



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.”**

Early History of the Weber Road Nooners Group

In February 1990, Mike M. asked the then newly-sober Mark J. if he would like to help Mike start a daily noon meeting across the street from P&S Hospital on Weber Road in an unoccupied house owned by a psychiatrist at P&S. And so it was that Mike and Mark became co-founders of the Weber Road Nooners Group. Smoking meetings were held daily in a stone front ranch-style house next to Popeye’s Restaurant on Weber at Gollihar. When the group grew to fill up the meeting room, a second meeting was held in another room for newcomers.

Other early members included:

- **Kathy O.** (5.14.1978)
- **Bud L.** (6.1.1973),
- **Jeff J.** (6.3.1987),
- The late **Jimmy L.**,
- The late **Eve S.**, and
- The late **Jim P.**

In 1993, the Psychiatrist decided to do something else with his house and asked the group to find another meeting place. *(Today the house is part of a Day Care Center.)* Mark asked his friend Billy S., then pastor of Travis Baptist Church, if the group could have smoking meetings at Travis. The answer was “Yes” to meeting in the church, but “No” to smoking. So in 1993, Weber Nooners moved to Travis Baptist Church *(5802 Weber Road at Schanen Blvd.)* and became a non-smoking meeting. They still meet at Travis, where they have noon meetings Monday through Saturday. They also have a 10:00 AM meeting on Saturdays and 5:30 PM meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mike M. died sober on April 25th 2015 with 36 years of sobriety. This year they are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the group.

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

Step 6 - Willingness

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

My character defects are what my friends call "The trouble with Rob." They are the beliefs and behaviors that get in the way of me taking care of myself and being of service to God and others. Most of my defects originated early in life. They were the best adaptation I was capable of under the circumstances. I got attached to them because they seemed to work for me at the time. I thought they helped me survive. Subsequently, they became my automatic response to situations I perceive as similar -- even when they are inappropriate and ineffective. I got so attached to them I became unwilling to even consider giving them up.

A few years ago, someone asked AA's General Service Office to explain the difference between "defects of character" in Step 6 and "shortcomings" in Step 7. The answer was "There is no difference." Two different expressions meaning the same thing were used to avoid repetition in two successive sentences.

The principle behind Step 6 is WILLINGNESS. When I take on doing the will of God, He will remove any obstacles in my way, including my defects of character. But I have to be willing to give them up. If there were a Sixth Step Prayer, I think it would be a prayer for willingness.

The way monkeys are trapped in the wild is to place a bit of food into a small cage-like trap, designed so a monkey's open hand fits between the bars. But when the monkey grips the food in a closed fist, its hand won't pass back through the bars. Because the monkey is unwilling to give up the food, it is caught in the trap. So it was with me and my defects when I started my journey in recovery (*and, sometimes, to this day*).

Early on, a defect had to kick my natural ass, before I would give it up. I had to be laying on the floor in excruciating pain the way I was when I came to AA. I've learned that it is possible to raise the bottom -- I just have to be willing to give up the payoff I'm getting. Stated another way, I have to want to stop incurring the cost bad enough to be willing to give up the perceived benefit I've been getting. I do a journal exercise where I write down the payoff and the cost of the defect.

Generally the PAYOFF is something like -

- I get to be right and make others wrong;
- I get off the hook and don't have to take responsibility for something;
- I get to be comfortable with the familiar.

Generally the COST is things like

- Happiness;
- Self-Expression;
- Relationships with God, myself, and other people.

For me it often comes down to a choice between being right or being happy. As my values have changed in recovery, I would generally rather be happy. If I'm WILLING to let go of what I've got, God can give me something better.

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

MINUTES

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

April 13th 2015

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Joe** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:02 PM.
- **Jimmy** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **A.J.** read the 12 Traditions.

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Joe R.** (*Vice Chair*), **Tom K.** (*Treasurer*), **A.J. A.** (*Trustee*), **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **Ginger S.** (*Trustee*), and **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*) were present.
- **Johnie S.** (*Chair*) and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) were not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 9th were reviewed.
 - **Ed** moved to approve the minutes as read. **A.J.** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Tom** presented the March Financial Report.
- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of March 31st were \$27,557.19; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$11,975.45 in Checking; \$12,600.56 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,931.18 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month: Group & Individual Contributions \$608.94 Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,441.25 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$974.61*); Gross Gain for the month \$1,075.58; Total Expenses were \$3,354.14 for a Net Loss of \$2,278.56 for the month.
 - **A.J.** moved to approve the report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.J.** said the helpline is working well. He will call all the people on the helpline to ensure that we have a working number and they are still willing and able to serve in this capacity.
- **Public Information/Cooperate with Professional Community:** Johnie was not present. Rob said that Johnie is working with the Area 68 PI/CPC Convention Host Committee to produce the area convention here in Corpus Christi September 25th through 27th. There will be a lunch for professionals at Water Street on Friday September 25th.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** Joe said a new rule at SATF in CC will require anyone attending a meeting to have prior clearance. Rob said he would modify the BENDER Service Opportunities to reflect this change.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said the April BENDER looks good. **Rob** said the cover story is on the history of Spanish-speaking AA Groups in Corpus Christi.
- **Bilingual:** **Joe** said he had nothing to report.
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said he had nothing to report. (*This function starts up in the summer to prepare for Trustee elections in October,*)

- **Social: Ginger** said she has booked All Saints Labyrinth Room on 6.13.2015 for Founders Day and 10.31.2015 for the Halloween Dance. Before our next meeting, she will call St. Bart's to schedule the New Year's Eve Dance and will start committee meetings to plan Founder's Day.
- **Jamboree: Jimmy** said he had nothing to report (The Jamboree Committee is in hiatus until July).
- **Archives: Johnie** was not present. Rob said we continue to run group histories from the CBIA archives.

VI. OFFICE REPORT:

- **Office Update – Rob** said he and **Tom** shopped for a better price and found that quotes from other carriers started at \$300 more than the renewal premium for our present carrier. Hence we renewed the policy as is for \$928.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **None.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Revenue: Tom K.** There was a discussion about ideas for increasing revenue. It was agreed that each Trustee would talk to his or her home group at the next group conscience about the regular distribution of funds in excess of prudent reserves. The cultural norm of \$1 in the basket has been prevalent since 1935 despite 80 years of inflation. We will run articles in the BENDER about what CBIA does as well as bursary issues.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday May 11th 2015 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 27th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XI. CLOSING:

- **Ed** moved to adjourn. **A.J.** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Joe** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek

Office Manager

MINUTES

Coastal Bend Intergroup Quarterly Association Meeting April 27th 2015

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Johnie** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 6:00
- **Kelly** read the CBIA MISSION STATEMENT.
- **A.J.** read the 12 TRADITIONS.

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Johnie S.** (*Chair*), **Joe R.** (*Vice Chair*), **A.J. A.** (*Trustee*), **Ginger S** (*Trustee*), and **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **K.C. H.** (*IGR – New Life*), **Wayne K.** (*IGR – Bookmarks*), **Patrick R.** (*IGR – New Phoenix*), **Rob Marek** (*Office Manager*) and **Kelly J.** (*Assistant Office Manager*) were present.
- **Tom K.** (*Financial Trustee*) and **Ed. B.** (*Trustee*) were not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Approved minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting (*January 26th 2015*) were reviewed.
- Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of *April 13th 2015* were reviewed.
 - **Joe** moved to approve the minutes. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Rob presented the approved FINANCIAL REPORT for March:

- CBIA Balance Sheet as of March 31st 2015.
- Profit and Loss for the Month of March and Year-to-Date.
- Group Contributions for the Month of March and Year-to-Date.
- Approved Budget for 2015

V. Committee Reports:

- **12th Step:** **A.J.** said the Helpline is working well. He is in the process of confirming the people on the 12 Step List.
- **PI/CPC:** **Johnie** said the Area PI/CPC Convention will be held in CC in September. There will be a lunch for professionals at Water Street on Friday September 25th and workshops at St John's UMC on Friday and Saturday September 25th – 26th.
- **Corrections & Treatment:** **Joe** said meetings at Reality Ranch every Sunday and at SATF every other Friday are going well.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** was not present.
- **Bilingual:** **Joe** had nothing to report.
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said this function is in hiatus until summer when we begin to recruit trustees for election in October.
- **Social:** **Ginger** said Founder's Day will be at All Saints on Saturday, June 13th. The Founder's Day committee will meet every Saturday at 1:30 at NPG until the event. Rob said he would announce this in the BENDER and Bits & Pieces. She is waiting for a call back from St. Bart's about scheduling the New Year's Eve dance.

- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the Jamboree Committee is in hiatus until July. However, they did negotiate a change in our contract with the hotel whereby we will not have a brunch as part of the Jamboree. Since we were consistently not able to find enough people willing to pay \$25 for breakfast, we ended up incurring penalties each year
- **Archives:** **Johnie** said CBIA archives are now safely stored in a plastic tub in the office.

VII. Seventh Tradition basket was passed.

VIII. Old Business:

- None.

IX. New Business:

- Wayne K. asked how we handle requests for speakers at non-AA functions. Rob said we find someone who has been sober a while and is willing to talk and give them the AA pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings". Wayne said that we need to have people trained for this. Rob said we could have a Speakers List like the 12-Step List. Wayne said anybody interested in doing this should attend the luncheon for professionals at the PI/CPC Convention here in September to hear this sort of talk done well.

X. NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Monday May 11th at 6:00PM at the CBIA Office.
- **Quarterly Coastal Bend Intergroup Association Meeting,** Monday, July 27th at 6:00PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (*3026 S. Staples in Corpus Christi*)

X. CLOSING

- **Joe** moved to adjourn. **Ginger** seconded. **Motion carried.** **Johnie** closed with the Our Father at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek
Office Manager



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Special Events

2015 CBIA Founder's Day (Saturday, June 13th in CC) *

In celebration of 80 years of Alcoholics Anonymous, Founder's Day will again be held at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in Corpus Christi – next to Ray High School). Tickets are \$5.00 (Children under 12 are free.) and can be obtained from CBIA trustees, Founder's Day Committee members, at the CBIA Office (3833 S Staples Suite S-212 in CC) or at the door. Plans include a speaker, lunch, a recovery skit and an AA meeting. There will be an archives display, a bake sale, a raffle and a used book sale. (See attached flier.)

10:00 Welcome

10:30 Speaker Meeting

11:30 1st Raffle Drawing

12:00 Lunch Begins

1:00 2nd Raffle Drawing

2:00 Skit – “The AA Graduation”

2:30 3rd Raffle Drawing

3:00 AA Meeting

District 8D Workshop: The AA Group (Saturday, June 20th in CC) *

District 8D is sponsoring a workshop on The AA Group at 3:15 PM on Saturday, June 20th at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples Suite F in Corpus Christi). The workshop will be facilitated by Southwest Texas Area 68 Treasurer Don S.

District 15 Workshop: The Delegate's Report (Saturday, June 20th in Rockport) *

District 8D is sponsoring a workshop at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 20th at Peace Lutheran Church (1302 Market Street in Rockport). Southwest Texas Area 68 Delegate James H. will report on the General Service Conference in New York in April 2015.



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2015 International Convention (July 2nd – 5th in Atlanta, GA) *

Every five years AA has an international convention. The last one was in San Antonio in 2010. The next one will be in Atlanta, GA July 2nd thru July 5th, 2015.

Attached is the Advance Schedule for the Convention.

Flour Bluff Unity Group Birthday Night & 4th of July BBQ (Saturday, July 4th - in CC) *

The Flour Bluff Unity Group is hosting a Birthday Night and 4th of July Barbeque from 5-7:30 PM on Saturday, July 4th at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi). Raffle Tickets are \$1. Birthday meeting will start at 8:00 PM. All are welcome. (*See attached flier.*)

2015 Texas State Convention (August 14th-16th in Midland) *

The 69th annual Texas State Convention will be held August 14th – 16th at the Midland Center in Midland. (*See attached flier for details.*)



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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. In these situations, men work with men and women work with women.

SATF – Corpus Christi

1. **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.*)
2. **Activity Sponsors** take people to meetings once a week or so. (*Minimum one year sober and prior clearance.*)
3. **Step Sponsors** work the steps with people. (*Minimum two years sober and prior clearance.*)

Reality Ranch – Corpus Christi

1. **Attend Meetings** to support a men's meeting at 8:00 PM every Sunday.
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Live Oak County Jail – George West

1. **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,

- Women should call District 8D Corrections Chair Joyce T. at (361) 549-9321.
- Men should call CBIA Corrections Trustee Joe R. at (361) 510-9509 for facilities in Corpus Christi.
- Men should call Dist 8E Corrections Chair Jesse T. at (361) 815-3239 for Live Oak County Jail.



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Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities (Continued)

Where clearance is required, provide Joyce or Joe or Jesse 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.

Local Stories Wanted for the BENDER

Consider writing your recovery story or an article on an AA discussion topic for publication in this newsletter. Submit your article to cbia@grandecom.net in a Word document or similar format.

Volunteers Needed for PI/CPC Conference (September 25th and 26th 2015 in CC) *

There are many diverse service opportunities for AA members (*including newcomers*) for the Area 68 Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference which will be held in Corpus Christi in September. We will need:

- Meeting Chairs
- Hospitality
- Bilingual
- Registration
- Special Needs
- Audio / Visual
- General Volunteers

Enclosed is a volunteer sign-up sheet. GSR's & DCM's gathering names of volunteers for their group or district, should submit the forms for new (*additional*) volunteers at least monthly (*e.g. August 1st; September 1st; and October 1st etc.*) so the volunteers can be contacted. Refer any questions to John W. at (361) 877-1642 or jmwatson52@gmail.com.

Volunteers will be invited to attend the final committee meeting in August 2015 to meet with their respective Sub-Committee Chairs.

The next PI/CPC Convention Host Committee meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday June 6th at New Phoenix (*5433 S Staples, Suite F in the Boardwalk in Corpus Christi*).



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

Helpline / 12 Step List

Attached is the June Helpline Schedule. 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.

Volunteers Needed for CBIA Founder's Day Committee (Event: June 13th in CC)

The Founder's Day Committee will meet every Saturday leading up to the event at 1:30 PM at New Phoenix (5433 S Staples Suite F in the Boardwalk in Corpus Christi). This weekend only, the committee will meet at 1:30 PM on Sunday, May 17th instead of Saturday. To be a part of putting on this popular event, just show up at the committee meetings. A variety of service opportunities are available for this event which will include speakers, lunch, a recovery skit and an AA meeting.

The CBIA Social Trustee is Ginger S. (gingersbackintx@gmail.com). She is asking for donations for the event:

- Raffle baskets and/or nice items to put in baskets;
- Used books, CD's or DVD's to sell.
- Food and drink (*can be brought to the church the day of the event*):
 - Pickles, onions, jalapeños;
 - Potato salad / beans;
 - Coffee / Water / Sodas.
- Monetary donations are also welcome.

Non-perishable items (*raffle items, used books, CD's or DVD's, etc.*) can be dropped off prior to 11:30 on Wednesday, June 10th at the CBIA Office during office hours (7:30-11:30 AM and 1:30 – 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.)



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Group / Meeting Changes

Crosstown Group Has Moved to 18th Street (4:00 PM Saturdays in CC)(1)

The Crosstown Group will now meet at the Alanos Cottage (1633 18th Street in Corpus Christi.) They will continue to hold an open discussion meeting at 4:00 PM on Saturdays.

Beeville Happy Joyous & Free Changes Time & Format (8:00 PM Wednesdays in Beeville)(1)

The Beeville Happy Joyous & Free Group has changed its meeting time from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and changed from a Women's Open Discussion meeting to an Open Discussion meeting (*i.e. men are now welcome*). They continue to meet on Wednesdays at the First United Methodist Church (106 E. Cleveland in Beeville).

Cullen Mall Group Adds Saturday Meeting (8:00 PM in CC) and Drops Sunday Meeting (1)

The Cullen Mall Group has added an 8:00 PM Saturday Meeting and dropped its Sunday meeting. They now meet at 8:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays in the Scout Hut behind Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe at Brawner Parkway in Corpus Christi).

New Phoenix Group Changes Time for its Early Meeting from 7:00 AM to 6:30 AM (Daily in CC) (1)

The New Phoenix Group has changed the start time for its early meeting from 7:00 AM to 6:30 AM. They now meet every day at 6:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM in Suite F in the Boardwalk (5433 S. Staples in Corpus Christi).

Victoria Main Stream Group Moving to St. Francis Episcopal Church (Mon – Sat at Noon in Victoria)

The Main Stream Group is moving to St. Francis Episcopal Church (3002 Miori Lane in Victoria.) They have a noon meeting every day except Sunday.



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, June 20th in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, June 20th at 9:30 AM. There will be Service Manual Study at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church (3002 Miori Lane in Victoria).

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, June 20th in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, June 20th 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 20th in CC)

District 8D's next will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 20th at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi). At 3:15 in the same venue, SW Texas Area 68 Treasurer Don S. will facilitate a workshop on The AA Group.

District 8E Next Meeting (Saturday, June 20th in CC)

District 8E's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 20th at the Corpus Christi Christian Church (6602 S. Staples in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, June 20th in Rockport)

District 15's next meeting will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday June 20th at Peace Lutheran Church (1302 Market Street in Rockport). At 2:00 PM in the same venue, SW Texas Area 68 Delegate James H. will present the Delegate's Report on the General Service Conference in New York in April 2015.



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Save the Dates

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

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2015 International Convention (*July 2nd - 5th in Atlanta*) *

Flour Bluff Unity Group Birthday Night & 4th of July BBQ (*Saturday, July 4th - in CC*) *

2015 Texas State Convention (*August 14th - 16th in Midland*) *

2015 Area 68 SW Texas PI/CPC Conference (*September 25th - 26th in CC*)

Area 68 SW Texas Summer Workshop (*July 17th - 19th in Austin*)

Area 68 SW Texas Fall Voting Conference (*October 16th - 27th in CC*)

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree (*January 22-24, 2016 in CC*)

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 and Surrounding Area ***



Peter M.	Victoria – District 7	06/02/1992	23 Years
Chuck O.	Oso Group	06/04/1985	30 Years
Nick F.	Sunset 7	06/07/2006	9 Years
Nicole G.	Nueces Bay Group	06/08/2008	7 Years
Eli G.	Nueces Bay Group	06/08/2008	7 Years
Ronnie S.	Calallen Group	06/10/1987	28 Years
Mike S.	Calallen Group	06/10/2007	8 Years
Raul	Calallen Group	06/10/2008	7 Years
Bryan W.	Daily Reprieve	06/13/1983	32 Years
James M.	Portland Nueces Bay	06/13/1993	22 Years
Skip T.	District 15	06/14/1979	36 Years
Bill H.	Calallen Group	06/17/2002	13 Years
Terry M.	Portland Jaywalkers	06/18/1992	23 Years
Ann W.	District 15	06/19/1996	19 Years
Diane P.	District 15	06/21/2001	14 Years
Cari C.	Weber Nooners	06/22/2005	10 Years
Celso G.	District 15	06/23/1988	27 Years
Linda K	District 15	06/25/2001	14 Years
Jim H.	District 15	06/25/2007	8 Years
Marjorie A.	New Phoenix Group	06/25/2009	6 Years
Mary S.	Rockport, TX	06/28/1997	18 Years

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

May 2015

	<u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u>		<u>AFTER HOURS</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
12 TH STEP CALLS	7	1	0/0	18/1
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	240	22	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday June 8th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday July 27th 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 2015	YTD 2015
Alanos		
Alice Group		
Alive & Free		
Aransas Pass Group		76.82
Beeville (Hope Group)		
Beeville (Serenity Group)		
Beeville (Shepherd's Group)		
Beeville (Freedom Group)		
Bookmarks Group		3.00
Calallen Group		
Clean & Serene Group		
Crosstown Group		
Cullen Mall Group	150.00	250.00
Daily Reprieve Group		
Day of AA in CC		100.00
District7	81.19	405.95
District 8D		
District 8E		
Early Morning Fellowship		
Falfurrias (2nd Chance Group)		30.00
Fellowship Group @ Charlie's Place		
Fifth Tradition Group		282.50
Flour Bluff Unity Group		
Friday Night Speaker Meeting		
Goliad (Open Arms Group)	40.00	90.00
Hilltoppers Group		
Humility Group		
Ingleside (Living Sober Group)		
Just for Today Group		
Karnes City (Mayfield Group)		108.75
Kingsville (AL-K Group)		
Mathis (Crossroads Group)		60.00
Mountain Toppers		
Newcomers Meeting		
New Life Group	15.00	30.00
New Phoenix Group	21.00	148.00
New Women's Group	64.79	336.67
Oso Group		360.00
Port Aransas (Port A Day Tripper's Group)		
Port Aransas Group		200.00
Port Lavaca Group		74.01
Port O'Connor Group		100.00
Portland (Jaywalkers Group)		
Portland (Nueces Bay Group)		
Primary Purpose Group		
Riviera (SASTO Group)		12.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport (Anything Goes Group)		
Rockport (Happy Hour Group)		80.00
Rockport (Fellowship Group)		
Rodd Field Group		114.00
Rx for Sobriety		
Sandia Group		
Sinton (Grupo Segunda Chanza)		30.00
Skidmore Group		50.00
Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	163.19	323.06
Three Rivers (Choke Canyon Group)	25.00	50.00
Turning Point Group		
Victoria (Back to Basics Group)		178.00
Victoria (Main Stream Group)	25.00	100.00
Victoria (Men's Group)		75.00
Victoria (Women's Group)		15.00
Weber Road Nooners Group		1852.18
Wenholz Women's Group		
Yorktown Group	23.60	23.60
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	.75	59.58
TOTAL	\$609.52	\$5,618.12

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.

The 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.