



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."**



The **Mathis Crossroads Group** meets at the Masonic Lodge on Route 359 1.5 miles outside of Mathis heading towards Alice.

They have an open discussion meeting at 7:00 PM on Sunday evenings.

New Beginnings

Early in my recovery, an artist who was also an elder statesman in my home group gave me a bookmark he'd made with a watercolor of a caterpillar and a butterfly and the inscription -

What the caterpillar thought was the end, the butterfly knew as the beginning.

As the end of my 20-year drinking career drew near, I had the sense that life as I had known it was about to end. My feelings could be described as a pervasive sense of impending doom. I could not imagine life without alcohol. How could I cope with life? How could I ever have fun again? *(Not that I'd been having fun lately.)*

What I did not know was that my new sober life *(happy, joyous, and free -- for the most part)* would rise like the Phoenix from the ashes of my old drunken life. *(In this case, the bird stumbled around for a while in the fog before it took flight.)*

My progress into the sunlight of the spirit was limited by my faith in my higher power and my willingness to give up my old life -- to let go of old beliefs, behaviors, and attitudes unsuited to the new order. It seems to me that the difficult part of new beginnings is the transition. My first sponsor used to say "When one door closes, another opens. Meanwhile, it's hell in the hallway." Intellectually, I realize that I have to let go of what was to make room for what's next. However, fears test my faith. "Will I be able to do what I need to do to get through this?" "Will I be happy when I get where I'm going?"

The essence of my faith is "If God brought me to it, God will bring me through it." I need to trust God and walk through it. I need to focus on doing the next right thing and stop worrying about the outcome.

While the end of my drinking / start of my sobriety was the most transformational new beginning in my life, there have been many others: the end of my corporate career / start of my retirement; the end of a long term relationship. In my one day at a time program, each day is a new beginning.

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

MINUTES

CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting

April 11th, 2016

I. OPENING:

- **Ed** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer
- **Ginger** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Jimmy** 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*), **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*), **Kelly J.** (*Assistant Office Manager*), **James H.** (*Past Delegate*), **Jim W.** (*IGR-District 7*), **Bryan W.** (*Vice Chair-Outreach*), **Walter B.** (*Just for Today*), **Jackie B.** (*Past CBIA Chair & IGR-Jaywalkers*).

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 14th 2016 were reviewed.
 - **Laurie** moved to approve the minutes as amended. **Tom** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Tom** presented his March 2016 Financial Statement (*See Exhibit 1 attached*).
 - **Laurie** moved to approve the financial report as read. **Hud** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Tom** presented the 2016 Budget.
 - **Tom** moved to approve the 2016 Budget as presented. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** Open. **Rob** said the helpline is staffed and running well. He said that Past 12 Step Trustee **Phyllis H.** called and updated the 12 Step List in the fourth quarter of last year.
- **Archives:** **Ginger** said she reviewed the CBIA archives stored in the office and has arranged for two tables at Founder's Day. She indicated she would be attending another event that day, but would arrange for someone else to set up the archives display. **Rob** said he would give her the phone number for **Dave D.** (*District 15 archives*).
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said he had nothing to report. He is working on forming a committee.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the BENDER before publication and made one correction. He said it looked good and went out on time.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said the McConnell Unit is off lockdown and meetings have resumed. He indicated he was trying to get a very large meeting split into two meetings of more manageable size. He has contacted the group taking meetings to the Live Oak County Jail.
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** indicated the Jamboree Committee will be on hiatus until July when work will begin on the 2017 Jamboree.
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** indicated he had one candidate willing to stand for trustee. **Bryan W.** said he has served on the board twice in the past and wants to be on the board again.
- **Outreach:** **Tom.** (*See New Business below.*)
- **PI/CPC:** **Ginger** said **Bryan** is helping her form a PI/CPC Committee. There will be an initial organizational meeting at 2:00 PM on Saturday April 30th at the Alanos Cottage (*1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi*). They plan on producing informational events for the public and/or the professional communities.
- **Social:** **Laurie** said Founder's Day (*June 11th in CC*) is coming together. Tickets have been printed. The next committee meeting will be at 2:00 PM at NPG on April 23rd.
- **Web Site:** **Tom** said District 7 (Victoria area) meetings have been added to the meeting data base on our web site. We now have over 350 meetings on our web site. There are still problems with the Donation function.

VI. OFFICE REPORT: **Rob**

- **Laura** moved that we modify the authorized signers on the two CBIA Value Bank accounts:

- Checking Account No. 221218
- Savings Account No. 10181188
- To remove **Johnie Swenson** (*Past Chair*); and
- To add **Edward Burns** (*Chair*) and **Kelly Jordan** (*Assistant Manager*) to the list of authorized signers – so that
- The only Authorized Signers for both accounts will be:
 - **Robert Marek;**
 - **Kelly Jordan;**
 - **Edward Burns;** and
 - **Thomas Kenyon.**

Hud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

All signers must visit Value Bank Midtown (Staples at Weber) in the next 30 days to sign the new signature card. New signers (*Kelly and Ed*) need to fill out a valued bank information form tonight.

- **Rob** said that the bylaws provide for the Chair to determine the dates for board and quarterly meetings. The last Monday of October is Halloween when we are having our annual Halloween Dance. **Ed** has decided that the October quarterly meeting will be the previous Monday on October 24th. I have reserved All Saints for that date.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Consider approving proposed Outreach Standing Rules.
 - Walter talked about visits to the Just for Today Group by the Outreach Committee. Both of the group members contacted felt that CBIA had sent someone to check up on them and to get money. The first question asked was “Are you the Treasurer?” They were told some of their meetings would be removed from the schedule because they were not happening consistently (*The Group had just moved to a new location.*)
 - **Jackie** said she was chairman of the CBIA Board when they were digging out of the worst financial crisis in CBIA’s history. She said ONLY trustees and the office manager visited groups. They said “These are the services we provide . . . How can we better serve you?” Never was money mentioned unless the group brought it up.”
 - **James** talked about Outreach vs. the General Warranties. (*See Exhibit 2.*)
 - **Rob** talked about Outreach vs. the 12 Traditions. (*See Exhibit 3.*)
 - **Ginger moved to table further discussion to the next meeting.** Laura seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Warranties (*See Exhibit 2*)

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday May 9th 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.

- Ginger moved to adjourn. Tom seconded.
- Ed closed the meeting with prayer at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager

EXHIBIT 1
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
March 31, 2016

Balance Sheet:

Total CBIA funds as of March 31, 2016 were \$26,503.47: \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$11,296.06 in Checking; \$12,601.82 in Prudent Reserve and \$2555.59 in the Jamboree Account.

Profit & Loss:

For the month of March, 2016; Group & Individual Contributions \$855.91.
YTD, Jan through March. \$2508.01

Note: March: 4 of 38 local (Corpus Christi) groups contributed to CBIA
YTD: 20 of 110 groups contributed to CBIA.

Sales:

Books, Chips & Medallions \$1458.75 (less cost of Good Sold \$1058.24); Gain for Books etc. for March.. \$400.51.

Social Events:

Total Income \$0

Gross Gain:

Sales & Social Events & Contributions for Feb.: \$400.51

Gross Profit:

Feb., 2016, 1,258.42

Total Expenses:

Feb. 2016: \$3000.73

Net Profit for month of

Feb., 2016: -\$1742.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas M. Kenyon
CBIA Financial Trustee

Exhibit 2

Outreach vs. General Warranties

I always like to look at the General Warranties for guidance. Substituting "CBIA" for "General Service Conference" we get:

In all its proceedings, CBIA shall observe the spirit of the AA Tradition, taking great care that CBIA never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none at CBIA shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no CBIA action be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though CBIA may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, CBIA itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

The Warranties are to AA service entities what the Steps are to individual AA members and what the AA traditions are to AA groups.

A couple of questions the CBIA board might ponder:

1. Are there specific new services the groups are requesting that CBIA does not have enough money to provide? [an unfunded mandate]
2. Would CBIA have to cut current services due to lack of funding?

If the answer is "yes" to either question, then it is my experience that the fellowship can be counted on to provide the necessary support. I find an informed Fellowship is indeed a sufficient 'prudent reserve.'

Past General Service Board Chairman Jim Estelle said, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual entity requiring very little business."

Adds Gary Glynn, another past GSB Chairman, "Although the continuing good health of A.A. as a self-supporting, nonprofit entity is of course a priority, I don't view it as I would a financial organization. I believe in the Fellowship's unwavering adherence to its Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity and Service, and I have seen A.A. truly work for many alcoholics."

James

Exhibit 3

Outreach vs. Traditions

In terms of the traditions, the following traditions are relevant:

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Predictably, the perception of groups contacted by Outreach is that the Intergroup Association has sent people out to check up on them.

- *To determine if they're doing things right.*
- *To find out why they aren't contributing (or contributing more).*
- *To determine if meetings should be listed on the meeting schedule.*

All this is predicated on the assumption that each group should participate in and contribute to the intergroup. According to the Traditions, if and how they participate and contribute is a matter for the group conscience. The perception is that CBIA is somehow over the groups – as opposed to serving the groups as the groups want to be served.

Tradition 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committee directly responsible to those they serve.

This goes beyond the minimum organization necessary. It creates an organization not directly reporting to those they serve, the way our Trustees have been elected by and have been directly responsible to the Groups in the Association. In fact this new organization would be inserted between the Trustees and the groups they serve. The trustees are effectively outsourcing their responsibility to directly report to the groups they serve to the Outreach Committee.

The proposed Standing Rules create a sort of marketing organization: Five District Coordinators each with up to 4-5 people to contact groups. This cannot be easily passed off to the next elected trustee the way traditional service committees are.

Tradition 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

There is little space for "Outreach" in a program of attraction. Outreach is about selling the groups on participating and contributing - i.e. promotion rather than attraction. CBIA is here to serve the groups, not to get them to do what CBIA wants them to do.

MINUTES

CBIA QUARTERLY MEETING

April 25th 2016

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Ed** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:01 PM.
- **Harold** read CBIA Mission Statement.
- **Hud** read the General Warranties.
- **Jim** read the 12 Traditions.

II. ATTENDANCE: Please sign-in and include your group name and voting status.

- **Ed B.** (Chair), **Ginger S.** (Vice-Chair), **Hud H.** (Trustee), **Jimmy M.** (Trustee), **Laurie H.** (Trustee), **Sharon S.** (IGR – CC-New Women), **Mike B.** (IGR – CC-Weber Nooners), **Eileen H.** (IGR – CC-Cullen Mall), **James R.** (IGR – CC-New Life), **Jim W.** (IGR – District 7), **Jorge M.** (IGR – District 8D), **Bryan W.** (Co-Chair Outreach) **Harold B.** (CC-Weber Nooners), **Les M.** (CC-Hilltoppers), **Rob M.** (Office Manager) and **Kelly J.** (Asst Office Manager) were present.
- **Tom K.** (Treasurer) was not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Approved minutes of Quarterly Meeting of January 25th were reviewed.
- Minutes of Board Meeting of April 11th were reviewed.
 - **Hud** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Eileen** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. TRUSTEE ELECTION: Ed (Chair)

- Election of one new Trustee to remaining term (May 2016 – January 2018).
- **Ed** followed the Third Legacy Procedure to elect a new trustee.
 - The newly-elected Trustee is **Les M.** (CC-Hilltoppers Group).

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Rob** presented the approved March 2016 Financials.
- **Rob** presented approved 2016 Budget.

VI. 7TH TRADITION. We have no dues or fees but we do pay rent to the church.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step: Open.**
- **Archives:** **Ginger** said she will not be able to attend Founder's Day. She will ask Dave D. (District 15 Archives Chair) or Ron S. (Past CBIA Archives Chair) to set up the archives display at Founder's Day.
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said he was working on forming a committee with Spanish-speaking members.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the April BENDER which looked good and went out on time.

- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said AA is supporting meetings at the state prison facilities in Beeville: Garza East, Garza West, McConnell, and W6 Trustee Camp. (*Donated big books have been given to Garza East, Garza West, and McConnell Units.*) After a lapse of many years, District 8D is again providing a meeting in the Nueces County Jail. They are also supporting a meeting at Avalon (*formerly Reality Ranch*). District 8E continues to support a meeting in the Live Oak County Jail. The next Area 68 Corrections Facilities Conference will be held in San Antonio in February 2017.
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the Jamboree Committee is on hiatus until July when work will begin on the 2017 Jamboree. A “Save the Date” flier will be distributed at the State AA Convention in June.
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said three nominees were here tonight to stand for one trustee position, which is considered ideal. By that standard, we would need 12 nominees to stand for the four positions to be elected at our October quarterly meeting.
- **Outreach:** **Tom** was not present. Co-Chair Bryan said half of the people on the Outreach Committee have resigned since outreach was put on hold. He said “They don’t want to be gossiped about.” Rob said “Nobody has criticized the individuals doing outreach or questioned their motives. The concern is with the whole approach.”
- **PI/CPC:** **Ginger** said the PI/CPC Committee will meet at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 7th at the Alanos Cottage. They plan to produce informational events for the public and the professional communities. The annual Area 68 PI/CPC Conference will be held in Victoria in the fall.
- **Social:** **Laurie** said Founders’ Day is coming together nicely. Tickets have been printed. \$7. Includes lunch and raffle. The event will be held on June 11th at All Saints. A flier will be distributed with the May Coastal BENDER.
- **Web Site:** **Tom** was not present. **Rob** said Victoria area meetings have been added to the searchable meeting data base on our web site, which now contains over 300 meetings.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday May 9th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office.

XI. NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday July 25th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XII. CLOSING:

- **Rae** moved to adjourn. **Jorge** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ed** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager



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Special Events

Corrections Facilities Workshop (June 6th in CC)

The Bookmarks Group is hosting a Corrections Facilities Workshop presented by District 8D Corrections Chair John D. The workshop will be from 6-7:00 PM on Monday, June 6th at Covenant Church, 7001 Williams Drive in Corpus Christi. If you are involved in or interested in becoming involved in service work in corrections facilities, you will want to attend this workshop. (*See attached flier for details.*)

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) from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, June 11th. As in the past, there will be a lunch, a book, CD, and DVD sale, a skit and speakers. Admission is \$7.00. (*See attached flier for details.*)

2016 Texas State AA Convention (June 24th – 26th 2016 in Austin) *

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

<http://txaaconvention.org>.

Independence Day (Monday, July 4th)

- **The Weber Road Nooners Group** will have a special 10:00 AM meeting on Independence Day (Monday, July 4th) in addition to the regularly scheduled noon meeting. They meet at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen in CC.)
- **The Hilltoppers Group** will not have its regularly scheduled noon or 5:30 PM meetings on Independence Day (Monday, July 4th). Regularly scheduled meetings will resume at noon on Tuesday, July 5th. They meet at First United Methodist Church (900 S. Shoreline in CC).



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Special Events (Continued)

Independence Day (Continued)

- **The CBIA Office** will be closed on Independence Day (*Monday, July 4th*). The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, July 5th for normal business hours. The office is located in Office Park South (3833 S. Staples Suite S-212 in CC).

SW Texas Area 68 Summer Workshop (July 8th – 10th in Round Rock)

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its annual Summer Workshop the weekend of July 8th – 10th in Round Rock. (*See attached flier for details.*)

Cullen Mall Beach Party (Saturday, July 16th on Mustang Island)

The Cullen Mall Group's popular annual Beach Party will be held from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, July 16th. (*See attached flier for details.*)

SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Conference (September 9th – 10th in Victoria)

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its annual Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference September 9th – 10th in Victoria. The conference will begin with a luncheon with Professionals at noon followed by workshops Friday evening and Saturday for AA members involved in or interested in becoming involved in PI/CPC service work. (*See attached flier for details.*)



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Service Opportunities

Volunteers Needed for CBIA Founder's Day

Be a part of producing this fun event (*described above under EVENTS*). The Founder's Day team will have its last meeting before the event at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples Suite H in Corpus Christi) at 2:00 PM on Saturday June 4th. Join us if you would like to be part of putting on this fun and popular event. Service opportunities are still available.

To donate side dishes for lunch, contact Anita C. (361) 290-2345. To donate baked goods contact Jennifer N. (361) 947-3132. Items for the bake sale can be dropped off at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples) after 7:30 AM on June 11th.

Donations of used books, CD's (*speaker or music*), and DVD's are needed. Such items can be dropped off at the CBIA office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212 in Corpus Christi) prior to June 10th during normal office hours (Monday – Friday 7:30 – 11:30 AM and 1:30 – 5:30 PM) or brought to the Church after 7:30 AM on June 11th.

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.



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

CBIA PI/CPC Committee

This year the CBIA Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee plans to produce informational events for the public / professional communities – initially focusing on probation. They meet at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi) at 6:30 PM on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday each month.

Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities

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

SATF – Corpus Christi

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

Avalon (Formerly Reality Ranch) – Corpus Christi

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

Live Oak County Jail – George West

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

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

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



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, June 18th in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, June 18th at 9:00 AM at the 803 E. Pine Street in Victoria.

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, June 18th in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, June 18th at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday June 18th in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 18th at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi).

District 8E (Saturday, June 18th in CC)

District 8E will meet at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 18th at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, June 18th in Rockport)

District 15's next meeting will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 18th at the Peace Lutheran Church (1302 Market Street in Rockport). Denise T. (Area 68 Delegate) will present the Delegate's Report on the General Service Conference in New York last April.



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Addresses for Group Contributions for 2016-2018

Coastal Bend Intergroup (Suggested 50% *)

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Districts (Suggested 10% *)

District 7 Treasurer

P.O. Box 5324
Victoria, TX 77903

District 8C Treasurer

P.O. Box 821
Kingsville, TX 78364

District 8D Treasurer

P.O. Box 61135
Corpus Christi, TX 78466

District 8E Treasurer

5757 S. Staples #820
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

District 15 Treasurer

406 Cascades Dr.
Rockport, TX 78382

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.



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Save the Dates

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

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

2016 Texas State AA Convention *(June 24th – 26th 2016 in Austin) **

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

Cullen Mall Beach Party *(Saturday, July 16th on Mustang Island) **

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

2017 Coastal Bend Jamboree *(January 20th – 22nd 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 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.



Peter M.	Victoria – District 7	06/02/1992	24 Years
Chuck O.	Oso Group	06/04/1985	31 Years
Nick F.	Sunset 7	06/07/2006	10 Years
Nicole G.	Nueces Bay Group	06/08/2008	8 Years
Eli G.	Nueces Bay Group	06/08/2008	8 Years
Ronnie S.	Calallen Group	06/10/1987	29 Years
Mike S.	Calallen Group	06/10/2007	9 Years
Raul	Calallen Group	06/10/2008	8 Years
Bryan W.	Daily Reprieve	06/13/1983	33 Years
James M.	Portland Nueces Bay	06/13/1993	23 Years
Skip T.	District 15	06/14/1979	37 Years
Bill H.	Calallen Group	06/17/2002	14 Years
Terry M.	Portland Jaywalkers	06/18/1992	24 Years
Ann W.	District 15	06/19/1996	20 Years
Diane P.	District 15	06/21/2001	15 Years
Cari C.	Saratoga Group	06/22/2005	11 Years
Celso G.	District 15	06/23/1988	28 Years
Linda K.	District 15	06/25/2001	15 Years
Jim H.	District 15	06/25/2007	9 Years
Marjorie A.	New Phoenix Group	06/25/2009	7 Years
Mary S.	Rockport, TX	06/28/1997	19 Years

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

May 2016

	<u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u>		<u>AFTER HOURS</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
12 TH STEP CALLS	7	1	0/0	26/2
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	142	13	After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.	

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday June 13th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday July 25th 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:

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	May 2016	YTD 2016
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution		93.34
Aransas Pass Group	8.00	8.00
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		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		160.00
CC-Daily Reprieve Group		
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
CC-Hilltoppers Group		
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Mountain Toppers		50.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group	25.00	25.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	41.00	190.05
CC-New Women's Group	39.91	348.49
CC-Oso Group		728.93
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group	150.00	150.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	275.64	426.26
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		1,068.97
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
CC-Young & Restless (Final Distribution)		163.00
District7		
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		55.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		98.43
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		100.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group		30.39
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group	185.00	185.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group	100.00	100.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group	166.00	166.00
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		80.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		300.44
Sandia Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		198.84
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		250.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group		50.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group		25.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		
Victoria-Women's Group		10.00
Yorktown Group		40.00
TOTAL	\$990.55	\$5,248.93

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.