

THE BENDER

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“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible”

History Behind AA’s Responsibility Statement

Almost 57 years ago....It was written for the 1965 AA International Convention in Toronto, In an article titled, *‘How I am Responsible became a part of AA’*, from the GSO newsletter, Box 4-5-9. The article identifies former AA trustee, Al S. as the author of the Responsibility Statement. In the souvenir book for the 1965 Convention, Dr. Jack Norris writes:

“...We must remember that AA will continue strong only so long as each of us freely and happily gives it away to another person, only as each of us takes our fair share of responsibility for sponsorship of those who still suffer, for the growth and integrity of our Group, for our Intergroup activities, and for AA as a whole.

It is in taking responsibility that real freedom and the enduring satisfactions of life are found. AA has given us the power to choose – to drink or not to drink – and in doing so has given us the freedom to be responsible for ourselves. As we become responsible for ourselves, we are free to be responsible for our share in AA, and unless we happily accept this responsibility, we lose AA. Strange, isn’t it?”

In a Grapevine article in October 1965, the Responsibility Statement is discussed, and Bill W. expresses his views:

Two major thoughts stood out in the remarks of the many speakers, alcoholic and nonalcoholic, at AA’s July Toronto Convention. The first was admiration and gratitude for AA’s startling success in sobering up hundreds of thousands of lost-cause drunks. The other was concern that the success which has come to AA over the thirty years since its start in Akron, Ohio in 1935 would not lead us to any complacency about the size of the job still to be done.

The theme of the Convention was: Responsibility. ***“I am responsible. . .when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”***

AA’s co-founder, Bill, in his talk to over 10,000 attending the major sessions of the Convention, stressed the need for cooperation with all who work on the problem of alcoholism, the more than 100 agencies in the United States and Canada alone now engaged in research, alcohol education and rehabilitation.

“Too often, we have deprecated and even derided these projects of our friends just because we do not always see eye to eye with them,” Bill said. “We should very seriously ask ourselves how many alcoholics have gone on drinking simply because we have failed to cooperate in good spirit with these many agencies. No alcoholic should go mad or die merely because he did not come straight to AA in the beginning.”

“The first concern of AA members should be with problem drinkers the movement is still unable to reach,” Bill said. He estimated that there are 20 million alcoholics in the world today, five million in the U.S. alone. “Some cannot be reached because they are not hurt enough, others because they are hurt too much,” he declared.

“Many sufferers have mental and emotional complications that seem to foreclose their chances. Yet it would be conservative to estimate that at any particular time there are four million alcoholics in the world who are able, ready and willing to get well if only they knew how. When we remember that in the 30 years of AA’s existence, we have reached less than ten per cent of those who might have been willing to approach us, we begin to get an idea of the immensity of our task and of the responsibilities with which we will always be confronted.”

There have been two Advisory Actions from the General Service Conference regarding the Declaration of Responsibility since it was introduced. In 1971, the Conference recommended that The Literature Committee, following the general feeling of the Conference, reaffirm both the spirit and the wording of the “I am Responsible” Declaration from the International Convention held in Toronto in 1965 and in 1977, the Conference recommended that, The Responsibility Declaration not be changed, as it was made at the 1965 International Convention in Toronto.

By Alcoholics Anonymous World Services



M.B.-She joined A.A. at age 61

“Every day I was determined to never again allow alcohol to rule me. Every day I failed.”

One day at a time, my life changed from mostly misery to mostly joy and comfort. How? I entered the A.A. Fellowship when I was 61 years old. I was a success professionally, but otherwise a mess — physically, emotionally, spiritually. I believed my inability to control my drinking was solely at fault. Little did I know.

I was an ordinary, garden-variety drunk. In public I almost never appeared or sounded drunk. I almost never staggered, fell, or got a thick tongue. I was never disorderly, never missed a day at work, and was never hospitalized or jailed for drunkenness. But excessive, uncontrollable drinking caused me misery, self-loathing and self-disgust. I'd awaken each morning wondering what I had said, done, eaten the night before — and frequently was greeted by silence from my loving family. Every day I was determined to never again allow alcohol to rule me. Every day I failed. Before the day was out, I repeated my performance.

I was never jailed, even though driving drunk in a station wagon filled with children was a regular event. For years and years, I lived in a jail of my own making. I did not know that it was the first drink that got me drunk. Once I put alcohol to my lips, I was driven physically and emotionally to consume more and more and more. I longed to be able to drink socially as so many of those around me were capable of doing. Vodka was my drink of choice, but anything with alcohol would do, even Scotch.

I traveled extensively and trembled each time I went through the hand luggage check-in because my knitting bag always contained my bottle of vodka. Those tiny bottles aboard the plane were ridiculous. I was driven to keep my supply at hand, even though the thought of discovery filled me with fear.

I had an iron determination to live my own life guided solely by self-will. I was supersensitive, shy, frightened on the inside, and grandiose and defiant on the outside. I was a woman who desperately needed a prop to keep going. Alcohol was that prop. I didn't see how I could live without it.

Twelve years ago, on a day no different from any other day, I asked my daughter if she would take me to an A.A. meeting. No dramatic event had occurred. Just day-in, day-out self-loathing. Her positive, mellow response alleviated my anxiety, and she made no big deal about the request. I asked her what to say, what to do, how to act. She said, “Just be yourself, Mom!”

When they asked if there were any newcomers in the room, I raised my hand and in a trembling voice said, “My name is M. I think I may be an alcoholic. This is my first meeting.” Applause followed. The response overwhelmed and baffled me. I was asked to keep coming back and was told that I was the most important person in the room. Amazed, cheered and filled with hope, I listened and listened and now remember almost nothing of the meeting.

I promised myself to do just what was suggested to me. I immediately asked another “chronologically gifted” (old, that is) woman to be my sponsor. I discovered that a sponsor was synonymous with a guide to finding the sober path. She suggested daily meetings; told me to read the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous; and most of all, said not to drink — one day at a time.

At that group I found a home away from home. In a sparsely furnished and simple room, smiling, bright eyed, friendly, beautiful, handsome strangers welcomed me with open arms. I found the new, fulfilling way of life I had longed for — the A.A. way. A huge weight was lifted from my shoulders. At that very first meeting, miracle of miracles, I lost my obsession to drink!

It has been 12 years since I walked through the doors to my first A.A. meeting. While newly sober, I battled and successfully emerged from a devastating, life threatening illness. These years of continuous sobriety have afforded me the greatest joy, serenity and peace of mind I have ever known.

I attribute it all to the blessings I have found in A.A. and to the tools of the program: A.A. meetings, working the Twelve Steps, calls to my sponsors, prayers and readings, carrying the message to others, and finding a God as I understand Him, to whose care I turn over my will and my life.

Through the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, I have found God’s true will: unconditional love with uncritical acceptance. Nowhere else on the face of this earth has that ever happened to me.

Reprinted excerpt from AA pamphlet **“A.A. for the Older Alcoholic — “Never too late”** If you like this story you can read the complete pamphlet at https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-22_AAfortheOlderAA.pdf

Minutes (approved)

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Dec 13th, 2021

I. OPENING:

- **Anita** opened the meeting with the **Serenity Prayer** at **6:00 PM.**
- **Barb** read the CBIA Mission Statement.
- **Patrick** read the General Warranties.
- **Ronnie** read the 12 Traditions.

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Anita C-B** (Chair) present
- **Barb C-S.** (Vice Chair), present
- **Michael B.** (Financial Trustee), present
- **Amy M.** (Trustee), not present
- **Patrick R.** (Trustee), present
- **Ronnie B.** (Trustee), present
- **Parth** (Trustee, not present)
- **Rita S.** (Office Manager) present.
- **Kelly J.** (Asst Office Manager), present
- **Jim L. and Blake B.** (incoming Trustees) and **Rick L.** (GSR) were also present

III. MINUTES:

- **Anita** read minutes of the **Nov Board Meeting.**
- **Patrick** motioned to approve as corrected.
- **Rick** seconded and all approved.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS: **Michael** (Financial Trustee) presents the **Nov Financials.**

Balance Sheet:

Total CBIA funds as of **Nov 30th** totaled **\$29,101.76** Petty Cash: **\$50.00**, Checking: **\$13,602.02**, Prudent Reserve: **\$12,620.31**, Jamboree Account: **\$2,829.43.**

Profit & Loss for the month of **November:** Group & Individual Contributions: **\$861.83**,

Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) **\$1,377.50**, (less Cost of Goods Sold **888.96**),

Gross Gain for the month was **\$2,552.37.**

Total Expenses were **\$2,793.78.**

Fiscal Year to Date 2021: Group & Individual Contributions Sales **\$25,291.23**,

Jamboree Contributions **\$2121.44** Fundraisers **\$7,119.00**, Gross (*Books, Chips &*

Medallions): **\$10,060.21** (less Cost of Goods Sold **\$7,118.25**), Gross Total expenses year to date:

\$32,220.43 Net Gain for the year to date: **\$4,946.74.**

Ronnie made a motion to approve.

Blake seconded and all approved.

V. SERVICE AREA REPORTS

- **12th Step Parth** -not present
- **Archives** Amy-not present
- **Bilingual** – Open
- **Coastal Bender** – Barb-nothing new to report
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** Ronnie-nothing new to report.
- **Jamboree** – Patrick said progress is being made towards holding the event. Room nights are at 151 and need min of 193. Still encourage everyone to pre-register and get rooms booked early.
- **Nominations:** Michael-nothing new..
- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community:** Barb-The District PICPC Committee is drafting a report of the activity of the Committee over the last 2 years. Barb is interested in documenting previous years even though her time on the board is finished this

month, she hopes to continue to work with the new Trustee and District PICPC people in the upcoming year.

- **Social:** Anita said she was able to book a venue, All Saints Episcopal Church on Staples for the New Year's Eve dance and a DJ and staying under budget. She is behind on organizing due to a death in her family but now has the committee working on food, decorations and selling tickets. Kelly thanked Anita for all her hard work and service to the Social Committee over the last 2 years, great job!

VI. **OFFICE REPORT:** Rita was asked at the Jamboree meeting by the Raffle Committee if CBIA would donate literature for the baskets at the Old Timers meeting. After discussion Barb made a motion that CBIA donate \$100 of literature, their choice. Michael seconded and all approved.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

IX. **NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Next **CBIA Board of Trustees Meeting** will be on Monday **Jan 10th** at **6:00 PM** on Zoom.
- Next **CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting** is scheduled for **6:00 PM** on Monday **Jan 31st , 2022** on Zoom.

X. **CLOSING:**

- **Patrick** moved to adjourn.
- **Ronnie** seconded and motion carried.
- **Anita** closed the meeting with **"Our Father"** prayer at **6:44 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Standish

Office Manager



CBIA Hours

The office is closed Friday afternoon Feb. 4th. We will be at the 2022 Jamboree at the Omni Hotel all weekend (Feb 4th-6th) selling literature. Stop by, say hello and maybe buy something!

CBIA PHONE NUMBER- (361) 992-8911 Calls are answered by staff during business hours Monday-Friday and by helpline volunteers at lunch, after hours and on weekends and holidays.

CBIA OFFICE HOURS (*except on Holidays*). We will continue to work 30-hour weeks during 2022 to keep costs down.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:30am–11:30am and 2:00pm–5:00pm

The office is open during these hours to come in and pick up items. If you would like, you can 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 the landlord's decision because it is private property*).

Tuesday and Thursday during 8:30-11:30 and 2p-5p please call 992-8911 to arrange a time for pickups. We can have any order ready for you and meet you there.

CBIA HOLIDAYS

January **New Year's Day**
May **Memorial Day**
July **Independence Day**

September **Labor Day**
November **Thanksgiving- 2 days**
December **Christmas Day**



Coastal Bend Jamboree Feb 4th-6th, 2022 at the Omni hotel in Corpus Christi. Registration at the event only now, \$30 Registration and \$5 Dance tickets for Friday night. Main event schedule is shown below. Also there will be Al-Anon, Men's, Women's, Bilingual, and an Open meeting not listed on the main event schedule below that will be going on this weekend too. See you there!

Event Schedule for 2022

Friday, February 4th

- 2:00 PM Registration Opens
 - 5:00 PM Ignacio H., Corpus Christi, TX.
 - 7:30 PM Flag Ceremony
 - 8:00 PM Holly D., Jacksonville, FL.
 - 9:30 PM **Jamboree Karaoke / Dance**
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Saturday, February 5th

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens
 - 10:00 AM Marti R., Buda, TX.
 - 11:00 PM LUNCH (on your own)
 - 1:00 PM Juanita U., Santa Fe, NM.
 - 2:30 PM Old Timers 30+ Years
 - 4:30 PM Carlos E., Edinburg, TX.
 - 8:00 PM Tom U., Santa Fe, NM.
 - 9:30 PM Entertainment & Fellowship
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Sunday, February 6th

- 9:30 AM Sobriety Countdown
- 10:00 AM Peter M.. Boca Raton. FL.



District 8D Meeting/GSR/Writing Proposals Workshop-February 19th at 2pm
at the New Phoenix Group, 5433 S. Staples, CC, TX. Lunch will be provided.
District encourages anyone seeking service work to attend. *(see attached flier)*

SWTA 68 Annual CFC Conference-February 25th-27th in Round Rock, TX.
(see attached flier)

30th Chisholm Trail Convention-March 4th-6th in Georgetown, TX.
(see attached flier)

Face-to-Face Meeting Changes

Meeting updates for F2F meetings.

Alanos Group-18th St.-Now meets Sunday at 10am. They also meet Mon-Fri only at Noon. *(No Sunday meeting on Feb 6th, at the Jamboree)*

Portland Nueces Bay Group-New Friday “Beginner’s Meeting” is at 6:30pm

Alice Recovery Crew- Now, only Meeting on Zoom. Mon-Thurs Meeting ID 825 6450 3417, Password 123456

Weber Road Nooners-Masks required for Noon meeting Mon and Wed and 10 am on Sat with no coffee service. All other meetings at this group are without masks and with coffee service.



AA Meetings on Zoom

Coastal Bend Area AA Meetings on Zoom

Alice-Recovery Crew, 7:00 PM Mon -Thurs Meeting ID 825 6450 3417, Password 123456

CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting, Last Friday of the month at 8 PM

Meeting ID: 434 708 8936 Password:867742 *(In person meeting still suspended).*

Clean & Serene Group (LBGT) Friday 7:30 pm Meeting ID: 677 587 2132 Password: sober
(no longer on Zello).

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: 886 9994 6374 Password: 336965

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-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>

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, Wed only Zoom Meeting 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. All Group Contributions are appreciated and we hope for continuing support in 2022.

Individual Contributions

We were inspired and grateful that individual members of our community have made up for the shortfall in 2021 revenues. The large contribution in January 2021 (*within the annual limit of \$5,000*) helped to make us solvent for the year. The larger contributions are expected to be a one-time thing. The "Hand of AA" event was a great success, and Halloween Dance was well attended and also raised money. These events helped CBIA stay solvent during 2021. This being said, we hope with the return of our major fundraising event, Coastal Bend Jamboree, February 4th-6th, 2022 we will be off to a great start in 2022.

We will continue to hope for ongoing individual support to make it through 2022.

Fundraisers

Texas law allows 501c3 non-profit corporations like CBIA to have only two fundraiser events. This year's Coastal Bend Jamboree with raffles, silent auction, and attendance will be February 4rd-6th at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. Another event will be done by the Social Committee Trustee during 2022 to help raise more funds.

CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support (*Continued*)

Where Are We Now?

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Jan 2022</u>
Contributions	\$3,764.46
Gross Sales	\$512.75
Cost of Goods Sold	(\$354.34)

Gross Gain	\$3,982.02
Total Expenses	\$2,467.33
Interest Income	0.0

Net Gain	\$1,514.69

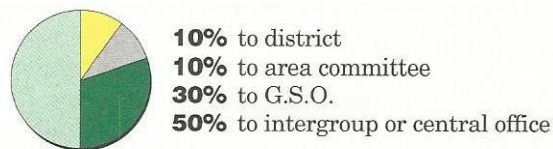
What Has the CBIA Board of Trustees Done?

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.

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.



2022 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.cbiasa.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 2022
Nancy G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/01/1983	39 Years
Gail B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/01/2011	11 Years
Terry K.	CC-Sunset 7	01/01/2000	22 Years
Sheila S.	CC-New Phoenix	01/07/2007	15 Years
Charlie B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/09/2006	16 Years
Janice E.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/10/2000	22 Years
Ceil Mc K.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/10/1982	40 Years
Sandra E.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	01/20/2011	11 Years
Rae T.	CC-Bookmarks Group	01/23/2006	16 Years
Tom G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/26/1984	38 Years
Ernest J.	CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group	02/15/ 2004	18 Years
Rob M.	Corpus Christi	02/24/1985	37 Years
Mike B.	CC-New Phoenix	03/05/2014	8 Years
Janeen H.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/08/2017	5 Years
Chris N.	CC-Oso Group	03/09/2009	13 Years
Rita S.	CC- Oso Group	03/13/1977	45 Years
Joe C.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	03/18/1981	41 Years
Mary C.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/22/1992	30 Years
Enrique M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	03/30/2016	6 Years
Phyllis H.	Portland-Jaywalkers	04/01/2004	18 Years
Cathy H.	CC-Bookmarks Group	04/06/1999	23 Years
Marlive F.	Corpus Christi	04/07/1987	35 Years
Kelly K.	Corpus Christi	04/18/1986	36 Years
Gale S.	Austin, TX	04/23/1994	28 Years
Fred C.	Corpus Christi	05/13/1987	35 Years
Linda K.	Kingsville-Al-K Group	05/20/1979	43 Years
Carol D.	CC-Oso Group	05/24/2016	6 Years
Mary H.	CC-Women's Big Book	05/24/1995	27 Years
Jackie C.	Pleasanton	06/05/2014	8 Years

2022 CBIA Birthday Club (*Continued*)

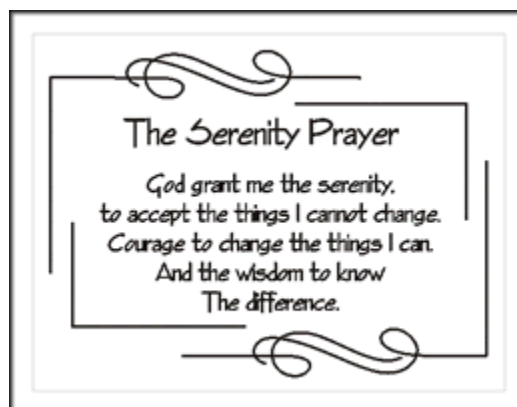
NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2022
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Gary L.	CC-New Phoenix Group	06/07/2009	13 Years
Marie A.	CC-Alanos Group	06/21/1991	31 Years
Robin P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	36 Years
Libby A.	CC-New Women's Group	07/12/1987	35 Years
Tammy B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	08/11/1989	33 Years
April K.	Corpus Christi	08/20/1984	38 Years
Scott Mc G.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	20 Years
Pat E.	CC-New Women's Group	08/23/1987	35 Years
Butch R.	CC Weber Road Nooners	08/26/2006	16 Years
Mike Q.	Corpus Christi	08/28/2000	22 Years
Bernard S.	CC-Turning Point Group	08/29/1977	45 Years
Audrey H.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	09/01/2011	11 Years
Hank S.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	29 Years
Barb C-S	CC-New Women's Group	09/09/1985	37 Years
Valerie B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	09/13/2017	5 Years
Heather D.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	09/23/2009	13 Years
Dave D.	Rockport Fellowship	10/04/1985	37 Years
Brandelyn M.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	13 Years
Patrick R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	13 Years
Harold B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/18/2007	15 Years
Arthur A.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	10/19/1998	24 Years
Tim R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/21/2011	11 Years
Betsy H.	CC-New Women's Group	10/22/2010	12 Years
Kruger D.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/23/2009	13 Years
Eddie M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/28/2005	17 Years
Debbie B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/31/2000	22 Years
Mary G.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	11/03/1986	36 Years
Margaret P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	11/06/2006	16 Years
Loralei D.	CC-New Women's Group	11/06/1984	38 Years
Joanie J.	CC-Bookmarks Group	11/28/2015	7 Years
Larry H.	Rockport Fellowship	12/04/1990	32 Years
Jimmy M.	Port Lavaca Group	12/14/1987	35 Years
James H.	CC-Bookmarks Group	12/17/1993	29 Years
Joe Mc M.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/21/1980	42 Years
Tony P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	44 Years
Ron S.	CC-New Phoenix Group	12/24/2009	13 Years
John K.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	12/25/1995	27 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 -----
John L.	Corpus Christi (<i>Rodd Field Alum.</i>)	02/06/2021
Lupé M.	CC-Grupo Tres Legados	02/23/2021
Gerry K.	Bookmarks Group	05/05/2021
Skip T.	Rockport Fellowship	05/25/2021
Shirley B.	Hilltoppers	06/09/2021
Gary S.	Hilltoppers	07/08/2021
Billy (Tiger) O.	Alanos Group	07/29/2021
Billy Ray S.	Pass It On Group	08/27/2021
Steve S.	Weber Group	09/10/2021
Ann F.	5 th Tradition Group	12/20/2021





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-Help Needed!

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 Meeting will be at held at 9:30AM on **Saturday, February 19th** at Grace Episcopal Church in Port Lavaca.

District 8D*(Corpus Christi)*

The next District 8D meeting will be at **2:00 PM** on **Saturday, February 19th** at New Phoenix Club.

District 8E*(Corpus Christi and West)*

The next District 8E meeting will be at **1:30 PM** on **Saturday, February 12th** 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, January 15th in Portland.**

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 830195
San Antonio, TX 78283

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.

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday Aug 9th at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

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

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 being celebrated on the day of the birthday for now. (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	Jan 2022	YTD 2022
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	1047.00	1027.00
Aransas Pass Group	100.00	100.00
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		
CC-Bookmarks Group		
CC-Calallen Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group		
CC-Day of AA		
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's PLC		
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Friday Night Speaker Meeting		
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		
CC-Hilltoppers Group		
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		
CC-New Attitude Meeting	139.18	139.18
CC-New Life Group	25.00	25.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	145.00	145.00
CC-New Women's Group	158.73	158.73
CC-Oso Group	230.43	230.43
CC-Roddfield Group (final dist)		
CC-Saratoga Group		
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)	292.49	292.49
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		
District 7		
District 15		
District 8D		
Goliad-Open Arms Group		
Hallettsville Group	25.00	25.00
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Moulton Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group	50.00	50.00
Mathis - Unity Group		
Port Aransas Group		
Port Lavaca Group		
Port O'Connor Group	56.54	56.54
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Quarterly Meeting 7 th Tradition		
Riviera-SASTO Group		
Robstown Desire Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group	120.00	120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group	1281.00	1281.00
Schulenburg Group		
Shiner Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		
Victoria-Airport Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		
Victoria-Golden Slippers		
Victoria-High Nooners Group		
Victoria-Main Stream Group	25.00	25.00
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group	14.09	14.09
Victoria-Women's Group		
Yorktown Group	55.00	55.00
TOTAL	\$3,764.46	\$3,744.46

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. (normal hours)
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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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 Hispaños

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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); **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)