

CBIA, 3833 S. Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411 (361) 992-8911 or Toll Free 1 (866) 672-7029 www.cbiaa.org "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."\*



**The Young People Group** held its first meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. They meet at 10:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 4 at South Shore Christian Church (4710 S. Alameda near Airline in Corpus Christi).



**The Just for Today Group** has moved from 4610 Kostoryz to 3309A Ayers Street (*next to Tim's Market*) in Corpus Christi. They meet at 5:30 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:00 PM Monday thru Friday. On Saturdays, they have a meeting at 2:00 PM, 8:00 PM and a popular 10:00 PM candlelight meeting. On Sundays they have a meeting at 1:00 PM. Birthdays are celebrated the third Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Step Promises

To me, the 9th Step Promises (on Page 83-84 of the Big Book) describe the grace of God -- the insights, attitudes, and perspectives I need to lead a charmed life with God's grace.

- If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through.
- We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.
- We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.
- We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.
- No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.
- That feeling of useless and self-pity will disappear.
- We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.
- Self-seeking will slip away.
- Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.
- Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.
- We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.
- We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Because I am an alcoholic, alcohol had a magical effect on me in the beginning. It gave me the illusion that it was giving me many of these very things whenever I drank it. I once heard a circuit speaker read the promises in an interesting way -- preceding each promise with the phrase "Whenever I drank alcohol ... " For example, "Whenever I drank alcohol, I would experience a new freedom and a new happiness; Whenever I drank alcohol, I would comprehend the word 'Serenity' and I would know peace." Read me the promises that way with a light, flip attitude and I am in stitches, laughing at the absurdity of it. Read them seriously and I am in tears at the way I was deceived.

The objective of the program, particularly the steps, is to make me available to the grace of God. (Clearly it was by the grace of God that my obsession to drink was removed.) Before I was halfway through cleaning up the wreckage of my past by making amends to the people I had harmed, I was able to forgive myself enough to allow myself the benefit of God's grace and the promises began showing up in my life -- sometimes slowly, sometimes even more slowly.

As long as I continue to work the steps and seek God's will (very imperfectly in my case), the promises continue to be fulfilled. Because I'm human, I'm not always willing: at 10 years sober, I decided to rest on my laurels. I stopped working the steps and seeking God's will. The promises started to evaporate. The magic went out of my life. My sponsor told me that AA doesn't give laurels, so I don't have any. When I went back to working the steps and seeking God as best I can, the promises have returned.

## Acceptance

One of the reasons I drank is that reality was entirely too much for me. Alcohol took the sharp, painful edge off reality and allowed me to ignore facts that contradicted my fantasies. Alcohol allowed me to believe my own spin. I actually believed that if I was not on time, but I had a good excuse, then I was not really late. My idea was to "exclude" from my mind anything I judged unacceptable. I thought my drinking was acceptable as long as I didn't become an alcoholic. The British poet, Dylan Thomas once said "An alcoholic is someone I don't like who drinks like I do." (Did I mention that he died of alcoholism in 1950?)

In the end, pretending I was not an alcoholic had become a full time job. By that time alcoholism had taken over my life. I wrapped my bottles in newspaper so they wouldn't clink in the trash. I went to three or four liquor stores so the sales clerks wouldn't think I was an alcoholic. I worked hard at coming up with what I thought was a credible spin on my drinking. I claimed I never drank in the morning. If I was still drinking when the sun came up, that was really the tail end of yesterday. If I went to brunch before noon, that was brunch, not morning, and besides a Bloody Mary, a Screwdriver, or a Mimosa is a breakfast beverage. I limited myself to two drinks. In the end that meant two tumblers of chilled vodka without ice. I have learned that what you resist persists.

When I heard people at my first meeting introduce themselves as "grateful recovering alcoholics," I thought, "Give me a freaking break." Ending up an alcoholic in AA seemed like the most horrible thing that had ever happened to me. The first step only required me to admit (or concede) that there was no hope of me controlling my drinking or successfully managing my own life. I didn't have to like it and I didn't. I didn't have to be at peace with it and I wasn't. I just had to admit it.

One of the "deacons" in my original home group in Connecticut was fond of saying that the short form of the Serenity Prayer is "It is what it is." When I began to embrace being an alcoholic and take on doing what one needs to do to be responsible for the disease ("Don't drink and go to meetings" comes to mind, along with getting a sponsor and working the steps). I began to have freedom from the bondage of alcohol. What I thought was the horrible end of my drinking career was really the beautiful beginning of a new life in sobriety. I could accept that. I could be at peace with that. I have come to realize there is no shame in being an alcoholic. The shame is in not accepting it and taking responsibility for it.

With any problem, I am spinning my wheels in the sand until I accept the way things are. Moreover, all of my emotional upsets are caused by my assessment that things shouldn't be they way they are. It's more useful to forgo the assessment and the upset and accept that it is what it is. Then, with the help of God and the program, I can do something constructive about it. One of the best ways to prevent relapse is to be a happy alcoholic (a grateful heart doesn't drink). I always thought I would be happy when I had the right relationship, the right job, the right house, the right car, etc. AA has taught me that happiness doesn't come from getting what I want; it comes from accepting and appreciating what I already have.

## **MINUTES**

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### I. <u>OPENING:</u> (6:00PM)

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

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- Ed B. (Chair), Ginger S. (Vice-Chair), Tom K. (Treasurer), Hud H. (Trustee), Jimmy M. (Trustee), Laurie H. (Trustee) and Rob M. (Office Manager) were present.
- Kelly J. (Asst Office Manager) and L.J. D. (Trustee) were not present.
- III. MINUTES: Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
  - o **Tom** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Ginger** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Tom presented the January Financial Report.

- O Balance Sheet: Total CBIA funds as of 1.31.2016 were \$38,162.75: \$50 in Petty Cash; \$2,145.57 in Checking; \$12,601.51 in Prudent Reserve and \$23,365.67 in the Jamboree Account.
- o Profit & Loss:
  - Group & Individual Contributions \$1,326.66.

**Note:** 5 of 38 local (Corpus Christi) groups contributed to CBIA. YTD: 10 of 110 groups contributed to CBIA.

- Sales: (Books, Chips & Medallions) \$932.25 (less cost of Goods Sold \$642.48) Gain for books etc. for the month \$289.77.
- Social Events: Total Income \$1,386.75. Expenses were \$40.00 for a Net Gain of \$1,346.75
- Gross Gain: Sales & Social Events & Contributions: \$2,963.18.
- **Total Expenses:** \$2,471.19.
- Net Profit for the month: \$491.99
- o **Hud** moved to approve the financial report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. <u>COMMITTEES REPORTS:</u>

- <u>12th Step</u>: L.J. was not present.
- Archives: Ginger said she will come to the office to review the archives material we have.
- Bilingual: Hud had nothing to report.
- <u>Coastal Bender</u>: Ed said he reviewed the February BENDER and it looked good and went out on time.
- <u>Corrections</u>: **Hud** said he attended the CFC meeting at the Area 68 Winter Workshop. He said AA is supporting four meetings at the state prison in Beeville, meetings at SATF in Corpus Christi and a meeting at Avalon (*Reality Ranch*) in CC and meetings at the Live Oak County Jail in George West and the Calhoun County Jail (*Port Lavaca*).
- <u>Jamboree</u>: Jimmy said the 2016 Jamboree was a great success. They contributed \$15,231 to CBIA. The final wrap up meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- <u>Nominations</u>: **Rob** said he has talked to **L.J.** who said he would not be able to attend board meetings or quarterly meetings for four consecutive months each year and we should find a replacement for him on the board.

- **Jimmy** moved to replace **L.J.** at the April Quarterly Meeting. Tom seconded. Motion carried. **Jimmy** said he would look for candidates to stand for Trustee in April.
- <u>Outreach:</u> Tom said he has held two Outreach Committee Meetings. He has assigned coordinators for each of six districts. He has distributed Group Information sheets. His goal is to get a lot of helpers to contact the groups.
- <u>Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community</u>: Ginger said she had nothing to report.
- <u>Social</u>: Laurie said Founder's Day will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in June. She plans to have the first meeting for the Founder's Day Planning Team in March. She will need a contact list for people who worked on the event last year.
- <u>Web Site</u>: Tom said we have received a lot of positive feedback on the new web site. The meeting locator is more effective if people download Meeting Finder a free application for iPhones or Androids.

#### VI. OFFICE REPORT:

• Office Update – Rob said he and Kelly sold \$275.00 worth of AA and AA Grapevine books at the Jamboree. \$189.00 in Cash Sales (booked in January) and \$86.00 in Credit Card Sales (booked in February).

#### VII. <u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

NONE

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

• Tom passed out proposed Standing Rules for the Outreach Committee. He will not be at the March meeting, so voting on the Outreach Standing Rules was tabled until the April meeting.

#### IX. NEXT MEETING:

• Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday March 14<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 April 25th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

#### XI. CLOSING: Our Father.

- **Hud** moved to adjourn. **Tom** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ed** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager









## **Special Events**

#### SW Texas Area 68 Pre-General Serv. Conf. Voting Assembly (Apr 8-10 in Kerrville)\*

If you are a General Service Representative (GSR) you should consider attending this voting assembly in Kerrville. Each group gets a vote in the business of AA. (See attached flier for details.)

## District 15 Sponsorship Workshop (April 16<sup>th</sup> in AP)

District 15's is hosting a Sponsorship Workshop facilitated by Area 68 Secretary Rae T. at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 202 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass.

#### Founders Day (Saturday June 11th in CC)

This popular event will again be held at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples in Corpus Christi) on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, there will be a lunch, a book, CD, and DVD sale, a skit and speakers. Save the date – a flier is not yet available.

## 2016 Texas State AA Convention (June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>2016 in Austin) \*

The Texas State AA Convention will be held June  $24^{th} - 26^{th}$  in Austin. (See attached flier for details.).) More information and online registration are available on the conference web site:

http://txaaconvention.org.



## **Service Opportunities**

## CBIA Trustee Election (Monday, April 25th in CC) \*

CBIA is looking for a minimum of three nominees to choose from to replace one Trustee who has left the board. Voting for the new incoming trustee will take place at the April 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Essentially, we are looking for someone —

- Sober for two years or more;
- Who has not previously served on the board; and
- Who does not have a conflict of interest (employee or board member of an organization in the field of alcoholism)

For further information on what is required of a Trustee contact the CBIA Office. Each group (*IGR or GSR*) and each CBIA Trustee get one vote at this meeting.

### Volunteers Needed for CBIA Founder's Day

Be a part of producing this fun event (described above under EVENTS). The next meeting of the 2016 Founder's Day Team will be 2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite H in the Boardwalk in Corpus Christi). Diverse service opportunities are available.

Donations of used books, CD's (*speaker or music*), and DVD's are needed. Donated items can be dropped off at the CBIA office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212 in Corpus Christi).

#### **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 <a href="mailto:cbia@grandecom.net">cbia@grandecom.net</a> in a Word document or similar format.









## **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.









## **Service Opportunities** (Continued)

#### **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. Men work with men and women work with women.

## SATF – Corpus Christi

- <u>Attend Meetings</u> 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.)
- <u>Activity Sponsors</u> take people to meetings once a week or so. (*Minimum one year sober and prior clearance*).
- <u>Step Sponsors</u> work the steps with people. (*Minimum two years sober and prior clearance.*)

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

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

## <u>Live Oak County Jail – George West</u>

• <u>Attend Meetings</u> 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-F7:30-11:30 AM and 1:30-5:30 PM)

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









## **District Meetings**

### **District 7** (Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Presbyterian Church (405 E. Mayfield Street in Karnes City.)

## **District 8C Next Meeting** (Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

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

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

## **District 8E** (Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in CC)

District 8E will meet at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in Corpus Christi).

## **District 15 Next Meeting** (Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in AP)

District 15's next meeting will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 202 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass. There will be a Sponsorship Workshop facilitated by Area 68 Secretary Rae T. at 2:00 PM in the same venue.









## **Group / Meeting Changes**

#### New Life Group Adds Sunday Meeting (8 PM on Sundays in CC) (1)

The New Life Group has added an 8:00 PM Closed Discussion Meeting on Sundays. They meet at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church (3502 Saratoga Boulevard in Family Center Room C-2 in Corpus Christi). They also have a Closed Discussion Meeting on 8:00 PM on Thursdays in the same location.

### New Group: Young People Group (10 PM Meetings on Tuesday & Thursday in CC) (2)\*

The Young People Group will hold its first meeting at 10:00 PM on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Room 4 at South Shore Christian Church (4710 S. Alameda near Airline in Corpus Christi). They will hold open discussion meetings at 10:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (See enclosed flier.)

## Port Aransas Group (Daily Meetings will be at 8:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM) (2)

The Port Aransas Group has changed the time for its daily meetings from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. They meet in the Pavilion behind Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church (433 Trojan in Port A.)

### Eleventh Step Group Has Folded (They Met Mondays at 10 AM in Corpus Christi) (2)

The Eleventh Step Group is no more. They used to meet at 10AM on Mondays at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in the Flour Bluff area of Corpus Christi).









## **Addresses for Group Contributions for 2016-2018**

## 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 15 Treasurer** 

406 Cascades Dr. Rockport, TX 78382 **District 8C Treasurer** 

P.O. Box 821

Kingsville, TX 78364

**District 8E Treasurer** 

5757 S. Staples #820

Corpus Christi, TX 78413

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









## **Save the Dates**

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

2016 SW Texas Area 68 Pre-GSC Assembly (April 8th -10th in Kerrville) \*

**District 15 Sponsorship Workshop** (April 16<sup>th</sup> in AP)

**2016 CBIA Founders Day** (Saturday June 11th in CC)

**2016 Texas State AA Convention** (June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>2016 in Austin) \*

**2016 SW Texas Area 68 Summer Workshop** (July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> in Round Rock)

2016 SW Texas Area 68 Fall Voting Assembly (October 7th - 9th in Corpus Christi)

**2017 Coastal Bend Jamboree** (January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in Corpus Christi)

## **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 & Surrounding Area \*

#### **Coastal BENDER Mission Statement**

Our primary purpose is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. A secondary purpose of <u>The Bender</u> 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.



Hilltoppers Group	04/01/1995	21Years
Men's Group	04/01/2005	11 Years
Portland Jaywalkers	04/01/2004	12 Years
	04/02/2008	8 Years
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1.1		32 Years
•		27 Years
Rodd Field Group	04/05/2010	6 Years
Bookmarks Group	04/06/1999	17 Years
Hilltoppers Group	04/07/1998	18 Years
<u> </u>	04/07/2004	12 Years
•	04/08/1987	29 Years
Port Aransas Group	04/13/1999	17 Years
Victoria	04/15/1989	27 Years
		22 Years
Calallen Group	04/17/1988	28 Years
Goliad Open Arms Group	04/17/1989	27 Years
Flour Bluff Unity	04/18/2004	12 Years
		9 Years
	04/22/1986	30 Years
Fifth Tradition Group	04/22/2010	6 Years
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Don't see your group's birthdays? For best results e-mail your birthday to CBIA at <a href="mailto:cbia@grandecom.net">cbia@grandecom.net</a>.

#### March 2016

	<b>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</b>		AFTER HOURS	YEAR TO DATE
12 <sup>TH</sup> STEP CALLS	6	0	0/0	13/1
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	142	13	After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.	

#### **Intergroup Meetings**

<u>CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting</u> will be held Monday March 14<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 April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 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:

<u>District 7</u> (Victoria Area)

**District 8C** (Kingsville - Alice Area)

<u>District 8D</u> (Corpus Christi Area)

<u>District 8E</u> (Corpus Christi Area)

<u>District 15</u> (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.)

<u>Hilltoppers Group Conscience</u> 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.)

<u>Calallen Group Conscience</u> is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month following the 6:30PM meeting. <u>Birthday Night</u> 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).

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

Group Contributions					
GROUP NAME	Mar. 2016	YTD 2016			
Alice Group  Anonymous/Individual Contribution	71.75	93.34			
Aransas Pass Group	/1./3	93.34			
Beeville-Freedom Group					
Beeville-Hope Group Beeville-Serenity Group					
Beeville-Shepherd's Group					
CC-Alanos					
CC-Bookmarks Group CC-Calallen Group					
CC-Clean & Serene Group					
CC-Crosstown Group	100.00	100.00			
CC-Cullen Mall Group CC-Daily Reprieve Group	100.00	100.00			
CC-Day of AA					
CC-Early Morning Fellowship					
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place CC-Fifth Tradition Group					
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group					
CC-Happy Hour Meeting	87.79	87.79			
CC-Hilltoppers Group CC-Humility Group					
CC-Just for Today Group					
CC-Mountain Toppers		50.00			
CC-Newcomers Meeting CC-New Life Group					
CC-New Phoenix Group	28.05	88.55			
CC-New Women's Group	99.48	223.24			
CC-Oso Group					
CC-Primary Purpose Group CC-Rodd Field Group					
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		150.62			
CC-Turning Point Group		400.07			
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group CC-Wenholz Women's Group		490.97			
CC-Young & Restless (Final Distribution)		163.00			
District7		20.00			
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group Goliad-Open Arms Group		30.00 45.83			
Ingleside-Living Sober Group					
Karnes City-Mayfield Group					
Kingsville-AL-K Group  Mathis -Crossroads Group					
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group					
Port Aransas Group	10.00	100.00			
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters Port Lavaca Group	10.00	10.00 30.39			
Port O'Connor Group		20.27			
Portland -Jaywalkers Group					
Portland -Nueces Bay Group Riviera-SASTO Group					
Robstown Group					
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		10.00			
Rockport-Happy Hour Group  Rockport-Fellowship Group		40.00 300.44			
Sandia Group		500.44			
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza					
Skidmore Group Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		25.00			
Victoria-Back to Basics Group	198.84	25.00 198.84			
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group	250.00	250.00			
Victoria-High Nooners Group					
Victoria-Main Stream Group Victoria-Men's Group					
Victoria-Unity Group					
Victoria-Women's Group	10.00	10.00			
Yorktown Group TOTAL	\$855.91	\$2,508.01			
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# 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.