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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.”**

Finding a Faith That Works

Hello, my name is Derek S. and I am an alcoholic. It’s by the grace of God that I’m here. My sobriety date is November 8, 2003 which I’m truly grateful for.

At this time in my sobriety I’m relying on faith.

When I started in AA I didn’t know what my life was going to be like. I knew that the way it was going wasn’t working anymore. I was at my wits’ end.

Throughout my life I tried many avenues but it was always back to the bottle for me, my solution to my problems. Alcohol did for me what I could not do by myself. As I relied more on alcohol, I couldn’t care less about people that cared for me. I didn’t know what was wrong with me.

Coming into A.A. at the age of 42, I felt separate. I moved back with my family here in Corpus Christi. I was court-ordered to attend A.A. meetings. As I went to meetings, I kept hearing my story. I got a sponsor and started the steps with him. I knew my life was unmanageable. I didn’t want to admit that alcohol had defeated me. Going through the book of Alcoholics Anonymous, I saw that every time I drank I didn’t know when I would stop. I saw that I was powerless over alcohol. I needed help, but where was this help going to come from? It says that probably no human power could have relieved my alcoholism and that there is One who has all power.

Going to A.A. meetings three times a day, I was watching you people to see what was really going on. By listening to y’all’s stories and watching you, there was a change in y’all’s lives. It was a Power greater than me at work here, and if He could do it for you, why not me?

I moved forward making a decision to turn my thoughts and actions over to God. I knew the way I was living was not working. My thinking got me drunk. I had to let go of my old ideas.

It says in Chapter 5 of the Big Book: “We beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start.” The word “thorough” I saw was mentioned twice in the first paragraph of How it Works. So by this time I knew I had to be thorough. Y’all said that my problems were of my own making of my own

making and that the bottle was but a symptom. So I had to look at what was going on with me. The Big Book laid out how I was to do this. I've worked in retail sales before. I looked at my assets and my liabilities. What was really going on with me? The liabilities; defects of character, I have to acknowledge them and give to God to remove.

The steps have given me principles to live by on a daily basis. As I go through my day I'm reminded that God is running the show and all I need to do is my part. How do I know what my part is? There are basic things I need to do in my life. I do those – I seek God in my daily life. I seek what His will is for me today. And, I rely on His power to carry it out.

My faith increases by relying on this Power greater than myself. It's that faith, with action, I'm involved in. In my recovery I'm not looking to others to fix me. I seek God's help. I'm coming to realize that it is not about the destination. It's about the journey. God is at work to help me and to guide me through this life. I know He wants the best for me. I see that He works through other people in my life when I take the time to notice.

I am convinced this is the way of life for me. It works – it really does. It is about trusting God, self-searching, looking at my part in my difficulties and extending my hand to the alcoholic who is still suffering. I use these principles to make myself of maximum service to my God and my fellows.

~ Derek S. (11/08/2003) Daily Reprieve Group, Corpus Christi, TX

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 13th 2015

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Joe** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer
- **Jimmy** read CBIA Mission Statement
- **A.J.** read 12 Traditions

II. ATTENDANCE:

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

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of Board Meeting of June 8th were reviewed.
 - **Tom** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: **Tom** presented the **June** Financial Report.

- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30th were \$22,670.97; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$7,088.91 in Checking; \$12,600.00 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,931.18 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month:
 - **Group & Individual Contributions** \$753.50

NOTE: Only 10 / 113 groups contributed this month; only 31 / 113 Groups contributed year-to-date.)

- **Sales** (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,800.00 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$11,285.75*) for a gain of \$534,25;
- **Social Event** (*Founder's Day*): Total Income 1,891.23; less expenses of \$300.00 for a gain of \$1,591.23.
- **Total Operating Expenses** for the month were \$2,755.46.
- **Net Gain** for the Month was \$123.84.
 - **A.J.** moved to approve the report as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.C.A** said his work and personal life did not afford him the time to do the annual verification & clean up of the 12 Step List. Rob said the office staff would take that over for now.

- **Public Information/Cooperate with Professional Community:** **Johnie** was not present. Rob said he talked to Johnie who's presently in New York. She said the PI/CPC Conference in CC in September was coming together nicely.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Joe** said he continues to support the Friday Meeting at SATF and other AA members are now supporting a Wednesday meeting. He continues to support the Sunday night meeting at Avalon (formerly Reality Ranch).
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** was not present. Rob said the BENDER and BITS & PIECES went out on time last month.
- **Bilingual:** **Joe** had nothing to report.
- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said he had been talking to some potential trustees for election at the October quarterly meeting.
- **Social:** **Ginger** was not present. **Rob** said the Founder's Day event was tremendous success by any standard. Over 200 tickets were sold. See the Financial Report above for the financial results.
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the Jamboree Committee had its first meeting on Saturday July 11th. **Rita S.** is chair for the 2016 Jamboree. They now have chairs and co-chairs for most sub-committees.
- **Archives:** **Johnie** was not present. She and **Dave D.** (*Rockport*) had an interesting archives display at Founder's Day.

VI. OFFICE REPORT:

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Group Outreach: Tom.** Present trustees reported on their group outreach efforts. In addition to generally positive feedback, they got some suggestions for how we could better serve the groups.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday August 10th 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:

- **Jimmy** moved to adjourn. **Rob** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Joe** closed the meeting with prayer at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek

Office Manager

MINUTES
Coastal Bend Intergroup Quarterly Association Meeting
July 27th 2015

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

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

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Joe R.** (*Vice Chair*), **Tom K.** (*Treasurer*), **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*), **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*), **K.C.H.** (*IGR-New Life*), **Andrea G.** (*IGR-New Women*) and **Wayne K.** (*IGR-Bookmarks*). **Johnie S.** (*Chair*), **Ed B.** (*Trustee*), **Ginger S.** (*Trustee*), and **A.J. A.** (*Trustee*) were not present.

II. MINUTES:

- Approved Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting (*April 27th 2015*) were reviewed.
- Minutes of the last Board of Trustees meeting (*July 13th 2015*) were reviewed.
 - **Tom** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: **Tom presented the **June** Financial Report.**

- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30th were \$22,670.97; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$7,088.91 in Checking; \$12,600.88 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,931.18 in the Jamboree Account.
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 - **Net Gain** for the Month was \$123.84.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.J.** was not present. **Rob** said the Helpline is running smoothly.
- **Archives:** **Johnie** was not present.
- **Coastal BENDER:** **Ed** was not present. **Rob** said the BENDER was reviewed by **Ed** and went out on time.

- **Corrections & Treatment:** Joe said AA meetings are now held every Wednesday and alternate Fridays at SATF and every Sunday at Avalon (*formerly Reality Ranch*). To attend these meetings one must be over 18 years old, be free from trouble with the criminal justice system for 18 months and be out of the facility for 2 years. At SATF, Activity Sponsors need to be sober 18 months; Step Sponsors need to be sober for 2 years.
- **Bilingual:** Joe had nothing to report.
- **Jamboree:** Jimmy said the Jamboree Committee had its first organizational meeting in July. The meeting was well attended and all chair positions were filled. Our contract has been re-negotiated with the hotel, eliminating the need to sell a certain number of brunch tickets to avoid penalties. (*In the past, we lost money on the brunch.*) The plan is to allow on-line registration for the Jamboree.
- **Nominations:** Jimmy said he was in discussion with several potential trustees for election at the October Quarterly Meeting.
- **Outreach:** Tom said he and other Trustees have been reaching out to the groups – telling them what we do, asking what they would like us to do for them and encouraging their participation.
- **PI/CPC:** Johnie was not present. Rob said the Area PI/CPC Convention in Corpus in September is coming together nicely.
- **Social:** Ginger was not present. Rob said the next event will be the Halloween Dance at All Saints.
- **Web Site:** Tom said Glen B. will chair the new Web Site Committee, meeting with Phyllis I. (*web site host*) and Rob to redesign the web site to make it more attractive and accessible.

VI. SEVENTH TRADITION.

- Joe passed the basket, stating that while we have no dues or fees, we do have expenses for rent and coffee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Wayne asked the board to establish a formal process for handling requests to speak at non-AA functions (*passing requests to the appropriate district*).

IX. NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Monday August 10th at 6:00PM at the CBIA Office.
- **Quarterly Coastal Bend Intergroup Association Meeting,** Monday, October 26th at 6:00PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (*3026 S. Staples in Corpus Christi*)

X. CLOSING

- Andrea moved to adjourn. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried.
- Joe closed the meeting with prayer at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Marek
Office Manager



Bender Bits & Pieces



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CBIA Office Closed for Labor Day (Monday, September 7th)

In celebration of Labor Day, the CBIA Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th. As usual, the helpline staff will answer the phones when the office is closed. The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, September 8th for normal hours.

Meetings

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

Hilltoppers No Meetings on Monday, September 7th in CC

First Methodist Church will be closed on Monday and Hilltoppers will not meet that day. Meetings will resume at noon on Tuesday September 8th.

Weber Nooners Special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Monday, September 7th in CC

The Weber Road Nooners Group will have a special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Monday, September 7th in addition to their regularly scheduled Noon meeting. August AA Birthdays will be celebrated at the noon meeting. They meet at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen).



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Special Events

District 7 Fund Raiser for Fall Assembly Host Committee (Saturday, September 5th in Victoria)

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District 7 is holding a fund raiser event starting at 8:00 AM Saturday, September 5th at Grace Presbyterian Fellowship Hall (3604 N. Ben Jordan in Victoria). Activities will include food, fellowship, a speaker and a poker run. Proceeds will benefit the Area Fall Assembly Host Committee. (See attached flier for details.)

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.)

SW Tex, Area 68 Fall Conference & Voting Assembly (October 16th - 18th 2015 in Victoria) *

The Fall Conference and Voting Assembly for our area will be held October 16th – 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn (123 Huvar St. in Victoria). Area officers will be elected at this assembly for two year terms starting in January 2016. Registration is \$15. The Hotel Conference Rate is \$109. (See enclosed flier.)

District 8D Grapevine Workshop (October 3rd in CC)

District 8D will host a Grapevine Workshop at 3:15 PM on Saturday, October 3rd at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi). Area Grapevine Chair Michael P. will facilitate.

CBIA Halloween Dance (October 31st in CC)

The CBIA's annual Halloween Dance will be held at 8:00 PM on Saturday October 31st at St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (622 Airline Road in Corpus Christi) at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 (children are free).



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Special Events (Continued)

Humility Halloween Bash & Birthday Night (October 31st in CC) *

The Humility Group is having its annual Halloween Bash and Birthday Night Celebration on Saturday, October 31st at their facility (2777D S. Staples at Annapolis in Bel Air Center in Corpus Christi). The Birthday meeting will begin at 8:00 PM. The Halloween Bash will begin at 9:00 PM. (See enclosed flier for details).

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 22nd – 24th 2016 in CC) *

After a year at the Holiday Inn Marina, the 62nd Coastal Bend Jamboree will return to the newly-renovated third floor of the Omni Bayfront Hotel. (Enclosed is a preliminary "Save the Date Flier.")



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Service Opportunities

CBIA Halloween Dance Committee (First Meeting September 12th in CC)

The CBIA Halloween Dance Committee will have its first meeting at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 12th at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi). Many service opportunities are available. Be a part of producing this fun event.

CBIA Trustee Election (Monday, October 26th 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 new incoming trustees will take place at the October 26th Quarterly Association Meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples in Corpus Christi). If you are interested or know of someone who is, please fill out the attached nomination form 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.

2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree Committee (2nd Saturday of each Month in CC)

The 2016 Jamboree Committee meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd Saturday of each month from now until the Jamboree (January 2nd – 24th, 2016) at the Alanos Cottage 1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi. Some service positions are still available.

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.*)



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

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

SATF – Corpus Christi

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.

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.



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

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.

Helpline / 12 Step List

Attached is the September 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.



Bender Bits & Pieces



Group / Meeting Changes

Port Aransas Group - Speak & Eat Resumes (Saturday September 19th in Port A) (1)

The popular Port A Speak & Eat (*in hiatus for the Summer Season*) will resume on Saturday September 19th with a potluck supper at 7:00 PM followed by a speaker meeting at 8:00 PM. Bring a covered dish or what have you and hear the message of recovery. They meet at Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church (433 Trojan in Port Aransas.)



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, *September 19th* in *Port O'Connor*)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, **September 19th** at 9:30 AM. There will be Service Manual Study at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held **at First Baptist Church (5th at Jefferson in Port O'Connor.)** Area Alt. Delegate **Denise T.** will facilitate the election of district officers.

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, *September 19th* in *Kingsville*)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, **September 19th** at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville). **District Officers will be elected.**

District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday *September 19th* in *CC*)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, **September 19th** at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi). **District Officers will be elected.**

District 8E Next Meeting (Saturday, *September 19th* in *CC*)

District 8E's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, **September 19th** at the 24 Hour Club (302 S. Brownlee at Laredo in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, *August 15th* in *Rockport*)

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, **September 19th.**



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Save the Dates

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

District 7 Fund Raiser for Fall Assembly *(Saturday, September 5th in Victoria) **

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

District 8D Grapevine Workshop *(October 3rd in CC)*

CBIA Halloween Dance *(October 31st in CC)*

Humility Halloween Bash & Birthday Night *(October 31st in CC) **

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 ***
- **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.



Audrey H.	District 15	09/01/2011	4 Years
Joe B.	Hilltoppers Group	09/06/1982	33 Years
Hank S.	Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	22 Years
Jennie W.	Weber Nooners Group	09/07/1974	41 Years
Emmett C.	Port Aransas Group	09/11/1989	26 Years
Ted W.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/12/1987	28 Years
Mary	District 15	09/12/1988	27 Years
Steve S.	Weber Nooners Group	09/13/1999	16 Years
Ken B.	Weber Nooners Group	09/13/2006	9 Years
Catherine S.	Nueces Bay Group	09/15/2004	11 Years
Jim R.	Oso Group	09/15/2006	9 Years
Mike M.	Hilltoppers Group	09/18/2000	15 Years
Bill Mc	Weber Nooners Group	09/18/1992	23 Years
Larry T.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/20/1970	45 Years
Felix P.	Calallen Group	09/22/2002	13 Years
Ken B.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/25/1965	50 Years
Randy L.	-	09/27/1990	25 Years
Roy V.	Calallen Group	09/29/1989	26 Years
Dale S.	Humility Group	09/30/2008	7 Years

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

August 2015

	<u>OFFICE HOURS</u> /Dist. 7	<u>AFTER HOURS</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
12 TH STEP CALLS	3	0/0	33/3
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	203		

After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday September 14th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday October 26th 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. **Birthdays 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. **Birthdays 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. **Birthdays Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month with **Potluck Supper** at 7:00 PM and **Birthdays 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. **Birthdays Meeting** is last Saturday of the month.

Group Contributions		
GROUP NAME	Aug. 2015	YTD 2015
CC-Alanos		
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	52.00	413.58
Aransas Pass Group		76.82
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Bookmarks Group		43.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group	100.00	350.00
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		409.69
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		969.45
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Mountain Toppers		100.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group	30.00	60.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	37.00	233.00
CC-New Women's Group	55.84	528.03
CC-Oso Group		540.00
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group		239.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		473.60
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		2462.61
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
District7	162.38	649.52
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		55.00
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		400.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group		74.01
Port O'Connor Group		100.00
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group		18.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		
Sandia Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		30.00
Skidmore Group		50.00
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		75.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		178.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group		50.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group	25.00	150.00
Victoria-Men's Group		75.00
Victoria-Women's Group		30.00
Yorktown Group		73.60
TOTAL	\$462.22	\$9,395.66

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 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.