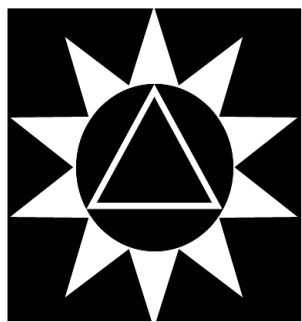




THE BENDER

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



The **Fifth Tradition Group** meets under a Hackberry tree at **The Dorothy Day House** (210 S. Carrizo in Corpus Christi). They meet in an enclosed porch in the winter and in inclement weather. They have Open Discussion Meetings at **6:00 PM** on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Saturdays**.



The Pass It On Club (11425 Leopard Street -- second building on the left side of the Hilltop Community Center in northwestern Corpus Christi). The Calallen group meets here. They have a 12:00 noon meeting Monday thru Saturday; an 11:00 AM Meeting on Sunday, 6:30 PM meetings on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday; and 8:00 PM meetings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Some Do's and Don'ts on Sponsorship

FOR many years I labored under the delusion that I knew all the answers. Therefore it took a tremendous amount of softening up by John Barleycorn before I sought AA. On getting sober, I very quickly became a Step One--Step Twelve man, and I am still plagued with the notion that I would much rather be a teacher than a student. Each time I learn a little something (*when I force an open mind*) I snap it shut with the conclusion, "Now, I've got it."

I have come to believe that the qualities in another that annoy me most are a reflection of my own shortcomings; for example, the know-it-all fellow seldom fails to annoy me, though I think my annoyance is diminishing in proportion to the progress I'm making.

I have a sponsor who has an unusual amount of serenity. I've never heard him state an idea as if his was the only proper view. None of us can lay out an official interpretation. I can say what I think I must do, but I cannot tell you what you must do. To me this is the basic difference

between AA and the rest of the preachments of the world. I sometimes wonder whether we are losing it.

I wanted to pick my first contact on the first night; he pointed out that I had better wait until I had a chance to meet a fair cross section of the group before *I chose my sponsor*. Later, when I asked him to be my sponsor, he accepted. He still is, and I hope he will always be my sponsor, for it is one of the most wonderful relationships I have known.

I have made many initial contacts over the years, and there are probably no two that should have been handled identically, but there are a few broad concepts I have gained which I believe make me more effective:

A. *Faith*: that AA will work for anyone *if they want it*. My sponsor's faith in that principle was implanted in me when I needed it most and when I asked him whether he thought that AA would work for me.

B. *Self Respect and Forbearance*: "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving evidence thereof in words." All too often through the years I tried to do all of the talking, explaining all I knew of AA to the prospect, and displaying how very much I did not know. If the new man got a word in edgewise, I'd pounce on it and tear it to bits. Some made the program in spite of my *treatment*; practically none asked me to be their sponsor, and those that did soon found less dictator-like people, God bless them. What the new man has to say is very important, if I am expecting to work with him, because:

1. If I listen carefully, I can hear myself talking--with the same cockeyed point of view, the same cheap excuses, the same self-pity, the same misunderstood genius, the same interfering relatives, wife, boss, know-nothings. If I can stand it, I can see myself in the raw. Sure, I have changed a little, but not really as much as I think I have; and:
2. Later, I have some acquaintance with the source of his screaming, and it may be on some matter in which I have found some relief.

C. *Prayer*: Just before making contact, I have learned to ask for help and guidance to say and do what's right. Included in this prayer is the thought that "I need this new man as much as he needs me."

D. *Friendship and Understanding*: Love for the great goodness I know is in every human being, "the noblest work of God," should guide my thoughts. If a man was dying of thirst and I knew my onions, I would administer water to him with an eyedropper and, regardless of the impulse of showing him how much water I had, if I were truly thoughtful I would restrain myself from trying to jam a fire-hose, going at full force, down his throat.

~ C. B., Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 1954

MINUTES

CBIA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

July 11th 2016

I. OPENING: (6:00PM)

- **Ed** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 5:59 PM.
- **Harold** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Hud** read the General Warranties
- **Laurie** read the 12 Traditions

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Ed B. (Chair)**, **Harold B. (Financial Trustee)**, **Hud H. (Trustee)**, **Jimmy M. (Trustee)**, **Laurie H. (Trustee)**, **Les M. (Trustee)** and **Rob M. (Office Manager)** were present.
- **Kelly J. (Asst Office Manager)** was not present.

III. MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 13th 2016 were reviewed.
 - Hud moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the **June 2016 Financial Report:**
 - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30th were \$25,245.78; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$10,370.56 in Checking; \$12,602.14 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,223.08 in the Jamboree Account.
 - **Profit & Loss** for the month of April: Group & Individual Contributions \$1,072.72; Social Events \$2,060.85 (*less Expenses \$300.00*); Gross Sales (*Books, Chips & Medallions*) \$1,307.75 (*less Cost of Goods Sold \$949.85*); Gross Gain for the month \$3,191.47; Total Expenses were \$2,944.83 and Interest Income was \$0.32 for a Net Gain of \$246.95 for the month.
 - **Hud** moved to approve the report as read. **Les** seconded. Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **Les** said the Helpline is fully staffed and running well.
- **Archives:** **Open.**
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said **Jesse T. (Past CBIA Bilingual Trustee)** agreed to help with bilingual.
- **Coastal Bender:** **Ed** said he reviewed the July BENDER and it went out on time.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** **Hud** said he attended the State Convention in Austin and the Corrections Committee meeting in San Antonio. He is still supporting meetings at Garza East, Garza West, The Trustee Camp and the McConnell Unit. He is still trying to start a second meeting at the McConnell Unit. District 8D supports meetings at SATF-CC and Avalon (*formerly Reality Ranch*) District 8D supports a meeting at the Live Oak County

Jail. Rob said he would publish the Department of Criminal Justice's training schedule in the BENDER and BITS & PIECES.

- **Jamboree:** Jimmy said he attended the first CBJ Committee meeting for the 2017 Jamboree. Many service opportunities are available. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Saturday, August 13th at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in CC).
- **Nominations:** Jimmy said he is working on filling four trustee positions at the October Quarterly Meeting. Jim W., Harold B. and Michael B. plan to run. Trustees elected to remaining terms of less than a year are eligible to run for a full two-year term.
- **PI/CPC: Open.** Rob said he attended the last PI/CPC committee. Their next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday 7/20/2016 at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in CC). They are trying to schedule a presentation to the Federal parole staff. They plan to support the SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Convention in Victoria. The convention host committee is meeting at 1:30 the first Saturday of August and September at St Francis Episcopal Church (3002 Miori Lane in Victoria.)
- **Social:** Laurie said next CBIA social event will be a Halloween Dance on October 31st. It will be a Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe in CC).

VI. OFFICE REPORT: Rob said he attended the State AA Convention in Austin, where he spent a couple of hours with other Intergroup and Central Office Managers in Texas. He said all the necessary people have signed the new signature card at Value Bank.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Replacement for Ginger. The consensus was we would appoint either Michael B. (PI/CPC Chair) or Jim W. (IGR – District 7) for the remainder of Ginger's term (through January 2017).

IX. NEXT MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be on Monday August 8th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office.

X. NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday July 25th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XI. CLOSING: Our Father.

- Hud moved to adjourn. Les seconded. Motion carried. Ed closed the meeting with prayer at 6:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager

MINUTES

CBIA QUARTERLY MEETING

July 25th 2016

I. OPENING:

- **Ed** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer at 6:01 PM.
- **Harold** read the CBIA Mission Statement
- **Jim** read the General Warranties
- **Les** read the 12 Traditions

II. ATTENDANCE:

- **Ed B.** (*Chair*), **Harold B.** (*Treasurer*), **Hud H.** (*Trustee*), **Jimmy M.** (*Trustee*), **Laurie H.** (*Trustee*), **Les M.** (*Trustee*), **Rob M.** (*Office Manager*), **Jim W.** (*IGR – District 7*), **Mike B.** (*IGR – Weber Nooners Group*), **Jackie B.** (*IGR – Portland Jaywalkers Group*), **James R.** (*IGR – New Life Group*), **Todd P.** (*IGR – New Phoenix Group*), and **Bowen R.** (*Alt. GSR – Victoria Back to Basics Group*)

III. MINUTES:

- Approved minutes of Quarterly Meeting of April 25th were reviewed.
- Minutes of Board Meeting of July 11th were reviewed.
 - **Hud** moved to approve the minutes. **Jimmy** seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Harold** presented the approved **June 2016 Financial Report:**
 - **Balance Sheet:** Total CBIA funds as of June 30th were \$25,245.78; \$50.00 in Petty Cash; \$10,370.56 in Checking; \$12,602.14 in Prudent Reserve and \$2,223.08 in the Jamboree Account.
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V. 7TH TRADITION. We have no dues or fees but we do pay rent to the church.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **12th Step:** **Les** said he had nothing to report.
- **Archives:** **Open.**
- **Bilingual:** **Hud** said **Jesse T.** (*Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group and Past CBIA Bilingual Trustee*) offered to help with Bilingual. Hud has asked the San Antonio Bilingual Service Committee for information on how they handle Bilingual.

- **Coastal Bender:** Ed said he reviewed the July BENDER prior to publication. It looked good and went out on time.
- **Corrections/Treatment Facilities:** Hud thanked everyone who has donated big books and other literature. AA is still providing meetings to state prisons at Beeville, Goliad, and Kenedy. Rob is publishing the state corrections training schedule. It is currently taking 8-12 weeks for background checks. Hud said we are always looking for help with corrections. In particular, women are needed to support the Friday women's AA meeting at SATF.
- **Jamboree:** Jimmy said the first meeting of the 2017 Jamboree Committee was held this month. Online registration is now available. Many service positions are available. They meet at 9:30 AM the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Alanos Cottage.
- **Nominations:** Jimmy said we will elect four trustees at the Quarterly Meeting on October 24th. Two trustees elected to fill remaining terms of less than one year will be eligible to stand for a full two year term in October.
- **PI/CPC:** Open.
- **Social:** Laurie said work will begin in August on the Halloween Dance, which will again be held at Parkway Presbyterian Church on October 31st.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next CBIA Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday August 8th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office.

XI. NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

- Next CBIA Quarterly Association meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday October 24th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples).

XII. CLOSING:

- Hud moved to adjourn. James seconded. Motion carried.
- Ed closed the meeting with prayer at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob M.

Office Manager



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

CBIA Office Closed for Labor Day (Monday, September 5th in CC)

In celebration of Labor Day, the CBIA Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th. As usual, the helpline staff will answer the phones when the office is closed. The office will re-open at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, September 6th for normal hours.

Meetings

Most meetings happen rain or shine, holiday or not. There are a few exceptions:

Hilltoppers No Meetings on Labor Day (Monday, September 5th in CC)

First Methodist Church will be closed on Monday and Hilltoppers will not meet that day (*neither at noon nor at 5:30 PM*). Meetings will resume at noon on Tuesday September 8th.

Weber Nooners Special Labor Day 10:00 AM Meeting (Monday, September 5th in CC)

The Weber Road Nooners Group will have a special 10:00 AM Holiday Meeting on Monday, September 5th in addition to their regularly scheduled Noon meeting. August AA Birthdays will be celebrated at the noon meeting that day. They meet at Travis Baptist Church (5802 Weber Road at Schanen).



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Special Events

SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Conference (September 9th – 10th in Victoria) *

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its annual **Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference** September 9th – 10th in Victoria. The conference will begin with a luncheon with Professionals at noon followed by workshops Friday evening and Saturday for AA members involved in or interested in becoming involved in PI/CPC service work. *(See attached flier for details.)*

District 8D Hosts DELEGATE's REPORT (September 24th in CC) *

District 8D is hosting SW Texas Area 68 Delegate Denise T's annual report on 66th General Service Conference (last April in New York) from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at New Phoenix (5433 S Staples Suite H in the Boardwalk in Corpus Christi). See attached flier for details.

SW Texas Area 68 Fall Conference and Voting Assembly (October 7th – 9th in CC) *

Southwest Texas Area 68 will hold its **Fall Conference & Voting Assembly** in Corpus Christi this year. *(That doesn't happen very often.)* It will be October 7th – 9th at the Omni Corpus Christi (900 N. Shoreline). Many varied service opportunities are available. If you are a General Service Representative (GSR) this is an opportunity to vote for your group without having to travel very far. For any member interested in service work, this is an opportunity to see how the business of AA is conducted at the area level.

CBIA Halloween Dance (Saturday, October 29th in CC) *

The CBIA Halloween Dance will be held from 7:00 PM to Midnight on Saturday, October 29th at Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe in Corpus Christi – where it was held last year). Enclosed is a save-the-date flier.

2017 Coastal Bend Jamboree (January 20th – 22nd 2017) *

Enclosed is a save-the-date flier for the 63rd Annual Coastal Bend Jamboree which will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel (900 N. Shoreline Blvd. in Corpus Christi) on January 20th – 22nd 2017. Discounted pre-registration is available at www.cbjamboree.org.



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Service Opportunities

Volunteers Needed to Carry the Message in Corrections Facilities

Volunteers are needed to carry the message to alcoholics in corrections facilities. You must be at least 18 years old and not been in trouble with the law (*arrested, incarcerated, pending, etc.*) for at least 18 months.

SATF – Corpus Christi

- **Attend Meetings** to support separate men's and women's meetings at 8:00 PM on alternate Fridays. (*NA provides meetings every other Friday.*) (*New development: prior clearance is now required to attend meetings at SATF.*)
- **Activity Sponsors** take people to meetings once a week or so. (*Minimum one year sober and prior clearance.*)
- **Step Sponsors** work the steps with people. (*Minimum two years sober and prior clearance.*)

Avalon (Formerly Reality Ranch) – Corpus Christi

- **Attend Meetings** to support a men's meeting at 8:00 PM every Sunday. (*Prior clearance is required.*)

Live Oak County Jail – George West

- **Attend Meetings** to support a men's meeting at 7:00 PM every Wednesdays. (*Prior clearance is required.*)

If you are interested in any of these service opportunities, call the CBIA Office (361) 992-8911 during business hours (*M-F 7:30 – 11:30 AM and 1:30 – 5:30 PM*)

Where clearance is required, provide us your full name, as it appears on your driver's license and your driver's license number and state at least a week prior to service.

To volunteer in state prison facilities, you must complete a Department of Criminal Justice training session. This training is very helpful for people who volunteer in any corrections facility, but it is a prerequisite for state prisons. The training is offered in state facilities in Beeville and elsewhere. Call the phone number shown to reserve a seat. (*See attached flier for the full TDCJ training schedule and more information.*)

9-14-2016 - 1:00 PM - Garza West Unit 4250 Highway 202, Beeville [\(361\) 358-9890](tel:3613589890)



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Service Opportunities (Continued)

CBIA Board of Trustees Election *

Four Trustees will be elected to the Coastal Bend Intergroup Board of Trustees at the Quarterly Association Meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 24th at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S Staples). (See attached Trustee Form for details.)

CBIA PI/CPC Committee

This year the CBIA Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee plans to produce informational events for the public / professional communities – initially focusing on probation. Their next meeting will be at the Alanos Cottage (1635 18th Street in Corpus Christi) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 31st.

Helpline / 12 Step List

The Helpline is staffed by volunteers who are making sure that the hand of AA is available 24 hours a day in the Coastal Bend area by answering the phones overnight (5 PM to 8 AM) and on weekends (8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday; or 8 AM Sunday to 8 AM Monday). A minimum of six months sobriety is required to answer the phones. The helpline is pretty well staffed at present.

If someone needs help beyond meeting information, the helpline passes them to someone on the 12-Step List for a longer conversation and maybe a visit to discuss how to get sober and stay sober. A minimum of two years sobriety is required to be on the 12-Step List. We can always use more people on the 12-Step List. We especially need people (*particularly women*) in the surrounding area (*like Beeville and Alice*). If you would like to be on the 12-Step List or on the Helpline, call Rob or Kelly at the CBIA Office (361) 992-8911 or (866) 672-7029.



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Group / Meeting Changes

New Freedom Group moves to Parkyway Presbyterian (Mondays in CC) 2

The New Freedom Group is moving its 11:00 AM Monday meeting to the scout hut behind Parkway Presbyterian Church (3707 Santa Fe in Corpus Christi). They previously met at Unity by the Sea on Brawner Parkway.



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District Meetings

District 7 (Saturday, September 17th in Schulenburg)

District 7's next meeting will be on Saturday, September 17th at 9:00 AM in the Expo Building in Wolters Park (901 Kallus in Schulenburg).

District 8C Next Meeting (Saturday, September 17th in Kingsville)

District 8C's next meeting will be on Saturday, September 17th at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Serenity Club (819 N. Third Street in Kingsville).

District 8D Next Meeting (Saturday September 17th in CC)

District 8D's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 17th at New Phoenix (5433 S. Staples, Suite F, in Corpus Christi).

District 8E (Saturday, October 1st in CC)

District 8E will meet at 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 1st at the 24 Hour Club (302 S Brownlee at Laredo in Corpus Christi).

District 15 Next Meeting (Saturday, September 17th in AP)

District 15's next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 17th at 202 S. 10th Street at Yoakum in Aransas Pass.



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Addresses for Group Contributions for 2016-2018

Coastal Bend Intergroup (Suggested 50% *)

CBIA

3833 S. Staples Suite S-212
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Districts (Suggested 10% *)

District 7 Treasurer

P.O. Box 5324
Victoria, TX 77903

District 8C Treasurer

P.O. Box 821
Kingsville, TX 78364

District 8D Treasurer

P.O. Box 61135
Corpus Christi, TX 78466

District 8E Treasurer

5413 Timbergate Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78413

District 15 Treasurer

2441 Oak Lane
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

Area 68 Southwest Texas (Suggested 10% *)

SWTA 68 Treasurer

P.O. Box 720651
McAllen, TX 78504

General Service Office (Suggested 30% *)

GSO

P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163-0459

“* Suggested percentages are from AA Pamphlet F-3, **SELF-SUPPORT: Where Money and Spirituality Mix** (Available on our web site: cbiaa.org under DONATE). Group Contributions are always at the discretion of the group conscience.



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Save the Dates

*(Future Events - Fliers included for events flagged with an *.)*

2016 SW Texas Area 68 PI/CPC Conference *(September 9th - 10th in Victoria) **

District 8D Hosts DELEGATE's REPORT *(September 24th in CC) **

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2016 CBIA Halloween Dance *(Saturday, October 29th in CC) **

2017 Coastal Bend Jamboree *(January 20th – 22nd 2017 in Corpus Christi) **

AA Meeting Schedules for Our Area

Current AA meeting schedules for areas serviced by the Coastal Bend Intergroup are attached:

- **AA Meetings in Corpus Christi ***
- **AA Meetings in CC Surrounding Area ***
- **AA Meetings in Victoria & Surrounding Area ***

Coastal BENDER Mission Statement

Our primary purpose is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. A secondary purpose of The Bender is to keep the CBIA Area of South Texas informed as to the events, meeting changes, Board of Trustee actions / decisions, and other news of interest to AA's in the area. Finally, as a newsletter we provide a forum for the broad spectrum of views held by our members. Publication of any article submitted will be at the discretion of the Bender Editor as advised by the CBIA Board. A controversial subject, as long as it does not concern an outside issue and involves principles and not personalities, will be considered for publication. As a general guideline, any letter or article that is of interest to members of AA and in good taste is worthy of publication. However, an article or letter that advocates ignoring or violating the Traditions, Concepts, or General Service Conference actions will not be considered for publication. All decisions will be made under the direction of God as expressed through our group conscience.



Audrey H.	Rockport Happy Hour Group	09/01/2011	5 Years
Joe B.	Hilltoppers Group	09/06/1982	34 Years
Hank S.	Cullen Mall Group	09/07/1993	23 Years
Jennie W.	Weber Nooners Group	09/07/1974	42 Years
Ted W.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/12/1987	29 Years
Mary	District 15	09/12/1988	28 Years
Steve S.	Weber Nooners Group	09/13/1999	17 Years
Ken B.	Saratoga Group	09/13/2006	10 Years
Catherine S.	Nueces Bay Group	09/15/2004	12 Years
Jim R.	Oso Group	09/15/2006	10 Years
Mike M.	Hilltoppers Group	09/18/2000	16 Years
Bill Mc	Weber Nooners Group	09/18/1992	24 Years
Larry T.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/20/1970	46 Years
Felix P.	Calallen Group	09/22/2002	14 Years
Ken B.	Rockport Happy Hour	09/25/1965	51 Years
Randy L.	-	09/27/1990	26 Years
Roy V.	Calallen Group	09/29/1989	27 Years
Dale S.	Humility Group	09/30/2008	8 Years

Don't see your group's birthdays? For best results e-mail your birthday to CBIA at cbia@grandecom.net.

August 2016

	<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>	<u>Dist. 7</u>	<u>AFTER HOURS</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
12 TH STEP CALLS	6	1	0/0	37/3
INFORMATIONAL CALLS	123	11	After Hours only tracks 12th Step calls.	

Intergroup Meetings

CBIA Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting will be held Monday September 12th at 6:00 PM in the CBIA Office (3833 S. Staples, Suite S-212).

CBIA Quarterly Association Meeting will be held Monday October 24th 2016 at 6:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (3026 S. Staples in CC). Each group gets a vote at this meeting.

District Meetings

See Bits & Pieces section for information on district meetings in the Coastal Bend area:

District 7 (Victoria Area)

District 8C (Kingsville - Alice Area)

District 8D (Corpus Christi Area)

District 8E (Corpus Christi Area)

District 15 (Portland, Port A, AP, Rockport Area)

Group Announcements

New Phoenix Group Conscience is held the last Sunday of the month at 2:00PM. **Birthday Night** is first Saturday of the month at 8:00PM. **Potluck Supper** is second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. (5433 S. Staples, Suite F in The Boardwalk.)

Hilltoppers Group Conscience is the 1st Tuesday of the month following the Noon meeting. (First United Methodist Church, 900 S. Shoreline Dr., Room 244)

Weber Road Nooners Group Conscience is held the 1st Saturday of each Quarter (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) following the 10:00AM meeting. **Birthdays** are celebrated the first Monday of each month at noon. (Travis Baptist Church, 5802 Weber Road at Schanen, park in rear, meeting upstairs.)

Calallen Group Conscience is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month following the 6:30PM meeting. **Birthday Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month. (Potluck at 6:30PM, Meeting at 8:00PM). (Pass it on Club, 11425 Leopard (Hilltop).

Flour Bluff Unity Group Conscience is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at noon. **Birthday Night** is the 1st Saturday of the month with **Potluck Supper** at 7:00 PM and **Birthday Meeting** at 8:00PM at The Anchor Club (320 Anchor St. in CC).

Turning Point Group Conscience is held the 1st Wednesday of each month. **Birthday Meeting** is last Saturday of the month.

Group Contributions

GROUP NAME	Aug. 2016	YTD 2016
Alice Group		
Anonymous/Individual Contribution	2.00	107.84
Aransas Pass Group		38.00
Beeville-Freedom Group		
Beeville-Hope Group		
Beeville-Serenity Group		
Beeville-Shepherd's Group		
CC-Alanos		
CC-Bookmarks Group		40.00
CC-Calallen Group	470.30	470.30
CC-Clean & Serene Group		
CC-Crosstown Group		
CC-Cullen Mall Group	60.00	320.00
CC-Daily Reprieve Group	42.33	42.33
CC-Day of AA		100.00
CC-Early Morning Fellowship		
CC-Fellowship Group at Charlie's Place		
CC-Fifth Tradition Group		
CC-Flour Bluff Unity Group		
CC-Happy Hour Meeting		87.79
CC-Hilltoppers Group		
CC-Humility Group		
CC-Just for Today Group		
CC-Mountain Toppers	100.00	150.00
CC-Newcomers Meeting		
CC-New Life Group		60.00
CC-New Phoenix Group	15.23	283.28
CC-New Women's Group	101.10	585.20
CC-Oso Group		728.93
CC-Primary Purpose Group		
CC-Rodd Field Group		150.00
CC-Sunset 7 Group (N Padre Island)		640.49
CC-Turning Point Group		
CC-Weber Road Nooners Group		2,049.97
CC-Wenholz Women's Group		
CC-Young & Restless (Final Distribution)		163.00
District7		243.57
Falfurrias-2nd Chance Group		85.00
Goliad-Open Arms Group	45.00	143.43
Ingleside-Living Sober Group		
Karnes City-Mayfield Group	122.00	122.00
Kingsville-AL-K Group		
Mathis -Crossroads Group		50.00
Port Aransas -Port A Day Tripper's Group		
Port Aransas Group		300.00
Port Aransas-Serenity Sisters		10.00
Port Lavaca Group		72.63
Port O'Connor Group		
Portland -Jaywalkers Group		185.00
Portland -Nueces Bay Group		
Riviera-SASTO Group	44.00	144.00
Robstown Group		
Rockport-Anything Goes Group		166.00
Rockport-Happy Hour Group		120.00
Rockport-Fellowship Group		300.44
Sandia Group		
Schulenburg Group	87.00	87.00
Sinton-Grupo Segunda Chanza		
Skidmore Group		
Three Rivers-Choke Canyon Group		50.00
Victoria-Back to Basics Group		507.23
Victoria-For Sinners Only Group		250.00
Victoria-High Nooners Group		50.00
Victoria-Main Stream Group		50.00
Victoria-Men's Group	65.00	65.00
Victoria-Unity Group		
Victoria-Women's Group		25.00
Yorktown Group		58.00
TOTAL	\$1,153.96	\$9,101.43

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.

Coastal Bend Intergroup Association Services Provided

1. Maintains an office which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11:30AM and 1:30 to 5:30PM.
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 sales "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.