. Other people were added as they occurred to me. I journal about each person on my list:

- Outstanding Resentments. This is the stuff I need to forgive them for. Forgiveness is a decision I make to stop judging them, blaming them, and demonizing them and get on with my life. I may subsequently forget that I made the decision, in which case I just need to remind myself, "Oh. I made a decision to forgive them."
- Outstanding Regrets. This is the stuff I have to make amends for. I need to determine what I need to do in order to forgive myself and allow myself the benefit of God's grace.
- Withheld Appreciation. Often the person involved had made a significant contribution to my life; often we used to have a valued relationship. I need to stop withholding the validation and appreciate them unconditionally.

Finally, I pray for the people on my list. This is related to forgiveness. I don't know that my prayer changes God, but it certainly changes me. I cannot ask God to bless someone every day for very long and still want them to rot in hell.

MINUTES

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

June 8th 2015

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Johnie** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:00 PM.
- **Ginger** read the CBIA Mission Statement.
- **Joe** read The 12 Traditions.

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Johnie S.** (*Chair*), **Joe R.** (*Vice Chair*), **Tom K.** (*Treasurer*), **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **Ginger S.** (*Trustee*), **Ed B.** (*Trustee*) and **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) were present.
- **A.J. A.** (*Trustee*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of Board Meeting of May 11th were reviewed.
 - **Tom** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Ed** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Tom** presented the May Financial Report.
- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of May 31st were \$23,456.24; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$7,874.50 in Checking; \$12,600.56 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,931.18 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month of November: Group & Individual Contributions \$609.52; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$ (less Cost of Goods Sold \$600.48; Gross Gain for the month \$864.54; Total Expenses were \$3,528.66 for a Net Loss of \$2,664.12 for the month.
 - **Ed** moved to approve the report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.J.** was not present. **Rob** said the helpline is running smoothly.
- **Public Information/Cooperate with Professional Community:** **Johnie** said she has invitations for 50 professionals to attend the luncheon at Water Street. The host committee decided to use the Garden Inn Marriott on SPID.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Joe** said a new group for men and women is starting at SATF on Wednesday evenings. Reality Ranch is under new management and is now called Avalon.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said the BENDER went out on time and looks good. He said we need to start promoting the Area Assembly in Victoria in October. **Rob** said we need a flier for that event.
- **Bilingual:** **Joe R.** had nothing to report.

- **Nominations: Jimmy M.** said we will start recruiting Trustee candidates this summer.
- **Social: Ginger S.** said Founder's Day is shaping up nicely. They have collected \$800 in ticket sales and donations. Our **A.J.** will be the Master of Ceremonies; **George F.** will speak at 10:30. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.
- **Jamboree: Jimmy M.** said the committee is in hiatus until July.
- **Archives: Johnie S.** said she will set up an Archives table at Founders' Day with **Dave D.**

VI. OFFICE REPORT:

- **Office Update – Rob** said he has worked with **Phyllis I.** to clean up and upgrade the web site. Everything now works properly. There is a link on the meeting schedules "Click Here to Print" with a link to a PDF that prints like the schedules printed in the office.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Group Outreach: Tom K.** passed out group worksheets. Each Trustee has about 15 groups to contact to start building relationship with them. "This is what we do. How can we better serve you, etc."

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- **None.**

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday July 13th 2015 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 July 27th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XI. CLOSING:

- **Ed** moved to adjourn. **Joe** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Johnie** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek

Office Manager



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CBIA Office Closed for Labor Day (Monday, September 7th)

In celebration on Labor Day, the CBIA Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th. As usual, the helpline staff will answer the phones when the office is closed. The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, September 8th for normal hours.

Meetings

Most meetings happen rain or shine, holiday or not. There are a few exceptions:

Hilltoppers No Meetings on Monday, September 7th in CC

First Methodist Church will be closed on Monday and Hilltoppers will not meet that day. Meetings will resume at noon on Tuesday September 8th.

Weber Nooners Special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Monday, September 7th in CC

The Weber Road Nooners Group will have a special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Monday, September 7th in addition to their regularly scheduled Noon meeting. They meet at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen).



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Special Events

District 8E Literature Workshop (Saturday, August 1st in CC)*

District 8E is hosting a Workshop on AA and Grapevine Literature with Area Literature Chair & Alt. Delegate Denise T. and Area Grapevine Chair Michael P. from 2 to 4:00 PM at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi). (See attached flier for details.)

2015 Texas State Convention (August 14th-16th in Midland) *

The 69th annual Texas State Convention will be held August 14th – 16th at the Midland Center in Midland. (See attached flier for details.)

District 15 Workshop: How to Chair a Meeting (Saturday, August 15th in Portland)

District 15 is hosting a workshop facilitated by Area Treasurer Don S. on How to Chair a Meeting at 2:00 PM at the Trident Club (822 Denver Street in Portland).

District 8E & 8D Delegate's Report (Saturday, August 29th in CC) *

District 8E and District 8D are sponsoring a presentation of Southwest Texas Area 68 Delegate James H.'s report on the 65th General Service Conference in New York in April 2015. The presentation will be held in Room C1 in the Thompson Family Center behind Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 302 Saratoga Blvd in Corpus Christi from 2 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 29th. Light refreshments will be served. (See enclosed flier).

SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Conference (September 25th and 26th 2015 in CC) *

The Area Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference will be held in Corpus Christi on Friday September 25th and Saturday September 26th, hosted by Districts 8C, 8D, 8E and 15. This event will open with a luncheon for the local professional community at 11:30 AM on Saturday at Water Street. The luncheon is free for professionals (\$25 for AA members). There will be workshops Friday evening and Saturday for AA members interested in PI/CPC service. (See attached flier for details.)

SW Tex, Area 68 Fall Conference & Voting Assembly (October 16th - 18th 2015 in Victoria) *

The Fall Conference and Voting Assembly for our area will be held October 16th – 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn (123 Huvar St. in Victoria). Area officers will be elected at this assembly for two year terms starting in January 2016. Registration is \$15. The Hotel Conference Rate is \$109. (See enclosed flier.)



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Special Events (Continued)

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 22nd – 24th 2016 in CC) *

After a year at the Holiday Inn Marina, the 62nd Coastal Bend Jamboree will return to the newly-renovated third floor of the Omni Bayfront Hotel. (*Enclosed is a preliminary "Save the Date Flier."*)



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Service Opportunities

CBIA Trustee Election (Monday, October 26th in CC) *

CBIA is looking for a minimum of six nominees to choose from to replace the three Trustees whose terms are up in January. Voting for the new incoming trustees will take place at the October 26th Quarterly Association Meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples in Corpus Christi). If you are interested or know of someone who is, please fill out the attached nomination form and return it to the CBIA office or you can show up and fill out a form at the Quarterly Association Meeting. For further information on what is required of a Trustee contact the CBIA Office. Each group and each CBIA Trustee get one vote at this meeting.

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree Committee (2nd Saturday of each Month in CC)

The 2016 Jamboree Committee meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd Saturday of each month from now until the Jamboree (January 2nd – 24th, 2016) at the Alanos Cottage 1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi. Some service positions are still available.

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. In these situations, men work with men and women work with women.

SATF – Corpus Christi

1. 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.*)
2. Activity Sponsors take people to meetings once a week or so. (*Minimum one year sober and prior clearance.*)
3. Step Sponsors work the steps with people. (*Minimum two years sober and prior clearance.*)

Avalon (Formerly Reality Ranch) – Corpus Christi

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



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Service Opportunities

Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities (Continued)

Live Oak County Jail – George West

1. 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,

- Women should call District 8D Corrections Chair Joyce T. at (361) 549-9321.
- Men should call CBIA Corrections Trustee Joe R. at (361) 510-9509 for facilities in Corpus Christi.
- Men should call Dist 8E Corrections Chair Jesse T. at (361) 815-3239 for Live Oak County Jail.

Where clearance is required, provide Joyce or Joe or Jesse your full name, as it appears on your driver's license and your driver's license number and state at least a week prior to service.

Local Stories Wanted for the BENDER

Consider writing your recovery story or an article on an AA discussion topic for publication in this newsletter. Submit your article to cbia@grandecom.net in a Word document or similar format.

Volunteers Needed for PI/CPC Conference (September 25th and 26th 2015 in CC) *

There are many diverse service opportunities for AA members (*including newcomers*) for the Area 68 Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference which will be held in Corpus Christi in September. We will need:

- Meeting Chairs
- Hospitality
- Bilingual
- Registration
- Special Needs
- Audio / Visual
- General Volunteers



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

Volunteers Needed for PI/CPC Conference (Continued) *

Enclosed is a volunteer sign-up sheet. GSR's & DCM's gathering names of volunteers for their group or district, should submit the forms for new (*additional*) volunteers at least monthly (*e.g. August 1st; September 1st; and October 1st etc.*) so the volunteers can be contacted. Refer any questions to John W. at (361) 877-1642 or jmwatson52@gmail.com.

All volunteers will be invited to attend the final committee meeting just before the conference to meet with their respective Sub-Committee Chairs.

Helpline / 12 Step List

Attached is the August Helpline Schedule. 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.



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Group / Meeting Changes

Port Aransas Group - Speak & Eat Resumes (Saturday September 19th in Port A) (1)

The popular Port A Speak & Eat (*in hiatus for the Summer Season*) will resume on Saturday September 19th with a potluck supper at 7:00 PM followed by a speaker meeting at 8:00 PM. Bring a covered dish or what have you and hear the message of recovery. They meet at Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church (433 Trojan in Port Aransas.)

Saratoga Group - New Group Meeting Weekdays at Noon in CC (2)

The Saratoga Group is now meeting at 12:00 Noon Monday through Friday at The Community of Faith Church in Room 16 (6606 Weber Road in Corpus Christi, just past Saratoga Blvd. on the left). They will have open discussion meetings at 12:00 Noon Monday through Friday. Use the office entrance and follow signs to the meeting room.



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, August 15th in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, **August 15th** at 9:30 AM. There will be Service Manual Study at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held **803 E. Pine Street in Victoria**. Area Alt. Chair Stephen S. will discuss district inventory.

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, August 15th in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, **August 15th** at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday August 15th in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, **August 15th** at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi).

District 8E Next Meeting (Saturday, August 15th in CC)

District 8E's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, **August 15th** at the 24 Hour Club (302 S. Brownlee at Laredo in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, August 15th in Rockport)

District 15's next meeting will be at **1:00 PM on Saturday August 15th** at the Trident Club (822 Denver Street in Portland). Following the district meeting at 2:00 PM, Area Treasurer Don S. will lead a workshop on How to Chair a Meeting.



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Save the Dates

*(Future Events - Fliers included for events flagged with an *.)*

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District 8E & 8D Delegate's Report *(August 29th in CC) **

2015 Area 68 SW Texas PI/CPC Conference *(September 25th - 26th in CC) **

Area 68 SW Texas Fall Voting Conference *(October 16th - 18th in Victoria) **

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree *(January 22nd - 24th 2016 in CC) **

AA Meeting Schedules for Our Area

Current AA meeting schedules for areas serviced by the Coastal Bend Intergroup are attached:

- **AA Meetings in Corpus Christi ***
- **AA Meetings in CC Surrounding Area ***
- **AA Meetings in Victoria ***
- **AA Meetings in Victoria Surrounding Area ***

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.



Carlene O.	District 15	08/02/2004	11 Years
Ray N.	District 15	08/06/1987	28 Years
Dan W.	District 15	08/08/1994	21 Years
Charlotte D.	Jaywalkers	08/08/2005	10 Years
Steve S.	Nueces Bay Group	08/08/2004	11 Years
Wayne K.	Bookmarks Group	08/11/1981	34 Years
Tammy B.	Weber Nooners Group	08/11/1989	26 Years
James S.	Primary Purpose	08/11/2004	11 Years
Deb H.	Calallen Group	08/16/1999	16 Years
Scott M.	Rockport	08/18/2005	10 Years
Claire L.	Oso Group	08/21/1993	22 Years
Lamar A.	Weber Nooners Group	08/21/1998	17 Years
Scott M.	Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	13 Years
Joe D.	District 15	08/22/1991	24 Years
Pat E.	Port Aransas Group	08/23/1987	28 Years
Traci P.	Rockport Happy Hour	08/25/2011	4 Years
Butch R.	Weber Nooners Group	08/26/2006	9 Years
Mike Q.	Oso Group	08/28/2000	15 Years
Deanna D.	Rockport	08/25/1985	30 Years

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

June 2015

	<u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u>	<u>AFTER HOURS</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
12 TH STEP CALLS	7 1	0/0	30/2
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	175 15	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday August 10th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday October 26th 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. **Birthday 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. **Birthday 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. **Birthday Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month with **Potluck Supper** at 7:00 PM and **Birthday Meeting** at 8:00PM at The Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in CC).

Turning Point Group Conscience is held the 1st Wednesday of each month. **Birthday Meeting** is last Saturday of the month.

Group Contributions		
GROUP NAME	July 2015	YTD 2015
CC-Alanos		
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	250.00	361.58
Aransas Pass Group		76.82
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Bookmarks Group	40.00	43.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		250.00
CC-Daily Reprieve Group		
CC-Day of AA		100.00
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		409.69
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group	969.45	969.45
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Mountain Toppers	100.00	100.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		30.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	48.00	196.00
CC-New Women's Group	73.40	472.19
CC-Oso Group	180.00	540.00
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group		239.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	150.54	473.60
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group	610.43	2462.61
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
District7		487.14
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group	25.00	55.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		90.00
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		108.75
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		60.00
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group		400.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group		74.01
Port O'Connor Group		100.00
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group		18.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group	40.00	120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		
Sandia Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		30.00
Skidmore Group		50.00
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		75.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		178.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group		50.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group	25.00	125.00
Victoria-Men's Group		75.00
Victoria-Women's Group		30.00
Yorktown Group	50.00	73.60
TOTAL	\$2,561.82	\$8,933.44

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.

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Services Provided

1. Maintains an office which is open Monday Through Friday from 07:30AM to 11:30AM & 1:30PM to 05:30PM.
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 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.