THE BENDER

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Hallettsville Speaker Meeting
Thursday Jan. 11, 2024 -Forrest K. (from Houston)
101 N Market St (St. Peter's Church) Hallettsville, TX
Pot Luck Meal 6:30-7:30pm Meeting at 7:30pm

SWTA 68 Area Winter Workshop
Jan 12th-14th Castroville, TX

61st Annual SETA Convention
Jan 19, 2024, 2:00 PM – Jan 21, 2024, 12:00 PM
Moody Gardens Convention Center, 7 Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX 77554

District 7th 2024 Orientation
Jan 27th 2024 9:30am -11:30
@ Grace Episcopal Church
102 E Live Oak St Cuero, TX 77954

Jamboree registration forms are now available!! 2024 Feb. 23rd-25th"
https://www.cbiaa.org/jamboree/

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 2023 to keep costs down.

Monday-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.

CBIA HOLIDAYS

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

Trusting God In My Sober Decisions

Having just completed my third successful interview with a National Restaurant chain, I was eager to tell my just acquired sponsor and new sober friends the good news. So much had changed in the past few months from being fired from my last job, adjusting to my latest relationship that started with our meeting in my "Home Bar", named The Bitter End. I was staying sober, and she continued to drink just like we used to. There were 6 of us, all newly sober, all of whom I met attending meetings at The Southside Club in Dayton Ohio. We went to the same meetings, spent hours at Denny's late into the evening listening, laughing and supporting one another. We shared our stories on how we got here, our sponsors and the challenges we all faced one day at a time. They were excited about the news of my recent job interview since I was currently unemployed and running out of resources. They all supported my decision to move into a small furnished apartment away from my still drinking partner.

We all had assignments at The Southside Club given to us by our sponsors. Mine was making sure the ashtrays in front of every seat were empty and the white porcelain coffee cups were clean. There were two distinct designated seating areas. On the left was "smoking", on the right was "chain smoking". Usually, halfway through a meeting, you had to lower your head below the smoke cloud to see the speaker. There was one large meeting room, a kitchen area and a small entrance space with an old couch, This small area had a pay phone on the wall and was properly designated The Half Measures Room. People still not quite sure they had what it takes to cease dropping the pull tab into their can of beer would sit and listen to someone who had. Hope was often found there and however hesitant at first to enter the BIG room with the ashtrays, sometimes would result in another newbie, just like me.

The phone call from the Restaurant Corporate offices offering me the position was financially below what I was expecting, so in a moment of haste, turned the position down. I headed for the couch in The Half Measures Room and while contemplating my decision, Jim, my sponsor walked in. After explaining to him they didn't offer me what I was worth, he asked me how much I was currently earning. I said "Jim, you know I'm not working now" and his response was so, if your self-worth is financially based, right now your worth nothing, is that correct?" Hesitantly I got up off the couch, dropped a quarter in the pay phone and called the restaurant office. After several minutes of hesitation, they agreed to hire me. So now what? How was I going to afford my new truck payments, my child support payments and all the other expenses? My sponsor, Jim reminded me if I remembered what I did when I took the 3rd step. By turning my will and my life over to the God of my understanding, I needed to include Him in ALL aspects of my new sober life.

I went home, got on my knees and asked for help in my thoughts and actions. Later that day, I explained it to my newbie group at Denny's. We all joined hands and asked God to help me in my new adventure. It's amazing how I felt driving home that whatever my future held, if God was at the center of my decisions and my sponsor was close by, I could handle wherever I was headed. In order to stay within my new budget, I was going to give back my new truck and move into the YMCA in downtown Dayton, Ohio. I had about $600 to buy a car and got really excited at the prospect of where I was going to live and also what fun I would have trying to keep the fenders on my vehicle. My previous negative attitude disappeared as I worked through the details keeping God and Jim close by. The Saturday before I was starting my new position, I was on my way to drop off my truck when I stopped at the mailbox. The handful of junk mail was on the seat next to me and at a traffic light noticed a letter from the restaurant corporate offices. Thinking it was just a standard welcome letter, I almost didn't open it. Tearing the letter open, I had to pull over as tears were blurring my vision. I read the letter again and

again, ever slowly as the words I was reading finally sunk in. The corporate letter said that after reviewing my work experience and qualifications they were starting me out 3 pay grades higher than what had been quoted. That was way above what my "old self-worth" was. My hands were still shaking as I turned into The Southside Club and headed for the Half Measures Couch. God knew but wasn't talking. He didn't utter a word about the pay grade stuff. He was waiting to see if I really meant my prayers. This was my very first experience in truly trusting Him in all my sober life and wouldn't you know it, one of those beer can pull tab people just happened to be sitting next to me on the couch. Wow, my first 12th step venture. They heard an earful that day.

P.S. The Rest of The Story

My position was director of restaurant maintenance for over 350 ice cream restaurants in 13 states whose Midwest corporate office was also the location where all the ice cream was made. The production overruns were offered free to employees who had a worthwhile cause. Once a month I would grab 3 volunteer Southside newbies and load the entire back of my pickup truck with ½ gallon ice cream of all flavors, frozen cakes and novelties and head out on our pre-determined rout of single sober moms, and sober families who were struggling and try to get it all delivered before it melted. Exhausted and on the way back to the Half Measures Room, we would all be smiling at how much joy can be found in just giving.

That was in 1982 and that is how I was known as "Ice Cream Dave"

Minutes

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

October 9th, 2023

I. **OPENING: Jim** opened the meeting with **Moment of Silence** followed by **Serenity Prayer at 6:07pm**
- **Parth** read **CBIA Mission Statement**
- **Don** read **General Warranties**
- **Jennifer** read **12 Traditions**

II. **ATTENDANCE**: Blake (Chair) not present, Jim L..(Vice Chair), Scott M. (Financials) not present, Parth(Trustee), Jennifer N.(Trustee), Don K..(Trustee), Paul M.(Trustee),not present, Rita S. (Office Manager) and Terry M. (Assistant Office Manager)

III. **MINUTES: Jim** read the Minutes of **Sept 11th Board Meeting.**
Don motioned to accept as corrected**. Jennifer** Seconded**. All approved**

IV. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**: **Jim asked if everyone has had a chance to review the Financials from Sept 2023 that were emailed. Any questions or concerns, is there a motion to accept the Sept Financials?**
Parth motioned to accept
Don Seconded **All Approved**

Sept Financials Balance Sheet:

Balance Sheet	Total Funds
Sept-23	
Petty Cash	$50.00
Checking	$8629.03
Prudent Reserve	$ 15,638.18
Jamboree Account	$3,215.36
Total Funds	$27,532.57
YTD- Jan-Sept 23	
Contributions	12,297.09
Jamboree	14,000.00
Social Event	2457.26
Gross Sales	9656.97
Total	38,411.32
YTD Expenses	27,971.82
YTD Net Income	3,310.40

Profit & Loss		
Sept-23		
Contributions	$883.60	Group & Individual
Gross Sales	$342.21	COGS (895.64-$553.43)
Gross Profit	$925.81	
Total Expenses	$2,532.57	
Sept Net Income	-$1,606.76	

V. **SERVICE AREAS: Assignments for incoming Trustees**

- **12th Step**: **Parth** is continuing to answer phone monthly, more calls this month,all is going well.

- **Social: Jennifer** says her committee will meet this Thursday at All Saints for the Halloween Party. 5 entries for the Chili Cook-off and a panel of judges. They will discuss the skit, baked goods, music play list.

- **Bilingual: Jennifer** says she has some concern over the Spanish meetings at Grupo Tres Legados and Grupo Nueva Esperanza, they often don't start the meetings at 8pm as the schedule says, worries about new people who might show up on time. Distributed the flier for San Antonio Asemblea.

- **Coastal Bender: Jim L-**asked about article for November. Rita said she would like to see an article about donation giving since November is gratitude month. The office bank account is low but there is hope that groups will be donating this month because it is time for Quarterly donations from many of the groups.

- **Jamboree: Jim -**reported that the committee is meeting this Saturday. The local speaker and Theme are done. They will be voting on the Voice for the event.

- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities: Scott M.(not present)**

- **Nominations: Don K.** said he has Dave W. from Rockport and Jim S. from Weber Group. He said Rita had given him a couple of names to follow up on and he would be contacting them.

- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community: Don K.** said the Committee has some new members, they met on Sept 17th. Enrique is the new chair. Don will be transitioning off in Dec. Barb will continue to senior outreach at nursing homes. There will be a workshop in November at the Salvation Army for AA and Al Anon Family Awareness. Probation has asked for someone to come and talk to them about what AA does and Harold is taking care of that. Rita mentioned that someone had called the office to say they felt the flier for Salvation Army violated the Traditions. Flier mentioned that District 8D was sponsoring and that the Salvation Army was sponsoring the event. After discussion it was decided to contact Karen the DCM of 8D and Harold the District PI/CPC Chair to look into the complaint and address the issue of their flier.

- **Archives: Paul M.**(not present)

VI. OFFICE REPORT:

A. Office Update -**Rita** said they made a medallion and chip order but will wait on ordering books until we get more donations.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday **November 13th 2023** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday **Oct 30th, 2023 on Zoom**.*(both meetings on same day, scheduling issues)*

X. CLOSING: Our Father.

- **Parth** moved to adjourn. **Jennifer** seconded. Motion carried.
- **Jim** closed the meeting with prayer at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Standish

Office Manager

Minutes

Coastal Bend Intergroup Quarterly Association Meeting
Oct 30th, 2023

V. Jim opened meeting **at 6:06 PM** with **Moment of Silence** followed by **Serenity Prayer**

- **Parth** read **CBIA Mission Statement**
- **Don** read **General Warranties**
- **Terry** read **12 Traditions**

VI. ATTENDANCE: Blake, not present (Chair), Jim L.(Vice Chair), Parth, Scott M., Jennifer (not present), Paul M., Don K. Rita S. (Office Manager), Terry M. (Assistant Office Manager), Joe B. IGR (Sunset 7Group), Tahtianna (Back to Basics)

VII. MINUTES: Jim L read Minutes of **July 31st CBIA Quarterly Board Meeting.**
Jim read the minutes of **Oct 9th CBIA Board Meeting.**
Don motioned to accept **Oct 9th** Minutes and **Parth** seconded**. All approved.**

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS: **Scott M**, *(Financial Trustee)* asked if there were any questions or concerns about the Financials that were read in the Oct minutes for September.
No Concerns. Financials stand as approved in minutes.

IX. Election- Dave W. from Rockport, Jim S.(Weber Nooners), and Carol D. (Bookmarks Grp) are able to serve. Don K spoke on behalf of Jim who was out of town dealing with a family illness, Carol D. introduced herself and let everyone know a little about her sobriety and service. Don spoke some about Dave W. from Rockport as he was having some technical issues logging into Zoom. Jim asked for a motion to vote in all 3 by acclamation. **Don** motioned to vote in all 3 people by acclamation and **Scott** seconded. **All approved**.

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V. SERVICE AREAS:

- **12th Step**: **-Parth** -Answering phones again next month. Nothing new to report.
- **Archives: Paul M. -**stated he met Rita at Intergroup to be able to look over what is at the Intergroup office. He spoke with Amy about some of the archives and he did get a New Group form, he is going to take that to Portland to get the history of the new Portland Noon meeting that just started.
- **Bilingual: Jennifer** -not present
- **Coastal Bender: James L.** will look for someone to do a story for December.

- **Jamboree:** The committee doing well, a Voice has been determined, the registration form and the CBIA website has all the information for people to register, get a hotel and see the flier. Next meeting is Nov 11th.
- **Social: Jennifer-**not present. Rita said Jennifer had said they will make a $1179 donation after expenses.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities: Scott M.** had nothing new to report.
- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community:** Don said they met and there are 3 new members, they are dropping off meeting info cards to Dr's offices, Lawyers, etc with fresh new energy.
- **Nominations:** nothing now.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VII . NEW BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday **Nov 13th 2023 at 6:00 PM on Zoom**.
- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday **Jan 30th, 2024 on Zoom.**

IX. CLOSING: **Jim** asked for motion to close the meeting.

- **Don** moved to adjourn.
- **Parth.** seconded. Motion carried
- **Jim** closed the meeting with prayer at **6:49 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Standish

Office Manager

Speaker Meeting Updates

New Phoenix Speaker Meetings on Saturday at 8PM

Jan 6th-"*Birthday night*"
Jan 13th- Cameron T. *(New Phoenix Grp)*
Jan 20th-Steve S. *(Weber Nooners Grp)*
Jan 27th- Rene C. *(New Phoenix Grp)*

****New Meeting in Portland, TX** "Joe & Charlie Big Book Study starting Jan 14, 2024 @ 822 Denver St. Portland, TX 78374 @ 5:30pm Sundays**

Alanos Group 1635 18th Street- Friday Night Speaker Meeting- at 8 pm in the big building. Doors open at 7pm for fellowship. First Friday is a potluck starting at 7pm followed by speaker at 8pm.
Jan 5th-Annette C. *(Unfortunates Group)* Jan 12th-Libby A. *(New Women's Group),* Jan 19th-Barbara S.*(Alanos, Blast from the past),* Jan 26th-Scott E.*(Weber Group)*
(see attached flier)

AA Meetings on Zoom

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) *Hybrid Meetings*	714 784 969	954788	ODN 6:00 PM		ODN 6:00 PM		ODN 6:00 PM		
New Phoenix Group (CC) *Hybrid Meetings*	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 BB 5:00 PM	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon	OD Noon
Clean & Serene Group (CC)	677 587 2132	sober					GLBT/OD 7:30 PM		
Rockport Happy Hour Group	817 4546 8941	0164		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	OD 7:00 PM
Victoria Mainstream	698 545 080	003178			OD Noon				

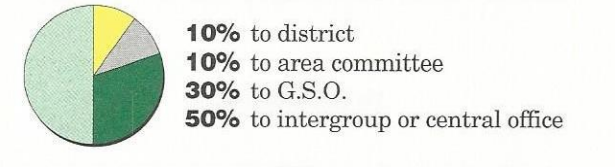


CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support

Group Contributions

CBIA would like to express their gratitude to the AA Groups that support us all during the year, it is our second biggest source of revenue.

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.

Individual Contributions

We are grateful that individual members of our community have made contributions to Coastal Bend Intergroup. You can 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 **2023**.

Where Are We Now?	**Actual December 2023**
Contributions	**$38,329.17**
Gross Sales	**$12,534.26**
Cost of Goods Sold	**($10,871.84)**
Gross Gain	**$39,986.59**
Total Expenses	**$36,339.79**
Interest Income	**$13.10**
Other Income	**$37.55**
Net Gain	**$3,684.35**



2024 CBIA Birthday Club

The Birthday Plan is for members who wish to contribute to CBIA on their A.A. birthday. $1 per year is suggested for each year of sobriety, but members may contribute as little or as much as they wish up to $5,000. Donations can be made by PayPal under the Donate option on our website (www.cbiaa.org) or by Venmo to CoastalBend-Intergroup. (For anonymity, it is recommended that Venmo settings make the transaction private.) or donate 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 2023
Nancy G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/01/1983	**41 Years**
Gail B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/01/2011	**13 Years**
Terry K.	CC-Sunset 7	01/01/2000	**24 Years**
Sheila S.	CC-New Phoenix	01/07/2007	**17 Years**
Charlie B.	Victoria-Golden Slippers	01/09/2006	**18 Years**
Ceil Mc K.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/10/1982	**42 Years**
Sandra E.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	01/20/2011	**13 Years**
Rae T.	CC-Happy Hour Group	01/23/2006	**18 Years**
Tom G.	CC-Turning Point Group	01/26/1984	**40 Years**
Ernest J.	CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group	02/15/ 2004	**20 Years**
Rob M.	Corpus Christi	02/24/1985	**39 Years**
Mike B.	CC-New Phoenix	03/05/2014	**10 Years**
Janeen H.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/08/2017	**7 Years**
Chris N.	CC-Oso Group	03/09/2009	**15 Years**
Rita S.	CC- Oso Group	03/13/1977	**47 Years**
Mary C.	CC-Turning Point Group	03/22/1992	**32 Years**
Bruce R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	03/27/1985	**39 Years**
Enrique M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	03/30/2016	**8 Years**
Phyllis H.	Rockport Fellowship	04/01/2004	**20 Years**
Marlive F.	Corpus Christi	04/08/1987	**37 Years**
Lisa D.	Austin, TX (18th St)	04/21/1987	**37 Years**
Kelly K.	Corpus Christi	04/18/1986	**38 Years**
Gale S.	Albuquerque, NM	04/23/1994	**30 Years**
Fred C.	Corpus Christi, TX	05/13/1987	**37 Years**
Carol D.	CC-Happy Hour Group	05/24/2016	**8 Years**
Mary H.	CC-Happy Hour Group	05/24/1995	**29 Years**
Jackie C.	Pleasanton, TX	06/05/2014	**10 Years**
Gary L.	CC-New Phoenix Group	6/07/2009	**15 Years**
James M.	Nueces Bay Group	06/13/1993	**31 Years**

2024 CBIA Birthday Club *(Continued)*

NAME	HOME GROUP	SINCE	YEARS IN 2023
Terry M.	Nueces Bay Group	06/18/1992	**32 Years**
Marie A.	CC-Alanos Group	06/21/1991	**33 Years**
Robin P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	06/22/1986	**38 Years**
Bill Drews	Rockport-Happy Hour	07/16/1981	**43 Years**
Libby A.	CC-New Women's Group	07/12/1987	**37 Years**
Tammy B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	08/11/1989	**35 Years**
April K.	Corpus Christi, TX	08/20/1984	**40 Years**
Scott Mc G.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	08/22/2002	**22 Years**
Pat E.	CC-New Women's Group	08/23/1987	**37 Years**
Butch R.	CC Weber Road Nooners	08/26/2006	**18 Years**
Mike Q.	CC- Weber Road Nooners	08/28/2000	**24 Years**
Fred B.	Aransas Pass Group	09/01/2002	**22 Years**
Hank S.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	**31 Years**
Barb C-S	CC-New Women's Group	09/09/1985	**39 Years**
Valerie B.	CC-New Phoenix Group	09/13/2017	**7 Years**
Heather D.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	09/23/2009	**15 Years**
Dave D.	Rockport Fellowship	10/04/1985	**39 Years**
Brandelyn M.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	**15 Years**
Patrick R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/09/2009	**15 Years**
Harold B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/18/2007	**17 Years**
Arthur A.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	10/19/1998	**26 Years**
Tim R.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/21/2011	**13 Years**
Betsy H.	CC-New Women's Group	10/22/2010	**14 Years**
Kruger D.	CC-New Phoenix Group	10/23/2009	**15 Years**
Eddie M.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/28/2005	**19 Years**
Debbie B.	CC-Weber Road Nooners	10/31/2000	**24 Years**
Margaret P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	11/06/2006	**18 Years**
Loralei D.	CC-New Women's Group	11/06/1984	**40 Years**
Joanie J.	San Antonio, TX	11/28/2015	**9 Years**
Larry H.	Rockport Fellowship	12/04/1990	**34 Years**
Jimmy M.	Port Lavaca Group	12/14/1987	**38 Years**
Joe Mc M.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/21/1980	**44 Years**
Tony P.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	12/23/1978	**46 Years**
Ron S.	China, TX	12/24/2009	**15 Years**
John K.	CC-Cullen Mall Group	12/25/1995	**29 Years**
Lois H.	CC-New Women's Group	12/29/2007	**16 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
Ray M.	**Saratoga Noon Group**	**11/12/2023**
Bill M.	**(Arizona) Hilltoppers**	**12/26/2023**

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, it's 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 / 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 nine months sobriety is required to answer the phones. **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. 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.

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.

Submit your story to GSO for the pamphlet update of "So You Think You Are Different"
Submissions are due by April 3, 2024. Read all about the requirements and how to submit your article in the attachment "Story Submission"

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday **January 8th, 2024** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday **January 29th, 2024** 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.) park in the rear parking lot off Bonner.*

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 1st Monday of the month following their birthday. *(Travis Baptist Church, 5802 Weber Road at Schanen, park in rear, meeting upstairs.)* The Saturday noon meeting has been cancelled.

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).*

Contributions

GROUP NAME	Dec 2023	YTD 2023
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	**2,206.50**	**4,638.75**
Aransas Pass Group		**20.00**
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		**300.00**
CC-Bookmarks Group		
CC-Calallen Group		**25.00**
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group	**100.00**	**200.00**
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		**980.00**
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Lucky Ones		
CC-New Attitude Meeting		**702.09**
CC-New Life Group	**50.00**	**700.50**
CC-New Phoenix Group	**38.00**	**930.00**
CC-New Women's Group		**1430.57**
CC-Oso Group		**851.18**
CC-Roddfield Group (final dist)		
CC-Saratoga Group		
CC-Secular Recovery Group		**42.25**
CC-Sunset 7 Group *(N Padre Island)*		**1,450.33**
CC-Turning Point Face to Face		**141.50**
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		**2320.00**
District 7		
District 15		
Cuero-Burning Desire Group		
Goliad-Open Arms Group		**33.35**
Hallettsville Group		**67.12**
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		
Kingsville-AL-K Group		**22.00**
Moulton Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		**150.00**
Mathis – Unity Group		
Port Aransas Group		
Port Lavaca Group		**75.00**
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland Jaywalkers Group		**27.00**
Portland -Nueces Bay Group	**10.00**	**70.00**
Quarterly Meeting 7th Tradition		
Riviera-SASTO Group		
Robstown Desire Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		**440.00**
Rockport-Fellowship Group		**1000.00**
Schulenburg Group		**115.00**
Shiner Group		**100.00**
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
George West Hardcore Group		**75.00**
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		**50.00**
Victoria-Airport Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		**378.35**
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		**50.00**
Victoria-Golden Slippers		
Victoria-High Nooners Group		**400.00**
Victoria-Main Stream Group		**250.00**
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		**59.36**
Victoria-Women's Group		**20.00**
Yorktown Group		
Day of AA		**150.00**
TOTAL	**$,2,404.50**	**$18,264.35**

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 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.

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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