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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"**

Good-bye

Thank you, Rob, for all that you did over your 12 years of employment to keep our Coastal Bend Intergroup organized and responsive, especially for the alcoholic still suffering out there. Thank you for your patience, kindness and the love you shared with all. You will be missed by many. Enjoy your days. We all know that you will continue to be of service wherever life takes you! Thanks for training me. I'll do my best to make sure I uphold the work ethic and commitment that you're known for. Although you are not rotating off a service commitment, I like the message put forth in the following article from Grapevine in June 1996. Best wishes to you.

Rita S., Office Manager

The Spirit of Rotation

One of the most valuable resources of any organization is the experience of those who have gone before. The sharing of what they've done right, and the sharing of the mistakes they've made, become a solid foundation for continued healthy growth. Because of the wise and spiritual principle of rotation, we in Alcoholics Anonymous are blessed with a constantly vital and always growing pool of people whose primary aim is to serve the AA Fellowship. They are willing to share both success and failure in order to preserve what we have been given. How then can we continue to benefit from the experience of those who have rotated? My understanding of rotation has led me from one service job to another. I don't believe rotation means "I quit." I don't think rotation means "I've done my time, now it's someone else's turn." I do believe rotation means that "I have made my contribution in this capacity. Where can I be of use next?" I feel a deep need to pass the message on. I have an obligation to the new person to pass on the message of recovery, but my obligation goes beyond today. It extends to those who will come through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous fifty years from now, when I am dead and gone. Part of our message must be how to preserve this precious gift so that those yet to come will have the same chance at recovery and life we had.

From the beginning of AA, the concept of sponsorship has been one of our most important means of passing on experience. My early sponsors lovingly showed me simple and direct steps I could take that would produce very specific results. They demonstrated these results in their lives in such a way that I wanted what they had. I followed their suggestions and got the same results. I began to recover and walk the spiritual path as they did. How nice it was to have someone who had been over the path before to show me the rough spots and to explain the new things that were happening to me. When the time came, my sponsors shared with me about serving the Fellowship. I was to do for the new people what had been done for me. I was to make my time and my experience available.

One of the things I like best about spiritual people is that they are seldom rude. They don't often demand their own way, nor do they seem to be driven by a need to be right all the time. They do seem to be around and available, but usually wait to be asked. As I've gone from service assignment to service assignment, I've found that those who preceded me were always willing to share with me, but they also allowed me to make my own mistakes. They told me what they had done, what had worked and what had not. Often when I would go to my service sponsors, they listened, then said, "Let's see what the manual says" or "How does that idea fit the Concepts?"

A "loving invitation" always seems to work with me. So perhaps one of the best ways for us to continue to benefit from our rotated servants would be to request that they put on a workshop at an assembly or be on a panel with others who share their experience. I once heard that the condition of "bleeding deaconism" was caused by service people who got out of service.

I don't need a title, but I do need to be involved. I love the action of service. I love service people. I would be less if I couldn't participate. If this is so for me, then perhaps it is so for others. I need to ask them to continue to be part of my service life so that their precious learning is not lost. When I'm allowed to help plan a function, I try always to give out those "loving invitations." I need, and have, service sponsors. I call on the phone or stop by and visit. I don't always agree with my sponsors, but I always listen. But there will be nothing to listen to if I don't ask.

As is usually the case, the answer to most of my questions is in the question itself. "How can we continue to benefit from the experience of those who have rotated?" The best way I can think of to benefit from *their* experience is to be certain that they are a part of *mine*.

Don P.

Aurora, Colorado

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Step 5 - Integrity

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

This was hard for me because I had lived my life like appearances are everything. I was much more concerned with looking good than with doing good. Unfortunately, the greater my academic and professional accomplishments, the more impressive stuff I acquired, the louder my disease screamed "You are a phony." So I never really got the satisfaction or happiness I expected.

My greatest fear was that if you really knew what I was like and what I had done you would not like me and you would leave me and poor little Robby would be all alone living in the park at Christmas. So when I did my first fifth step with my sponsor, I half expected him to run screaming into the night. What I got was unconditional love. He told me about similar things he had done. I learned that **nothing human is unmentionable and nothing mentionable is unmanageable.**

Later I shared some of my deepest darkest secrets at a meeting. In the middle of it, people got up to get coffee and to go to the restroom. And I realized that **nobody but me was wrecked over this stuff.** I have learned that anything I am hiding from anybody takes a toll on me and anything I am hiding from everybody is eating me alive.

For me, **the primary principle behind Step 5 is INTEGRITY: To thine own self be true.** It is about holding me accountable for having my behavior be consistent with the sort of person I aspire to be, the sort of person God created me to be. INTEGRAL means the parts fit perfectly into the whole. **I have become a full member of the human race, striving to fulfill the role God has in mind for me.**

My lack of integrity most often showed up in what I did not say. Perhaps my ex- would not notice that we now have only 11 Waterford tumblers. If my parents or my teachers wanted to think that somebody else did it, who am I to tell them otherwise.

I used to get upset (*make that self-righteous anger*) thinking that somebody else was getting away with something. **I have learned that in the end nobody gets away with anything, so the best course is always to take responsibility for what I did or did not do.** Regardless of what other people think, I will know what I did and I will not be OK with myself, with God or with them until I own up to it.

When I was drinking, none of the physicians or mental health professionals I consulted were able to help me very much because I did not tell the truth about my drinking. **One of the reasons I have usually chosen to do Step 5 with my sponsor is that I have a rule for myself "Don't ever withhold anything from your sponsor."** A withhold is anything I do not want

Step 5 – Integrity (*Continued*)

him to know, usually because I think he will think less of me or because I am afraid, I won't be able to get away with doing something questionable that I want to do. So, before I hang up the phone or before I leave, I ask myself "What are you withholding?" Often, I've been thinking about doing something foolish -- perhaps something that will require amends; perhaps something self-destructive. Then I say, "And another thing I need to tell you . . ."

I think it is important for one person to know EVERYTHING about me. In early recovery, I went from person to person and from meeting, dropping a secret here and a secret there. That was better than hiding it from everybody, but it left me thinking "If anybody knew EVERYTHING, they wouldn't accept me."

From Step 5, I learned that I was not as good as I had hoped or as bad as I had feared. I was not the best little boy in the world and I was not the worst little boy in the world. **I am, in a word, human. And that makes me part angelic child of God and part selfish and self-centered jerk.**

Step 5 gave me a more realistic sense of my strengths and weaknesses which is necessary for me to have humility and be teachable. Taking Step 5 helped me identify patterns of bad behavior. While I never enjoy discovering these things (The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off.), **AA has given me the wherewithal to transform my rude awakenings into spiritual awakenings.** There is great leverage in identifying my patterns: addressing one pattern can resolve a number of seemingly unrelated problems.

Having taken Step 5 is a deterrent to future bad behavior. Just thinking that I won't want to tell my sponsor about doing something, makes me think twice about doing it. I know that if I do it, sooner or later, I will tell Sponsor Dearest. So would it not be better to just not do it in the first place?

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

Minutes – CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting

March 8th, 2021

I. OPENING:

- **Barb** opened the meeting with the **Serenity Prayer** at 6:04 PM. **Ronnie** read the **CBIA Mission Statement**. **Barb** read the **General Warranties**. **Parth** read the **12 Traditions**.

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Barb C-S.** (*Vice Chair*), **Michael B.** (*Financial Trustee*), **Ronnie B.** (*Trustee*), **Parth**, (*Trustee*), **Rob M** (*Outgoing Office Manager*) and **Rita S.** (*Incoming Office Manager*) were present. **Anita C-B** (*Chair*), **Amy M.** (*Trustee*), **Harry B.** (*Trustee*), and **Kelly J.** (*Asst Office Manager*) was not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the **February Board Meeting** were read by Barb and Rob. **Michael** moved to approve the minutes as revised, **Ronnie** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Michael** (*Financial Trustee*) presented the **February Financial Report**. **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of **February 28th** totaled **\$26,479.59**, Petty Cash: **\$50.00**, Checking: **\$12,715.92**, Prudent Reserve: **\$12,619.68**, Jamboree Account: **\$1,093.99**. **Profit & Loss** for the month of **February:** Group & Individual Contributions: **\$1,651.22**, Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*): **\$528.17**, (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$331.69*), Gross Gain for the month was **\$1,847.70**. Total Expenses were **\$2,544.82**, Net Loss for the month was **\$697.12**.
- **Ronnie** moved to approve the January Financial Report. **Michael** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Proposed Budget Revision** for the Fiscal Year **2021:** Group & Individual Contributions **\$26,889.00**, Jamboree Contributions **\$0.00** (*No Jamboree in 2021*), Spring Fundraiser **\$3,000.00**, Fall Fundraiser: **\$2,000.00**, Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*): **\$6,996.00** (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$4,782.00*), Gross Gain for the year: **\$34,103.00**, Total Expenses: **\$34,332** (*vs \$36,543 due to payroll 30 hours/week at \$13/hour vs 40 hours/week at \$11/hour and rent escalation adjustment of \$1,019 vs \$828*).
- **Ronnie** moved to approve the **Revision to the 2021 Budget**. **Michael** seconded. Motion carried.

V. SERVICE AREA REPORTS

- **12th Step Parth** said that he was ready to start doing the Helpline.
- **Archives Amy (not present)** Rob did say that Gail will bring in the archives that she has at her house to him over the weekend.
- **Bilingual – Open**
- **Coastal Bender Harry (not present)** Rob did say the Bender went out on time this month.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities: Ronnie** attended the Area 68 Corrections workshop. Working on a video to show inmates when visits are not allowed which will carry the message to inmates. They also spoke about the need for more people to correspond with the inmates via mail.
- **Jamboree: Harry (not present)**
- **Nominations: Michael** had nothing new to report.
- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community: Barb** said they are meeting next week.
- **Social: Anita (not present)**

VI. OFFICE REPORT: Rob

- **Rob** requested board approval to **pay the Annual Operating Expense Escalation bill of \$1,019.14** as required by our office lease. *(This was original budgeted for \$828 - based on last year's bill.) (Rent escalation is calculated by subtracting the base year (2005) operating expenses from last year's operating expenses and allocating the difference to tenants based on square footage.)* **Michael** Moved pay the bill. **Parth** Seconded. Motion carried.
- **Rob** requested board approval to **instruct Value Bank to revise the signature card effective April 8th for the following accounts: Value Bank Checking Account No. 221218 and Prudent Reserve Savings Account No. 10181188** As follows for each account add **Rita Standish** (*incoming Office Manager*)
- Keep **Kelly Jordan** (*ongoing Assistant Office Manager*)
- Drop **Robert Marek** (*outgoing Office Manager*)
- Drop **Harold Bjella** (*past Financial Trustee*)
- **Ronnie** Moved to make the changes described above. **Michael** Seconded. Motion carried.
- **Rob** said the Governor has rescinded the statewide mask mandate and occupancy restrictions leaving it up to individual businesses to set their own mask mandates and occupancy restrictions. He **requested the board to approve a policy where masks covering nose and mouth are required at all times for everyone in the office and setting an occupancy limit of no more than two customers at a time in the office.** He also requested that we count the time Rita works in the office on Friday afternoons as part of our agreement to have the office 50% of the time and eliminate having the office open on Thursday afternoons. In other words, **the office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 AM and Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.**
- **Ronnie** moved to establish a business policy requiring masks covering nose and mouth be worn in the office at all times and that no more than two customers be allowed in the office at a time. **Parth** Seconded. Motion carried.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Spring Fundraiser Update.** **Rita** said that they had gotten 2 speakers for the fundraiser. Ed R. from Akron, OH and another man that KC knows. She also reported that there had been many donations coming in. Next meeting March 18th.
- **Website Committee.** **Rita** said that they had delayed their meeting since the cold spell hit during the time they were to meet. Next meeting is March 10th.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- **None**

XI. NEXT MEETINGS:

- Next **CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting** will be on Monday **April 12th at 6:00 PM** on Zoom.
- Next **CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting** is scheduled for **6:00 PM** on Monday **April 26th** on Zoom.

XIII. CLOSING: Our Father.

- **Parth** moved to adjourn. **Ronnie** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Barb** closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Standish
Incoming Office Manager

CBIA Hours

CBIA BUSINESS HOURS

8:30 – 11:30 AM and 2:00 – 5:00 PM Monday - Friday (*except on Holidays*).

We will be continuing with a 30 hour week during 2021.

CBIA OFFICE HOURS

8:30 – 11:30 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings

2:00 – 5:00 Tuesday through Friday Afternoons

- **The office is open during these hours for picking up purchases.** Call ahead with your order and we can have it ready for pick up. If we are out of stock, we can let you know at that time. We can bring your purchases out to your car or out to you in the hall if you prefer. **Face masks are required if you are coming in the office, covering your nose and mouth at all times. This is a business decision which supersedes state and local government regulations.**
- **If these hours don't work for you, pickup can be arranged with staff by calling during business hours.**
- **CBIA PHONE NUMBER- (361) 992-8911** Calls are answered by staff during business hours and by helpline volunteers at lunch, after hours and on weekends and holidays.

CBIA HOLIDAYS

January **New Years Day**
May **Memorial Day**
July **Independence Day**

September **Labor Day**
November **Thanksgiving (2 Days)**
December **Christmas Day**



One member wrote in about the “Hand of AA event held April 17th”

Just like most things going on today Covid has changed the way we fundraise for CBIA. Saturday April 17th was the first fundraising event for CBIA since 2019 and what a success it turned out to be. Not only was the event a financial success it was an emotional win for all that attended in person and online. The aroma of hundreds of hamburgers being barbecued was welcoming, upon arrival. As the event began sales of the raffle baskets increased and the silent auction became very exciting up until the last moments of bidding. Speaking with one of the winners at the end of the event he stated he won one of the items he donated and his happiness to be able to enjoy winning and donating all for a good cause. It is certain that things in our world may never be the same but the essence of AA can withstand and for that I am truly grateful! We raised \$5707.00 for CBIA thanks to all of you who participated. Jennifer N.

PICPC Workshop (June 5th, 2021 in CC) (see attached flyer)

District 8D is hosting a Service workshop at Cenikor (*previously known as Charlie’s Place*). Event is 10:30 am to 1:30pm - Several Area Chairs will be there to speak. (*Contact Jennifer N at 361-794-8843 to donate food/drinks or to be of service*).

Texas State AA Convention

(June 11-13, 2021 in Fort Worth)

Flyer is attached. Website is www.txaaconvention.org

86th Annual Founder’s Day 2021 (Virtual Event June 12th and 13th) *see attached flyer for registration details, free but donations appreciated.*

September Fest (September 11th, 2021 in CC) (Save the date).

2022 Coastal Bend Jamboree (February 3rd-5th in CC) (Save the date).

The 2022 Coastal Bend Jamboree will be February 3rd-5th in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel.

Face-to-Face Meeting Changes

Meeting updates for F2F meetings.

If you would like to share your group's experience briefly in a paragraph, sharing what your meeting is doing during the pandemic and how it is working for your group, please feel free to send that to coastalbendintergroup@gmail.com and we will post here.

Aransas Pass Group adds new meetings.

Aransas Pass Group has added two new closed discussion meetings, a Women's Meeting on Wednesday at 6pm and a meeting for Newcomers on Sunday at 4:00pm.

CC-Anything Goes changes Monday Meeting to 6:30P

Anything Goes will have meetings at 6:30 PM on Mondays and 7:00 PM on Thursdays at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi (6901 Holly).

CC-Hilltoppers Meeting

The Hilltoppers meeting will start meeting back to face to face meetings Monday-Friday at noon on April 1st. **CC-Hilltoppers (Recovery on Line)** will be continuing on Zoom, see Zoom meetings.

CC-New Life Group will resume face to face on Thursday April 8th at 8pm at Most Precious Blood Family Center, Room 2-C.

Flatonia Group has started meeting face-to-face April 29. Spanish meeting is 6:45pm to 7:45p. English meeting is at 8:00pm

Mathis Unity Group on Wednesday at 7pm. has changed their name to Mathis Crossroads.

Victoria-Back to Basics at 803 E Pine St. will be opening back up on to Face-to-Face meetings on Wednesday and Friday nights at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm for fellowship before the regular meeting. Daily 7pm meeting on Zoom will continue.

Victoria-For Sinners Only have resumed meeting in person and discontinued Zoom.

AA Meetings on Zoom

Alice-Recovery Crew,

7:00 PM Mon thru Thu Meeting ID 825 6450 3417, Password: 123456.

CC-Cullen Mall,

8 PM, Mon, Wed & Sat Meeting ID: 265 788 954 Password: 330022

CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting

8 PM, Fri, Zoom ID: 538 295 5939 Password: 357766 **Now only on Zoom**

CC-Lucky Ones

Mon 7:00 PM Zoom ID: 889 4898 6322 Password: 665854

CC-Recovery Online (*Previously Hilltoppers*)

Mon - Sat 12:00 PM Meeting ID: 907 402 1032 Password 627342

CC-New Attitude Group

M, W & F 6:00 PM Meeting ID: 714 784 969 Password 954788

CC-New Phoenix Group

- Mon - Fri 6:30A Meeting ID: 886 9994 6374 Password: 336965
- Sat - Sun 7:00A Meeting ID: 962 866 373 Password: 018696

CC-New Women's

Mon & Thu 7 PM; Sat 11 AM Meeting ID: 580 495 1776 Password: NWGroup

CC-Sunset 7 Group

Mon & Wed 7:00 PM Meeting ID: 837 019 9098 Password: beach

CC-Turning Point

Wed & Sat 6:30 PM Meeting ID: 677 587 2132 Password: sober

CC-Weber Rd Nooners

12 Noon, Daily Meeting ID: 260 214 3828 Password: 676271

Portland-Nueces Bay

Mon, Wed and Thu 6:30 PM Meeting ID: 914 279 6854 Password: 192648

Rockport-Happy Hour

Mon, Wed, Fri 5:30 P Meeting ID: 865 7690 4190 Password: 0164

Victoria-Back to Basics

7 PM Daily Meeting ID: 662 621 1099 Password: 218223

Victoria-Mainstream,

Wednesday only now Noon Meeting ID: 698 545 080 Password: 003178

CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support

Background

Jamboree

Historically, the Coastal Bend Jamboree has provided 40% of CBIA income for the year (about \$15,000).

In 2020, the Jamboree was small due to competition from the S Padre Island Jamboree and the SE Texas Area Convention in Houston which were held the same weekend for the first time. Revenue was about half of previous years.

Restrictions necessary to avoid having the Jamboree be a super-spreader event have made it not economically viable to have a Jamboree in 2021.

Group Contributions

In the past, CBIA's second biggest source of revenue has been Group Contributions. Since COVID-19 came to this area in March of 2020, **some groups are starting to meet in person, others are still meeting only on Zoom; and the remaining groups are still not meeting. Total Group Contributions are starting to increase and we appreciate all the contributions being made so far this year.**

Individual Contributions

We are inspired and grateful that individual members of our community have made up for the shortfall in 2020 revenues. Ongoing contributions from April on have sustained us. Large contributions in December 2020 and January 2021 (*within the annual limit of \$5,000*) have made us whole for the year. The larger contributions are expected to be a one-time thing. And with no Jamboree in 2021 and group contributions expected to continue to be reduced in 2021, **we will need ongoing individual support to make it through 2021.**

Fundraisers

Texas law allows 501c3 non-profit corporations like CBIA to have only two fundraiser events. Traditionally, this has been the Jamboree and a second event like Septemberfest, Octoberfest or Founders Day.

In place of Jamboree 2021, we have had one fundraiser event in April 2021 "The Hand of AA" event. It was held at South Shores Christian Church and was well attended in person and on Zoom, raising \$5707.00. CBIA's Septemberfest maybe a hybrid combination like last year with a combination of face-to-face and Zoom events, more details to follow soon.

CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support (*Continued*)

Where Are We Now?

	<u>Actual</u> <u>April 2021</u>
Contributions	19,816.51
Gross Sales	2,962.57
Cost of Goods Sold	(1962.73)

Gross Gain	20,816.45
Total Expenses	12,960.29
Interest Income	.31

Net Gain	7856.47

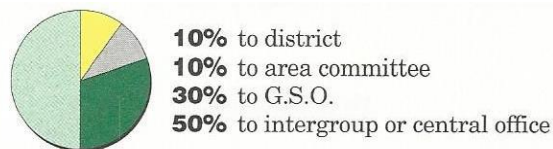
What Has the CBIA Board of Trustees Done?

We determined that we had previously reduced expenses as far as possible without cutting services, and we did not want to do that. We have also decided that to ensure the future of the organization it would be unwise to cover the entire shortfall from our prudent reserve.

However, the board decided to **move \$3,000 from Prudent Reserve (*Savings*) to Checking during the summer of 2020**. The board also voted to reduce hours & payroll by 25% so Kelly (*AM*) and Rita (*PM*) will work three hours rather than four each workday. As of April 7th, 2021, our hours are 8:30 – 11:30 AM and 2:00 – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The board also asked the Office Manager to ask the landlord about a smaller space / reduced rent. **The landlord will let us know when a smaller space becomes available.**

What Can a Group Do to Help?

The AA World Service pamphlet, [Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix](#), suggests that AA Groups in areas served by an intergroup office distribute funds in excess of prudent reserve as shown below.



Thus, it is up to each group conscience to determine what (*if anything*) it contributes.

Your group might want to re-consider its contribution priorities temporarily. GSO and Intergroup have a bigger slice of the pie because they have much higher overhead (*salaries, office space, etc.*) than the other service entities. You might want to consider giving more to Intergroup and GSO and less to other service entities. Also, if your group has money earmarked that can be sent in earlier, that would be helpful.

HAPPY **BirthDay** 2021 CBIA Birthday Club

BirthDay Club Members are people who have made an individual contribution to CBIA of \$1.00 or more for each year of sobriety during that calendar year. They will be listed in each Bender from the month after the donation to the end of the year. Monthly donors (\$5 or more) and people who contribute \$100 or more will be listed for one additional year. Donations can be made by **PayPal** under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiam.org), by **Venmo** to **CoastalBend-Intergroup** (For anonymity, it is recommended that Venmo settings make the transaction private.) or by **check** to **CBIA**, 3833 S Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411. Please indicate Home Group or City and Sobriety Date. Let us know if you do not want your birthday listed in the Bender.

NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2021
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Nancy G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/01/1983	38 Years
Gail B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/01/2011	10 Years
Terry K.	CC-Sunset 7	01/01/2000	21 Years
Sheila S.	CC-New Phoenix	01/07/2007	14 Years
Charlie B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/09/2006	15 Years
Janice E.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/10/2000	21 Years
Ceil Mc K.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/10/1982	39 Years
Sandra E.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	01/20/2011	10 Years
Tom G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/26/1984	37 Years
Ernest J.	CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group	02/15/2004	17 Years
Rob M.	Corpus Christi	02/24/1985	36 Years
Mike B.	CC-New Phoenix	03/05/2014	7 Years
Janeen H.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/08/2017	4 Years
Chris N.	CC-Oso Group	03/09/2009	12 Years
Rita S.	CC- Oso Group	03/13/1977	44 Years
Joe C.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	03/18/1981	40 Years
Mary C.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/22/1992	29 Years
Enrique M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	03/30/2016	5 Years
Phyllis H.	Portland-Jaywalkers	04/01/2004	17 Years
Carol D.	CC-Oso Group Group	04/02/2010	11 Years
Cathy H.	CC-Bookmarks Group	04/06/1999	22 Years
Marlive F.	Corpus Christi	04/07/1987	34 Years
Kelly K.	Corpus Christi	04/18/1986	35 Years
Gale S.	Austin, TX	04/23/1994	27 Years
Fred C.	Corpus Christi	05/13/1987	34 Years
Linda K.	Kingsville-Al-K Group	05/20/1979	42 Years
Mary H.	CC-Women's Big Book	05/24/1995	26 Years
Jackie C.	Pleasanton	06/05/2014	7 Years

2021 CBIA Birthday Club *(Continued)*

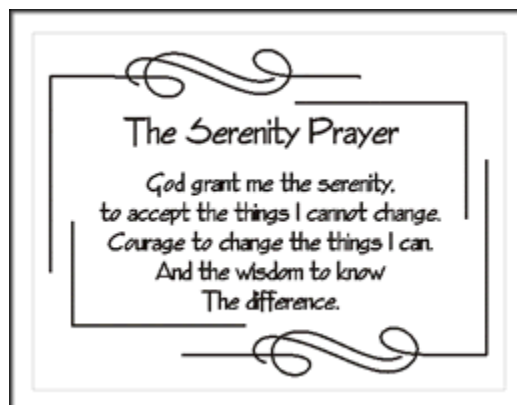
NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2021
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Gary L.	CC-New Phoenix Group	06/07/2009	12 Years
Marie A.	CC-Alanos Group	06/21/1991	30 Years
Robin P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	35 Years
Ramona S.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	07/08/2017	4 Years
Libby A.	CC-New Women's Group	07/12/1987	34 Years
April K.	Corpus Christi	08/20/1984	37 Years
Scott McG.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	19 Years
Pat E.	CC-New Women's Group	08/23/1987	34 Years
Butch R.	CC Weber Road Nooners	08/26/2006	15 Years
Mike Q.	Corpus Christi	08/28/2000	21 Years
Bernard S.	CC-Turning Point Group	08/29/1977	44 Years
Audrey H.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	09/01/2011	10 Years
Hank S.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	28 Years
Barb C-S	CC-New Women's Group	09/09/1985	36 Years
Valerie B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	09/13/2017	4 Years
Heather D.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	09/23/2009	12 Years
Dave D.	Rockport Fellowship	10/04/1985	36 Years
Brandelyn M.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	12 Years
Patrick R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	12 Years
Harold B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/18/2007	14 Years
Arthur A.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	10/19/1998	23 Years
Tim R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/21/2011	10 Years
Betsy H.	CC-New Women's Group	10/22/2010	11 Years
Kruger D.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/23/2009	12 Years
Eddie M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/28/2005	16 Years
Debbie B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/31/2000	21 Years
Mary G.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	11/03/1986	35 Years
Margaret P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	11/06/2006	15 Years
Loralei D.	CC-New Women's Group	11/06/1984	37 Years
Joanie J.	CC-Bookmarks Group	11/28/2015	11 Years
Larry H.	Rockport Fellowship	12/04/1990	31 Years
James H.	CC-Bookmarks Group	12/17/1993	28 Years
Joe Mc M.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/21/1980	41 Years
Tony P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	43 Years
John K.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	12/25/1995	26 Years
Lois H.	CC-New Women's Group	12/29/2007	14 Years

Memorial Contributions

Memorial Donations can be made by any AA member in memory of another AA member who passed away during the current calendar year. Continuous attendance at meeting is not required as long as they died sober. Suggested donation of \$1 per year of sobriety or a minimum of \$5. They will be listed in each Bender from the month after the donation to the end of the year.

Donations can be made by PayPal under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiala.org), by Venmo to CoastalBend-Intergroup (*For anonymity, it's recommended that Venmo settings make the transaction private.*) or by check to CBIA, 3833 S Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX). Please indicate Home Group or City and date of death year.

Name -----	Home Group -----	Departed -----
Roger B.	Corpus Christi	01/13/2020
Bobby P.	CC-Mountain Toppers	04/15/2020
Kari Sue P.	CC-Mountain Toppers	05/19/2020
Tom G.	CC-New Phoenix Group	05/24/2020
Leo J.	CC-New Phoenix	05/30/2020
Charles K.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	06/15/2020
Randy F.	Corpus Christi	07/28/2020
John O.	CC-Hilltoppers	11/04/2020
Jorgé T.	CC-New Attitude	11/15/2020
Philip B.	CC-Cullen Mall	12/17/2020
Zane R.	Laredo (<i>Prev. Weber Nooners</i>)	01/12/2021
Marsha R.	CC-New Women's Group	01/15/2021
John L.	Corpus Christi (<i>Rodd Field Alum.</i>)	02/06/2021
Lupé M.	CC-Grupo Tres Legados	02/23/2021





Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities

Corrections Facilities

Some of the correction facilities are starting to open back up. 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. Contact Ronnie B. at ronnie_besco@hotmail.com

Helpline / 12 Step List

The Helpline is staffed by volunteers who make sure the hand of AA is available 24 hours a day by answering the intergroup 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. We need a few additional helpline volunteers at present.

If a caller needs help beyond meeting information, the helpline passes them to someone on the **12-Step List** for a longer conversation on how to get sober and stay sober. A minimum of two years sobriety is required to be on the 12 Step List. We especially need people (particularly women) in the outlying areas.

If you would like to be on the Helpline or the 12-Step List, call Kelly or Rob at the CBIA office (361) 992-8911 between 8:30-11:30 AM or 2-5 PM Monday thru Friday.

Local Stories Wanted For the Coastal 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 in a Word document or similar format.

District Meetings

District 7

(Victoria Area)

The next District 7 meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **May 22nd** on Zoom Meeting.

Meeting ID: **662 621 1099**

Password: **218223**

District 8D

(Corpus Christi)

The next District 8D meeting will be at **2:00 PM** on **Saturday, May 15th on Zoom and at New Phoenix Club.**

Meeting ID: **843 0854 7661**

Password: **District8D**

District 8E

(Corpus Christi and West)

The next District 8E meeting will be at **9:30 AM** on Saturday, **May 15th** at the Calallen Pass It on Club.

District 15

(Northeast of Corpus Christi)

The next District 15 meeting will be at **2:00 PM** on Saturday, **May 15th** on **Zoom.**

Meeting ID: **711 9679 0462**

Password: **D15**

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday **May 10th** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday **July 26th** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

District Meetings

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

- District 7** (Victoria 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 first Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM. **Birthday Night** is first Saturday of the month at 8:00PM. (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.

Contributions

GROUP NAME	April 2021	YTD 2021
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	220.75	6438.75
Aransas Pass Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		
CC-Bookmarks Group	235.00	235.00
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		
CC-Day of AA		
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		517.50
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		88.00
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		100.00
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		
CC-Mountain Toppers		
CC-New Attitude Meeting		
CC-New Life Group	25.00	55.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	16.50	73.50
CC-New Women's Group	130.00	466.00
CC-Oso Group	260.92	483.24
CC-Roddfield Group (final dist)		500.00
CC-Saratoga Group		
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	248.68	628.93
CC-Turning Point Group		222.00
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group	825.60	825.60
District 7	1000.00	1000.00
District 8D		
Goliad-Open Arms Group		65.50
Hallettsville Group		10.00
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Moulton Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		100.00
Mathis - Unity Group		
Port Aransas Group	100.00	100.00
Port Lavaca Group		
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Quarterly Meeting 7 th Tradition		
Riviera-SASTO Group		
Robstown Desire Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		
Rockport-Fellowship Group		1000.00
Schulenburg Group		
Shiner Group		120.64
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00
Victoria-Airport Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		832.77
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		45.00
Victoria-Golden Slippers		77.08
Victoria-High Nooners Group		
Victoria-Main Stream Group	50.00	75.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		
Victoria-Women's Group		
Yorktown Group		
TOTAL	\$3,112.45	\$14,109.51

Addresses for Group Contributions

Coastal Bend Intergroup (Suggested 50% *)

CBIA

3833 S. Staples Suite S-212
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Districts (Suggested 10% *)

District 7 Treasurer

P.O. Box 5324
Victoria, TX 77903

District 8D Treasurer

P.O. Box 61135
Corpus Christi, TX 78466

District 8E Treasurer

% Dina P.
6013 Liptonshire Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

District 15 Treasurer

% Mike L.
511 Gulf
Port Aransas, TX 78373

Area 68 Southwest Texas (Suggested 10% *)

SWTA 68 Treasurer

P.O. Box 716
Bastrop, TX 78602

General Service Office (Suggested 30% *)

GSO

P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163-0459

‘* Suggested percentages are from AA Pamphlet F-3, **SELF-SUPPORT: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** (Available on our web site: cbiaa.org under DONATE). Group Contributions are always at the discretion of the group conscience.

**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.

Services Provided

1. Maintains an office which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11:30AM and 1:30 to 5:30PM.
2. Provides information and referrals for A.A. inquiries.
3. Maintains a 12 Step listing and calls individuals for 12 Step work.
4. Provides an A.A. listing in the Telephone directory.
5. Provides a 24 hour volunteer phone answering during hours when the office is closed.
6. Publishes meeting schedules of all groups in the Coastal Bend Area at no charge.
7. Publishes a monthly newsletter, the "Coastal Bender", to keep A.A. members informed of local A.A. affairs and special events.
8. Purchases and sells "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.

Detach here.

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- Send an email with the above information to cbia@grandecom.net with the caption "ADD TO BENDER DIST."
- Detach and mail to or drop off this form at the CBIA Office, 3833 S. Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

Asociación Inter-grupo de la Zona Costera

Declaración de Principios

La misión de la asociación inter-grupo de la zona costera es proveer el primer contacto vital al alcohólico en busca de ayuda. La oficina de AIZC [siglas en español, en inglés CBIA], se mantiene para el beneficio de aquellos que siguen sufriendo. Para cumplir con esta tarea tan importante la oficina de CBIA debe:

- Establecer una línea de ayuda las 24 horas
- Imprimir los horarios de las reuniones de AA
- Mantener una lista con los 12 Pasos

Con lo cual Grupos de AA e individuos puedan conducir llamados de los 12 Pasos, esenciales en el crecimiento de AA en la Zona Costera.

Servicios Prestados

1. Horario de oficina, lunes a viernes de 7:30 a 11:30AM y de 1:30 a 5:30PM.
2. Provee información y referencias sobre A.A. .
3. Mantiene una lista de los 12 Pasos y listado de personas para trabajar los 12 pasos.
4. Provee un listado de A.A. en el directorio telefónico.
5. Provee servicio de voluntarios contestando llamadas las 24 horas mientras la oficina esta cerrada.
6. Publica los horarios de todos los grupos en el área costera sin costo.
7. Publica una hoja informativa, la "Coastal Bender", para mantener a los miembros de A.A. informados de los acontecimientos locales y de los eventos especiales A.A..
8. Compra y venta de literatura "Aprobada en Conferencia" ('CONFERENCE APPROVED'), y mercancía no aprobada como Medallones de Aniversario y Monedas de Sobriedad.
9. Conduce reuniones mensuales de fideicomisarios. Todos los miembros de Alcohólicos Anónimos son bienvenidos a estas reuniones asimismo es importante contar con su opinión.
10. Conduce Reuniones cada cuatro meses para evaluar a los grupos en actividades Inter-grupo y para buscar que participen en cuestiones de la CBIA.
11. Mantiene comités de trabajo para servicio en el área de la zona Costera.

Los Grupos Hispánicos

HORARIO

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Grupos en Corpus Christi

- **Grupo Nueva Esperanza** (552 Old Robstown Road, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (todos los días).
- **Grupo Primer Paso** (1635 18th Street, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles); **Mediodía** (Sabado).
- **Grupo Serenidad** (408 Brownlee, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Domingo);
- **Grupo Tres Legados** (1019 S. Port, Corpus Christi) **8:00 De la Noche** (Lunes, Martes, Miercoles y Jueves);

Grupo en Flatonia

Grupo Flatonia (208 E. North Main Street, Flatonia) **7:00 De la Noche** (Jueves)

Grupo en Kingsville

Grupo Un Dia a La Vez (819 N. 3rd, Kingsville) **7:00 De la Noche** (Miercoles)

Grupo en Moulton

Grupo Moulton (301 N. Hackberry, Moulton) **7:00 De la Noche** (Lunes)

Grupo en Port Lavaca

Grupo Nuevo Amanecer (213 E. Austin, Port Lavaca) **7:00 De la Noche** (Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes)

Grupo en Schulenberg

Grupo Schulenberg (901 Kallus, Schulenberg) **7:00 De la Noche** (Domingo)

Grupo en Sinton

Grupo Segunda Chance (215 Sodville, Sinton) **8:00 De la Noche** (Martes y Viernes)