



# 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 New Phoenix Group** meets in Suite H in **The Boardwalk** (5433 S. Staples in Corpus Christi). They have meetings at **Noon, 6:00 PM** and **8:00 PM** seven days a week. In addition, they have meetings at **6:30 AM** Monday thru Friday and **7:00 AM** on Saturdays and Sundays.



**Grace Over Five** meets at 14521 Northwest Highway in Robstown, adjacent the Calallen area of Corpus Christi. They have a meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursdays.





The **Aransas Pass Group** meets at 202 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass. They have meetings at Noon and 8:00 PM seven days a week. In addition, they have an 8:00 AM meeting on Wednesdays and Saturdays and a women's meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (See Page 9 Hurricane Harvey for temporary limited schedule of meetings.)

## Step 9: Responsibility

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people except when to do so would injure them or others.

If you have trouble with any step, go back to the previous step. Nowhere is that more true than with Step 9. In my experience, most of the work was done in Step 8, with adult supervision from my sponsor and others. I revisited my past to get clear about what I had done to the people on my list and what I needed to do to make it right; I prayed for them until I wished them well; I cleared away rationalization, justification and resentment and I forgave them for their part.

Then Step 9 became JUST DO IT. Each time I made amends, I had to swallow my pride and begin with "I was wr-wr-wrong when I . . ." (*that word always sticks in my throat*). Then I needed to say what I proposed to do to make it right (*e.g., pay them back*) and perhaps some unexpressed acknowledgment or appreciation of them. Then I needed to shut up -- before I talked myself back into rationalization, justification and resentment. Any hint of that and the other person would forget the amends and be left with more of the same.

When I had completed my Step 8 work, when the time was right for me and for them, my Higher Power put people in my life I hadn't seen for years. Or he sent me somebody who knew how to get in touch with them. Or he put the two of us in a seemingly magical situation. And I knew it was now or never -- or at least there would never be a better opportunity. I've learned to act promptly on this gentle nudging from my Higher Power. People have died or have become unavailable in other ways shortly after a nudge and I either seized the opportunity or I missed it.

As with Step 4, putting off amends makes them seem harder than they are. I tell myself, "If it wasn't terribly difficult, I would have done it long ago." The truth is that thinking about it was usually worse than actually doing it.

Most of the people I've made amends to were generous with me. Some made amends to me. Some said it was no big deal and they were surprised I would bring it up. To them I said, "It was bothering me. The person I aspire to be, the person God created me to be, would not have done what I did." Others were less gracious. When I told one of my coworkers that I had been wrong and had acted like a jerk, she said, "No shit." I expected her to admit that she'd been wrong and that she had acted like a bitch. She didn't. However, we went on to have a successful working relationship, so I think the amends were successful after all.

Half way through Step 9 you get your promises. The purpose of the steps is to make me available to the Grace of God and the promises are what the Grace of God looks like in my life. I was not willing to forgive myself, to give myself a break, to allow myself to have the benefit of God's generosity until I had made significant progress at cleaning up the wreckage of my past with Step 9. Hence, before I was halfway through, I experienced a new freedom . . .

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

# MINUTES

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

### July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

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

- Les opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:00 PM.
- **Harold** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Franny** read the General Warranties
- **Hud** read the 12 Traditions

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Les M.** (Chair), **Hud H.** (Vice Chair), **Harold B.** (Financial Trustee), **Franny J.** (Trustee), **Jim W.** (Trustee), **Jimmy V.** (Trustee), and **Rob M** (Office Manager) were present.
- **Laurie H.** (Trustee) and **Kelly J.** (Asst Office Manager) were not present

#### III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of Board Meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 were reviewed.
  - **Hud** moved to approve the minutes as submitted. **Jim** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the **June Financial Report:**
  - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30<sup>th</sup> were \$32,628.43; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$17,474.51 in Checking; \$12,603.41 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,500.51 in the Jamboree Account.
  - **Profit & Loss** for the month of June: Group & Individual Contributions \$942.08, Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$856.25(*less Cost of Goods Sold \$580.84*); Social Event Revenue: \$2547.00 (less rent of facility: \$300.00) Gross Gain for the month was \$3,464.49; Interest on Prudent Reserve: \$0.32; Total Expenses were \$2,884.78, for a Net Gain of \$580.03 for the month.
    - **Hud** moved to approve the financial report. **Jim** seconded. Motion carried.
- **YP Advertising.** **Harold** said he has been trying for the past week to terminate our contract for advertising in the Yellow Pages. (*Rob tried prior to that.*) The board determined last month that this is an unnecessary expense. (*We will still have a free listing in the directory under "Alcoholics Anonymous" but not a paid advertisement.*)

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12 Step:** Les said we have recruited six new helpline volunteers and one new volunteer for the 12 Step List.
- **Archives:** **Jimmy** said he displayed the CBIA archives at Founder's Day. He said Area Archives Chair K.C. H. gave an excellent talk on AA History at the event. He will display CBIA archives again at the Jamboree in February.
- **Bilingual:** **Jimmy** said he had nothing to report.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Hud** said the July Bender looked good and went out on time.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said we are still supporting the same facilities. He said the McConnell Unit in Beeville is off lockdown. He has made progress in getting volunteers approved more quickly. With a new Chief of Police in Beeville, he was renewing his efforts to get an AA presence in the Bee County Jail.

- **Jamboree:** Franny said she attended the first meeting of the 2018 CB Jamboree last Saturday. While most chair positions are filled, she said they still need a chairs for (1) Al-Anon; (2) Bilingual; (3) Volunteers; (4) Decorations. She said the hotel is now able to make reservations at the conference rate. A save-the-date flier has been published. She said the local speaker and the voice of the jamboree will both be women this year.
- **Nominations:** Franny said she is looking for 6 people to stand for three Trustee positions to be elected at the CBIA quarterly meeting on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). Rob said this would be announced in the Bender and the Bits & Pieces from July thru October, with a nomination form attached.
- **PI/CPC:** Jim said he had nothing to report other than the Area PI/CPC Convention, which will be held in Bastrop September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Social:** Laurie was not present. Rob said Laurie and her Founders' Day committee did a great job. The event was a success by any standard. Artist Vincent A. did a portrait of the founders which we plan to use as the logo for future events. In addition to providing a fun and informative event, it raised \$2,247 for CBIA. Founder's Day and the Jamboree are our two fund raising events. The Halloween and New Year's Eve Dances are budgeted to just cover expenses.

#### VI. OFFICE REPORT: Rob

- **CBIA Banner.** Rob said we purchased a banner (for \$92.38) for the CBIA Table at events like the Jamboree and the mobile bookstore we take to Victoria twice a year. We sell AA literature and sign people up for free subscriptions to the Coastal BENDER.
- **Balance Sheet (AP Liability \$-395.)** Rob said we resolved this anomaly on our Balance Sheet caused by a bug in Quick Books in 2009 with a General Journal Entry moving \$395. from AP Liability to Accrued Earnings. This was acceptable to our tax accountant and to James H. who discovered the problem.
- **Online Donations and Credit Card Purchases.** Rob said we are pursuing allowing individual (not group) donations on our web site (using Pay Pal or a credit card). We are also looking at allowing the use of credit cards to purchase books, cards, medallions and chips in the office.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

#### IX. STANDING RULES REVIEW -

#### X. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

#### XII. CLOSING: Our Father.

- Hud moved to adjourn. Franny seconded. Motion carried.
- Les closed the meeting with prayer at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rob M.**

Office Manager

# MINUTES

## CBIA QUARTERLY MEETING

### July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017

#### I. OPENING:

- **Les** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:00 PM.
- **Mike** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Harold** read the General Warranties
- **Jim** read the 12 Traditions

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Les M.** (*Chair*), **Hud H.** (*Vice Chair*), **Harold B.** (*Financial Trustee*), **Jim W.** (*Trustee*), **Laurie H.** (*Trustee*), **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were present.
- **Mike B.** (*IGR - Weber*) and **Gary L.** (*GSR - New Phoenix*) were present.
- **Jimmy V.** (*Trustee*) and **Franny J.** (*Trustee*) were not present.

#### III. MINUTES:

- Previously approved Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
- Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
  - **Hud** moved to approve the minutes as submitted. **Jim** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the approved **June Financial Report:**
  - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30<sup>th</sup> were \$32,628.43; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$17,474.51 in Checking; \$12,603.41 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,500.51 in the Jamboree Account.
  - **Profit & Loss** for the month of June: Group & Individual Contributions \$942.08, Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$856.25(*less Cost of Goods Sold \$580.84*); Social Event Revenue: \$2547.00 (less rent of facility: \$300.00) Gross Gain for the month was \$3,464.49; Interest on Prudent Reserve: \$0.32; Total Expenses were \$2,884.78, for a Net Gain of \$580.03 for the month.

**YP Advertising.** **Harold** said we have paid for YP Advertising (YP.com) through June of 2019. After that our contract with YP will be terminated.

#### V. 7<sup>th</sup> TRADITION: **Les (Chair)** *We have no dues or fees but we pay rent to the church.*

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (*if time permits*)

- **12th Step:** **Les** said he will finish confirming the people on the 12-Step List by the end of his term.
- **Archives:** **Jimmy** was not present. **Rob** said CBIA archives were displayed at Founder's day in June. They will be displayed again at the Jamboree in February.
- **Bilingual:** **Jimmy** was not present.

- **Coastal Bender:** Hud said he reviewed the August Bender which is scheduled to be published tomorrow.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** Hud said we are still supporting the same facilities, His still working on getting an AA presence at the Bee County Jail and on speeding up the volunteer clearance process.
- **Jamboree:** Franny was not present.
- **Nominations:** Franny was not present.
- **PI/CPC:** Jim said the Area 68 PI/CPC conference will be held September 8-9 in Bastrop.
- **Social:** Laurie said there was nothing new to report. She is looking for a new venue for the New Year's Eve Dance.

## VII. **OFFICE REPORT:**

**Rob** said we have successfully processed online individual donations to CBIA through our web site's link to Pay Pal. We are waiting on a refinement to the web site. We have successfully processed literature sales charged to a credit card. We need a swiping square and chip reader from Square.

## VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

## IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

## X. **NEXT MEETING:**

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> 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 October 30<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

## XII. **CLOSING:**

- Harold moved to adjourn. Jim seconded. Motion carried.
- Les closed the meeting with prayer at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Rob M.***

Office Manager





## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **Hurricane Harvey**

#### **Corpus Christi and West** (*District 8C, 8D, 8E and 26*)

- As best we can tell, all meetings in these areas are now happening as scheduled.

#### **Victoria and Surrounding Area** (*District 7*)

As best we can tell, all meetings in this area are now happening as scheduled.

#### **Area Immediately East of Corpus Christi** (*District 15*)

This area had the most wind damage.

- **Portland** - The Trident Club (822 *Denver*)\_survived. All meetings of the Nueces Bay and Jaywalkers Groups are now meeting here as scheduled.
- **Aransas Pass** - The AP Clubhouse (202 S. 10<sup>th</sup>) survived. They are having a noon meeting (without electricity) every day.
- **Rockport** - The Friends Clubhouse (814 *Wharf Street*) survived. They are having a noon meeting (*without electricity*) every day. In addition, the Anything Goes Group is having it's 9:00 AM Sunday meeting here (Before Harvey, they met at the Women's Club). AEP's goal is have electricity back in this area by Friday.

#### **Helping Affected Area**

The CBIA board has confirmed that our traditions, our charter, our bylaws and our mission statement restrict us to carrying the message. So we cannot accept funds or merchandise to feed or house people or any other purpose. We can and will accept limited donations of AA literature (*new or used big books, 12x12's etc. or funds to purchase them*) to be provided to groups or individuals who have lost their literature in the storm, to shelters, etc. When that need has been met, any remaining literature will be given to corrections or similar outreach programs.



# Bender Bits & Pieces



## Special Events

### Area 68 PI/CPC Conference (September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Bastrop) @

NOTE: See area website <http://aa-swta.org/events/> for details and fliers (English & Spanish).

### Area 68 Fall Voting Conference (October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Seguin) @

NOTE: See area website <http://aa-swta.org/events/> for details and fliers (English & Spanish).

### District 8E Sponsorship Workshop (August 26<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

District 8E will host a Sponsorship Workshop at 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi).

### District 7 Unity Day (November 5<sup>th</sup> in Victoria) \*

District 7 will present Unity Day from 8 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Presbyterian Church (3604 N. Ben Jordan in Victoria). The theme will be "We are Not a Glum Lot". Breakfast and Lunch are included. The panel will include a past delegate and three area officers. (See attached flier for more information.)

### 2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree (February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

The 2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### HOTEL Reservations

The event will again be held at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. Attached is a save the date flier for this event. Below is the Omni Hotel information with the code for making phone reservations and the link for making on line reservations. Call the number [1-800-843-6664](tel:1-800-843-6664) (Omni Central Reservation #) and **give group code number** below or go to the link at bottom for online reservations.

Group Block Name	Group Code	Reservation Dates	Rate/Night	Parking Rate	Deadline for Reservations
2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree	<b>14500813554</b>	Thu., Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun., Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 - 4 Guests in Room @ \$121	Current Self Parking - \$12.00 Guests receive 50% Discount	Wed., January 3, 2018

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi/meetings/2018-coastal-bend-jamboree>

**Event Registration** will be available at (<http://www.cbjamboree.org/>) very soon.



# 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 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, your driver's license number and state and state of issue at least 3 weeks prior to service. You must also indicate which specific meeting(s) you plan to attend.

To volunteer in state prison facilities, you must complete a Department of Criminal Justice training session. This training is very helpful for people who volunteer in any corrections facility, but it is a prerequisite for state jails and prisons. The training is offered in state facilities in Beeville and elsewhere.



## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **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.

#### **CBIA Trustee Election (Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in CC) \***

CBIA is looking for a minimum of six nominees to choose from to replace the three Trustees whose terms are up in January. Voting for the incoming trustees will take place at the October 30<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Association Meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples in Corpus Christi). If you are interested, please fill out the attached nomination form (*see attachment*) and return it to the CBIA office or you can show up and fill out a form at the Quarterly Association Meeting. For further information on what is required of a Trustee contact the CBIA Office. Each group and each CBIA Trustee get one vote at this meeting. Candidates must be present to be elected.



## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **District Meetings**

#### **District 7 (Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Victoria)**

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Grace Presbyterian Church (3604 N. Ben Jordan in Victoria). There will be service manual study at 9:00.

#### **District 8C (Kingsville Area)**

District 8C does not currently have a DCM and no district meetings are scheduled at this time.

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

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

#### **District 8E (Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in CC)**

District 8E will meet at 1:30 PM on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship (Multi-Purpose Building at 6602 S. Staples in Corpus Christi).

#### **District 15 (No meeting in September)**

District 15 will not meet in September due to hurricane damage.





## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **Group / Meeting Changes**

#### **Hope Group Cancels Evening Meetings** (*Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays in Beeville*)(2)

The Hope Group has canceled its 8:00 PM meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in Beeville. They are still meeting at 9:30 AM on Sundays at 1301 S. Adams in Beeville, but it is no longer a bilingual meeting.

#### **Lucky Ones Traditions Study is Closed** (*Thursdays in CC*) (2)

The Lucky Ones 7:00 PM Thursday Traditions Study should be listed as a closed meeting. The Lucky Ones also has a closed Big Book study at 7:00 PM on Mondays and an open discussion meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. All meetings are held in Room 16 at Community of Faith Church (6606 Weber Road in Corpus Christi).

#### **Flour Bluff Untiy Group Family Game Night** (*Saturdays in CC*) (1)

The Flour Bluff Unity Group is hosting a Family Game Night from 9 to 11 PM on Saturdays at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in Corpus Christi)

#### **Rockport Fellowship Group Takes Over All AA Meetings at the Friends Club House** (1)

The 7:00 PM Wednesday and Thursday meetings of the Anything Goes Group will become meetings of the Fellowship Group. They will continue the same format, the same time (7:00 PM) and the same venue (*814 Wharf Street in Rockport*).



## *Bender Bits & Pieces*



### **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**

##### **District 15 Treasurer**

2441 Oak Lane  
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

#### **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 \*.)*

**Area 68 PI/CPC Conference** (September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Bastrop) @  
**Area 68 Fall Voting Conference** (October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Seguin) @  
**CBIA Trustee Election** (October 30<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*  
**District 7 Unity Day** (November 5th in Victoria) \*  
**2018 Coastal Bend Jamboree** (February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

### **AA Meeting Schedules for Our Area**

For current AA meeting schedules for areas serviced by the Coastal Bend Intergroup, visit our website [cbiaa.org](http://cbiaa.org) - printable schedules.

- **AA Meetings in Corpus Christi \***
- **AA Meetings in CC Surrounding Area \***
- **AA Meetings in Victoria & Surrounding Area \***
- **Los Grupos Hispanos \***

**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.



Audrey H.	Rockport Happy Hour Group	09/01/2011	6 Years
Joe B.	Hilltoppers Group	09/06/1982	35 Years
Hank S.	Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	24 Years
Jennie W.	Corpus Christi	09/07/1974	43 Years
Ted W.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/12/1987	30 Years
Steve S.	Weber Nooners Group	09/13/1999	18 Years
Ken B.	Saratoga Group	09/13/2006	11 Years
Catherine S.	Weber Nooners Group	09/15/2004	13 Years
Jim R.	Oso Group	09/15/2006	11 Years
Mike M.	Hilltoppers Group	09/18/2000	17 Years
Bill Mc	Weber Nooners Group	09/18/1992	25 Years
Larry T.	Rockport Fellowship Group	09/20/1970	47 Years
Felix P.	Calallen Group	09/22/2002	15 Years
Roy V.	Calallen Group	09/29/1989	28 Years
Dale S.	Humility Group	09/30/2008	9 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).

**August 2017**

	<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	8	1	0/0	38/6
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	126	11	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

## Intergroup Meetings

**CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting** will be held Monday September 11<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 October 30<sup>th</sup> 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	AUG 2017	YTD 2017
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	.50	66.75
Aransas Pass Group		28.00
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		200.00
CC-Bookmarks Group		40.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group	50.00	250.00
CC-Day of AA		100.00
CC-Dorothy's Group		230.00
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		700.00
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		100.00
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		300.00
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		1,000.00
CC-Humility Group		200.00
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		25.00
CC-Mountain Toppers		200.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		32.60
CC-New Phoenix Group	61.50	422.74
CC-New Women's Group	49.10	458.05
CC-Oso Group		168.81
CC-Rodd Field Group		
CC-Saratoga Group		1,300.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	115.70	456.70
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		2852.00
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
District7	243.57	487.14
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		50.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		76.48
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		300.00
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group		200.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		30.00
Port Lavaca Group		136.68
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		223.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Quarterly Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition		20.00
Riviera-SASTO Group		260.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		25.00
Rockport-Happy Hour Group	40.00	120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		337.10
Sandia Group		37.00
Schulenburg Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		607.26
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		
Victoria-High Nooners Group		100.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group		50.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		65.16
Victoria-Women's Group	30.00	50.00
Yorktown Group		27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$590.37</b>	<b>\$12,332.47</b>



## Los Grupos Hispanos HORARIO

### Grupo en Corpus Christi

- **Grupo Nueva Esperanza** (552 Old Robstown Road, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (todo los dias).
- **Grupo Primer Paso** (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles); **Mediodia** (Sabado).
- **Grupo Serenidad** (408 Brownlee, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Domingo);
- **Grupo Tres Legados** (1015 S. Port, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Lunes y Viernes); **6:00 De la Noche** (Sabado y Domingo).

### Grupo en Kingsville

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

### Grupo en Moulton

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

### Grupo en Schulenberg

- **Grupo Schulenberg** (901 Kallus, Schulenberg) **7:00 De la Noche** (Domingo)

### Grupo en Sinton

- **Grupo Segunda Chance** (215 Sodville, Sinton) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Viernes)

## 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.