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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."\**

## Grass Roots

### *The Genesis of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Coastal Bend*

The seeds of sobriety were planted in the Coastal Bend sometime in 1942. A letter dated 4 May 1942, written by Elliot B. was sent to the "Alcoholic Foundation" (*present day General Service Office*) in New York City. Elliot complained that Corpus Christi was listed only as a "Blue Star" in the April 1942 list. At that time, a Blue Star denoted a contact point, not a group. Elliot believed Corpus Christi should have been listed as a group. From the letter, it can be ascertained that there were at least two alcoholics, Elliot and another unidentified man, in Corpus Christi during 1942. However, the other gentleman moved to San Antonio sometime prior to May, hence the blue star listing.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1942 another letter was written to the Alcoholic Foundation. This letter was signed E.C.B. as president, and Egil H. as Secretary of the Corpus Christi Group. Thus we know of at least three alcoholics in Corpus Christi during May of 1942. Margaret B., Secretary of the Alcoholic Foundation, answered the letter on 20 May 1942, and seems to have confirmed that there was a Corpus Christi Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is not known how A.A. fared in Corpus Christi during 1943. World War II was in full swing and no correspondence can be found from May of '42 until 9 October 1944.

In September of 1944 a cotton buyer, Howard U., from Memphis, Tennessee was in Corpus Christi to purchase cotton. He was staying at the Nueces Hotel. Howard was also the secretary of the Memphis Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Much like the co-founder Bill W. in the Mayflower Hotel in Akron, Ohio, Howard was looking for contact with another alcoholic. He invited "Those who have a desire to stop drinking" to a meeting at the hotel. Howard came loaded for bear, bringing from Memphis some A.A. pamphlets. At that meeting, Howard helped in setting up the Corpus Christi Group. At the meeting John W., already four years sober, took on the mantle of Group Secretary.

One month later, 8 October 1944, John W. wrote the Alcoholic Foundation informing them that a group had been organized in Corpus Christi, and requesting 25 AA pamphlets. The Alcoholic Foundation promptly replied, and requested information on the new group. In response to the inquiries, John W. responded on 23 October 1944. John informed New York that meetings were being held every Friday at 8:00 PM at the homes of individual members. The fledgling group at this time had a total of eight members. Contact with the Corpus Christi Group was by P.O. Box 1294 or Phone number 2-4506.

There is another gap in correspondence between October 1944 and February 1946. It is known that Bill W. (*not the Co-Founder*) was the Secretary of the Corpus Christi Group. He wrote a series of articles on alcoholism entitled "The Story of a Way Out." These articles were published in the local newspaper "The Corpus Christi

Caller-Times” beginning in October of 1945. These articles were later consolidated in 1969 and published in pamphlet form.

In the early meetings of the group, a roll call of members was taken. Absentees were promptly called to ascertain the reason for their absence. The majority of these members were around 40 years old. In January 1946, the group could boast of 15 members and meetings were still held in individuals’ homes.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1946, William J. W. (Secretary Bill W.) wrote to New York. The letterhead of this correspondence was “ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - A New Way of Life for the Alcoholic.” In this correspondence, the group ordered 5 Big Books at \$2.50 each and 40 AA Pamphlets at \$2.00 or 5 cents each. Bill also requested 3 sets of group lists. He also mentions seeing Pioneer member Marty M. in Austin, Texas. Margaret “Bobbie” Burger replied to Bill on 16 February 1946. Bobby cautioned Bill that she couldn’t send the group lists to just anyone. These group lists had to be tracked. In the past, they had gotten into the wrong hands and were used for promotional reasons by outsiders. Therefore, the group lists had to be confidential. On July 15<sup>th</sup> 1947, the Corpus Christi Group made a group contribution to New York in the amount of \$15.00. This was a semi-annual contribution. Membership at this time had grown to 30 members. Bill again wrote New York on 27 August 1947, requesting any literature “to an auxiliary of AA, the wives of members.” Although this appears to imply that Al-Anon was an auxiliary of or affiliated with AA, it should be remembered that the Traditions had not yet been written. This letter was signed simply as “The Secretary” with no name attached. However, Bill W. was still the group secretary at this time.

The Alcoholic Foundation was informed on 21 December 1947, that the Corpus Christi Group had found permanent residence at 606 Artesian Street. Prior to this, the group had been meeting at the Texas building, but was forced to move. (According to Ira (an early AA member) the move was necessitated because of failure to pay rent. The door had been padlocked with the group’s property inside. Ira and some others obtained a truck, backed it up to a window, entered the padlocked room and removed the group’s property.) Secretary Bill W. refers to the 606 Artesian address as the Alanos Club. Meetings were additionally conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Also in this correspondence Bill ordered two records of co-founder Bill W.

The next correspondence with the Alcoholic Foundation was stamped with a date of 24 May 19 48. The address on the letterhead states Corpus Christi Group, 214 Furman Street. At this time, Eric E. was the program director. Eric requested an outline or suggestions on how to conduct open and closed meetings. He also stated ‘nothing seems to fail in AA no matter how tough it appears to be.’ There is no indication on what date the letter was posted. New York responded under date of May 25<sup>th</sup> 1948 and references a letter sent to them in February 1948. In this letter Bobbie gives a general outline on how Open and Closed meetings were being conducted at the time. She also urged Eric to subscribe to the Grapevine as it contained many articles on how other groups were conducting their meetings.

By December of 1948, the Corpus Christi Group was reporting rapid growth. Being the Holiday Season, they were also dealing with a lot of slips as reported by Group Secretary Alleyn M. in a letter dated 15 December 1948. New York responded to this correspondence on 21 December 1948.

In January 1950, the Alanos Club moved from the Artesian address to Alameda Street. By September of that year, the club had incorporated. The next year, 1951, they moved to Kinney Street, then in 1954, moved to 613 Park Avenue. By 1957, the Club and Alanos Group had moved to 1633 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Eight years later, in 1965, another clubroom, the 24 Hour Club, had been established on Morgan Street. By this time, AA had spread to the surrounding area and groups sprung up in Sinton, Aransas Pass and Robstown. In the Coastal Bend area there were 17 meetings weekly. The following year, 1966, the 24 Hour Club moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and became a halfway house known locally as Charlie’s Place. The halfway house, in 1967, moved to North Country Club. AA continued to grow in the Coastal Bend and by 1978 an Intergroup Office had been established, and in January of the following year, the first issue of the local newsletter “The Coastal Bender” was published. By 1981, the first Hispanic Group “Grupo Navarro” had been formed. At this time the Coastal Bend area had 38 Groups and 112 AA meetings weekly.

## Step 10 – Perseverance

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

I think of the work in Steps 4-9 as a major spring housecleaning after years of neglect. Step 10 is like taking out the garbage every day so my life doesn't get so messy again. The principle behind Step 10 is **PERSEVERANCE**.

I like to do Step 10 at the end of the day with my Day Timer. I look back over the day and see if I've kept my promises. Did I do what I said I would? Considering the days' activities, was I the sort of person my dog thinks I am, the sort of person I aspire to be? If not, I put it on my agenda for tomorrow to clean it up.

Step 10 makes it possible to live my life in day-tight compartments. Instead of dragging mistakes and slights from day to day, I can clean up after myself as I go. This is essential to living life one day at a time.

Progress for me has looked like this –

- Damn I did it again;
- Damn I'm doing it again; and ultimately
- I almost did it again.

Recently I heard someone say that she had a problem with lying and her sponsor said the next time you catch yourself lying, say **WHAT I JUST SAID IS A LIE**. Nothing will get you to quit lying quicker than that.

**PROMPTLY** means **RIGHT NOW**. It doesn't mean later after I've made up stuff about it and they've made up stuff about it. It is so much easier and so much more effective to do it now.

Part of this process for me is what I think of as the **SLIPPERY SLOPE ALERT**. The idea is if I don't go there, I won't have an out of control thinking binge.

- Don't compare my insides to other people's outsides.
- Don't take it personal until all other possibilities have been ruled out.
- Don't try to figure out other people's motives. (*I have enough trouble figuring out my own motives and THAT would be useful.*)
- Don't romance the idea of acting out (*telling them off; drinking; etc.*)
- Don't count the items in the next cart in the express check-out at HEB.

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

# MINUTES

## CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

### August 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

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

- **Johnie** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer at \_\_\_
- **Phyllis** read CBIA Mission Statement
- **Joe** read 12 Traditions.

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

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

#### III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
- **Tom** moved to approve the minutes as read. **Joe** seconded. Motion carried

#### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: **Tom** presented the **July** Financial Report.

- **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of July 31<sup>st</sup> were \$23,764.26; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$8,647.54 in Checking; \$12,600.88 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,465.84 in the Jamboree Account.
- **Profit & Loss** for the month:
  - **Group & Individual Contributions** \$2,561.82
  - NOTE:** Only 12 / 113 groups contributed this month; only 32 / 113 Groups contributed year-to-date.)
  - **Sales** (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,794.50 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$1,401.77*) for a gain of \$392.73;
  - **Total Operating Expenses** for the month were \$2,882.29.
  - **Net Gain** for the Month was \$72.26.
- **Ed** moved to approve the Financial Report. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **A.J.** was not present.
- **Archives:** **Johnie** said the archives are safely stored in a water-tight storage container in her garage.
- **Bilingual:** **Joe** said he is visiting the Spanish-speaking groups in Corpus Christi as part of the outreach initiative.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the August BENDER and it looked good to him.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Joe** said two additional volunteers will be attending the SATF meeting on alternate Fridays. He said he is getting more participation from the clients at Avalon (*formerly called Reality Ranch*).
- **Jamboree:** **Jimmy** said the CJB Committee wanted to know if CBIA will sell books at the 2016 Jamboree. The answer is "YES." The Committee asked if the Jamboree was covered by CBIA's liability insurance policy. The answer is "YES." Jimmy said the Omni is booked for the

Jamboree through 2019. The contract has been re-negotiated for 2016 so there will be no Brunch (In the past, we lost money by not selling enough Brunch Tickets). However, the cost of renting the Ballroom has been increased by \$500.

- **Nominations:** **Jimmy** said he was talking to several people about standing for election to the board in October.
- **Outreach:** **Tom** said the 113 groups and meetings in the Coastal Bend were divided among the Trustees to contact the GSR / Treasurer and talk about our mission and the services we provide; to ask what we can do to better serve them; and to invite them to participate in CBIA.
- **Public Information/Cooperate with Professional Community:** **Johnie** said the local districts are hosting the area PI/CPC Conference to be held in Corpus Christi in September. There will be a luncheon for Professionals on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> followed by a conference for AA members Friday and Saturday.
- **Social:** **Ginger** said the next social function will be the Halloween Dance on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at St Bart's Episcopal Church (*where the New Year's Eve Dance was held last year.*) The committee will begin meeting in September and will be looking for volunteers at that time. Rob said if notified of the time, date and location for the committee meeting, he would publicize it in the BENDER and BITS & PIECES.
- **Web Site:** **Tom** said **Glen B.** will chair a committee to replace / enhance the CBIA web site.

#### VI. OFFICE REPORT:

- **Office Update** – **Rob M.** had nothing to report.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- **None.**

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rob** moved that we establish a formal procedure for passing requests for speakers at non-AA functions to the applicable District Committee Member at their official email address ([districtX@aa-swta.org](mailto:districtX@aa-swta.org)). **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Rob** moved that we elect Phyllis H. (Portland-Jaywalkers Group) by acclamation to the board to serve A.J.'s remaining term (*through January 2016*). **Joe** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Tom** moved that we increase the travel budget for September by \$325 to cover the cost of the hotel for two nights and meals for three days for Rob to attend the Intergroup – Central Office Managers Seminar in Fort Lauderdale. **Ginger** seconded. Motion carried.

#### IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> 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 October 26<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Episcopal Church (*3026 S Staples*).

#### XI. CLOSING:

- **Ed** moved to adjourn. **Joe** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Johnie** closed the meeting with prayer at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rob M.**

Office Manager



# Bender Bits & Pieces



## Special Events

### District 8D Grapevine Workshop (October 3<sup>rd</sup> in CC) \*

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

### SW Tex, Area 68 Fall Conference & Voting Assembly (October 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Victoria) \*

The Fall Conference and Voting Assembly for our area will be held October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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.)

### CBIA Halloween Dance (October 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \*

The CBIA's annual Halloween Dance will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe in Corpus Christi) at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 (children are free).

### Humility Halloween Bash & Birthday Night (October 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \*

The Humility Group is having its annual Halloween Bash and Birthday Night Celebration on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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).

### District 8D GSR Workshop (November 14<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

District 8D will host a General Service Representative Workshop at 3:15 PM on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi). Area 68 Delegate James H. will facilitate.

### 2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 in CC) \*

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





# Bender Bits & Pieces



## Service Opportunities

### CBIA Trustee Election (Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in CC) \*

CBIA is looking for a minimum of six nominees to choose from to replace the three Trustees whose terms are up in January. Voting for the new incoming trustees will take place at the October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each Month in CC)

The 2016 Jamboree Committee meets at 9:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from now until the Jamboree (January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016) at the Alanos Cottage 1635 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*)



# *Bender Bits & Pieces*



## 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 contact District 8D Corrections Chair Joyce T. (*Calallen Group*).
- Men should call CBIA Corrections Trustee Joe R. (*Alanos Group*) for facilities in Corpus Christi.
- Men should call Dist 8E Corrections Chair Jesse T. (*Choke Canyon Group*) 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. We cannot publish personal phone numbers or email addresses due to anonymity / media concerns. However, you can call the CBIA office (361) 992-8911 during business hours (M-F 7:30 – 11:30 AM and 1:30 – 5:30 PM)

### Local Stories Wanted for the BENDER

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





# *Bender Bits & Pieces*



## Service Opportunities (Continued)

### Helpline / 12 Step List

Attached is the October 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

### New Group: The Lucky Ones (*Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM in CC*)

The Lucky Ones Group is now holding open discussion meetings at 7:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community of Faith Church (6606 Weber Road near the intersection of Weber and Saratoga Boulevard).



# *Bender Bits & Pieces*



## District Meetings

### District 7 (Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Schulenberg)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM. There will be Service Manual Study at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at 901 Kallus in Schulenberg. Area Registrar Sonya D will be there.

### District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

### District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi). Area Grapevine Chair Michael P. will facilitate a Grapevine Workshop at 3:15 PM in the same venue. District 8D has elected John W. (Weber) DCM and Josh T. (Weber) Alt. DCM for two year terms starting in January 2016.

### District 8E Next Meeting (Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in CC)

District 8E's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the 24 Hour Club (302 S. Brownlee at Laredo in Corpus Christi). District Officers will be elected at this meeting.

### District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in AP)

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 202 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass. District 15 has elected Tony R. (AP) DCM and Charlotte D. (Rockport) Alt. DCM for two year terms starting in January 2016.



# Bender Bits & Pieces



## Save the Dates

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

**District 8D Grapevine Workshop** *(October 3<sup>rd</sup> in CC)*

**Area 68 Fall Conference & Voting Assembly** *(October 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Victoria) \**

**CBIA Halloween Dance** *(October 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \**

**Humility Halloween Bash & Birthday Night** *(October 31<sup>st</sup> in CC) \**

**District 8D GSR Workshop** *(November 14<sup>th</sup> in CC)*

**2016 Coastal Bend Jamboree** *(January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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 & Surrounding Area \***

**Coastal BENDER Mission Statement**

Our primary purpose is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. A secondary purpose of The Bender is to keep the CBIA Area of South Texas informed as to the events, meeting changes, Board of Trustee actions / decisions, and other news of interest to AA's in the area. Finally, as a newsletter we provide a forum for the broad spectrum of views held by our members. Publication of any article submitted will be at the discretion of the Bender Editor as advised by the CBIA Board. A controversial subject, as long as it does not concern an outside issue and involves principles and not personalities, will be considered for publication. As a general guideline, any letter or article that is of interest to members of AA and in good taste is worthy of publication. However, an article or letter that advocates ignoring or violating the Traditions, Concepts, or General Service Conference actions will not be considered for publication. All decisions will be made under the direction of God as expressed through our group conscience.



Sara M.	CC-Turning Point Group	10.01.1993	22 Years
Nancy S.	District 15	10.01.1997	18 Years
Rob V.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	10.01.1979	36 Years
Billy J.	District 15	10.02.1989	26 Years
Dave D.	Rockport-Anything Goes	10.04.1985	30 Years
Mari Kay	Portland-Nueces Bay	10.07.1995	20 Years
Marcia E.	CC-5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Group	10.08.2011	4 Years
Dick B.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.08.2008	7 Years
Patrick R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.09.2009	6 Years
Janet L.	District 15	10.10.1982	33 Years
Carla R	District 15	10.10.2007	8 Years
Michael B.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.11.2008	7 Years
Tom P.	Aransas Pass Group	10.17.1973	42 Years
Crystal M.	CC-Early Morning Fellowship	10.18.2003	12 Years
Harold B.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.18.2007	8 Years
Arthur A.	CC-5 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Group	10.19.1998	17 Years
Karen C.	CC-New Women's Group	10.20.1988	27 Years
Sharon S.	CC-New Women's Group	10.21.2006	9 Years
Felix P.	CC-Calallen Group	10.22.2002	13 Years
Betsy H.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10.22.2010	5 Years
Karen V.	CC-New Women's Group	10.23.1996	19 Years
Camille P.	District 15	10.26.1999	16 Years
Eddie M.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.28.2005	10 Years
Debbie B.	CC-Weber Nooners Group	10.31.2000	15 Years
Sam L.	Port Aransas Group	10.31.2008	7 Years
Andy B.	Port Aransas Group	10.31.1986	29 Years

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

**September 2015**

	<b><u>OFFICE HOURS/Dist. 7</u></b>		<b><u>AFTER HOURS</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>
12 <sup>TH</sup> STEP CALLS	4	1	0/0	37/4
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	158	14	<i>After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.</i>	

### Intergroup Meetings

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

**CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting** will be held Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). Each group gets a vote at this meeting.

### District Meetings

See Bits & Pieces section for information on district meetings in the Coastal Bend area:

- District 7** (Victoria Area)
- District 8C** (Kingsville - Alice Area)
- District 8D** (Corpus Christi Area)
- District 8E** (Corpus Christi Area)
- District 15** (Portland, Port A, AP, Rockport Area)

### Group Announcements

**New Phoenix Group Conscience** is held the last Sunday of the month at 2:00PM. **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	5.50	419.08
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	70.00	420.00
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		60.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	33.00	266.00
CC-New Women's Group	129.29	657.32
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	81.19	730.71
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		55.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group		90.00
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group	152.50	261.25
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	273.00	451.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group	50.00	100.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group	25.00	175.00
Victoria-Men's Group		75.00
Victoria-Women's Group		30.00
Yorktown Group		73.60
TOTAL	\$819.48	\$10,215.14



## 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.