THE BENDER

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2024 SWTA 68
Pre-General Voting Assembly
Mar. 15th-17th 2024
200 N Shary Rd. Mission, TX 78572

Back to Basics Mar 29th Speaker Meeting
Potluck and Fellowship @ 6pm
Speaker Meeting @7pm with Joe B.
3604 N Ben Jordan St. Victoria, TX

Hallettsville AA Group-Speaker Meeting
Date: April 11, 2024
Time: Potluck 6:30pm – Speaker 7:30pm
Location: 101 North Market St, Hallettsville, TX 77964

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 2024 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**



"Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him,

does he enable us to match calamity with serenity".

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, page 68

Is it a truth that one cannot accurately judge any situation unless one knows the outcome of it, say a week from now or a year from now? Can we know the future? Or can we know what would have happened if things had been different? If not, can we adequately judge circumstances as good or bad? Sometimes the greater truths are best revealed in little stories, which the more highly educated dismiss as nonsense or children's tales.

Here is a little story.

Once upon a time, before time was time, in a far-off country, there lived all alone in a small hut a poor girl whose name was Jayda. Walking in the woods one day, Jayda saw that a colony of bees had abandoned their honey. So, she decided to collect it. "I will take the honey to the farmer's market and sell it, and try to improve my life with the money I'll get", she told herself. Jayda ran home and brought a jar which she filled with the honey. But she did not know that the reason for her poverty was a malicious genie who tried all he could to prevent her from making anything a success. The genie woke up as something told him that Jayda was starting to do something useful, and he rushed to the spot, intent on causing trouble. As soon as he saw Jayda with the honey, he turned himself into a branch on a tree and snagged her arm, so that the jar fell and broke. He laughed and laughed as the honey seeped into the ground. "This will infuriate her", he cackled to himself as the branch swung back and forth. But Jayda just looked at the honey and said to herself, "Oh well, the ants will eat the honey and perhaps something will come of it". She had seen a line of ants whose scouts were already tasting the honey to see if it was useful to them. As she started to walk through the woods back to her hut, she saw a man on horseback was coming toward her. When he was only a few yards away, he idly raised his whip and struck at a tree in passing. Jayda saw that it was a mulberry tree, and the blow had made the ripe purple berries shower to the ground. She thought, "That's a good idea. I'll collect mulberries and take them to the market to sell. Perhaps something will come of it". The mean-spirited genie saw her collecting the fruit and laughed to himself. When Jayda had filled her basket, he turned himself into a donkey and quietly followed her all the way to the market town. When she sat down to rest, the genie in the form of a donkey edged up to her, nuzzling her arm. Jayda stroked his nose, and then the horrid beast suddenly rolled over onto the basket of mulberries, crushing them to a pulp. The juice ran all over the road, and the genie-ass gleefully galloped away into the bushes. Jayda looked at the purpled mess in dismay. At that moment, however, the Queen had been approaching, on her way to the capital.

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"Stop at once.", she ordered her coachmen. "For that poor girl has lost everything. Her donkey has squashed her fruit and run off. She will be ruined if we do not help her". So, the Queen took Jayda with her in her coach, and they became fast friends. She gave Jayda a house, and Jayda soon became a successful merchant in her own right. When he saw how well Jayda was doing, the genie had a good look at her house to see what he could do to ruin her. He realized that she kept all her goods in a warehouse behind the house. So, he set fire to the house and the good, and the place was burned to the ground in almost less time than it takes to tell. Jayda had run out of the house when she smelled the smoke. She looked at the ruins with sorrow. Then she noticed that a line of tiny ants was forming, and then that they were carrying their stocks of corn, one grain at a time, from beneath the house to a place of greater safety. To help them, Jayda lifted a large stone covering their nest. Beneath it gushed a spring of water! As Jayda tasted it, the people of the town gathered around her and cried, "The Water of Life! This is what has been foretold!"

They told her that it had been prophesied that one day after a fire and many disasters, a spring would be found by a young girl who disregarded calamities. This would be the fountain of Life. And that is how Jayda became known as the Princess of the Water of Life, which she still tends, and which can be drunk by those seek it. It is said to give eternal peace and serenity to those who find it by disregarding calamity; instead saying, "Who knows? Perhaps something will come of this".

"We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves".

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, page 68



Minutes

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Jan 8th, 2024

I. **Jim L.** opened with **Moment of Silence** followed by **Serenity Prayer @ 6:02pm**
- **Dave W**. read **CBIA Mission Statement**
- **Jim S.** read **General Warranties**
- **Jennifer N**. read **12 Traditions**

II. **ATTENDANCE**: Blake B.(Past Chair), Jim L.(Past Vice Chair), Don K.(Chair) not present, Paul M. (Vice Chair), Jim S, Jennifer N., Carol D, Scott M, Dave W, .Rita S. (Office Manager) and Terry M.(Assistant Manager)

III. **MINUTES: Blake** read Minutes of **Dec 11th Board Meeting.**
Carol motioned to **accept** as corrected. **Jim L. Seconded All approved**

IV. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**: **Scott**, *(Financial Trustee)*:
The Dec 2023 Financials were emailed, there were no questions.

Dec Financials Balance Sheet:

Balance Sheet	Total Funds
Dec 2023	
Petty Cash	$50.00
Checking	$8,348.20
Prudent Reserve	$ 15,642.12
Jamboree Account	$3,215.36
Total Funds	$27,255.68
YTD- Jan-Dec 2023	
Contributions	18,264.35
Jamboree	14,000.00
Social Event	4600.26
Gross Sales	12,534.26
Total	50,617.46
YTD Expenses	36,377.99
YTD Net Income	3,407.68

Profit & Loss		
Dec 2023		
Contributions	$2404.50	Group & Individual
Gross Sales	$410.25	COGS ($1004.19-$593.94)
Gross Profit	$3,047.31	
Total Expenses	$2,930.89	
Dec Net Income	116.62	

Jennifer made a motion to **accept** the minutes.
Dave W. Seconded All approved.

V. **Election of Officiers for 2024**: **Blake** moved that **Don** is the New Chairperson and Paul M. is Vice Chairperson. and Scott M. will stay as Financial Trustee
Rita thanked **Blake** for being Chair and **Jim** for being the Vice Chair and their service (they left the meeting). **Paul** continued the meeting since Don was absent this meeting.

VI. **SERVICE AREAS: Assignments for incoming Trustees**
- **12th Step**:**Dave W.** said he wants to work this committee and he will find out more.

- **Archives: Paul M.** said he had nothing to report but will continue this year on this committee.

- **Bilingual: Jennifer N.** said the Nuevo Esperansa group conscience will be meeting to talk about moving their group to a new location.

- **Social: Jennifer N.** said the New Year's eve party went well. There were 85-95 people in attendance. They were able to pay all bills and because of donations they will have $411 in seed money to host Founder's day for free admission and food.

- **Coastal Bender: Jim S.** said he will be working with Rita on the Coastal Bender this year.

- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities: Scott M.** said he still wants to contact someone with the jail to see about taking a meeting to them.

- **Jamboree: Don K.** -not present. Rita reported there would be a meeting of the Committee on the 13th at New Phoenix and that as far as she knows all is going well.

- **Nominations: Trustees** agreed to form a committee in August .

- **Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community: Carol D**. will reach out and or attend the monthly meetings that meet at NP on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

V1. OFFICE REPORT:

A. Office Update -**Rita,** the office continues to have issues with the printer. Gulf Coast Laser is still trying to resolve the issue but a new printer may have to be purchased.
Rita also mentioned she found a website to buy the fancier medallions at a reasonable price and asked for feedback. They agreed to think on it and we can talk about it at the Quarterly meeting.

VIII . NEW BUSINESS:

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting Monday **Feb 12th 2023** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.
- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday **Jan 29th, 2024 on Zoom**.

XII. CLOSING: Our Father.

- **Dave W.** moved to adjourn.
- **Paul M.** seconded. Motion carried.
  Rita closed the meeting with prayer at **6:47 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Standish
Office Manager

Minutes

Coastal Bend Intergroup Quarterly Association Meeting

January 29th, 2024

I. OPENING: Don opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer at 6pm**

- **Dave W**. read the **CBIA MISSION STATEMENT**.
- **Carol D.** read the **GENERAL WARRANTIES**
- **Paul M**. read the **12 TRADITIONS**.

II. ATTENDANCE: Don K. (Chair), Paul M. (Vice Chair), Scott M. (Financial), Jennifer N. (Trustee), Carol D (Trustee), Dave W. (Trustee), Jim S. (Trustee), Terry M (Assist Office Mgr.), Rita (Office Manager), Butch R. (IGR Weber Nooners)**, Jeremy** (IGR Sunset 7)**, Craig D.** (District 7)**, Henry F.** (IGR Lucky Ones), **James M.** (GSR Nueces Bay Group), **Tahitianna**, (Back to Basics Group).

III. MINUTES:

- **Jim S**. read *approved* **Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting** *(October 30th).*
- **Rita** read the **minutes of the last Board of Trustees Meeting** *(January 8th).*

Carol made a motion to approve minutes as corrected**. Dave** seconded**. All approved**

IV. FINANCIALS –financials were approved with this month's minutes.

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V. SERVICE AREAS

- **Archives: Paul M.** *(New Phoenix Group)* Nothing to report but questioned what to bring to Jamboree and when to pick up. Sent phone # of Dave D. from Rockport to Paul to be able to ask if he coming with his archives and he will get with Amy for details on what to take from office.
- **Bilingual: Jennifer N.** *(Hilltoppers Group*) said that Grupo Nueva Esperanza has tabled moving for the time being to explore more options.
- **Social: Jennifer N.** *(Hilltoppers Group)* nothing to report at this time.
- **Coastal BENDER: Jim S.** *(Weber Nooners Group)* said he had spoken to Rita about what he needs to do for the upcoming Benders.
- **Corrections /Treatment: Scott M.** *(Hilltoppers Group)* was having technical difficulties with his microphone during the zoom meeting.

- **Jamboree: Don K.** *(Weber Nooners Group)* stated that there was not a meeting scheduled for Feb before the event but that has changed. They will meet on Feb 10th; he says all is going well.
- **Nominations: (Committee will be created in August)**
- **PI/CPC: Carol D.** *(Bookmarks Group)* stated she was not able to attend the Jan PI/CPC meeting at New Phoenix but will talk with Enrique and will try to attend when she can. Don offered to give materials he had to Enrigue to give to her.
- **12th Step: Dave W.** *(Rockport)* Rita said she sent him a signup sheet for Helpline volunteers that he could take to meetings and announce and to try to get volunteers. Also, the office will take a signup sheet to the Jamboree, Dave said he would help out with that.

VI. Office Report:

Rita said a new printer has been ordered and waiting on delivery. Jamboree raffle chair, Annette asked for donation of books from the office for the Old Timers' meeting baskets like has been done in the past. Trustees voted to donate $100 worth of books to raffle. Rita mentioned again about ordering the nicer year and multiples medallions. The trustee voted to allow $300 for the purchase of these to have in stock.

VII. New Business:

- Terry brought up doing a 12 Step/Helpline workshop in March or April. There was feedback that it is a great idea.

VIII. Old Business:

None

IX. NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday**, **February 12th** at **6:00 PM** on Zoom.
- **Quarterly Association Meeting:** Monday, **April 29th** at 6:00PM on Zoom.

X. Closing

Dave W. motioned to **close the meeting**.

Paul M. Seconded All approved. Don closed with Lord's Prayer at 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Standish

Office Manager

Speaker Meeting Updates

New Phoenix Speaker Meetings on Saturday at 8PM
Mar 2nd-"*Birthday night*"
Mar 9th- Rik R. *(New Phoenix Grp)*
Mar 16th-Daniel M. *(Club 12, San Antonio)*
Mar 23rd- Meagan G. *(Weber Nooners)*
Mar 30th- Jeremy P. *(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.
Mar 1st- David C.*(Mathis Crossroads)*, Mar 8th-Anne F. (Nueces Bay Group)
Mar 15th-Michelle S.*(Hilltoppers)*, Mar 22nd- Keith S. (New Attitude), Mar 29th-JoAnn B. (Nueces Bay Group)

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*	451 546 1004	HP2016	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				

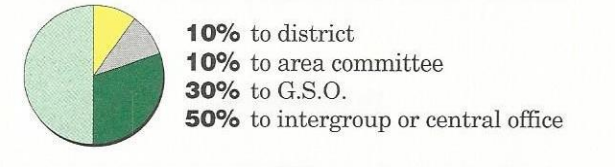


CBIA Appreciates Ongoing Support

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 February 2024**
Contributions	**$2,960.44**
Gross Sales	**$2,117.15**
Refund	**$144.63**
Cost of Goods Sold	**($1269.51)**
Gross Gain	**$5,222.22**
Total Expenses	**$5,567.86**
Other Income	**0.00**
Net Gain	**-$1,615.15**



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**
Pat L.	CC-Hilltoppers Group	01/20/2001	**23 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.

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Name	Home Group	Departed
Ray M.	**Saratoga Noon Group**	**11/12/2023**
Hugh P.	**(Arizona) Corpus Christi**	**12/07/2023**
Bill M.	**(Arizona) Hilltoppers**	**12/26/2023**
Richard F.	**Portland Noon Meeting**	**01/24/2024**

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.



Treatment and Facilities Committee meets the second 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 but you will find it very informative even if you don't commit.



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.

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 **February 12th, 2024** at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday **April 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	Feb 2024	YTD 2024
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	**570.00**	**1351.00**
Aransas Pass Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		
CC-Bookmarks Group		
CC-Broken Chains		**5.00**
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	**32.80**	**32.80**
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		
CC-New Life Group	**50.00**	**100.00**
CC-New Phoenix Group		**39.00**
CC-New Women's Group		**192.00**
CC-Oso Group		
CC-Roddfield Group (final dist)		
CC-Saratoga Group		
CC-Sunset 7 Group *(N Padre Island)*	**142.51**	**142.51**
CC-Turning Point Face to Face		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		**152.50**
District 7		
District 15		
Cuero-Burning Desire Group		
Goliad-Open Arms Group	**70.60**	**70.60**
Hallettsville Group	**40.00**	**40.00**
Karnes City-Mayfield Group		
Kingsville-AL-K Group	**9.00**	**9.00**
Moulton Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		
Mathis – Unity Group		
Port Aransas Group		
Port Lavaca Group		
Port O'Connor Group	**86.00**	**86.00**
Portland Jaywalkers Group		
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		**10.00**
Quarterly Meeting 7th Tradition		
Riviera-SASTO Group		
Robstown Desire Group		
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		**100.00**
Rockport-Fellowship Group		
Schulenburg Group		
Shiner Group		
Sinton-Grupo Secunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
George West Hardcore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		
Victoria-Airport Group		
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		**44.84**
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group	**25.00**	**25.00**
Victoria-Golden Slippers		**247.50**
Victoria-High Nooners Group		
Victoria-Main Stream Group		**50.00**
Victoria-Men's Group		
Victoria-Unity Group		**15.50**
Victoria-Women's Group		**10.00**
Yorktown Group	**204.00**	**204.00**
Day of AA		
TOTAL	**$1263.10**	**$2,960.44**

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 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 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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