

THE BENDER

CBIA, 3833 S. Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411 (361) 992- 8911 or Toll Free 1 (866) 672-7029 www.cbiam.org



CBIA Hours

We will be closed on May 25th for Memorial Day!

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 2026 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 to pick up.

If we are out of stock, we can let you know at that time.

CBIA HOLIDAYS

January	New Year's Day	September	Labor Day
May	Memorial Day	November	Thanksgiving- 2 days
July	Independence Day	December	Christmas Day



CBIA Appreciates and Needs Your Ongoing Support

The Coastal Bend Intergroup Association has received money from its major fundraiser, the Coastal Bend Jamboree--for decades. The Jamboree funds that are raised each year typically contribute 35-40% of the money needed to run the office. The rest comes from the sale of literature as well as group and individual contributions.

This year's Jamboree raised only enough to contribute about 12% of the annual income needed to run the office. ***We hope that each of you will consider supporting the office with additional contributions this year! The office does have a prudent reserve but that will be exhausted before year-end without additional income from the Fellowship.***

It is easy to go to the website (cbiaa.org) and make your contribution. No envelope or stamp is needed. Look for the "Contribute" tab in the upper right-hand corner and click on it. There is the button for PayPal, but we've added a button for contributions on Square. Clicking on Square opens up many ways that people can donate including Cash App, Apple Pay, Google Pay, etc. Check it out and see how easy it can be to contribute to your local Intergroup Office. Maximum amount that can be contributed per year is \$7500.00

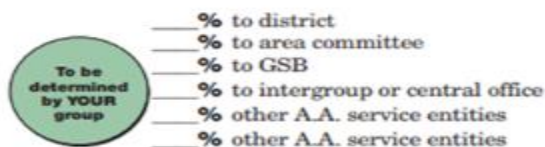
Thanks to the many who do the Birthday Club where they donate a dollar or more per year of sobriety. Please join them and get your name and sobriety birthday in the Bender! The office is here in your community answering phone calls and selling literature, chips, birthday cards and medallions; but more importantly we maintain the meeting schedules with all your updates and new meetings happening in our area, as well as maintaining the 24-hour Helpline supported by many volunteers in this area. This newsletter is generated by the office to help get out new information to everyone who subscribes, but as always, we need your support to do all these things.

If possible, be generous, especially this year! Our community is so fortunate to have these services.

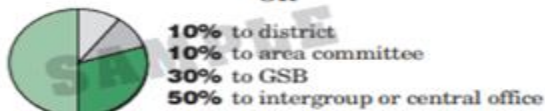
Where Are We Now?	Actual through Apr 2026
Checking Amount	\$6,115.92
Prudent Reserve	\$12,672.08
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Contributions	\$9,150.15
Jamboree Contribution	\$5,587.36
Gross Sales	\$4,688.40
Cost of Goods Sold	-\$3,160.69
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Gross Gain	\$16,361.49
Total Expenses	\$14,502.08
Net Gain	\$1,862.53

Group Contributions: 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:



Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, **Apr 13th, 2026**, at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, **May 2nd, 2026**, at 12:30 PM at Alanos Club at 1633 18th St. Lunch is being served at 11:30am

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 is Quarterly after 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	Apr 2026	YTD 2026
Anonymous/Individual Contributions	264.25	3,609.70
Aransas Pass Group		
CC - A Day Of AA In CC	300.00	300.00
CC - 5 th Tradition Group	52.00	107.00
CC - Alanos Group		
CC - Bookmarks Group		
CC - Calallen Group		25.00
CC - Cullen Mall Group	.50	100.50
CC - Flour Bluff Unity Group		13.00
CC - Happy Hour Group		
CC - Hilltoppers Group		
CC - Humility Group		
CC - New Attitude Group		
CC - New Life Group	75.00	225.00
CC - New Phoenix Group	558.93	558.93
CC - New Women's Group		348.30
CC - Oso Group		
CC- Saratoga Group		200.00
CC - Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		
CC -Turning Point Face-2-Face Grp		
CC - Weber Road Nooners Group	240.00	444.00
Goliad Open Arms Group	15.00	15.00
Hallettsville Group		158.25
Kingsville AL-K Group	75.00	75.00
Moulton Group		
Mathis Crossroads Group	25.00	100.00
Harboring Hope Group (Port Lavaca)		
Portland Noon Meeting	251.00	251.00
Portland Nueces Bay Group	1000.00	1000.00
Rivera-SASTO Group		402.00
Rockport Happy Hour Group		
Rockport Fellowship Group		750.00
Hope Group (Schulenberg)		
Three Rivers Choke Canyon Group		
Victoria Back to Basics Group	96.15	196.09
Victoria For Sinners Only Group		50.00
Victoria Golden Slippers Group		
Victoria High Nooners Group		
Victoria-Main Stream Group		50.00
Victoria-Unity Group	73.25	96.38
Victoria-Women's Group		
TOTAL	\$3,026.08	\$9,150.15

Minutes

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

March 9th, 2026

- I. Carolyn opened meeting with **Moment of Silence** followed by **Serenity Prayer** at 6:02pm
 - **Bob** read **CBIA Mission Statement**
 - **Frank** read **General Warranties**
 - **Brian** read **12 Traditions**
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn (Chair), Billy E. (Vice Chair), John K., Nancy B., Frank W., Brain R., Bob M., Rita S. (Office Manager) and Terry M. (Assistant Manager)
- III. **Minutes and Financials:** Both were emailed. No questions or corrections.

Feb Treasurer Report:

Balance Sheet Feb 2026	Total Funds	Year-To-Date Jan-Feb 2026	Total Funds	Profit & Loss Feb 2026	Total Funds
Petty Cash	\$50.00	Contributions (Group & Individual)	\$3,766.77	Contributions (Group & Individual)	\$2,627.70
Checking	\$10,233.89	Jamboree Contribution	\$5,587.36	Gross Sales	\$388.69
Prudent Reserve	\$12,668.96	Sales Profit	\$731.82	Jamboree	\$5,587.36
Jamboree Account	\$988.00	Total	\$10,085.95	Gross Profit	\$8,603.75
Total	\$23,940.85			Total Expenses	\$3,524.22
		YTD Expenses	\$6,079.14	Feb Net Income	\$5,079.53
		YTD Net Income	\$4,006.81		

Minutes- Frank made a motion to **Accept**. John **Seconded**. **Approved**
Financials- Brian made a motion to **Accept**. Frank **Seconded**. **Approved**.

IV. **SERVICE AREAS:**

- **12th Step:** -**Bob M-** stated Rita made him a flyer to post for signups for the Helpline that he posted at New Phoenix. He will pick up more and take them to other meetings.
- **Archives:** **Frank W.-**purchased 2 display cases and acid free transparent covers and acid free gloves to help organize the archives and protect them.
- **Jamboree:** **John K.** -nothing new at this time, will start meeting in July.
- **Social:** **Nancy B.** -nothing new at this time, will start thinking about Founder’s Day in June. Rita suggested that she would speak to Marie to have it at 18th St.

Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community: Brian R. no one spoke about this at District.

Coastal Bender: John K. – has not been able to get with Rita about using a new format for the Bender but will try to soon. They have talked over what they would like to see in changes for the Bender layout.

Corrections/Treatment Facilities: Brian R. -attended the last District meeting and met with Justin who is Chairin Chair; there are people going to the Annex on Thurs and the jail on Fridays.

Nominations: Committee forms in August

Bilingual: open

OFFICE REPORT: Rita brought up the idea of a Jamboree Advisory Board. Billy stated that this board would not do the job of the Jamboree Committee, but it would be beneficial for securing and negotiating the venue since this job is done in advance 2 years before the event. It would be beneficial to make suggestions and guidelines from others who have done these jobs on the Jamboree Committee. Rita also stated that with the smaller donation from the Jamboree, it has been suggested that the next quarterly meeting of the CBIA board be in person. After discussion, it was voted on to have the next quarterly meeting of CBIA on Saturday May 2nd at the Alanos Group at 18th St. The Quarterly Board Meeting will start at 12:30PM, but we will have a lunch starting at 11:30am. All GSR's and IGRs are welcome but anyone who wants to attend can show up. At this business meeting we will talk about the need for more donations from Groups and Individuals to stay away from using the Prudent Reserve to maintain business for the entire year.

Zoom account was voted to be renewed for another year to host monthly board meetings.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting is Monday **Apr 13th**, 2026, at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Saturday May 2nd at Alanos Group at 18th St. at 12:30PM with lunch served at 11:30PM.

IX. CLOSING: Our Father.

Nancy moved to adjourn. **Billy** seconded. **Carolyn** closed meeting with prayer at 6:42pm.

Respectably Submitted,
Rita Standish
Office Manager



2026 Birthday Club is for members who wish to contribute to CBIA on their AA birthday: \$1 per year is suggested for each year

Donations can be made by:

- 1) PayPal under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiala.org)
- 2) 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 2026
Gail B.	Victoria Golden Slippers Grp	01/01/2011	15 Years
Terry K.	CC Sunset 7 Group	01/01/2000	26 Years
Sheila S.	CC New Phoenix Group	01/07/2007	19Years
Charlie B.	Victoria Golden Slippers Grp	01/09/2006	20 Years
Ladara C.	CC New Phoenix Group	01/09/1995	31 Years
Ceil Mc K.	CC Hilltoppers Group	01/10/1982	44 Years
Sandra E.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	01/20/2011	15 Years
Pat L.	CC Hilltoppers Group	01/20/2001	25 Years
Rae T.	CC Happy Hour Group	01/23/2006	20 Years
Ernest J.	CC Flour Bluff Unity Group	02/15/2004	22 Years
Rob M.	CC Zoom Turning Point Group	02/24/1985	41 Years
Janeen H.	CC Turning Point Group	03/08/2017	9 Years
Chris N.	CC Oso Group	03/09/2009	17 Years
Rita S.	CC Weber Nooners Group	03/13/1977	49 Years
Mary C.	CC Turning Point Group	03/22/1992	34 Years
Bruce R.	CC New Phoenix Group	03/27/1985	41 Years
Phyllis H.	Portland Noon Meeting	04/01/2004	22 Years
Marlive F.	Corpus Christi	04/08/1987	39 Years
Kelly K.	Corpus Christi	04/18/1986	40 Years
Lisa D.	Austin, TX (18 th St)	04/21/1987	39 Years
Fred C.	New Phoenix Group	05/13/1987	39 Years
Carol D.	CC Happy Hour Group	05/24/2016	10 Years
Mary H.	CC Happy Hour Group	05/24/1995	31 Years
Jackie C.	Pleasanton, TX	06/05/2014	12 Years
Gary L.	CC New Phoenix Group	06/07/2009	17 Years
James M.	Portland Nueces Bay Group	06/13/1993	33 Years

2026 CBIA Birthday Club (Continued)

NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2025
Terry M.	CC New Women's Group	06/18/1992	34 Years
Marie A.	CC Alanos Group	06/21/1991	35 Years
Robin P.	CC Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	40 Years
Annette C.	Bookmarks Group	06/24/2012	14Years
Bill Drews	Rockport Happy Hour Group	07/16/1981	45 Years
Libby A.	CC New Women's Group	07/12/1987	39 Years
Tammy B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/11/1989	37 Years
April K.	Corpus Christi, TX	08/20/1984	42 Years
Scott Mc G.	CC Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	24 Years
Pat E.	CC New Women's Group	08/23/1987	39 Years
Butch R.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/26/2006	20 Years
Mike Q.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	08/28/2000	26 Years
Fred B.	Aransas Pass Group	09/01/2002	24 Years
Hank S.	CC Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	33 Years
Barb C-S	CC New Women's Group	09/09/1985	41 Years
Valerie B.	CC New Phoenix Group	09/13/2017	9 Years
Heather D.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	09/23/2009	17 Years
Dave D.	Rockport Fellowship Group	10/04/1985	41 Years
Brandelyn M.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	17 Years
Patrick R.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	17 Years
Harold B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/18/2007	19 Years
Tim R.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/21/2011	15 Years
Betsy H.	CC Hilltopper's Group	10/22/2010	16 Years
Kruger D.	CC New Phoenix Group	10/23/2009	17 Years
Eddie M.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/28/2005	21 Years
Debbie B.	CC Weber Rd Nooners Group	10/31/2000	26 Years
Keith S.	CC New Attitude Group	11/04/2020	6 Years
Loralei D.	CC New Women's Group	11/06/1984	42 Years
Joanie J.	San Antonio, TX	11/28/2015	11 Years
Larry H.	Rockport Fellowship Group	12/04/1990	36 Years
Jimmy M.	Port Lavaca Group	12/14/1987	39 Years
Joe Mc M.	CC Hilltoppers Group	12/21/1980	46 Years
Tony P.	CC Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	48 Years
Ron S.	China, TX	12/24/2009	17 Years
John K.	CC Cullen Mall Group	12/25/1995	31 Years
Lois H.	CC New Women's Group	12/29/2007	19 Years

4th ANNUAL A.A. UNITY DAY Picnic

HOSTED BY DISTRICTS 8D AND 8E

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: WEST GUTH PARK
9708 UP RIVER ROAD

ACTIVITIES:

- 11 AM – TRADITION 1 WORKSHOP
- BURGERS AT NOON
- MUSIC
- CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Together
WE STAY SOBER,
WE LIVE TO HELP OTHERS.

The poster features a scenic background of a river and trees. In the foreground, there is a picnic basket with a blue and white checkered cloth, a blue AA Recovery tumbler, a burger on a blue plate with chips, and a wooden sign listing activities. The AA Recovery logo is visible in the top corners and on the tumbler.

BILL W. and Dr. BOB



1935-2026

Come Join us for 91st FOUNDERS' DAY

CBIA will be hosting a free lunch and AA Trivia
FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Saturday June 13th, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 at the Alanos Club 1633 18th St.

Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Lunch 1pm-2pm Hot Dogs, potato salad, chips,
& cake

Speaker Meetings

May Alanos Speakers

May 15-Rita S. (Weber)

May 22-Jimmy C (NPG)

May 29th-Clark W (NPG)

Saturday
Night
Speaker
Meeting

NPG

May 2026
Speakers

Karen S. 9th

Eva B. 16th

Don K. 23rd

Shteve 30th

New Phoenix
Group
5433 South
Staples St.
Corpus Christi,
TX 78411

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.

Donations can be made by PayPal or Cash App under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiala.org); or by check to CBIA @ 3833 S Staples Suite S-212, Corpus Christi, TX 78411. Please indicate their Home Group or City and the date of their death.

Name	Home Group	Departed
Carmine T.	Weber Group	07/26/2025
Audrey H.	Rockport, TX	08/12/2025
Arthur A.	Nova Scotia, Canada	10/3/2025
Bud L.	Mountain Toppers	01/07/2026
Joe D.	Mission, TX	01/16/2026

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.

**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 3 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 Apr by volunteers:

- 15-** Calls for Meeting Information
- 3-** Twelve Step Calls
- 2-** 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 through Friday.

Jamboree Committee will start meeting again in July, stay tuned for more details.

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 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 Keith S. (361) 226-9343 or Karen S. (362) 980-7412.

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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