



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 Episcopal Church (213 E Austin Street in Port Lavaca) is home of the Port Lavaca Group. They have meetings at 7:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



The Early Morning Fellowship of Men and Women meets at 6:30 AM Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in Corpus Christi).

Step 3 - Faith

Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

I'm a photographer and I think like one. When it comes to running my own life, I have the perspective of someone looking at a photograph taken with a macro close-up lens, focused on a single leaf. Not only can't I see the forest, I can't even see the tree. I'm also limited in time (*the moment the photo was taken*), so I can't see the tree grow and change through the four seasons. I need guidance from someone whose perspective is not limited in time and space, like mine. Hence, my need to rely on God.

Life happens in the present, in what my friend the late Eve Smith called 'this red hot moment'. While life has to be lived moving forward, it can only be understood looking back. God's guidance only comes when I'm moving forward. So I have to row the boat trusting that God will guide me. I've learned that not much happens unless I do some rowing (*God don't row.*)

I've also learned that if I ask, God will steer. God does not help those who help themselves, as I was told as a child. God helps those who ask and then cooperate with him. He may not always take me to the destination I had in mind, but He will always take me where I need to be. When I look back at some of the tricky places we've come through, I can see that God guided me through it all, doing for me what I could not do for myself.

When I'm on the right track, sometimes God's guidance comes with doors opening, as if by magic. I get little signs like a rainbow or a perfect parking space or an amazing coincidence. That tells me to keep going. When I'm off track, nothing I do works, I feel like I'm swimming upstream. Doors close and lock. That tells me I need to stop and ask for directions. Step 3 is about choosing to live my life this way, with God's guidance. A good Step 3 prayer is to ask God to "Bless it or block it."

When my friend in Boston was in a stroke rehab, I sometimes went with him to doctor appointments in a wheelchair van. The drivers, some of whom had very little sense of direction, were directed by a GPS system. They punched in our destination. By satellite, the navigation system knew where we were and would tell the driver the next right thing to do. For example, "Bear right onto Storrow Drive - Inbound." When the driver instead went left onto Storrow Drive - Outbound," my first thought was "You idiot. You can't get downtown on the outbound parkway." By contrast, the GPS said "Re-calculating. Exit Storrow Drive at Kenmore . . ." There was no judgment, no punishment, just the next right thing, given where you are now. My higher power's guidance is like that -- no judgment, no punishment, just the next right thing, given where I am now. It's never too late to get on track.

I had spent most of my life before I got sober trying to manipulate other people into doing my foot work, while I tried to force the result I wanted. In other words, I was turning my job over to other people and trying to do God's job myself. As far as my foot work is concerned, I've learned that if people do it FOR you, they will do it TO you. As far as God's job is concerned, when I get my knickers in a twist, it's usually because I have been entertaining the possibility that this time Rob's will, not God's, will be done. In 28 years, that has not happened yet.

There was a specific moment in my recovery when I made a decision to put my life and will in God's hands. (*It had previously been in the hands of an alcoholic idiot.*) This was a commitment I made to God, to myself and to my sponsor. After that, I am out of integrity any time I take it back. Today when I'm huffing and puffing and struggling to get the result I want, I just need someone to remind me, "I

thought you made a decision." My reply is always, "I forgot." Any time I want to know whether something was my will or God's will, I just need to ask myself, "Did I make it happen or did I let it happen?" If I made it happen, it was my will. If I let it happen, it was God's will.

One way this step has been significant in my recovery is that it represents an implicit commitment to do all of the remaining steps. As a recovering alcoholic, I believe it is God's will for me to work the steps, in order, as prescribed in the Big Book and the 12 & 12, with the guidance of a sponsor. (*This is not a self-help program. I have needed adult supervision all along the way.*) Without doing that work, I would be pretty much useless to myself and to others. Before taking the third step, I resisted the suggestions of the program. I had to be persuaded to go to 90 meetings in 90 days (*I was too busy for that.*), to get a sponsor (*I thought I could figure it out for myself.*). After taking the third step, they just had to say "I thought you made a decision."

Saying the Third Step Prayer every morning is a great way to remind myself of this decision; to recommit on a daily basis:

"God I offer myself to You, to build with me and to do with me as You will. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do your will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Your Power, Your Love and Your Way of Life. May I do your will always."

Sometimes I put this in my own words and say, "Let me know what you want me to do today. Give me the desire and the discipline to do that and only that. Remove any obstacles, including my defects, that get in the way."

One area where I have gone astray with this step involves falling in love. (*Benjamin Franklin once said that "Falling in love is a grave mental illness."*) I would think, "This is the one, the chance of a lifetime, so I'd better make it happen." One of my friends says, "The opportunity of a lifetime comes around about once every six weeks." Several years ago, I began saying this prayer whenever I find myself obsessing about another person:

Take my thoughts and feelings for _____ and use them for your purposes. Allow this to unfold according to your plan.

This has prevented me from obsessing and has made it possible for me to play it out and let it unfold as it was meant to unfold (*or, more often, NOT*).

The principle behind Step 3 is FAITH. It is the faith that God will not give me more than I can handle today, with His help and the help of this program. It is trusting that if I seek His will and do my best to carry it out on a daily basis, the future will work out as it's supposed to. It is the certainty that however things unfold, I will be all right. My job is to tend my garden and let God take care of everything else. My biggest challenge is to let other people be just as they are. When I do these simple things, life unfolds before me as if by magic.

If you do the Third Step properly, your own life is none of your business. That means I can live my life fully and enjoy each moment without worrying about the future.

~ Rob M. (2.24.1985) Weber Road Nooners Group, Corpus Christi, TX

MINUTES

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 14th 2019

I. OPENING:

- **Jimmy** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at PM.
- **Gail** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Ann** read the General Warranties
- **Terry** read the 12 Traditions

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Jimmy V. (Chair), Franny J. (Vice Chair), Harold B. (Financial Trustee), Ann B. (Trustee), Gail B. (Trustee), Linda K. (Trustee), Ron S. (Trustee), Rosa T. (Trustee), Terry M. (Trustee) and Rob M (Office Manager)** were present.
- **Charlie B.** (DCM - District 7) was also present.
- **Kelly J. (Asst Office Manager)** was not present

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 10th were reviewed.
 - **Harold** moved to approve the minutes as revised. **Ron** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- **Harold (Financial Trustee)** presented the **December Financial Report.**
 - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of **December 31st** totaled **\$23,784.71**; **\$50.00** in Petty Cash; **\$5,459.68** in Checking; **\$15,609.16** in Prudent Reserve and **\$2,665.87** in the Jamboree Account.
 - **Profit & Loss** for the month of **December:** Group & Individual Contributions **\$389.91**; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*): **\$1,900.75** (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$1,406.86*); Net Revenue from Social Event was **\$38.00**; Rent for Social Event was **\$300**. Gross Gain for the month was **\$621. 84**; Total Expenses were **\$3,031.37** ; Interest Income was \$1.95 for a Net Loss of **\$2,407.58** for the month.
 - **Profit & Loss** for the year of **2018:** Group & Individual Contributions **\$14,692.85**; Jamboree Contribution: **\$15,549.57** Revenue from Social Events: **\$2,016.00** (*less cost of Social Events: \$1,491.00*) Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*): **\$14,788.00** (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$10,440.39*); Gross Gain for the year was **\$34,901.03** ; Total Expenses were **\$37,889.45**; for a Net Loss of **\$2,983.31** for the year.
- **Linda** moved to approve the Financial Report. **Gail** seconded. Motion carried.

V. ELECTIONS: Jimmy followed the Third Legacy procedure to elect:

- **New Chairperson: Terry M.**
- **New Vice Chairperson: Gail B.**

NOTE: Having fulfilled their service commitments, outgoing Trustees left at this point.

VI. SERVICE AREAS: Assignments for incoming Trustees Terry took over chairing the meeting , starting with service area assignments for 2019:

- **12th Step:**
2018 - **Ron**; 2019 - **Ron**
- **Archive:**
2018 - **Jimmy**; 2019 - **Gail**.
- **Bilingual:**

2018 - Rosa; 2019 - Rosa.

- **Coastal Bender:**
2018 - Terry; 2019 - Terry
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:**
2018 - Linda; 2019 - Linda.
- **Financial**
2018 - Harold; 2019 - Linda.
- **Jamboree:**
2018 - Franny; 2019 - Rosa.
- **Nominations:**
2018 - Franny; 2019 - Ann.
- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community:**
2018 - Terry; 2019 - Terry
- **Social:**
2018 - Rosa; 2018 - Rosa

VII. OFFICE REPORT:

- A. Office Update - **Rob** said he had nothing to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Rosa** - Report on New Year's Eve Dance about 100 people attended the New Year's Dance. The venue was wonderful and everyone had a good time. The budget provided for CBIA covering rent to the church (\$300) and for the event to otherwise break even. Rosa said we had a net profit of \$38.
- **Rob** - Said **Franny** was contacting **Shaunna S.** about making a sheet cake celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Coastal Bend Intergroup Association.
- **Linda** said she was supposed to make a presentation at the Area Corrections Conference in Kileen and needed to contact Terry and Reggie S. in Kileen about it, but needed their contact information. **Rob** said he would try to get contact info for her.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- **None.**

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday **February 11th** 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 28th** at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples). We will elect a trustee to fill the remaining vacancy on the board at that meeting.

XI. CLOSING: Our Father.

- **Linda** moved to adjourn.
- **Ann** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Terry** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager

MINUTES

CBIA QUARTERLY MEETING

January 28th, 2019

I. OPENING:

- **Terry** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6:05 PM.
- **Ann** read the **CBIA Mission Statement**
- **Rae** read the **General Warranties**
- **Rosa** read the **12 Traditions**

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Terry M.** (*Chair*), **Linda K.** (*Financial Trustee*), **Ann B.** (*Trustee*), **Rosario T.** (*Trustee*), **Ron S.** (*Trustee*), **Rob M** (*Office Manager*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were present.
- **Barb C.** (*IGR-New Women's Group*), **Zach C.** (*IGR-Lucky Ones*), **Rae T.** (*IGR-Bookmarks*), **Conrad C.** (*IGR-Dist 8D*) were present
- **Gail B.** (*Vice Chair*) was not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Previously-Approved **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of October 29th** were reviewed.
- **Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 14th** were reviewed.
 - **Ann** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Ron** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Linda** Presented the previously approved **December Financial Report:**
 - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of **December 31st** totaled **\$23,784.71**; **\$50.00** in Petty Cash; **\$5,459.68** in Checking; **\$15,609.16** in Prudent Reserve and **\$2,665.87** in the Jamboree Account.
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V-1. TRANSITIONS:

- Gratitude and thanks to **Jimmy V.** (*outgoing Chairperson and Archives Trustee from the Yorktown Group*), **Franny J.** (*Outgoing Vice Chairperson & Jamboree and Nominations Trustee from the Lucky Ones Group*), **Harold B.** (*Outgoing Financial Trustee from the Weber Road Nooners Group*).
- Introductions of our newly elected CBIA **Chairperson – Terry M.** (*Portland Jaywalkers Group*); **Vice Chairperson – Gail B.** (*Victoria Unity Group*); **Financial Trustee - Linda K.** (*Kingsville Al-K Group*) and newly elected **trustee: Ann B.** (*Aransas Pass Group*).

V-2. ELECTION:

- **Terry** followed the Third Legacy Procedure to elect a trustee for a term from February 2019 to February 2021.

- **Enrique M.** (*Weber Nooners Group*)
- In the absence of any other nominees, **Terry** invited a motion to elect **Enrique** by acclamation.
- **Rae** moved to elect **Enrique** by acclamation. **Rosa** seconded. Motion carried.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (*If time permits. If not, at least Social.*)

- **12th Step:** **Ron** said the helpline is running smoothly.
- **Archives:** **Gail** was not present. **Rob** said **Gail** was in Victoria with her husband who is hospitalized after surgery. **Rob** said he set up the CBIA archives display at the Jamboree and **Audrey H.** (*Dist 15 Archives Chair*) staffed the archives room.
- **Bilingual:** **Rosa** said she had nothing to report.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Terry** said she reviewed the **Bender** before it went out on time. **She** said **Rob** is doing a very good job on the newsletter.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Linda** said there is a new chaplain at the Glossbrenner Unit so she will be able to bring in books again and get volunteers approved. She said the Bookmarks Group asked her to speak to their group.
- **Jamboree:** **Rosa** (*new*). **Rob** said he will attend the Jamboree Committee Wrap up Meeting which will probably be held on February 9th or February 16th. 791 people attended the jamboree and we rented the contracted number of hotel rooms so by all accounts, the Jamboree appears to have been a great success.
- **Nominations:** **Ann** said **Enrique** was elected tonight and we will elect new trustees at the October Quarterly meeting and begin recruiting candidates this summer.
- **PI/CPC:** **Terry** said she is making a list of places where we have placed pamphlet racks and replace pamphlets as needed. **Barb** suggested placing Meeting Schedules at the CC Visitors Center.
- **Social:** **Rosa** said the **New Year's Eve Dance** was a big success. Fun was had by all (*especially the Pastor of the church*). Our goal was to break even and we made a profit of \$38. Our next social event will be **Founders' Day** in June.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- None. **Zach** said that **District 8D** will host a **7th Tradition Workshop** at **3:15 PM** on **February 16th**. The **Area Treasurer** will speak.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday **February 11th** 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 **April 29th** at All Saints Episcopal Church (*3026 S Staples*).

XII. CLOSING:

- **Rae** moved to adjourn. **Zach** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Terry** closed the meeting with prayer at **7:00 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager



Bender Bits & Pieces



Special Events

Flour Bluff Unity Group Chili Cook-Off (March 16th in CC) *

The **Flour Bluff Unity Group** will host its annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 16th at the **Anchor Club** (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi). (See flier for details..)

District 8E Service Workshop (March 23rd)

District 8E is hosting a **Service Workshop** on Saturday **March 23rd**.

SWTA 68 Pre-General Service Conference (April 5th - 7th in Seguin) *

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its annual Pre-General Service Conference in Seguin on April 5th - 7th. If you are a GSR, this is your opportunity to participate in the business of AA at the national level. Our Delegate's votes at the General Service Conference in New York will be informed by votes in Seguin. (See Flier for details including hotel arrangements.)

Day of AA in CC (April 13th 9am-10pm in CC)

The annual **Day of AA in Corpus Christi** will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Saturday **April 13th** at **St. John's United Methodist Church** (5300 S Alameda in Corpus Christi - where it was held last year.)

2020 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 23rd - 25th in CC)

Save the date. The 2020 Coastal Bend Jamboree will be January 23rd - 25th in Corpus Christi.



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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 (*See attached application to sponsor at SATF*) *

- **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 Wednesday. (*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.

Local Stories Wanted for the BENDER

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



Bender Bits & Pieces



Coastal Bend Area District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday March 16th in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, **March 16th** at 9:00 AM at **Christ the Victor Lutheran Church** (202 Stanly in Victoria)

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, March 16th in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at **2:00 PM** on Saturday, **February 16th** at **Alanos Cottage** (1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi).

District 8E (Saturday, March 2nd in CC)

District 8E will meet at **1:30 PM** on Saturday, **March 2nd** at **Most Precious Blood Church** (3502 Saratoga Blvd, Family Center Room C-2, in Corpus Christi).

District 15 (Saturday, March 16th in Aransas Pass)

District 15's next district meeting will be at **2:00 PM** on Saturday, **March 16th** at **202 S. 10th Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass.**



Bender Bits & Pieces



Group / Meeting Changes

Groups That Have Discontinued Meetings

Just for Today Cancels 5:30 Meetings & 8:00 PM Meetings on Tues & Sat (1)

The **Just for Today Group** will now meet only at the following times: **8:00 PM** on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays** and a 10:00 PM Candlelight Meeting on **Saturdays**. All meetings are held at **3309A Ayers** in Corpus Christi (*next to Tim's Market*).

Groups That Have Resumed Meeting

Refugio Group Resumes Meeting (at 7:00 PM on Thursdays) (2)

The **Refugio Group** was displaced from its meeting place by Hurricane Harvey. Members have been carpooling to Goliad for meetings. **The Refugio Group** will resume meeting with a **7:00 PM** on **Thursdays** at the **Presbyterian Church (305 W. Fannin in Refugio)**.



Bender Bits & Pieces



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 #.)

(Fliers / Registration available at <https://60th.icypaa.org> if flagged with an &)

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District 8E Service Workshop (March 23rd)

SWTA 68 Pre-General Service Conference (April 5th - 7th in Seguin) *

Day of AA in CC (April 13th 9am-10pm in CC)

2019 General Service Conference (May 19th -25th in NYC, NY)

Texas State AA Convention (June 7th-9th in Houston)

SWTA 68 Summer Workshop (July 26th-28th in Bastrop)

2019 SWRAASA (Regional Service Assembly) (October 11th-13th in Houston)

SWTA 68 Fall Conference and Voting Assembly (October 18th-20th in San Antonio)

2020 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 23rd - 25th in CC)

2020 AA International Convention (July 2nd - 5th, 2020 in Detroit, MI) #

AA Meeting Schedules for Our Area

For current AA meeting schedules for areas serviced by the Coastal Bend Intergroup, visit our website cbiaa.org - printable schedules.

AA Meetings in Corpus Christi *

AA Meetings in CC Surrounding Area *

AA Meetings in Victoria & Surrounding Area *

Los Grupos Hispánicos *

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.



Michael S.	Hilltoppers	03/01/1989	30 Years
Ramon M.	New Life Group	03/03/1981	38 Years
Walter B.	Just for Today	03/03/1983	36 Years
John W.	Weber Nooners Group	03/04/2000	19 Years
Kelly J.	New Phoenix Group	03/04/2006	13 Years
Connie C.	Weber Nooners Group	03/06/1985	34 Years
Milt Y.	Hilltoppers	03/09/1989	30 Years
Rogers B.	Turning Point	03/09/1998	21 Years
Rita S.	Oso Group	03/13/1977	42 Years
Lenny G.	Rockport Fellowship	03/17/1982	37 Years
Joe C.	Hilltoppers	03/18/1981	38 Years
Mary C.	Turning Group	03/22/1992	27 Years
Ann F.	Fifth Tradition Group	03/26/1976	43 Years
Steve S.	Rockport	03/27/2008	11 Years
Leah S.B.	Sunset 7	03/30/2006	13 Years

Intergroup Meetings

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

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday April 29th at 6:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). Each group gets a vote at this meeting. We will elect four Trustees for two year terms at this meeting.

District Meetings

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

- District 7** (Victoria 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 1:15 PM. **Birthday Night** is first Saturday of the month at 8:00PM. (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	Feb 2019	YTD 2019
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution		
Aransas Pass Group		
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		100.00
CC-Bookmarks Group		150.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		
CC-Day of AA		
CC-Dorothy's Group		
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		
CC-Grace at 7		50.00
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		467.37
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		17.69
CC-Mountain Toppers		
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		
CC-New Phoenix Group		10.50
CC-New Women's Group		40.19
CC-Oso Group		41.96
CC-Rodd Field Group		
CC-Saratoga Group		
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		200.00
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		1,967.40
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
District7		240.00
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		
Goliad-Open Arms Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Moulton Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		
Port Aransas Group		400.00
Port Lavaca Group		
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Quarterly Meeting 7 th Tradition		
Riviera-SASTO Group		
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		
Sandia Group		
Schulenburg Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		
Victoria-Airport Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		47.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group		
Victoria-Main Stream Group		25.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		83.32
Victoria-Women's Group		
Yorktown Group		173.50
TOTAL	\$	\$4,133.93

Addresses for Group Contributions for 2019-2020

Coastal Bend Intergroup (Suggested 50% *)

CBIA

3833 S. Staples Suite S-212
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Districts (Suggested 10% *)

District 7 Treasurer

P.O. Box 5324
Victoria, TX 77903

District 8D Treasurer

P.O. Box 61135
Corpus Christi, TX 78466

District 8E Treasurer

% Daniel B.
4025 Sweet Bay Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

District 15 Treasurer

2402 Twin Oaks Dr.
Portland, TX 78374

Area 68 Southwest Texas (Suggested 10% *)

SWTA 68 Treasurer

P.O. Box 3136
Early, TX 76803

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 under DONATE). Group Contributions are always at the discretion of the group conscience.

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.

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 sells "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.

Asociación Inter-grupo de la Zona Costera

Declaración de Principios

La misión de la asociación inter-grupo de la zona costera es proveer el primer contacto vital al alcohólico en busca de ayuda. La oficina de AIZC [siglas en español, en inglés CBIA], se mantiene para el beneficio de aquellos que siguen sufriendo. Para cumplir con esta tarea tan importante la oficina de CBIA debe:

- Establecer una línea de ayuda las 24 horas
- Imprimir los horarios de las reuniones de AA
- Mantener una lista con los 12 Pasos

Con lo cual Grupos de AA e individuos puedan conducir llamados de los 12 Pasos, esenciales en el crecimiento de AA en la Zona Costera.

Servicios Prestados

1. Horario de oficina, lunes a viernes de 7:30 a 11:30AM y de 1:30 a 5:30PM.
2. Provee información y referencias sobre A.A. .
3. Mantiene una lista de los 12 Pasos y listado de personas para trabajar los 12 pasos.
4. Provee un listado de A.A. en el directorio telefónico.
5. Provee servicio de voluntarios contestando llamadas las 24 horas mientras la oficina esta cerrada.
6. Publica los horarios de todos los grupos en el área costera sin costo.
7. Publica una hoja informativa, la "Coastal Bender", para mantener a los miembros de A.A. informados de los acontecimientos locales y de los eventos especiales A.A..
8. Compra y venta de literatura "Aprobada en Conferencia" ('CONFERENCE APPROVED'), y mercancía no aprobada como Medallones de Aniversario y Monedas de Sobriedad.
9. Conduce reuniones mensuales de fideicomisarios. Todos los miembros de Alcohólicos Anónimos son bienvenidos a estas reuniones asimismo es importante contar con su opinión.
10. Conduce Reuniones cada cuatro meses para evaluar a los grupos en actividades Inter-grupo y para buscar que participen en cuestiones de la CBIA.
11. Mantiene comités de trabajo para servicio en el área de la zona Costera.

Los Grupos Hispánicos

HORARIO

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Grupos en Corpus Christi

- **Grupo Nueva Esperanza** (552 Old Robstown Road, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (todos los días).
- **Grupo Primer Paso** (1635 18th Street, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles); **Mediodía** (Sabado).
- **Grupo Serenidad** (408 Brownlee, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Domingo);
- **Grupo Tres Legados** (1019 S. Port, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Lunes, Martes, Miercoles y Jueves);

Grupo en Flatonia

Grupo Flatonia (208 E. North Main Street, Flatonia) **7:00 De la Noche** (Jueves)

Grupo en Kingsville

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

Grupo en Moulton

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

Grupo en Port Lavaca

Grupo Nuevo Amanecer (213 E. Austin, Port Lavaca) **7:00 De la Noche** (Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes)

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)