

THE BENDER

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**A “Big Thank” you to everyone who came out to support the CBIA Talent Show Fundraiser.
We hope everyone had a good time!?! We were able to raise \$2,361.40 after expenses.
Thanks again for being so awesome!**

**Texas State Convention
Aug. 15-17th “Service in Action”
Royal Sonesta Hotel, Houston TX**

**District 15 Workshop
Aug. 23rd following the District meeting at 2pm
“General Service & The AA Way of Life”
at 3pm, hosted by Randy R.
814 Wharf St / Rockport Fellowship Group**

**Delegate’s Report
District 8D, 8E, and 15
September 20th 1:30pm-3:30pm
3502 Saratoga Blvd Rm C1 Corpus Christi, TX**

**SWTA 68 Fall Voting Assembly
“On the Broad Highway”
Holiday Inn Airport, Corpus Christi, TX
Oct. 10th – Oct. 12th**

CBIA Hours

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 2025 to keep costs down.

Monday-Friday
8:30am–11:30am & 2:00pm–5:00pm

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.

CBIA HOLIDAYS

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

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



Margaret's poem

I cried and begged
couldn't take anymore
You took back your key
changed the lock on the door.
But you started me like this
You gave me a drink
I was just ten
what was I to think.
I was still young
but I grew up fast
I wondered to myself
How long would this last.
I deserve so much better;
then the life that I live.
I know AA's the answer
They have so much to give.
I drank day and night
And I'd fall to the floor
I wanted to drink
Drink even much more.
I went to hospitals
And even to jail
Only to find
You left me there with no bail.
I wanted a father
I wanted a mother
But they kept on drinking
So why should I bother.
It was hard to go on
To be always so sad
And watch all the good things
Always turn bad.
I went back to AA
With an open mind
Love and serenity
it's there that I find.
Now I'm sober three years
And I hope for much more
So go to AA
Just walk through the door.
Now I'm happy most days
Joyous and free
Now it's your turn
Enough about me.

Minutes

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

May 12th, 2025

- I. **Jim** opened the meeting with a **Moment of Silence** followed by **Serenity Prayer** at **6:08pm**
- **Carolyn** read **CBIA Mission Statement**
 - **Dave** read **General Warranties**
 - **Jim** read **12 Traditions**
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Carol D. (Chair),(NP) Jim S.(Vice Chair), Billy E., John K, Carolyn C., Dave W., Brain R.,(NP) Rita S. (Office Manager) and Terry M.(Assistant Manager)
- III. **Billy** read Minutes of Apr 28th Quarterly CBIA Board Meeting.
Dave motioned to accept. **Carolyn** seconded. **All approved**
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
Apr 2025 Financials were emailed. **Jim** said he reviewed and asked for questions. No questions. **Dave** motioned to accept. **Jim** seconded. **All approved.**

Apr Financials Balance Sheet:

Balance Sheet	Total Funds	Profit & Loss		
Apr 2025		Apr 2025		
Petty Cash	\$50.00	Contributions	\$1,772.98	Group & Individual
Checking	10,846.44	Gross Sales	\$210.30	COGS (\$671.50-\$461.20)
Prudent Reserve	\$15,658.82			
Jamboree				
Account	\$3,627.71			
Total Funds	\$30,186.83	Gross Profit	\$1,993.88	
		Total Expenses	\$3,973.00	
YTD-Apr 2025		Apr Net income	\$-1979.12	
Contributions	\$11,634.24			
Jamboree	\$8197.00			
Sales Profit	\$1,819.09			
Total	\$21,385.93			
YTD Expenses	\$14,780.33			
YTD Net Income	\$6,609.46			

V. SERVICE AREAS:

- **12th Step:** -**Dave W.**-stated he is announcing for Volunteers, no one has stepped up yet.
- **Archives:** **Rita** asked if newly elected **John K.** would like to represent the **Archive** position, after a brief description of what is required, **John** accepted. **Rita** said she would email him mor information.
- **Social:** **Carolyn C.** stated a small committee, **Don K, Amy, Rita and her** had a meeting for the **Talent Show Fundraiser**. It will be Aug 2nd at St John's Church from 11:30-3:30pm. **Dave** offered to help and do talent. She said **Founder's Day is June 7th at 18th St** and she is working on that.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Jim S.** said he didn't have a story yet for June. **John** offered to write a story and asked about details.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Brian R. (not present)**
- **Jamboree:** **Carolyn C.** Nothing going on till July on break.

PICPC: Carol D. (not present)

- **Nominations:** several trustees will help with this in August.
- **Bilingual:** John said he might know someone to ask if they would help with this.

VI. OFFICE REPORT: Rita mentioned that it was slow at the office but nothing major going on. Got a Sam's card in the CBIA name and tax exempt for Fundraiser items and Events.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday **June 9th 2025** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday **July 28th, 2025 on Zoom.**

X. CLOSING: Jim asked for a motion to close at 6:38pm.

Dave moved to adjourn. **Caroyln** seconded. Motion carried.

Terry closed meeting with prayer.

Respectably Submitted,
Rita Standish
Office Manager



Speaker Meeting Updates

Alanos Group 1635 18th Street- “Friday” Night Speaker Meeting at 8PM

Doors open at 7:30pm for fellowship.

Aug 1st - *Birthday Night (Potluck)*

Aug 8th - *Holly B. (New Phoenix Group)*

Aug 15th - *Cameron T. (New Phoenix Group)*

Aug 22nd - *Shawn T. (Victoria, TX)*

Aug 29th - *Michael B. (New Phoenix Group)*

New Phoenix “Saturday” Night Speaker Meeting at 8PM

Aug 2nd - *Birthday Night*

Aug 9th - *Terry M. (New Women’s Group)*

Aug 16th - *Ignacio H. (New Phoenix Group)*

Aug 23rd - *Kiersten S. (Alanos 18th St)*

Aug 30th - *Steve S. (South Texas Recovery Foundation)*

*****Meetings again now on Thursdays at New Phoenix Group at 8pm*****

AA Meetings on Zoom

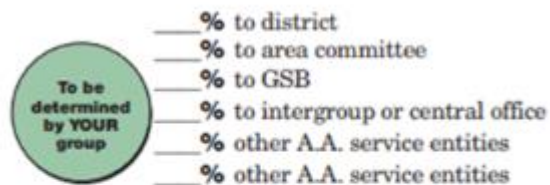
*****Note: Rockport Happy Hour Group change in ID and Passcode**

Group Name	Zoom ID #	Zoom Password	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Friday Night Speaker Meeting (CC)	434 708 8936	867742					Last Friday Only S 8:00 PM		
New Attitude Group (CC) <i>Hybrid Meetings</i>	451 546 1004	HP2016	ODN 6:00 PM		ODN 6:00 PM		ODN 6:00 PM		
New Phoenix Group (CC) <i>Hybrid Meetings</i>	886 9994 6374	336965	OLS 6:30 AM	OLS 6:30 AM	OLS 6:30 AM	OLS 6:30 AM	OLS 6:30 AM	OLS 7:00 AM	OLS 7:00 AM
New Women’s Group (CC)	580 495 1776	NWGroup	WOD 7:00 PM					WOD 3:00 PM	
Turning Point Group (CC)	677 587 2132	sober			OLS 6:30 PM			OD 6:30 PM	
Weber Nooners’ Group (CC)	295 538 7558	475272	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon	OBB Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon
Clean & Serene Group (CC)	677 587 2132	sober					GLBT/OD 7:30 PM		
Rockport Happy Hour Group	886 6340 4648	613766		CD 5:30 PM		CD 5:30 PM			
Victoria Back to Basics	662 621 1099	218223	OD 7:00 PM	OD 7:00 PM	OD 7:00 PM		OD 7:00 PM	OD 7:00 PM	OD 7:00 PM

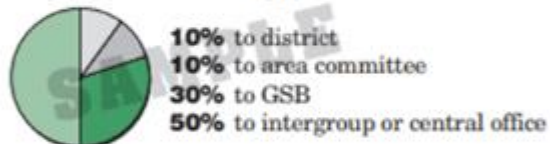
CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support

Group Contributions : CBIA would like to express their gratitude to the AA Groups that support us all during the year as it is our second biggest source of revenue. Some groups have asked how to make distributions. The pamphlet Where Money and Spiritually Mix is good to review before your group conscience decides. Here are some examples from the pamphlet:

Samples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

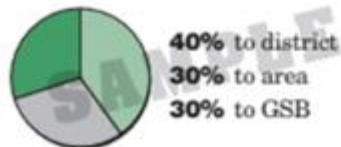


OR



OR

If you have no intergroup/central office:



We are grateful that individual members of our community have made Individual contributions to the Coastal Bend Intergroup. One way is to donate on the **Birthday Club** list by just sending in a donation or drop it by the office. We are pleased with how many do send contributions throughout the year and we will continue to hope for ongoing individual support through 2025.

Where Are We Now?

Actual thru
July 2025

Contributions	\$14,093.85
Jamboree	\$8,197.00
Gross Sales	\$6,719.35
Cost of Goods Sold	(\$4,159.30)
Social Events	779.29
Refund	10.60
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Gross Gain	\$24,602.21
Total Expenses	\$23,112.85
Net Gain	\$1,489.36



CBIA Birthday Club

The Birthday Club is for members who wish to contribute to CBIA on their AA birthday: \$1 per year is suggested for each year of sobriety, but members may contribute as little or as much as they wish.

Donations can be made by:

- 1) PayPal under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiaa.org)
- 2) Venmo to CoastalBend Intergroup @CoastalBend-Intergroup
- 3) Cash or check to CBIA @ 3833 S Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Please indicate your 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 2025
Gail B.	Victoria Golden Slippers Group	01/01/2011	14 Years
Terry K.	CC Sunset 7 Group	01/01/2000	25 Years
Sheila S.	CC New Phoenix Group	01/07/2007	18 Years
Charlie B.	Victoria Golden Slippers Group	01/09/2006	19 Years
Ladara C.	CC New Phoenix Group	01/09/1995	30 Years
Ceil Mc K.	CC Hilltoppers Group	01/10/1982	43 Years
Sandra E.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	01/20/2011	14 Years
Pat L.	CC Hilltoppers Group	01/20/2001	24 Years
Rae T.	CC Happy Hour Group	01/23/2006	19 Years
Ernest J.	CC Flour Bluff Unity Group	02/15/2004	21 Years
Rob M.	CC Zoom Turning Point Group	02/24/1985	40 Years
Janeen H.	CC Turning Point Group	03/08/2017	8 Years
Chris N.	CC Oso Group	03/09/2009	16 Years
Rita S.	CC Oso Group	03/13/1977	48 Years
Mary C.	CC Turning Point Group	03/22/1992	33 Years
Bruce R.	CC New Phoenix Group	03/27/1985	40 Years
Phyllis H.	Portland Noon Meeting	04/01/2004	21 Years
Marlive F.	Corpus Christi	04/08/1987	38 Years
Kelly K.	Corpus Christi	04/18/1986	39 Years
Lisa D.	Austin, TX (18 th St)	04/21/1987	38 Years
Fred C.	New Phoenix Group	05/13/1987	38 Years
Carol D.	CC Happy Hour Group	05/24/2016	9 Years
Mary H.	CC Happy Hour Group	05/24/1995	30 Years
Jackie C.	Pleasanton, TX	06/05/2014	11 Years
Gary L.	CC New Phoenix Group	06/07/2009	16 Years
James M.	Portland Nueces Bay Group	06/13/1993	32 Years

2025 CBIA Birthday Club *(Continued)*

NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2025
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Terry M.	CC New Women's Group	06/18/1992	33 Years
Marie A.	CC Alanos Group	06/21/1991	34 Years
Robin P.	CC Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	39 Years
Annette C.	Bookmarks Group	06/24/2012	13 Years
Bill Drews	Rockport Happy Hour Group	07/16/1981	44 Years
Libby A.	CC New Women's Group	07/12/1987	38 Years
Tammy B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/11/1989	36 Years
April K.	Corpus Christi, TX	08/20/1984	41 Years
Scott Mc G.	CC Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	23 Years
Pat E.	CC New Women's Group	08/23/1987	38 Years
Butch R.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/26/2006	19 Years
Mike Q.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/28/2000	25 Years
Fred B.	Aransas Pass Group	09/01/2002	23 Years
Hank S.	CC Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	32 Years
Barb C-S	CC New Women's Group	09/09/1985	40 Years
Valerie B.	CC New Phoenix Group	09/13/2017	8 Years
Heather D.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	09/23/2009	16 Years
Dave D.	Rockport Fellowship Group	10/04/1985	40 Years
Brandelyn M.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	16 Years
Patrick R.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	16 Years
Harold B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/18/2007	18 Years
Arthur A.	Nova Scotia, Canada	10/19/1998	27 Years
Tim R.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/21/2011	14 Years
Betsy H.	CC New Women's Group	10/22/2010	12 Years
Kruger D.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/23/2009	16 Years
Eddie M.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/28/2005	20 Years
Debbie B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/31/2000	25 Years
Loralei D.	CC New Women's Group	11/06/1984	41 Years
Joanie J.	San Antonio, TX	11/28/2015	10 Years
Larry H.	Rockport Fellowship Group	12/04/1990	35 Years
Jimmy M.	Port Lavaca Group	12/14/1987	38 Years
Joe Mc M.	CC Hilltoppers Group	12/21/1980	45 Years
Tony P.	CC Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	47 Years
Ron S.	China, TX	12/24/2009	16 Years
John K.	CC Cullen Mall Group	12/25/1995	30 Years
Lois H.	CC New Women's Group	12/29/2007	17 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 meetings 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 for a year.

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Please indicate their Home Group or City and the date of their death.

Name	Home Group	Departed
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Dan D.	Hilltopper's Group	05/04/2025
Joe T.	Oso Group	05/24/2025
Carmine T.	Weber Group	07/26/2025

Have you heard it through the Grapevine yet?

AA Grapevine has gone social! It has its own podcast! Each week, longtime AA members Don and Sam interview different members about their experience, strength and hope. The half-hour podcast is a casual “meeting after the meeting” with jokes, fun and the typical AA banter. Listening to a few episodes is a reminder that alcoholics are not a glum lot!

New episodes are available in English each Monday at 9:00am EST. The hosts interview their guests on getting sober, service, Steps, sponsorship and more. To listen to new or past episodes, visit www.aagrapevine.org/podcast (or wherever you get podcasts). By going to the website, members are able to email, call or leave voice recordings with comments, suggestions, jokes or recovery related questions for the Ask-It-Basket. Our Tradition of anonymity will be respected with all submissions on the show.

If you are receiving the online version of the Grapevine, be sure and look up a story by Corpus Christi's very own, Valerie E. Valerie has a web story called “In the Middle of the Boat” Enjoy!

**Helpline 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 calls overnight (5 PM to 7:45 AM) and on weekends (8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday or 8 AM Sunday to 7:45 AM Monday). **This is a once-per-month commitment.** A minimum of nine months sobriety is required to answer calls after office hours. **If you are available to do this vital volunteer work, please contact CBIA as soon as possible to add your name.**

Calls taken during the month of July by volunteers:

41 - Calls for Meeting Information

1 - Twelve Step Calls

4 - Office Referral/Other Calls

12 Step List

If a caller needs help beyond meeting information, the helpline volunteer 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. If interested, please call Terry or Rita at the CBIA office (361) 992-8911 between 8:30-11:30 AM or 2-5 PM Monday thru Friday.

Jamboree Committee meets the 2nd Sat of each month now until Jan 2026 at New Phoenix Group at 9 am. If you would like to volunteer, just show up and see what's still available to help with.

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.

Treatment and Facilities Committee meets the **2nd Saturday** of each month at the New Phoenix Group at 5433 S. Staples Ste H, in Corpus Christi, TX at **2pm**. Everyone is welcome, including newcomers. You might find that you would like to be of service, and you will find it very informative even if you don't commit.

District 8D Corrections Committee could use your help to carry the AA message to the incarcerated alcoholic. There are 12 Step opportunities at the Nueces County Jail, Mc Kinzie Jail Annex, SATF, and TDCJ State Prisons. *(Volunteers must pass a background check.)* You can also consider becoming an AA contact for newly released alcoholics, both men and women are needed for that. Please donate your used Grapevines to the collection box located at New Phoenix Group or CBIA. If you don't have any old issues, back issues can be purchased directly from Grapevine or monetary contributions to the Corrections Committee are also helpful! To volunteer or more information contact Dan G. (361) 900-7890 or Karen S. (362) 980-7412.

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 11th, 2025 at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct 27th, 2025 at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

Group Announcements

New Phoenix Group

Group Conscience: 1st Sunday of each month at 1:15 PM

Birthday Night: 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 PM

Location: 5433 S. Staples, Suite H in the Boardwalk Shopping Center; Park in back lot behind shopping center off Bonner St.

Hilltoppers Group

Group Conscience: 1st Tuesday of each month following the noon meeting

Location: First United Methodist Church @ 900 S Shoreline Dr, Room 210

Weber Road Nooners Group

Group Conscience: Designated Saturday of each Quarter (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) following the 10:00 AM meeting

Birthdays: 1st Monday of each month at noon

Location: Travis Baptist Church @ 5802 Weber Road at Schanen St; Park in lot behind church; meeting upstairs.

Calallen Group

Group Conscience: 3rd Wednesday of each month following the 6:30 PM meeting.

Birthday Night: 1st Saturday of each month with a **potluck supper** at 6:30 PM & the **birthday meeting** at 8:00 PM

Location: The Pass it on Club @ 11425 Leopard St

Flour Bluff Unity Group

Group Conscience: 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon

Birthday Night: 1st Saturday of each month with a **potluck supper** at 7:00 PM & the **birthday meeting** at 8:00 PM

Location: The Anchor Club @ 320 Anchor St

Contributions

GROUP NAME	July 2025	YTD 2025
Anonymous/Individual Contributions	170.00	7,441.65
Alice Recovery Crew		
Aransas Pass Group		
CC - A Day Of AA In CC		100.00
CC - 5 th Tradition Group		130.00
CC - Alanos Group		200.00
CC - Bookmarks Group		
CC - Broken Chains		
CC - Calallen Group	25.00	50.00
CC - Cullen Mall Group		50.00
CC - Flour Bluff Unity Group		511.00
CC - Happy Hour Group		500.00
CC - Hilltoppers Group		375.21
CC - Humility Group		
CC - Lucky Ones Group		
CC - New Attitude Group		25.00
CC - New Life Group	75.00	525.00
CC - New Phoenix Group		1.00
CC - New Women's Group		237.15
CC - Oso Group		151.53
CC-Saratoga Group		200.00
CC - Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		346.14
CC - Turning Point Face-2-Face Group		
CC - Weber Road Nooners Group		480.00
District 7		
Goliad Open Arms Group	15.00	61.76
Hallettsville Group	40.00	40.00
Kingsville AL-K Group		14.50
Moulton Group		100.00
Mathis Crossroads Group	50.00	175.00
Port Aransas Group		
Harboring Hope Group (Port Lavaca)		28.00
Portland Noon Meeting		
Portland Nueces Bay Group		40.00
Rockport Happy Hour Group		
Rockport Fellowship Group		1000.00
Hope Group (Schulenberg)		380.00
George West Hardcore Group		
Three Rivers Choke Canyon Group		30.00
Victoria Back to Basics Group	123.75	329.99
Victoria For Sinners Only Group		100.00
Victoria Golden Slippers Group		50.00
Victoria High Nooners Group		200.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group	50.00	150.00
Victoria-Unity Group		45.92
Victoria-Women's Group	25.00	25.00
TOTAL	\$573.75	\$14,093.85

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 helpline;
- Maintain & print meeting schedules;
- Maintain a 12-Step list whereby AA groups and individuals are able to conduct 12-Step calls which are essential to the growth of AA in the Coastal Bend area.

Services Provided

1. Maintains an office open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30AM and 2:00 to 5:00PM.
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 and on the internet.
5. Provides a 24-hour volunteer helpline during hours when the office is closed.
6. Maintains & publishes current meeting schedules in the Coastal Bend Area.
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 Board of Trustees meetings.
10. Conducts Quarterly Meetings to keep groups apprised of Intergroup activities, and to seek group participation in CBIA affairs. All members of Alcoholics Anonymous are welcome at these meetings since group input is essential.
11. Maintains a current website, cbiaa.org.
12. Maintains service committees for service work in the Coastal Bend Area.

Detach here.

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- Detach and mail to or drop off this form at the CBIA Office, 3833 S. Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.