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Pass it On...

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Upcoming Events

Area Assembly in Andrews Texas June 6th & 7th, 2009.

State Convention will be held Austin Texas June 12th - 14th, 2009.

For more information please go to nwta66.org

Top of Texas 24th Annual Old Timers Reunion

Was held April 24, 25, 26, 2009. The theme was "24 and wanting more". The cake shown was shared with all attending. There were raffles for 2nd edition big

books, chances to win speaker CD's, books, and gift certificates.

The speakers consisted of Becky C. of Brownwood Texas, Bob O. of Centennial, Co. and Mike F. of Chandler, Az.

They had the "World Famous" Barbecue Lunch on Saturday by the Old Corral Club.

There was newcomers to old timers at the sobriety count-down. It was an amazing thing to see just how many newcomers were there to share the old timers reunion, stories and recovery. Big Books were given to those who did not have one.

It is always a pleasure to be at the old timers reunion, there is just a lot of recovery to see and hear.

Special Thanks for the gentleman who took the picture and shared it with us..



Happy Birthday

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| John M. | May 13 |
| Jerry T | May 13 |
| Kelli A | May 19 |
| Charlie C. | May 25 |



CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO TREATMENT FACILITIES

Millions of Alcoholics come from treatment and recovery facilities each year but never make it to the support groups or rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. Many of the facilities are over crowded and staffed with dedicated caregivers who lack the means to provide support to these patients upon their release. The result many times is that of a revolving door for the Alcoholic who doesn't have the tools to resources to continue on the journey of recovery. However, service is alive and thriving in Amarillo Texas. On April 19, 2009, the District III Area 66 Treatment Facility Committee held a very successful workshop to address these serious issues. The Chairperson Julie M. and her committees' dedication to serve helped them to organize the workshop and brought together over 50 AA

members, and Treatment Facility Directors and Staff, District Committee Members and most important-Newcomer! Many AA members were not aware of the opportunity to do 12 Step work in treatment facilities. This workshop also provided a much needed open forum for Treatment Facility Directors and Staff to express their dire needs and gratitude for A.A.'s bringing the message of recovery into their facilities.

The workshop began with a showing of the Conference approved film "HOPE", followed by talks from AA members who had been in treatment facilities and upon discharge continued their recovery program in Alcoholics Anonymous. The speakers explained how the principles of the steps and promises of the AA

recovery program and the health and spiritual while in a treatment facility. A presentation was also given on how the Treatment Facility Committee functions within our Twelve Traditions. The workshop ended with questions from the "Ask it Basket" and answered by the District Committee Members.

The hard work and commitment of the Committee made this workshop a success. I have appreciated serving Alcoholics Anonymous in this capacity and look forward to continuing to work with the District III Committee.

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FYI...English Translation of page 270 in the third edition of the Spanish book, Alcoholicos Anonimos.

MASTER ALCOHOL AND I

War veteran, high school teacher, his long encounter with Mr. Alcohol left him all alone, depressed, full of resentments and self-pity. In a moment of enlightenment he recalled the name of Alcoholicos Anonymous.

Master Alcohol and I have had an interpersonal relationship for many years. I joined A.A. at the age of forty and I now have forty years in the Fellowship.

On the night I was born according to my parents a symphony of gunfire and bullets could be heard emanating from a confrontation between traffickers of illegal alcohol and border patrol agents....

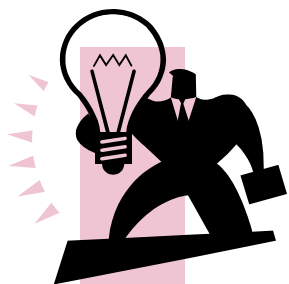
The author of this story Jose G. M. passed away on March 22, 2009.

Joe was the author of the Spanish translation Third Edition story *Señor Alcohol y*

Yo. He was given the gift of sobriety on August 3, 1965 and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be missed.

If anyone would like a copy of this story in English version please let me know and I will send you a copy. Send requests to:

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Answer the trivia question first win a surprise. Email answer to: sobrelvis7@hotmail.com

Mark Your Calendars!!!!!!!

The 63rd Top of Texas Round Up will be held September 24th thru the 27th, 2009.

The Round up committee members are busy getting things ready.

Flyers for the event should be available by June 15th.

Pre registration will be available.

Also early raffle ticket sales will be available. You won't have to be present to win a 1st Edition of the Big Book in MINT condition. Each ticket you purchase will be good for all other prizes with the exception you will have to be present for those drawings.



So MARK your calendar and watch for the flyers coming very soon.

Trivia Question :

What is the name of the oldest AA group still in existence?

Next month we will share in a 50 year birthday of sobriety for Janie June P.

The Newsletter is looking for group history to promote. Any and all are welcome.



Cecil W. Area Treasurer reminds everyone Area Contributions

can be sent to:

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This keeps AA alive and well!