



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 First Issue of The Coastal Bender

Published January 4, 1979

Happy New Year!! Now that each of us has survived the anxieties, hurrying-worrying, joys and celebrations of the holiday season, it is back to business as normal.

With that in mind, we thought it an appropriate time to bring you up to date on the progress of your intergroup office—the Coastal Bend Intergroup Association, Inc. (“CBIA”).

On Sunday, December 3, 1978, a meeting of the CBIA was held at the La Quinta Royale. Roy M. presided as chairman for the infant organization. All temporary trustees were present as well as representatives from nine local and three out-of-town AA groups. H.P. (that’s short for Higher Power!) and four other guests were also present. George P., acting secretary, read minutes from previous CBIA meetings and advised every one of all actions taken to date.

In review, Articles of Incorporation had been filed and the CBIA became a Texas non-profit corporation on November 6, 1978. Temporary trustees and officers had been elected. An answering service was being secured, a bank account had been established, and advertising alternatives were being considered. Post office box 3204, Corpus Christi, TX 78404 had been secured for CBIA and a committee had begun the collection of AA names available for Twelfth Step calls coming to us from the CBIA answering service. The treasurer’s report was read: \$440.00 had been received in original donations; \$120.00 had been received in monthly pledges; \$65.00 had been expended primarily on organizational fees, etc. Cash on hand at December 3 was \$495.00.

Discussions were had regarding nominations and qualifications of trustees and officers, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws (the governing rules of the corporation.

It was decided that committees be elected to handle the drafting of CBIA's Bylaws and selection of a slate of candidates to serve as permanent trustees. It was moved, seconded, discussed, and unanimously agreed that Jerry C., Eve S., and Sue M. be elected to serve as members of a Bylaws Committee. This committee is to review other intergroups' Bylaws, consult GSO guidelines, and prepare a preliminary draft of CBIA Bylaws for final review by the entire organization at its next meeting. Anyone desiring to make suggestions regarding the Bylaws' contents is asked to submit their ideas in writing to Bylaws Committee, P.O. Box 3204, Corpus Christi, TX 78404. The final Bylaws will be ratified by a majority of CBIA representatives as dictated within such Bylaws.

A nominating committee was also elected after such motion was made, seconded, and discussed, Jeanelle R., Gus C., and Eloise Y. were chosen to bring before all intergroup representatives as list of as many qualified persons as are needed for the ballot and who are willing to serve as permanent trustees/officers, if elected. Alternatives to this committee are Carl P., Erie E., and Peggy D. This slate of candidates will be presented for vote to all CBIA representatives after the Bylaws are ratified.

As stressed in previous communications, CBIA was created to be a vehicle whereby AA groups and individuals may "carry the message to sick alcoholics" within the framework of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. All AA Groups in Districts 8-A, B and C, as well as any other interested AA groups in the Coastal Bend area are urged to elect an intergroup representative and alternate to attend CBIA meetings and become the voice/vote of his/her group. Financial commitment is not a qualification for membership. It would be appreciated if each so-elected representative would assemble from his/her group a list of AA names available for Twelfth Step calls. These names should be mailed to the above post office box or called in to Earl D. (937-2244).

The CBIA 24-hour answering service is now a reality. We will be listed in the May, 1979 Corpus Christi telephone directory as:

AA- Alcoholics Anonymous Information 24 hour answering service
1209 McKinney 883-5331

The answering service has a "patch-in" service whereby AA volunteers may have the answering service switched over to their home phones at night, on weekends, and on holidays. Each AA volunteer will be trained as to phone procedures and Twelfth Step names will be made available to such volunteers. The telephone number is noted above. Monthly charges for this service total \$52.00.

OUR GOAL—to carry the message—has already become a reality though this answering service. Literature has been requested on several occasions and at least one known "pigeon" now attends meetings as a result of his call to CBIA!!!!

A newspaper ad setting forth our service runs daily in the Corpus Christi papers and may be found under PERSONALS. This monthly expenditure totals \$25.80. Ad Sack will publish the same ad as often as desired at no cost to CBIA.

Interest in CBIA is increasing as more AA members become involved in Twelfth Step work. Six Corpus Christi AA groups have made over \$700 in original contributions to CBIA and have cumulatively committed themselves to ongoing monthly pledges of approximately \$120. A savings account has been opened so that any existing excess funds may accumulate interest for CBIA. Plans for future expenditures include the purchase of AA-approved literature for distribution to interested parties, a radio spot, and T.V. advertisement. These goals will be accomplished only as funds become available.

The next meeting of CBIA will be held in late January, at which time the draft Bylaws will be presented to all intergroup representatives for their review, discussion, and approval. Once again, we urge each group in the Coastal Bend Area to elect an intergroup representative so that your group will be represented at that meeting. A notice will be forwarded shortly to each group confirming the date of such meeting. In the meantime, if you have an questions or care to discuss progress to date, please write or call us.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm and support shown for this vital organization thus far. Many thanks to each of you. May peace and serenity be yours one day at a time throughout 1979.

~ Coastal Bend Intergroup Association
Temporary Trustees

Step 7 - Humility

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

I believe there are two types of prayer -

- **HELP** and
- **THANK YOU.**

Step 7 is a **HELP** prayer. It couldn't be simpler: "I need your help. Please get this out of my way." Then God puts people and situations in my life that help me learn a better way. This is where God's sense of humor is most apparent. This is also where I sometimes think God is messing with me.

When I first started work on Step 7, I asked God to remove only the specific defect which was most annoying to me at the moment. (*I had not yet learned that I can't do His will my way.*)

It occurred to me that a lot of my emotional upsets were caused by my impatience. So I asked God to help me with patience. Afterwards, every traffic light I came to seemed to be red forever. Every person I talked to seemed to go on and on without getting to the point. Then one day I had an early meeting with a Senior Vice President at the corporation I worked for. On my way to work that morning an accident turned the freeway into a parking lot. Thinking I could still make it on time, I got off onto the surface streets. Then a garbage truck stalled blocking the road. When I pulled into the garage at work with not a second to spare, the woman in front of me had lost her key card and was digging through her purse and her glove compartment trying to find it. I started laughing and impatience has not grabbed me the same way since.

Now when I start to get annoyed, it will occur to me "You know, Robert, if you had allowed yourself a more reasonable amount of time for this you wouldn't be in this quandary." I can still get impatient, but it doesn't sneak up on me and overcome me the way it used to.

As my recovery has progressed, I've gotten less specific in my Step 7 prayers. Now I start the day by asking God to let me know what He wants me to do today and for the desire and the discipline to do it. I also ask Him to remove any obstacles, including any defects in me, that would get in the way.

When I first started doing this, He decided it would be useful for me to stop letting other people take the blame when things went wrong, while I took the credit when things went well. So He put a woman on one of my software development projects who did the same thing to me. I was angry at her until I realized that I had done the same thing to other people. (*Although, surely I did it with more taste and class. LOL.*) Faced with that realization, I wanted to throw up. (*The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off.*) However, I've been much better about taking responsibility for failures and much more generous about giving others credit where credit is due.

The principle behind Step 7 is humility. When I have humility, I have a realistic sense of my strengths and weaknesses and gratitude to God for doing for me what I could not do for myself. Humility makes me teachable, which is essential for this step.

SHORTCOMINGS are what my friends call "the trouble with Rob." They are the beliefs and behaviors that get in the way of me being of service to God and others. Most of them originated early in life. They represented 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 think they helped me survive, for heaven's sake. 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 that I can't just "cut it out" by my own self-will. I need the help of a Higher Power.

A few years ago, one of the "intellectuals" in AA ("Intellectuals" are often "binge thinkers", like me.) asked the GSO to explain the difference between "shortcomings" in Step 7 and "defects of character" in Step 6. As I understand it, the answer was "There is no difference." Two different expressions meaning the same thing were used to avoid repetition in two successive sentences.

MINUTES

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

May 11th 2015

I. OPENING:

- **Johnie** opened with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:00 PM.
- **Ginger** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Joe** read the 12 Traditions

II. ATTENDANCE:

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

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of April 27th were reviewed.
 - Tom moved to approve the minutes as read. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Tom** presented the April Financial Report.
- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of April 30th were \$26,504.69; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$10,922.95 in Checking; \$12,600.56 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,931.18 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month of April: Group & Individual Contributions \$1,662.22; Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,729.25 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$1,264.62*); Gross Gain for the month \$2,126.85; Total Expenses were \$3,700.32 for a Net Loss of \$1,573.47 for the month.
 - **Ed** moved to approve the report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.C.** was not present.
- **Public Information/Cooperate with Professional Community:** **Johnie** said she had nothing new to report.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Joe** said Reality Ranch is under a new contractor and now called "Avalon". He said things are going well with the meeting he sponsors there on Sunday and at SATF – CC.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said the May BENDER went out on time and looks good.

- **Bilingual**: **Joe** said he had nothing to report.
- **Nominations**: **Jimmy** said he had nothing to report.
- **Social**: **Ginger** said Founder's Day is coming together nicely. People have taken responsibility for each service area (food, the play, the raffle, etc.). George F. (1.23.1972 of Weber Nooners) will be the speaker. This week only, her committee will meet at New Phoenix at 1:30 PM on Sunday 5.17.2015 instead of Saturday.
- **Jamboree**: **Jimmy** said the Jamboree Committee is on hiatus until July.
- **Archives**: **Johnie** said she had nothing to report.

VI. OFFICE REPORT:

- **Office Update** – **Rob** said he had nothing to report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Participation & Revenue**: **Tom** said that there are 105 groups in the Coastal Bend area but only 37 of them contributed to CBIA last year. **Ed** has been successful talking about CBIA at District 7 meetings. Several groups in the Victoria area have contributed for the first time. **Tom** proposed dividing up the 105 groups among the 7 trustees and each would contact about 16 groups. **Rob** and **Tom** will work on talking points.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- **None.**

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday June 8th 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 July 27th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XI. CLOSING:

- **Ed** moved to adjourn. **Ginger** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Johnie** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek
Office Manager



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CBIA Office Closed for Independence Day (Friday, July 3rd)

In celebration on Independence Day, the CBIA Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. As usual, the helpline staff will answer the phones when the office is closed. The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Monday, July 6th for normal hours.

Meetings

Most meetings happen rain or shine, holiday or not. There are a few exceptions:

Hilltoppers No Meeting on Friday, July 3rd in CC

First Methodist Church will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Hilltoppers will not meet that day. Meetings will resume at noon and 5:30 PM on Monday, July 6th.

Weber Nooners Special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Friday, July 3rd in CC

The Weber Road Nooners Group will have a special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Friday, July 3rd in addition to their regularly scheduled Noon meeting. They meet at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen).

Flour Bluff Unity Group Independence Day BBQ and Birthday Meeting (Saturday July 4th in CC)

For details on this event, see Special Events below.



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Special Events

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 Cullen Mall Beach Party (Saturday, July 18th on Mustang Island)*

This popular annual event will be held from 10 AM to 9 PM on Saturday July 18th on Mustang Island. (*See attached flier for details, including directions.*)

District 8E Literature Workshop (Saturday, August 1st in CC)*

District 8E is hosting a Workshop on AA and Grapevine Literature with Area Literature Chair & Alt. Delegate Denise T. and Area Grapevine Chair Michael P. from 2 to 4:00 PM at the Anchor Club (320 Anchor Street in Corpus Christi). (*See attached flier for details.*)

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.*)

District 8E & 8D Delegate's Report (Saturday, August 29th in CC) *

District 8E and District 8D are sponsoring a presentation of Southwest Texas Area 68 Delegate James H.'s report on the 65th General Service Conference in New York in April 2015. The presentation will be held in Room C1 in the Thompson Family Center behind Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 302 Saratoga Blvd in Corpus Christi from 2 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 29th. Light refreshments will be served. (*See enclosed flier.*)



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Special Events (Continued)

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

The Area Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference will be held in Corpus Christi on Friday September 25th and Saturday September 26th, hosted by Districts 8C, 8D, 8E and 15. This event will open with a luncheon for the local professional community at 11:30 AM on Saturday at Water Street. The luncheon is free for professionals (*\$25 for AA members*). There will be workshops Friday evening and Saturday for AA members interested in PI/CPC service. (*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.*)

Avalon (Formerly Reality Ranch) – Corpus Christi

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

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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Service Opportunities (Continued)

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.

All volunteers will be invited to attend the final committee meeting just before the conference to meet with their respective Sub-Committee Chairs.



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

Helpline / 12 Step List

Attached is the July 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.



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Group / Meeting Changes

Saratoga Group - New Group Meeting Weekdays at Noon in CC (1)

The Saratoga Group is now meeting at 12:00 Noon Monday through Friday at The Community of Faith Church in Room 16 (6606 Weber Road in Corpus Christi, just past Saratoga Blvd. on the left). They will have open discussion meetings at 12:00 Noon Monday through Friday. Use the office entrance and follow signs to the meeting room.

Weber Road Nooners Group Adds Big Book Study Meeting (5:30 PM Wednesdays in CC) (2)

The Weber Road Nooners Group has added a Big Book Study Meeting at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays. They still meet at 12:00 Noon Monday through Saturday, at 10:00 AM on Saturday and at 5:30 PM on Tuesday and Thursday in addition to the new 5:30 meeting on Wednesdays. All meetings are held at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen).



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, August 15th in Victoria)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, August 15th at 9:30 AM. There will be Service Manual Study at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held 803 E. Pine Street in Victoria. Area Alt. Chair Stephen S. will discuss district inventory.

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, August 15th in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, August 15th 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 11th in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 11th at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi).

District 8E Next Meeting (Saturday, July 11th in CC)

District 8E's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 11th at the Corpus Christi Christian Church (6602 S. Staples in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, July 25th in Rockport)

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday July 25th at the Rockport Friends Club House (814 Wharf Street in Rockport).



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Save the Dates

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

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

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District 8E & 8D Delegate's Report *(August 29th in CC) **

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 - 18th in Victoria)*

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree *(January 22nd - 24th 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 ***

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.



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| Bruce A. | | 07/01/1996 | 19 Years |
| Todd D. | Hilltoppers Group | 07/04/2006 | 9 Years |
| Ron W. | District 15 | 07/04/2005 | 10 Years |
| Bob M. | Refugio (<i>Past Delegate</i>) | 07/04/1979 | 36 Years |
| Vicki K. | Weber Nooners Group | 07/05/2001 | 14 Years |
| | | | |
| Craig W. | Victoria | 07/06/1986 | 29 Years |
| Margaret N-P | Hilltoppers Group | 07/06/2006 | 9 Years |
| Margaret R. | Portland Jaywalkers | 07/07/1998 | 17 Years |
| Vi D. | District 15 | 07/08/2007 | 8 Years |
| | | | |
| Vince A. | Oso Group | 07/08/1991 | 24 Years |
| Don F. | Daily Reprieve | 07/10/1980 | 35 Years |
| Connor P. | Fifth Tradition | 07/10/2011 | 4 Years |
| Carol R. | Rockport Happy Hour | 07/10/1973 | 42 Years |
| Ed R. | Rockport Happy Hour | 07/12/1975 | 40 Years |
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| Lori C. | Weber Nooners Group | 07/14/2006 | 9 Years |
| Roger B. | Fellowship (Charlie's) | 07/15/1982 | 33 Years |
| Jason | District 15 | 07/18/2008 | 7 Years |
| Lynval M. | Humility Group | 07/19/2006 | 9 Years |
| Chet H. | District 15 | 07/20/1987 | 28 Years |
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| Stephanie D. | Weber Nooners Group | 07/21/1982 | 33 Years |
| Pam J. | Victoria (<i>Past Delegate</i>) | 07/22/1996 | 19 Years |
| Dan G. | District 15 | 07/29/2005 | 10 Years |
| Sharon S. | New Women's Group | 07/30/2011 | 4 Years |
| Chris M. | Weber Nooners Group | 07/31/1995 | 20 Years |

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

June 2015

| | <u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u> | <u>AFTER HOURS</u> | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 TH STEP CALLS | 5 | 0/0 | 23/1 |
| INFORMATIONAL CALLS | 215 | 18 | |

After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday July 13th 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 |
| CC-Alanos | | |
| Alice Group | | |
| Anonymous/Individual Contribution | 52.00 | 111.58 |
| Aransas Pass Group | | 76.82 |
| Beeville-Freedom Group | | |
| Beeville-Hope Group | | |
| Beeville-Serenity Group | | |
| Beeville-Shepherd's Group | | |
| CC-Bookmarks Group | | 3.00 |
| CC-Calallen Group | | |
| CC-Clean & Serene Group | | |
| CC-Crosstown Group | | |
| CC-Cullen Mall Group | | 250.00 |
| CC-Daily Reprieve Group | | |
| CC-Day of AA | | 100.00 |
| CC-Early Morning Fellowship | | |
| CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place | | |
| CC-Fifth Tradition Group | 127.19 | 409.69 |
| CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group | | |
| CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting | | |
| CC-Hilltoppers Group | | |
| CC-Humility Group | | |
| CC-Just for Today Group | | |
| CC-Mountain Toppers | | |
| CC-Newcomers Meeting | | |
| CC-New Life Group | | 30.00 |
| CC-New Phoenix Group | | 148.00 |
| CC-New Women's Group | 62.12 | 398.79 |
| CC-Oso Group | | 360.00 |
| CC-Primary Purpose Group | | |
| CC-Rodd Field Group | 125.00 | 239.00 |
| CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island) | | 323.06 |
| CC-Turning Point Group | | |
| CC-Weber Road Nooners Group | | 1852.18 |
| CC-Wenholz Women's Group | | |
| District7 | 81.19 | 487.14 |
| Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group | | 30.00 |
| Goliad-Open Arms Group | | 90.00 |
| Ingleside-Living Sober Group | | |
| Karnes City-Mayfield Group | | 108.75 |
| Kingsville-AL-K Group | | |
| Mathis -Crossroads Group | | 60.00 |
| Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group | | |
| Port Aransas Group | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Port Lavaca Group | | 74.01 |
| Port O'Connor Group | | 100.00 |
| Portland -Jaywalkers Group | | |
| Portland -Nueces Bay Group | | |
| Riviera-SASTO Group | 6.00 | 18.00 |
| Robstown Group | | |
| Rockport-Anything Goes Group | | |
| Rockport-Happy Hour Group | | 80.00 |
| Rockport-Fellowship Group | | |
| Sandia Group | | |
| Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza | | 30.00 |
| Skidmore Group | | 50.00 |
| Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group | 25.00 | 75.00 |
| Victoria-Back to Basics Group | | 178.00 |
| Victoria-High Nooners Group | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Victoria-Main Stream Group | | 100.00 |
| Victoria-Men's Group | | 75.00 |
| Victoria-Women's Group | 15.00 | 30.00 |
| Yorktown Group | | 23.60 |
| TOTAL | \$753.50 | \$6,371.62 |

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.

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Services Provided

1. Maintains an office which is open Monday Through Friday from 07:30AM to 11:30AM & 1:30PM to 05:30PM.
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 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.