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# The Scoop

## Intergroup Elections

Nominations for the Intergroup Board are to be made at the January and February Intergroup Meetings. Elections are held at Central Office one week prior to the March Intergroup Meeting, and announced later that evening at the March meeting.

Positions up for election are **Chair**, **Co-Chair**, **Secretary**, **Treasurer**, and two (2) **Members at Large**. Duties are posted at Central Office. Qualifications are listed below.

The following were nominated at the January Intergroup meeting:

**Chair:** Bruce L.

**Co-Chair:** Leslie G., Trevor B.

**Secretary:** Leslie G.

**Treasurer:** Steve K.

**Members at Large (vote for 2):**  
Fred H.; Stephanie S.; Don O.;  
Judi M.

Qualifications are as follows:

### Chair

\*\* Four (4) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Experience as a Board member at A.A. group or of an AA service group.

### Co-Chair

\*\* Four (4) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Commitment to assuming Chairperson position after current tenure, if nominated.

### Secretary

\*\* One (1) year continuous sobriety.

\*\* Ability to take accurate notes and transcribe them to typewritten form.

### Treasurer

\*\* Three (3) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Basic comprehension of accounting principles and acceptable standards.

\*\* May not be related to nor cohabitate with the Office Manager.

### Members At Large

\*\* Fifteen (15) years uninterrupted sobriety.

\*\* Desire to help oversee Central Office.

\*\* Willingness to participate in monthly Intergroup meetings.

## Step Two

***Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."***

The moment they read Step Two, most A.A. newcomers are confronted with a dilemma, sometimes a serious one. How often have we heard them cry out, "Look what you people have done to us! You have convinced us that we are alcoholics and that our lives are unmanageable. Having reduced us to a state of absolute helplessness, you now declare that none but a Higher Power can remove our obsession. Some of us *won't* believe in God, others can't, and still others who do believe

that God exists have no faith whatever He will perform this miracle. Yes, you've got us over the barrel, all right – but where do we go from here?"

## Tradition Two

***"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."***

Where does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, "This simply can't be. There must be an angle somewhere." These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and learn that the sole authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. They dubiously ask an experienced A.A. member if this really works. The member, sane to all appearances, immediately answers, "Yes! It definitely does." The friends mutter that this looks vague, nebulous, pretty naïve to them. Then they commence to watch us with speculative yes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

## Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

December Winner: Lacie C.

*Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for your free Birthday Raffle.*

***Show your gratitude, contribute \$1 to Central Office on your sobriety birthday for each year sober.***

## Quotable Quotes

*Collected by Dano B*

I have an acute, severe reaction to sobriety. Cesar

My ego is not my amigo. Cesar

Be yourself because everyone else is taken.

Don't forget that human aid is God made.

I'm not going to apologize for any outside issues if I was drinking when it happened.

## Word Game

HUMILITY; AMBITION; SLIPS; COURAGE; ILLNESS; DISHONESTY; PAIN; COMPLACENCY; SERENITY; SUCCESS; PEACE; FAITH; PROBLEMS; LOVE; SERVICE; WORRY; GUILT; UNITY; FAMILY; PRIDE

Y	C	S	S	S	E	N	L	L	I	R	S	P	C
F	O	R	I	G	V	O	Y	R	R	O	W	C	S
H	M	P	E	A	C	E	Y	S	R	G	S	S	E
T	P	O	S	O	P	R	O	B	L	E	M	S	R
N	L	Y	T	S	E	N	O	H	S	I	D	P	E
E	A	T	D	C	O	U	R	A	G	E	P	I	N
C	C	L	U	U	R	N	T	A	Y	H	F	S	I
I	E	U	M	R	O	L	M	T	A	N	A	A	T
V	N	E	T	S	O	B	I	E	P	F	M	G	Y
R	C	E	I	V	I	N	D	I	A	C	I	U	T
E	Y	E	E	T	U	I	E	I	I	E	L	I	S
S	L	N	I	I	R	Y	T	C	N	R	Y	L	L
R	T	O	N	P	C	H	U	M	I	L	I	T	Y
L	N	F	U	S	U	C	C	E	S	S	H	S	R

No matter how you get there or where you end up, human beings have this miraculous gift to make that place home. *The Office*

God grant me patience and grant it to me now.

We cannot help people with their real issues if we're not being real ourselves.

Worrying about other people's programs might be evidence that I'm not working one.

I came to believe that God believed in me.

Do not procrastinate encouragement.

We hope you are THIRSTY for a solution to your drinking problem.

## ***Business Meetings***

**A.V. Intergroup:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm at Central Office, 43619 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 106, Lancaster

**District 7 (General Service):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9am at the Agua Duce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce (link located on AV web site)

**H&I:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10am at the Alano Club 104 E. Ave K-4, Suite J, Lancaster (Orientation at 9:30am for newcomers.) (link located on AV web site)

## **Coming Events**

### **Local Events**

International Women's Conference  
2/7/19 – 2/10/19  
Westin Bonaventure  
404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90071  
Cost \$41.50  
<http://Internationalwomensconference.org>

Palmdale Group 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alcathon, Fri. 2/15 (12 noon) to Sun., 2/17 (12 noon). Unit A-15 in strip mall. 1817 E. Ave A, Palmdale. Marathon meetings, food, fun and fellowship. Comedy show Saturday night.

**For additional and up to date information, go to:**

[www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org)

### **Concept 2**

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

### ***Misc. From "As Bill Sees It"***

#### ***I Am Responsible***

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

*Declaration of 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Convention 1965*

### **Trouble: Constructive or Destructive?**

"There was a time when we ignored trouble, hoping it would go away. Or, in fear and in depression, we ran from it, but found it was still with us. Often, full of unreason, bitterness, and blame, we fought back. These mistaken attitudes, powered by alcohol, guaranteed our destruction, unless they were altered.

"Then came A.A. Here we learned that trouble was really a fact of life for everybody – a fact that had to be understood and dealt with. Surprisingly, we found that our troubles could, under God's grace, be converted into unimagined blessings.

"Indeed, that was the essence of A.A. itself: trouble accepted, trouble squarely faced with calm courage, trouble lessened and often transcended. This was the A.A. story and we became a part of it. Such demonstrations became our stock in trade for the next suffer." *Letter from Bill W., 1966*

#### **Surveying the Past**

"We reacted more strongly to frustrations than normal people. By reliving these episodes and discussing them in strict confidence with somebody else, we can reduce their size and therefore their potency in the unconscious." *Letter from Bill W., 1957*

**Remember what a drink used to cost? A suggestion: put that amount into the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket at least once a week.**

## *February 2019 Office Manager Report*

		Jan '19	YTD Total						
Sales of Goods		\$3,718.85	\$3,718.85						
Expenses		(\$6,180.22)	(\$6,180.22)						
Cost of Goods		(\$4,661.74)	(\$4,661.74)						
Contributions		\$1,589.49	\$1,589.49						
Net Income	\$0.00	(\$5,533.62)	(\$5,533.62)						
<b>Contributions</b>									
<b>Group</b>	<b>Jan '19</b>	<b>2019 Total</b>							
A Gathering of Women		\$0.00		Jerv D.	2/9/2016	3	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	17
AM Mod	\$536.68	\$536.68		Alees H.	2/20/2016	3	Barbara	2/20/2001	18
Anonymous	\$25.00	\$25.00		Malissa T.	2/24/2016	3	Kathy R.	2/13/2001	18
Any Lengths Group		\$0.00		Larry W.	2/1/2015	4	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	18
Arbor Court		\$0.00		Dan F.	2/26/2014	5	Pat. T.	2/12/2001	18
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7		\$0.00		Linnea M.	2/1/2014	5	Larry M.	2/29/2000	19
AV Men's Stag		\$0.00		Rachel	2/4/2014	5	Michael G.	2/22/2000	19
AV Round-Up		\$0.00		Greg B.	2/4/2014	5	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	19
AVYPBYOC	\$40.00	\$40.00		Doue C.	2/20/2014	5	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	20
Birthday		\$0.00		Matt D.	2/21/2013	6	Lila P.	2/1/1999	20
Came to Believe		\$0.00		Alex D.	2/12/2012	7	Carol M.	2/12/1998	21
Clubhouse Meeting		\$0.00		Amanda O.	2/7/2012	7	John Michael	2/2/1998	21
Crown Valley Grp		\$0.00		Sarah W.	2/10/2012	7	Sam S.	2/23/1998	21
Dare to be Different		\$0.00		Bob H.	2/13/2012	7	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	22
Friday Noon - Alano		\$0.00		Lee F.	2/5/2012	7	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	22
Gathering of Women		\$0.00		Sarah W.	2/10/2012	7	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	22
H & I	\$10.00	\$10.00		Sharon R.	2/10/2012	7	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	22
High Desert BB Grp		\$0.00		Janis B.	2/12/2012	7	Mark F.	2/10/1995	24
High Desert Hospital		\$0.00		Susan M.	2/15/2012	7	Janet R.	2/9/1993	26
Intergroup Fundraisers		\$0.00		Terra B.	2/18/2012	7	Janie H.	2/22/1993	26
Into Action		\$0.00		Hillary C.	2/7/2011	8	Mark R.	2/24/1993	26
Lake Hughes Men's Stag		\$0.00		Jenny C.	2/27/2011	8	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	26
Lake Hughes Monday Night		\$0.00		Jessica C.	2/18/2011	8	Nury C.	2/10/1993	26
Little Red Book		\$0.00		Joe O.	2/12/2011	8	Katie C.	2/11/1992	27
Mid-Day Mod	\$100.99	\$100.99		Larry L.	2/2/2011	8	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	27
New Beginnings		\$0.00		Melissa P.	2/9/2011	8	Judie M.	2/22/1991	28
Open Door		\$0.00		Scott C.	2/17/2011	8	Kim	2/5/1991	28
Palmdale Grp	\$255.88	\$255.88		Cindy B.	2/5/2010	9	Gavle M.	2/20/1990	29
Pearlblossom Grp		\$0.00		Rod W.	2/27/2010	9	Mike H.	2/4/1990	29
PM Mod	\$308.50	\$308.50		George C.	2/27/2010	9	Mike S.	2/20/1990	29
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$120.00	\$120.00		Kat H.	2/18/2010	9	David E.	2/14/1989	30
Rainbow Grp		\$0.00		Kevin S.	2/17/2010	9	Frank H.	2/11/1989	30
Rosamond Sun Night		\$0.00		Linda H.	2/9/2010	9	Lori W.	2/4/1989	30
Rule 62 Grp		\$0.00		Tonie R.	2/18/2009	10	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	30
Sat AM Men's Stag		\$0.00		Wayne W.	2/9/2009	10	Ron M.	2/10/1989	30
Sat Spkr Mth - Alano		\$0.00		Bob J.	2/19/2008	11	Francis R.	2/14/1988	31
Sobriety Rocks - Alano		\$0.00		Brad B.	2/15/2008	11	Penny R.	2/10/1988	31
Spiritual Sunday - Alano		\$0.00		Michael P.	2/18/2008	11	Tom L.	2/22/1988	31
Steps Weorkshop - Alano	\$132.44	\$132.44		Mike W.	2/13/2008	11	Bud V.	2/23/1987	32
Sun Night BBS	\$40.00	\$40.00		Robert W.	2/4/2008	11	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	32
The Promises - Alano		\$0.00		Benecia S.	2/14/2007	12	Kip O.	2/4/1986	33
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano		\$0.00		Dave W.	2/12/2007	12	Steve L.	2/5/1986	33
We Care Grp		\$0.00		Debbie H.	2/25/2007	12	Pat J.	2/24/1985	34
Wed Night BBS @ Grange		\$0.00		Betsy C.	2/2/2006	13	Ginnev	2/2/1984	35
Westside Grp		\$0.00		Carol W.	2/8/2006	13	Laura L.	2/22/1984	35
Women in Progress		\$0.00		Jenni J.	2/8/2006	13	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	37
Women in Recovery	\$20.00	\$20.00		Laura F.	2/8/2006	13	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	38
Women Seeking Serenity		\$0.00		Merridith E.	2/21/2005	14	Garv F.	2/20/1981	38
				Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	14	Garv S.	2/18/1981	38
				John H.	2/25/2004	15	George W.	2/16/1979	40
				Mike F.	2/14/2004	15	Kate W.	7/28/1978	41
				Chuck S.	2/15/2003	16	Will L.	2/17/1978	41
				Debbie B.	2/13/2003	16	Skip W.	2/23/1977	42
				Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	16	Vic L.	2/5/1977	42
				Lennie H.	2/27/2003	16	Beverlv L.	2/15/1976	43
				Rick C.	2/3/2003	16	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	43
				T. J. S.	2/23/2003	16	Joe F.	2/27/1971	48
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## Managers Corner

**Congratulations to January's Birthday Raffle winner Sheila G. !!! The financial situation at Central Office due to the shortage in contributions is fast approaching a critical stage. If this does not change very soon we could face the closure of our office!**

# Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

**Don't forget to visit us on the Web!**

1st ~ Larry W. & Melissa V.

2nd ~ Wendy W. & Leila N.

3rd ~ Debbie L. & Cindy D.

4th ~ Stephanie S. & Danni-Lynn C.

5th ~ Christine F. & Vacant

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!**

Jeffrey Harlow

