



# 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."\**



Three groups meet at the **Alanos Cottage** (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corpus Christi):

- The **Alanos Group** has noon meetings Monday thru Friday, an 11 AM Meeting on Sunday and 8 PM meetings on Monday and Friday. This is the oldest AA Group in Corpus Christi.
- **Grupo Primer Paso** has Spanish-Speaking meetings at 8 PM Wednesdays and Noon Saturdays.
- The **Crosstown Group** has a meeting at 4:00 PM on Saturdays.

## Recovery Comments

*It is known in the AA program that alcoholics are allergic to the chemical alcohol, which causes in them a physical craving and mental obsession which lead to uncontrolled drinking. Like most alcoholics who come to AA, I thought that my problem was just drinking and that stopping drinking would make me ok. However, I have learned to accept and believe that the drinking was only a symptom which supports the disease concept of alcoholism. We must stop drinking, of course – removing the symptom and the catalyst to dependency - before we are able to experience and treat the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of the disease. In AA, this is done by not taking the first drink, working the 12 Steps under direction of a sponsor, attending meetings for reinforcement and “practicing these principles in all affairs” as the Big Book states. Sobriety date: November 11, 1983. Dave A. CC, TX*

I didn't take a drink until I was 18 years old, a couple of years after that I became a daily drinker for 23 years. I imagine I was legally intoxicated nearly every day during that period of years although I was functional and lived my life that way which included work, marriage, daily exercise, a healthy diet and some achievements. In those days I considered myself “sober” when I was not in the act of pouring alcohol down my throat; that is, I judged myself sober even on the days after previous evenings of heavy drinking, not realizing that I was in an addictive cycle of self-destruction and that my drinking pattern had impact on my judgment and everything I thought and did. I have read that traces of alcohol can be found in the bloodstream up to one year after an alcoholic takes his last drink let alone the next days after a bender.

During my drinking days I was fired from jobs, including my first teaching-coaching job right after college graduation and also had several car accidents. Most notable was one in which I raced a Rock Island 100 car freight train and the race ended in a tie at a rural crossing. That happened on a day when I was sober according to my way of thinking in that the accident took place about noon and I had not had a drink since the night before. But, of course, I was affected by the large amount of alcohol still in my system. The saying goes that first the alky takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes the alky – I understand well what it means as I was immersed in that game for years.

My craving ebbed and flowed with mixed results in my daily life – a few times I was able to control my drinking for short periods: at one stage I quit drinking entirely for 9 months on doctor's orders regarding liver damage. At the end of the 9 months, I was quickly back into my regular pattern of daily, heavy drinking. Years later, in 1983, I looked at myself in the mirror early one Sunday morning and decided to call the White House, an Alano club in a large, old Victorian home in Des Moines, Iowa. I made that call at 7 a.m. on a Sunday and the guy on the other end suggested I come there immediately as the club was open and he would be glad to talk to me. I made the trip, talked to an old timer, who showed me around the place and invited me to a beginner's meeting scheduled at 7 p.m. that evening. He then asked, “Can you avoid drinking anything today, we'd like you to come to the meeting dry?” I said that I could but in doing so I knew I was in for a rough 12 hours without my usual Sunday afternoon beer swilling. I made the meeting dry, but what a struggle.

I showed up at the meeting that evening, called myself an alcoholic and took a first step in the long and uncertain road to recovery. However, although I did attend meetings regularly I still would drink occasionally yet doing all in my power to control it, not yet working the AA 12 Steps. I had read a report written by a corporate M.D. who said in advising his patients who were company employees, that he used the baseline of 3 drinks a day to determine alcoholism. That is, he said that if someone wanted to test themselves they could try to take 3 drinks (a 12 oz beer or 1.5 ounce shot of hard liquor he called a drink) or less per day over a 90 day period, never exceeding the 3 drink daily limit. This doctor thought that if you could control your drinking in that manner for 90 days you probably were not alcoholic - thinking that the craving would take over at some point if the drinker was an alky. I tried that test and passed it. During the 90 day period, I took a trip to Hong Kong and had to carefully plan to accommodate the International Dateline in my 3 per day drink limits. I was ok for the 90 days, but the 91<sup>st</sup> day I was back in my pattern of heavy, daily drinking. Looking back on that experience, I can see that the need to try a plan of control was a sure sign of alcoholism along with denial that I was alcoholic.

I started attending daily AA meetings in '82 yet really trying to convince myself and others that I didn't belong there by making comparisons with other drinking stories. Finally, an older guy at the meeting confronted me and said, "Only you can determine if you are alcoholic. However, I'd like to ask a couple of questions which might help you in the process." I agreed and he asked me if I thought I was an alcoholic I thought a few seconds and said "Yes, probably." He then asked if I got drunk frequently and I had to reply "yes, nearly every day." Third question was did I have problems because of my drinking and again I had to reply that I did have problems resulting from drinking – like accidents and being fired from jobs, etc. He then made a final comment after the questions, "One other thing. I notice you have been to this meeting on a regular basis for about 6 months . . . social drinkers do not usually attend AA meetings."

The advice I received got my attention and I then committed to sober living. The interaction was exactly what Bill Wilson intended for the AA program to be – one alcoholic helping another. However, early sobriety did not go smoothly. At the end one year of abstinence and attending meetings, I fell into a downward spiral of depression and had to spend time in the psych ward of a Des Moines hospital, which I call my "bottom." Although I had done an extensive 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> step, I still had wreckage of the past which was blocking my path and which I had to revisit with my sponsor.

After leaving the psych ward, an important wake-up call in my recovery, I began to sincerely practice the AA principles in all my affairs and focus on living (the AA way) one day at a time. Sobriety gives us all the opportunity to use HP's gifts the way they that were intended.

~ Dave A. (11.11.1983) Grupo Tres Legados, Corpus Christi, TX

## Working the 12 Steps Every Day

When I first saw the 12 Steps, they were on the wall at my first meeting. I thought they were like Pool Rules, displayed beside the swimming pool at the Country Club, mainly there to limit the club's liability for accidents.

After a few more meetings I had heard people talk about the steps and my thinking evolved to "12 Steps; 12 Weeks; All Better." I thought if I applied myself and did them right (*with my engineering background*), I would only have to work them once and then I could put them behind me and get on with my life. 31 years later I am still not done and the end is nowhere in sight.

Early on, a wise old timer told me "Instead of trying to put the program into your life, it would work better to put your life into the program." Did I mention that I believe the steps are the program. (*It comes with a lovely fellowship, but the 12 steps are the program of recovery.*) When I came to Texas from Connecticut to visit my parents in 1985, I heard a cowboy say, "If you haven't worked all 12 Steps with a sponsor, you're walking around with an untreated case of alcoholism." The steps have become the way I do life.

And if I want to stay sober, I think I had better work all 12 Steps every day. This is not as daunting as it seems.

My morning / evening prayers and meditation cover steps 1 – 3.

- When I ask God to keep me sober in the morning and thank him at night, I'm working Step 1 again.
- When I say the Third Step Prayer, I'm working Steps 2 and 3.
- All my prayers and transcendental meditation covers Step 11.

My daily 10th Step inventory (*review my day, admit where I was wrong and do what I need to do to make things right*) covers Steps 4 – 10.

Step 12 involves carrying the message to others and everything else I do in my daily life (*practicing these principles in all my affairs.*)

Working all 12 steps with adult supervision from a sponsor is what taught me how to do this and laid the groundwork for my daily spiritual practices.

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

# MINUTES

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

### May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

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

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

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Ed B.** (*Chair*), **Ginger S.** (*Vice-Chair*), **Hud H.** (*Trustee*), **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **Laurie H.** (*Trustee*), and **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) were present. **Tom K.** (*Financial Trustee*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were not present.

#### III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 were reviewed.
  - **Jimmy** moved to approve the minutes as submitted. **Hud** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Rob** presented the **April 2016 Financial Report**.
- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of April 30<sup>th</sup> were \$26,226.78; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$11,351.88 in Checking; \$12,601.82 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,223.08 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month of April: Group & Individual Contributions \$1,750.37; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$2,372.00 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$1,821.39*) IRS Refund of \$175.92; Gross Gain for the month \$2,476.90; Total Expenses were \$3,248.89 for a Net Loss of \$771.99 for the month.
  - **Laurie** moved to approve the report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **Les. Rob** said the Helpline is fully staffed. People have been added to cover attrition.
- **Archives:** **Ginger** said she will arrange for another archivist to set up the display at Founders Day in her absence.
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said **Fidel P.** (*Beeville Serenity Group*) will help with the Bilingual Committee.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the BENDER before it went out – on time.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said we are still supporting the same meetings in corrections facilities. He is recruiting people to support a second meeting at the McConnell Unit. He plans to attend the Area CFC Conference in San Antonio in February of 2017.
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the Jamboree Committee is on hiatus until July.

- **Nominations:** Jimmy said we will need to replace four trustees at the October Quarterly Meeting. He has identified a couple of potential trustees.
- **Outreach:** Tom was not present.
- **PI/CPC:** Ginger said the PI/CPC committee has five members and Brenda R. was elected Chair. They plan to meet at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street in CC) at 6:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month. Rob indicated he would publicize this in the BENDER, the BITS & PIECES and on the CBIA web site.
- **Social:** Laurie said preparations for Founder's Day are going well. The team plans to meet at 2:00 PM every Saturday (*except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month*) at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples Suite F in the Boardwalk in CC). Rob said he would publicize this in the BENDER, the BITS & PIECES and on the CBIA web site.
- **Web Site:** Tom was not present.

VI. **OFFICE REPORT:** Rob had nothing to report.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Review of proposed Outreach Standing Rules will be carried over to the June Board Meeting.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:**

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

X. **NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:**

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

XI. **CLOSING:** Our Father.

- **Hud** moved to adjourn. Ginger seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ed** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Rob Marek***

Office Manager



## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **New CBIA Trustee**

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**Harold B.** (*Weber Road Nooners Group*) was elected to the CBIA Board for the remaining term of a Trustee who has left the board (*i.e. through January 2017*). Harold has been Treasurer of the Coastal Bend Jamboree and is Alternate Group Service Representative for his home group. He will be our Financial Trustee.

#### **Other Board Actions**

The board also decided to eliminate two committees which were created last year:

- **Web Site.** Glenn B., Phyllis I., Tom K., and Rob M. did a great job of replacing the CBIA website with the new and improved web site we have today. However, we don't anticipate major changes in the near future and the office staff can maintain the new web site.
- **Outreach.** If you were upset by visits to your group by the Outreach Committee, we apologize. We won't be doing this in the future. If you were a member of the Outreach Committee, we thank you for your service. We believe everyone who worked on this had good intentions. As we see it, the problem was with the basic premise of outreach, not with the people who carried it out.





# Bender Bits & Pieces



## Special Events



### CBIA Founders' Day (Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> in CC)

The annual **CBIA Founders' Day** was held last Saturday (*June 11<sup>th</sup>*) to celebrate the 81<sup>st</sup> birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous. Based on admission tickets sold, 170 people attended this popular event at All Saints Episcopal Church. There was a lunch, a book sale, a bake sale, raffles, a skit and speakers who talked about the beginnings of AA in Texas and in Corpus Christi. Pictured is a special cake by Tonya Bakes.





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### Special Events (*Continued*)

#### Independence Day (*Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*)

- **The Flour Bluff Unity Group** will have an Independence Day Barbeque Potluck at 5:30 on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Anchor Club (320 *Anchor Street in Corpus Christi*). Their monthly birthday meeting will be at 8:00 PM at the same venue. This is a celebration, not a fundraiser.
- **The Weber Road Nooners Group** will have a special 10:00 AM meeting on Independence Day (*Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*) 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 4<sup>th</sup>*). Regularly scheduled meetings will resume at noon on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. They meet at First United Methodist Church (900 *S. Shoreline in CC.*)
- **The CBIA Office** will be closed on Independence Day (*Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*). The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for normal business hours. The office is located in the south building at Office Park South (3833 *S. Staples Suite S-212 in CC.*)

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

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

#### Cullen Mall Beach Party (*Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>. (*See attached flier for details.*)



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### **Special Events** *(Continued)*

#### **New Phoenix Group Fundraiser** *(Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> in CC) \**

**The New Phoenix Group** will have another fundraiser on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at their venue in Corpus Christi. *(See attached "flier" for details.)*

#### **SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Conference** *(September 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Victoria) \**

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its annual **Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference** September 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

#### **SW Texas Area 68 Fall Conference and Voting Assembly** *(October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> in CC) \**

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its **Fall Conference & Voting Assembly** in Corpus Christi this year. *(That doesn't happen very often.)* It will be October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> at the Omni Corpus Christi (900 N. Shoreline). Many varied service opportunities will be available between July and October. If you are a General Service Representative (GSR) this is an opportunity to vote for your group without having to travel very far. For any member interested in service work, this is an opportunity to see how the business of AA is conducted at the area level.



## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **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 you not have 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.*) (*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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### **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. Service opportunities are available. They will meet at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi) at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 during business hours (8-5 Monday thru Friday).



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### **District Meetings**

#### **District 7 (Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Port Lavaca)**

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the 213 E Austin Street in Port Lavaca.

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

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, July 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 July 16<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

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

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

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

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

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 814 Wharf Street in Rockport.



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### **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 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](http://cbiaa.org) under DONATE). Group Contributions are always at the discretion of the group conscience.





## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **Save the Dates**

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

**Flour Bluff Unity Group Independence Day BBQ / Birthday Night** *(Sat. July 2<sup>nd</sup> in CC)*

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**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 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.



Bruce A.		07/01/1996	20 Years
Todd D.	Hilltoppers Group	07/04/2006	10 Years
Ron W.	District 15	07/04/2005	11 Years
Bob M.	Goliad Open Arms ( <i>Past Delegate</i> )	07/04/1979	37 Years
Vicki B.	Saratoga Group	07/05/2001	15 Years
Craig W.	Victoria	07/06/1986	30 Years
Margaret N-P	Hilltoppers Group	07/06/2006	10 Years
Margaret R.	Portland Jaywalkers	07/07/1998	18 Years
Vi D.	District 15	07/08/2007	9 Years
Vince A.	Oso Group	07/08/1991	25 Years
Don F.	Daily Reprieve	07/10/1980	36 Years
Carol R.	Rockport Happy Hour	07/10/1973	43 Years
Ed R.	Rockport Happy Hour	07/12/1975	41 Years
Lori C.	Weber Nooners Group	07/14/2006	10 Years
Roger B.	Fellowship (Charlie's)	07/15/1982	34 Years
Jason	District 15	07/18/2008	8 Years
Lynval M.	Humility Group	07/19/2006	10 Years
Chet H.	District 15	07/20/1987	29 Years
Stephanie D.	Weber Nooners Group	07/21/1982	34 Years
Pam J.	Victoria ( <i>Past Delegate</i> )	07/22/1996	20 Years
Dan G.	District 15	07/29/2005	11 Years
Sharon S.	New Women's Group	07/30/2011	5 Years
Chris M.	Weber Nooners Group	07/31/1995	21 Years

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

**June 2016**

	<b><u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u></b>		<b><u>AFTER HOURS</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>
12 <sup>TH</sup> STEP CALLS	5	0	0/0	31/2
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	131	10	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

## Intergroup Meetings

**CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting** will be held Monday June 13<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 July 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:

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Birthday Meeting** is last Saturday of the month.

## Group Contributions

GROUP NAME	June 2016	YTD 2016
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	3.00	96.34
Aransas Pass Group	30.00	38.00
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	100.00	260.00
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
CC-New Phoenix Group	41.00	231.05
CC-New Women's Group	54.52	403.01
CC-Oso Group		728.93
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group		150.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		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	243.57	243.57
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	50.00	50.00
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group	200.00	300.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group	42.24	72.63
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		185.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group		100.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		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	308.39	507.23
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	\$1,072.72	\$6,321.65

## 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.