



# 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 Trident Club (822 Denver Street in Portland).**

- The **Nueces Bay Group** has a closed discussion meeting at **6:30 PM** on **Mondays**; an open discussion meeting at **8:00 PM** on **Thursdays** and an open literature study at **5:00 PM** on **Sundays**.
- The **Portland AA Meeting** has an open discussion meeting at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesdays** and an open newcomer’s meeting at **7:00 PM** on **Fridays**.

## Tradition 1 – UNITY

*Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA Unity.*

I have a great deal in common with every other AA member:

- **Our common problem: the disease of alcoholism** (*an incurable, progressive killer disease*);
- **Our common solution: recovery with the 12 Steps** (*a process that makes us available to the Grace of God, which gives us a daily reprieve from our alcoholism.*)

The Traditions prevent our egos from destroying the program which is saving our lives. Tradition 1 tells us to focus on what we have in common (*our common problem and our common solution*) and to avoid focusing on things that divide us – such as:

- **Politics** and
- **Religion**

As an organization, we really don't care about your political and/or religious beliefs and affiliations or lack thereof. And we would prefer that you not talk about them in our meetings. While some of us may be like-minded. Others are not.

My recovery and my survival depend on my participation in AA, so don't be drilling holes in the lifeboat.

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

# MINUTES

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

### August 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### I. OPENING:

- **Ed** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:05.
- **Hud** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Peter** read the General Warranties
- **Harold** read the 12 Traditions

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

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

#### III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 were reviewed.
  - **Harold** moved to approve the minutes (*as submitted/as revised*). **Hud** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the **June 2016 Financial Report:**
  - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of July 31<sup>st</sup> were \$23,413.23; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$8,538.01 in Checking; \$12,602.14 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,223.08 in the Jamboree Account.
  - **Profit & Loss** for the month of July: Group & Individual Contributions \$1,625.82; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,336.00 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$934.96*); Gross Gain for the month \$2,026.86; Total Expenses were \$2,627.04 for a Net Loss of \$600.18 for the month.
    - **Les** moved to approve the financial report as read. **Hud** seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **Les** said he had nothing new to report.
- **Archives: Open.** **Rob** said the next archives display will be at the Jamboree in January 2017.
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said he had nothing new. **Peter** volunteered to be on the Bilingual Committee with Hud.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the August BENDER. It looks good and went out on time.

- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said we are still supporting the same corrections facility meetings. He attended a volunteer appreciation dinner for people from AA and other organizations that volunteer at the state prison.
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the 2017 Jamboree Committee is now meeting at 9:30 AM on the second Saturday of each month at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street in CC).
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said we will elect four new trustees to two year terms starting in January 2017 at the CBIA Quarterly Meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). **Rob** said Trustees elected for remaining terms of less than a year are eligible to stand for a full two year term. This applies to **Harold** and **Jim**.
- **PI/CPC: Open.** **Rob** said the next meeting of the PI/CPC Committee will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18<sup>th</sup> Street in CC). The SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Convention will be held September 9-10 in Victoria.
- **Social:** **Laurie** said work is underway on the CBIA Halloween Dance which will be held in October at Parkway Presbyterian Church in CC (where it was last year).

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

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Replacement for **Ginger**.
  - **Hud** moved to elect **Jim W** to the board by acclamation. Jim will assume Ginger's remaining term (through 1/2017). He can stand for a full two-year term at the October Quarterly Meeting.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:**

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday September 12<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 October 24<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XI. **CLOSING:**

- **Hud** moved to adjourn. **Les** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Ed** closed the meeting with prayer at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rob Marek*

Office Manager



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## **Special Events**

### **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). 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. *(See attached fliers for details.)*

### **CBIA Annual Halloween Dance (Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

The Coastal Bend Intergroup Association invites you to attend the annual Halloween Dance from 7:00 PM to midnight on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe in Corpus Christi – where it was held last year.) Admission is \$5.00. *(See attached flier.)*

### **Humility Halloween Dance (Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

The Humility Group invites you to attend their annual Halloween party from 9:00 PM to midnight *(following the monthly birthday meeting at 8:00 PM)* on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Humility (2777D S. Staples at Annapolis in Bel Air Center in Corpus Christi). *(See attached flier for details.)*



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## **Holiday Happenings**

### **Hilltoppers Will Not Meet on Columbus Day (October 10<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

First Methodist Church will be closed on Columbus Day (October 10<sup>th</sup>) and Hilltoppers will not have any meetings that day (both Noon and 5:30 PM meetings are canceled). The regular meeting schedule will resume at noon on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.



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## Service Opportunities

### Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities

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

#### SATF – Corpus Christi

- **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.

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 prisons. The training is offered in state facilities in Beeville and elsewhere. Call the phone number shown to reserve a seat. (*See attached flier for the full TDCJ training schedule and more information.*)



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## Service Opportunities (Continued)

### CBIA Board of Trustees Election \*

Four Trustees will be elected to the Coastal Bend Intergroup Board of Trustees at the Quarterly Association Meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples). (See attached Trustee Form for details.)

### 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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## **Group / Meeting Changes**

### **Premont AA Meeting Changes Meeting Time to 7:00 PM (Fridays in Premont) 2**

The Premont AA Meeting has changed its meeting time from 8:00 PM to 7:00 PM. They meet on Fridays at Hidalgo Park Baptist Church (330 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Premont).



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## **District Meetings**

### **District 7 (Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in Victoria)**

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM St. Francis Episcopal Church (3002 Miori Lane in Victoria).

### **District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Kingsville)**

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

### **District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> in CC)**

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi).

### **District 8E (Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in CC)**

District 8E will meet at 1:30 PM on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 24 Hour Club (302 S Brownlee at Laredo in Corpus Christi).

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

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at First Methodist Church (4545 Wildcat in Portland.)



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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**

5413 Timbergate Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

#### **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.



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## Save the Dates

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

- 2016 SW Texas Area 68 Fall Voting Assembly** *(October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi) \**
- CBIA Trustee Election – Quarterly Meeting** *(October 24<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi) \**
- 2016 CBIA Halloween Dance** *(Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in CC) \**
- 2016 Humility Halloween Party** *(Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in CC) \**
- 2017 Coastal Bend Jamboree** *(January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in Corpus Christi) \**
- 2017 SW Texas Area 68 Corrections Conference** *(February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio) \**

## 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.



Sara M.	CC-Turning Point Group	10.01.1993	23 Years
Nancy S.	District 15	10.01.1997	19 Years
Rob V.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	10.01.1979	37 Years
Billy J.	District 15	10.02.1989	27 Years
Dave D.	Rockport-Anything Goes	10.04.1985	31 Years
Mari Kay	Portland-Nueces Bay	10.07.1995	21 Years
Marcia E.	CC-5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Group	10.08.2011	5 Years
Dick B.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.08.2008	8 Years
Patrick R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.09.2009	7 Years
Janet L.	District 15	10.10.1982	34 Years
Carla R	District 15	10.10.2007	9 Years
Michael B.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.11.2008	8 Years
Tom P.	Aransas Pass Group	10.17.1973	43 Years
Crystal M.	CC-Early Morning Fellowship	10.18.2003	13 Years
Harold B.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.18.2007	9 Years
Arthur A.	CC-5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Group	10.19.1998	18 Years
Karen C.	CC-New Women's Group	10.20.1988	28 Years
Sharon S.	CC-New Women's Group	10.21.2006	10 Years
Felix P.	CC-Calallen Group	10.22.2002	14 Years
Betsy H.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.22.2010	6 Years
Karen V.	CC-New Women's Group	10.23.1996	20 Years
Camille P.	District 15	10.26.1999	17 Years
Eddie M.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.28.2005	11 Years
Debbie B.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.31.2000	16 Years
Sam L.	Port Aransas Group	10.31.2008	8 Years
Andy B.	Port Aransas Group	10.31.1986	30 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).

**September 2016**

	<b><u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u></b>		<b><u>AFTER HOURS</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup> STEP CALLS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>39/3</b>
<b>INFORMATIONAL CALLS</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>9</b>	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

### Intergroup Meetings

**CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting** will be held Monday October 10<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 24<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	Sept. 2016	YTD 2016
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	2.00	109.84
Aransas Pass Group		38.00
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		
CC-Bookmarks Group		40.00
CC-Calallen Group		470.30
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group	60.00	380.00
CC-Daily Reprieve Group		42.33
CC-Day of AA		100.00
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		150.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		60.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	36.00	319.28
CC-New Women's Group	91.74	676.94
CC-Oso Group		728.93
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group		150.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		640.49
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		2,049.97
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
CC-Young & Restless (Final Distribution)		163.00
District7	243.57	487.14
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		85.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		143.43
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		122.00
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		50.00
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group		300.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group		72.63
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		185.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group		144.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		166.00
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group	2.00	302.44
Sandia Group		
Schulenburg Group		87.00
Sinton-Grupo Segunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group	342.43	849.66
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		250.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group	50.00	100.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group		50.00
Victoria-Men's Group		65.00
Victoria-Unity Group	20.00	20.00
Victoria-Women's Group		25.00
Yorktown Group		58.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$847.74</b>	<b>\$9,949.17</b>

# 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.