

CBIA, 3833 S. Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411 (361) 992-8911 or Toll Free 1 (866) 672-7029 www.cbiaa.org "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible"

Founders Day

What is Founder's Day and why is it so important to our local fellowship?

A business trip to Akron

A short-term job opportunity takes Bill to Akron, Ohio. In the lobby of his hotel, he finds himself fighting the urge to join the conviviality in the bar. He consults a church posted on the wall with the aim of finding someone who might lead him to an alcoholic with whom he could talk. A phone call to Episcopal minister Rev. Walter Tunks results in a referral to Henrietta Seiberling, a committed Oxford Group adherent who has tried for two years to bring a fellow group member, a prominent Akron surgeon, to sobriety.





Men on a Mission

Dr. Bob lapses into drinking again but quickly recovers. *The day widely known as the date of Dr. Bob's last drink, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous.* Dr. Bob and Bill spend hours working out the best approach to alcoholics, a group known to be averse to taking directions. Realizing that thinking of sobriety for a day at a time makes it seem more achievable than facing a lifetime of struggle, they hit on the twenty-four hour concept.

Founders Day

It is very difficult to speak of the "AA" Dr. Bob without going into eulogistic superlatives. While he lived, he laughed them off. And now, though he is dead, I feel that he still laughs them off. I sat beside him many times at the speakers' table and watched him squirm as some florid introduction was being given him. Many a chairman of the meeting strove to rise to the responsibility of introducing him by referring to him as co-founder of the "greatest, most wonderful, most magnificent, most momentous movement of all time." Dr. Bob whispered to me on one of these occasions, "The speaker certainly takes in a lot of territory and plenty of time."

While Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith thoroughly appreciated the spirit of personal gratitude that usually prompted such superlatives, he never took them seriously as applicable to himself. He rose up to tell with all humility the simple story of an alcoholic's return to sobriety. Dr. Bob seldom called upon his vast experience with others. He simply repeated in different ways the story of one man's great return. And that was his own.

He could have gone scientific and statistical, for he heard more confessions of sprees and lost weekends than anyone else alive. But he never did it that way. He always remained plain. Once, Dr. Bob was lost in an alcoholic fog himself. He recalled that he was proud, resentful, and full of rancor, cocky, self-sufficient, and selfish. But whether he spoke at the banquet table or ministered to an alcoholic in the ward, he was kind but firm, serious and sympathetic, always unmindful of race, color, creed, or previous state of alcoholic servitude.

Humble from God or from being humiliated

Dr. Bob was a humble man. His humility was born, no doubt, of his humiliations before his good wife, Anne, and his colleagues in the medical profession. This led to the great step of becoming humble before his God. Here was the crisis in his life: at last, he found the God who he knew would help him if he would only place a humble confidence in him. This is the story of Dr. Bob. It is the story, too, of the Twelve Steps that logically follow, once the situation is faced with honest realism.

Looking back over his life, one might say Dr. Bob was two people, two personalities, even in his drinking days. He continued to have two personalities after getting sober. As he made his rounds through St. Thomas Hospital, he did so as Dr. R. H. S., medical practitioner. But, as he came to Room 390 in the alcoholic ward, he put off the cloak of science and professionalism and became just plain Dr. Bob. Which was a man eager, willing, and able to help his fellow man. As he left the hospital each day, two men went out through the door—one a great M.D., the other a great man.

It was quite natural that Dr. S. sought hospitalization for alcoholics. He had been sending the sick to St. Thomas Hospital for years. To him, alcoholism was a sickness as real as pneumonia. Treatment wasn't easy. The new treatment was to be physical, psychological, social, and spiritual. As a whole, the patient was sick and needed treatment.

Thank God and the Sisters of Charity

Many of his colleagues in the medical profession disagreed with Dr. S., some bitterly. Fortunately, he knew the nursing sisters at St. Thomas Hospital. It was very fortunate, even providential, that he met the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. For in the long, long history of their order, they had taken care of all manner of disease, dereliction, and misfortune, and they were now willing to try the newer method of treating alcoholism. A ward opened to Alcoholics Anonymous in the general hospital for the first time.

Dr. S. and the sisters soon learned to diagnose more accurately and prescribe more effectively. Here was new type of patient needing a new type of treatment. Furthermore, the disorder was more on the psychological and spiritual rather than on the physical side. Here was a patient whose thinking was all beclouded; whose attitudes were wrong; of which who's life philosophy was all mixed up and sense of values was distorted; that spiritual life was nonexistent. Consequently, the patient was a challenge to the skill, patience, and prayer of all who worked at the hospital with Dr. S. in the noble art of healing a terribly wounded personality.

What success attended his efforts, as well as the efforts of the sisters and all who worked with the many patients who passed through that ward, is now a matter of AA history. It will ever remain a monument to the memory of R. H. S., M. D. — and Dr. Bob, the man.

By J.G. from Ohio, AA Grapevine, September 1978

Step 6 - Willingness

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

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

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

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

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

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

Generally the PAYOFF is something like -

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

Generally the COST is things like

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

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

Minutes – CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting April 12th, 2021

I. **OPENING:**

- Anita opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6:08 PM.
- **Anita** read the CBIA Mission Statement.
- **Barb** read the General Warranties.
- **Ronnie** read the 12 Traditions.

Anita to announce that she accepted the resignation of Harry B. from the CBIA board. We will have an opening to be filled at the Quarterly Meeting April 26th. Email with nomination form has been sent out 4/7/2021. Michael was advised.

Π. **ATTENDANCE:**

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

III. **MINUTES:**

- Anita read the minutes of the March Board Meeting.
 - o Ronnie moved to approve the minutes as revised.
 - o **Barb** seconded; Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: IV.

- Michael (Financial Trustee) presented the March Financial Report.
- **Balance Sheet:**

Total CBIA funds as of March 8th totaled \$25,887.11 Petty Cash: \$50.00, Checking: \$12,115.13, Prudent Reserve: \$12,619.99, Jamboree Account: \$1,093.99.

Profit & Loss for the month of **March**:

Group & Individual Contributions: \$2587.27, Gross Sales (Books, Chips & Medallions): \$1137.25, (less Cost of Goods Sold 757.33), Gross Gain for the month was \$2947.19. Total Expenses were \$4,235.59. Net Loss for the month was \$1289.40.

Fiscal Year to Date 2021:

Group & Individual Contributions \$13,272.98, Jamboree Contributions \$0.00 (No Jamboree in 2021), Spring Fundraiser \$0.0, Fall Fundraiser: \$0.0, Gross Sales (Books, Chips & Medallions): \$2,275,92 (less Cost of Goods Sold \$1,493.86), Gross Total expenses year to date: \$3203.25, Net Gain for the year to date: 2676.18.

V. SERVICE AREA REPORTS

- **Archives Amy: Not Present**
- 12th Step Parth; Not present. Rita reported that she updated the Corpus Christi 12 Step List. There were a couple of deceased members still on the list and one that had moved away. Added 3 members from her home group that wanted on the list. Sent all 12 Steps lists for all areas to Parth by email to verify the status of all people on the list in an effort to continue to update.
- Bilingual Open
- Coastal Bender Barb offered to be Coastal Bender editor now that Harry has resigned. Rita is happy to have the help.

- <u>Corrections/Treatment Facilities</u>: Ronnie stated that they are opening up many of the facilities. He is about ½ through his training and will soon be able to go the facilities. He would like to mention in the Bender if there is anyone interested in going to the Prisons to contact him.
- Jamboree Open
- Nominations: Michael said he has spoken to Patrick R about standing for the Trustee position that is open. Rita said someone from Flour Bluff called and said they would come by the office to pick up form to fill out.
- <u>Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community</u>: Barb said she missed the last meeting but she heard that they had new cards with the QR code on them that they are handing out to use for a meeting finder.
- <u>Social:</u> Anita said that they would start meeting soon for September Fest. The date right now is September 11th.
- VI. OFFICE REPORT: Rita reported that Rob's last day was April 7th. He will make sure that I get all the materials that I need on the office computer. Rita report that Bender was done without Harry's help and went out on April 3rd. A second email went on the 7th because of new meeting changes that did not make in the Bender in time and typo for New Life's meeting and also with Harry's resignation a nomination form was sent out and Michael was advised.

Rita also reported that Value Bank has been revised the signature card effective now for the following accounts;

- **Output** Value Bank Checking Account
- o Prudent Reserve Savings Account

As follows for each account:

- Rita Standish added (incoming Office Manager)
 Kelly Jordan renewed (ongoing Assistant Office Manager)
- O Dropped Robert Marek (outgoing Office Manager)

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- Spring Fundraiser Update. Rita said they are ready for the event on April 17th. The secret Facebook page has stirred interest and many are bidding on items and buying raffle tickets.
- Website Committee. Rita reported now that Harry has resigned, he will no longer be part of this committee. I will speak with the others about continuing or just updating the existing website with new features. Harry had told Patrick, who is Chair of Jamboree that he would help him with a new Jamboree website. Rita asked if we can just use the Jamboree page that exists on our website for them to have their flyer, link to the hotel and any other information that they would need to get out to the community. It would save them money since they are low on funds at this point. Rob said that Glen would be able to help. A vote was taken to let Jamboree be hosted on our website for the following year as cost saver.
 - o **Barb** Moved to approve.
 - o Ronnie Seconded; Motion carried

X. NEW BUSINESS:

None

XI. NEXT MEETINGS:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting will be on Monday May10th 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.

- Ronnie moved to adjourn.
- Barb seconded; Motion carried.
- Anita closed the meeting with prayer at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Rita Standish* Office Manager

CBIA Quarterly Meeting Minutes

April 26th 2021 (Approved)

I. **OPENING:** (6:06PM)

- Anita- Open meeting/Moment of silence/Serenity Prayer at 6:06pm
- Ronnie- Read CBIA Mission Statement
- Barb Read General Warranties
- Parth- Read 12 Traditions
- II. <u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Anita C-B (Chair), Barb C-S. (Vice Chair), Michael B. (Financial Trustee), Amy M. (Trustee)_not present, Ronnie B._(Trustee), Parth (Trustee), Partick R (member running for Trustee) and Rita S. (Office Manager) were present. Kelly J. (Asst Office Manager) was not present.
- III. <u>MINUTES</u>: Anita read the previously approved minutes of **Quarterly Meeting of Jan 25**th,2021. Anita read the minutes of **Board Meeting of April 12**th for approval. Ronnie moved to approve and Michael seconded; minutes approved. **IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS**:
 - March Financial Report Rita asked if Financial report needed to be read again since it was approved in the April 12 Board Minutes. Michael moved; Ronnie seconded and All agreed it did not need to be read again.

V. <u>TRUSTEE ELECTION</u>: Anita (*Chair*) Election of one Trustee to two-year terms starting in April 2021. Anita stated that there was only one person running for the Trustee position, Patrick R. from New Attitude Group/New Phoenix Group. Patrick introduced himself briefly qualifying himself.

- Ronnie moved that we elect Patrick to the Trustee position.
- Michael seconded.
- Vote was unanimous.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 12th Step: Parth S.-nothing new to report.
- Archives: Amy M.-not present.
- Bilingual: open.
- Coastal Bender: Barb-nothing new to report.
- <u>Corrections/Treatment Facilities</u>: Ronnie B said he completed his training and when he returns from his vacation, he will be ready to start going to the facilities.
- <u>Jamboree</u>: Patrick is going to serve as the Trustee to this committee. Patrick is the Chair of the Jamboree committee for the next 2 years. He reported that Michael B. would be his Treasurer. Patrick is also happy that the board approved the Jamboree to use the page on their website for next year's event.
- Nominations: Michael B-nothing new to report
- PI/CPC: Barb-nothing new to report.
- Social: Anita-nothing new to report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Fundraiser results. Rita reported that the Fundraiser raised \$5657 and a good time was had by all who attended. Many commented that they enjoyed the live music and all the raffles but mostly getting to see each other again.
- Website. Rita asked to table working on a new website at this time. We would have to look at spending money and finding someone else to help with the website. We will look into this next year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: none

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 10th at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- X. <u>NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:</u>
 - Next CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday July 26th on Zoom.

XI. CLOSING:

Michael- Motion to adjourn

Ronnie-Seconded Motion carried

Anita - Closed with prayer at 6:44pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Rita Standish* Office Manager

CBIA 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 OFFICE HOURS (except on Holidays).

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

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 HOLIDAYS

JanuaryNew Year's DaySeptemberLabor DayMayMemorial DayNovemberThanksgiving- 2 daysJulyIndependence DayDecemberChristmas Day



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 speaking at this event. (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 <u>www.txaaconvention.org</u>

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

48th Annual Lubbock Caprock Convention-(July 15-18th) Lubbock, TX (See attached flyer-registration form with details at the bottom)

SWTA68 Summer Workshop-in person July 30th-Aug 1st in Kerrville, TX at The Inn of the Hills. (See attached flyer)

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

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

Many new changes this month happened, please check the schedules. The online schedule has been updated to better identify meetings especially the Zoom meetings. Check it out at cbiaa.org "find a meeting online". Anyone interested in helping to start up the Alanos Sunday meeting or Friday Night Speaker meeting, 11am contact CBIA coastalbendintergroup@gmail.com. Support is needed to start back-up.

Bookmarks- 6pm Thursday night literature meeting. Their group started the Big Book on May 20th and they invite everyone to join them for their big book study.

Cullen Mall Group-Voted to change their OLS meeting (As Bill Sees It) from Saturdays at 8:00 PM to Sundays at 7:00 PM starting Sunday June 6th.

New Attitude- is meeting face to face with a hybrid Zoom Meeting at the same time. Meetings are Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 6pm at 3513 Cimarron (St Phillip's Church)

Port Lavaca- has resumed meeting in person at same times at 213 E Austin St. and discontinued Zoom.

Rockport Happy Hour Group-They are meeting face to face now on Monday, Wed and Friday at 5:30pm (masks optional). They also are now doing a Zoom Meeting on Tues and Thurs at 5:30 with new Zoom ID 817 4546 8941 and passcode 0164.

Sunset 7 Group is meeting face to face at Island Presbyterian Church (14030 Fortuna Bay) Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Last Zoom meeting will be May 24th, 2021.

The Lucky Ones- has resumed meeting in person and discontinued Zoom.

Weber Road Nooners Group—The meetings that have been meeting outside will move inside upstairs starting May 25th. Tues and Thurs at 5:30pm and Fri 12P and Sat 10am.

AA Meetings on Zoom

Coastal Bend Area AA Meetings on Zoom

- **Alice-Recovery Crew**, 7:00 PM Mon thru Thu Meeting ID 825 6450 3417, Password 123456 *Monday is a hybrid meeting (face-to-face and on Zoom).*
- CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting 8 P Fri Cancelled-Meeting ID: 538 295 5939 Password: 357766 https://us04web.zoom.us/i/5382955939 In person meeting still suspended..
- **CC-Recovery Online** (*Previously known as Hilltoppers*) Mon Sat 12:00 PM Meeting ID: 907 402 1032 Password 627342 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9074021032
- CC-Lucky Ones Group-Cancelled on Zoom. This group has resumed face-to-face meetings at 7pm on Monday and Thursday's. (Masks optional, see face to face meetings for details)
- **CC-New Attitude Group Hybrid Meeting** M, W & F 6:00 PM Meeting ID: 714 784 969 Password 954788 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/714784969
- 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 Group, Mon & Thu 7 PM; Sat 11 AM Meeting ID: 580 495 1776 Password: NWGroup https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5804951776?pwd=K04zVDhDZDBQMmdleWliUVJXSINodz09
- CC-Sunset 7 Group Zoom Meeting is Cancelled- Last meeting is May 25th- Check face to face meeting schedule. 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 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2602143828
- Port Lavaca Group Zoom Meeting Cancelled-(*This group has resumed face-to-face meetings at 213 E Austin St.*)
- **Portland-Nueces Bay Group** Mon, Wed and Thu 6:30 PM Meeting ID: 914 279 6854 Password: 192648
- **Rockport-Happy Hour Group Zoom,** Tues and Thursday 5:30 P Meeting ID: 817 4546 8941 Password: 0164
- Victoria-Back to Basics 7 PM Daily Meeting ID: 662 621 1099 Password: 218223 https://zoom.us/j/6626211099 (This has concurrent but separate face-to-face meetings on Wed and Fri at 7pm)
- **Victoria-Mainstream**, One Zoom meeting a week Wed at Noon Meeting. ID: 698 545 080 Password: 003178 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/698545080 (face to face Mon-Thurs and Sat at Noon)



CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support

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, we have some groups that 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 and hope for continuing support.

Individual Contributions

We are inspired and grateful that individual members of our community have made up for the shortfall in 2020 revenues in 2020 and early 2021. The large contributions in December 2020 and January 2021 (within the annual limit of \$5,000) helped to make us whole for the year. The larger contributions are expected to be a one-time thing. The "Hand of AA" event was a great success but we know that fund raising and group contributions may continue to be reduced in 2021.

We hope for ongoing individual support to make it through 2021.

Fundraisers

Texas law allows 501c3 non-profit corporations like CBIA to have only two fundraiser events. This year's The Hand of AA spring fund raiser and a second event, Septemberfest, will be held to help support CBIA during 2021. We look forward to Jamboree again in 2022, February 3rd-5th at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi.

CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support (Continued)

Where Are We Now?

	Actual May 2021
Contributions	21,036.13
Gross Sales	4,455.97
Cost of Goods Sold	(3184.64)
Gross Gain	22,307.46
Total Expenses	15,103.28
Interest Income	.31
Net Gain	7,204.49

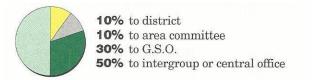
What Has the CBIA Board of Trustees Done?

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, <u>Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix</u>, <u>suggests</u> 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.



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.cbia.org), by **Venmo** to **CoastalBend-Intergroup** (For anonymity, 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
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)

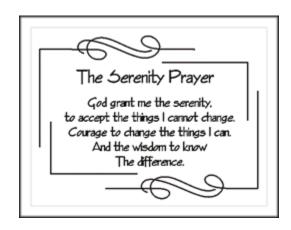
NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2021
Gary L.	CC-New Phoenix Group	06/07/2009	12 Years
Marie A.	CC-Alanos Group	06/21/1991	30 Years
Robin P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	35 Years
Ramona S.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	07/08/2017	4 Years
Libby A.	CC-New Women's Group	07/12/1987	34 Years
April K.	Corpus Christi	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	6 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.cbiaa.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
Kari Sue P. Tom G. Leo J.	CC-Mountain Toppers CC-New Phoenix Group CC-New Phoenix	05/19/2020 05/24/2020 05/30/2020
Charles K.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	06/15/2020
Randy F.	Corpus Christi	07/28/2020
John O. Jorgé T.	CC-Hilltoppers CC-New Attitude	11/04/2020 11/15/2020
Philip B.	CC-Cullen Mall	12/17/2020
Zane R. Marsha R. John L. Lupé M. Gerry K. Skip T.	Laredo (<i>Prev. Weber Nooners</i>) CC-New Women's Group Corpus Christi (<i>Rodd Field Alum.</i>) CC-Grupo Tres Legados Bookmarks Group Rockport Fellowship	01/12/2021 01/15/2021 02/06/2021 02/23/2021 05/05/2021 05/25/2021





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 ronniebesco@hotmail.com

Helpline / 12 Step List

More people are needed for "The Helpline". 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 you are available to do this vital volunteer work, please contact CBIA as soon as possible to add your name.

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 Rita 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 in person at 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 19th, at St. Francis Church, 3002 Miori Ln, Victoria, TX, across from the football stadium.

District 8D

(Corpus Christi)

The next District 8D meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 19th 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, June 19th 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, June 19th. As of June 1st, I was not able to find out if the meeting will be on Zoom or in person. Please check with your DCM.

Meeting ID: 711 9679 0462

Password: D15

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday June 14th 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)

<u>District 8E</u> (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.)

<u>Hilltoppers Group Conscience</u> is the 1st Tuesday of the month following the Noon meeting. (First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline Dr., Room 244)

<u>Weber Road Nooners Group Conscience</u> is held the 1st Saturday of each Quarter (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) following the 10:00AM meeting. <u>Birthdays</u> are celebrated the first Monday of each month at noon. (*Travis Baptist Church*, 5802 Weber Road at Schanen, park in rear, meeting upstairs.)

<u>Calallen Group Conscience</u> is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month following the 6:30PM meeting. <u>Birthday Night</u> 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).

<u>Turning Point Group Conscience</u> is held the 1st Wednesday of each month. <u>Birthday Meeting</u> is last Saturday of the month.

Contributions

Contributions			
GROUP NAME	Msy 2021	YTD 2021	
Alice Group	160.00	(542.85	
Anonymous/Individual Contribution Aransas Pass Group	160.00	6543.75	
Beeville-Shepherd's Group			
CC-Alanos			
CC-Bookmarks Group CC-Calallen Group		235.00	
CC-Crosstown Group			
CC-Cullen Mall Group	50.00	50.00	
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	162.00	250.00	
CC-Happy Hour Meeting CC-Hilltoppers Group		100.00	
CC-Humility Group	100.00	100.00	
CC-Just for Today Group			
CC-Lucky Ones			
CC-Mountain Toppers			
CC-New Attitude Meeting CC-New Life Group	25.00	80.00	
CC-New Phoenix Group	15.00	88.50	
CC-New Women's Group	205.00	671.00	
CC-Oso Group		483.24	
CC-Roddfield Group (final dist)		500.00	
CC-Saratoga Group CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		628.93	
CC-Turning Point Group		222.00	
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		825.60	
District 7		1000.00	
District 15	500.00	500.00	
District 8D		<i>65.50</i>	
Goliad-Open Arms Group Hallettsville Group		65.50 10.00	
Karnes City-Mayfield Group			
Kingsville-AL-K Group			
Moulton Group		100.00	
Mathis - Crossroads Group Mathis - Unity Group		100.00	
Port Aransas Group		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		100000	
Rockport-Fellowship Group		1000.00	
Schulenburg Group Shiner Group		120.64	
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		120.01	
Skidmore Group			
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00	
Victoria-Airport Group		922.77	
Victoria-Back to Basics Group Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		832.77 45.00	
Victoria-Golden Slippers		77.08	
Victoria-High Nooners Group			
Victoria-Main Stream Group		75.00	
Victoria-Men's Group			
Victoria-Unity Group Victoria-Women's Group			
Yorktown Group			
TOTAL	\$1,217.00	\$15,326.51	

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 8E Treasurer

% Dina P. 6013 Liptonshire Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78415 **District 8D Treasurer**

P.O. Box 61135

Corpus Christi, TX 78466

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.

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	Free e-Mail Subscription to the BENDER and BITS & PIECES	
NAME:	<u>.</u>	
E-MAIL:	<u>.</u>	

Easy ways to sign up for our two monthly publications:

- 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 linea 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 Hispaños **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 dias).
- Grupo Primer Paso (1635 18th Street, Corpus Christi) 8:00 De la Noche (Miercoles); Mediodia (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)