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The Scoop

Intergroup Elections

Nominations for the Intergroup Board are to be made at the January and the 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 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 One

"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable."

Who cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us.

Tradition One

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it.

We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, "What a great thing A.A. might have been!"

Daily Reflections excerpt on the 1st Step

The Victory of Surrender

We perceive that only through utter defeat are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength. Our admissions of personal powerlessness finally turn out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built. 12 & 12, p. 21

When alcohol influenced every facet of my life, when bottles became the symbol of all my self-indulgence and permissiveness, when I came to realize that, by myself, I could do nothing to overcome the power of alcohol, I realized I had no recourse except surrender. In surrender I found victory – victory over my selfish self-indulgence, victory over my stubborn resistance to life as it was given to me. When I stopped fighting anybody or anything, I started on the path to sobriety, serenity and peace.

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

November Winner: Jennifer A.

Drop in to 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. (14 "quotes" this month, 12 plus 2 extra for the January newcomer.)

I never gave A.A. a try. I gave it a trial. *David F.*

My sponsor says "No." is a complete sentence.

I didn't want to fall out so I had to STEP in.

I wish there was a way to know you are in the good old days before you've already left them.

Anything that can change my sobriety date is not an outside issue. *Steve L.*

Did you ever stop to think that human Aid could be from God.

Word Game

FAITH, GUILT, IDENTIFICATION, INVENTORY, LOVE, OBSESSION, PEACE, PRIDE, PRIVACY, REVENGE, ANGER, SANITY, SERVICE, PREJUDICE, SLIPS, TROUBLE, WILL, WORRY, ENVY EXCUSES

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

"Bartender!! Give me a shot of incomprehensible demoralization and make it a double."

Time does not buy me another day.

My secrets were so secret that they were secret to me.

God interrupts me when I get thirsty because I ask Him to.

If you stay sober, you'll get to get old. *Cheryl N.*

There is no spot where God is Not. *Dr. Seuss*

My attitude will determine my altitude.

Do something for somebody, but don't get caught.

Business Meetings

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

District 7 (General Service): 2nd 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: 2nd 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>

For additional and up to date information, go to:
www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept I

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

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 30th Anniversary International Convention 1965

Group & World-Wide Community

The moment this Twelfth Step work forms a group, a discovery is made – that most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group. Realization dawns on each member that he is but a small part of a great whole; that no personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship. He learns that the clamor of desires and ambitions within him must be silenced whenever these could damage the group. It becomes

plain that the group must survive or the individual will not.
12 & 12, p. 130

Not Allied with Any Sect...

"While A. A. has restored thousands of poor Christians to their churches, and has made believers out of atheists and agnostics, it has also made good A.A.'s out of those belonging to the Buddhist, Islamic, and Jewish faiths. For example, we question very much whether our Buddhist members in Japan would ever have joined this Society had A. A. officially stamped itself a strictly Christian movement.

"You can easily convince yourself of this by imagining that A. A. started among the Buddhists and that they then told you you couldn't join them unless you became a Buddhist, too. If you were a Christian alcoholic under these circumstances, you might well turn your face to all and die."

Letter by Bill W. 1954

Comradeship in Peril

Our first woman alcoholic had been a patient of Dr. Harry Tiebout's, and he had handed her a prepublication manuscript copy of the Big Book. The first reading made her rebellious, but the second convinced her. Presently she came to a meeting held in our living room, and from there she returned to the sanitarium carrying this classic message to a fellow patient: "We aren't alone any more."

A.A. Comes of Age, p. 18

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

January 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Nov '18	Dec '18	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$46,077.37	\$4,294.67	\$50,372.04
Expenses	(\$40,609.62)	(\$3,052.08)	(\$43,661.70)
Cost of Goods	(\$34,030.84)	(\$4,354.89)	(\$38,385.73)
Contributions	\$22,886.59	\$3,301.90	\$26,188.49
Net Income	(\$5,676.50)	\$189.60	(\$5,486.90)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Nov '18	Dec '18	2018 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$95.00
AM Mod	\$4,518.48	\$433.00	\$4,951.48
Anonymous	\$1,406.41	\$65.00	\$1,471.41
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Arbor Court	\$120.00		\$120.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$125.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,299.54	\$317.00	\$1,616.54
AV Round-Up	\$673.78		\$673.78
AVYPBYOC	\$122.50		\$122.50
Birthday	\$381.00		\$381.00
Came to Believe	\$10.07		\$10.07
Clubhouse Meeting	\$57.00		\$57.00
Crown Valley Grp	\$757.00	\$69.80	\$826.80
Dare to be Different	\$17.46		\$17.46
Friday Noon - Alano	\$10.25		\$10.25
Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,729.23		\$1,729.23
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,031.00		\$1,031.00
Into Action	\$216.00	\$50.00	\$266.00
Lake Hughes Men's Stag	\$180.00		\$180.00
Lake Hughes Monday Night	\$183.54		\$183.54
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$1,750.34	\$403.18	\$2,153.52
New Beginnings	\$28.00		\$28.00
Open Door	\$283.12	\$16.88	\$300.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,020.56	\$1,121.49	\$2,142.05
Pearlblossom Grp	\$1,203.01	\$126.70	\$1,329.71
PM Mod	\$628.39		\$628.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$960.90	\$398.50	\$1,359.40
Rainbow Grp	\$8.49		\$8.49
Rosamond Sun Night	\$98.39		\$98.39
Rule 62 Grp	\$260.00		\$260.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$19.76		\$19.76
Sat Spkr Mth - Alano	\$20.26		\$20.26
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$22.27		\$22.27
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$30.00		\$30.00
Sun Night BBS	\$115.00	\$104.16	\$219.16
The Promises - Alano	\$12.61		\$12.61
Thurs Night BBS @ Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$15.82		\$15.82
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$346.56	\$41.00	\$387.56
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$47.56	\$8.00	\$55.56
Women Seeking Serenity	\$612.90	\$77.19	\$690.09
TOTALS	\$20,397.20	\$3,301.90	\$23,699.10

Belinda T.	1/9/2016	3	Spencer	1/29/2002	17
Rich M.	1/9/2016	3	Juan L.	1/1/2001	18
Lynn Z.	1/6/2014	5	Randy H.	1/19/2001	18
Katie D.	1/19/2014	5	Nonna W.	1/21/2000	19
Valerie D.	1/30/2014	5	Throne C.	1/18/2000	19
Chaz	1/7/2013	6	David S.	1/21/1999	20
Jenni J.	1/6/2013	6	Jeanne C.	1/10/1999	20
Kelli D.	1/24/2013	6	Sheila G.	1/15/1999	20
Tina R.	1/12/2013	6	Little Joe	1/3/1998	21
Deborah A.	1/14/2012	7	Shalaby B.	1/6/1998	21
Doug H.	1/10/2012	7	Dan P.	1/7/1997	22
Jennifer C.	1/13/2012	7	Daneen D.	1/4/1997	22
Josie	1/4/2012	7	Harvey S.	1/21/1997	22
Nicole S.	1/21/2012	7	Tony V.	1/6/1997	22
Patty T.	1/17/2012	7	Barry O.	1/13/1995	24
Rav E.	1/21/2012	7	Dawn Marie	1/14/1995	24
Terrance C.	1/1/2012	7	Jan H.	1/13/1995	24
Dave K.	1/29/2011	8	Ruth Lewis	1/18/1995	24
Jennifer M.	1/28/2011	8	Teresa P.	1/2/1995	24
Jessica Z.	1/31/2011	8	Melvin B.	1/7/1994	25
Kim G.	1/12/2011	8	Ralph L.	1/20/1994	25
Michelle S.	1/15/2011	8	Nani	1/12/1993	26
Morena	1/1/2011	8	Dan H.	1/15/1992	27
Ross W.	1/31/2011	8	Dave L.	1/2/1992	27
Steve T.	1/31/2011	8	Mike G.	1/23/1992	27
Tanya S.	1/10/2011	8	Robert H.	1/1/1992	27
Bob D.	1/1/2010	9	Sharon G.	1/15/1992	27
Kevin K.	1/12/2010	9	Kathy M.	1/27/1991	28
Kristin E.	1/10/2010	9	Sue M.	1/21/1991	28
Nico O.	1/15/2010	9	Tess H.	1/4/1991	28
Robert V.	1/7/2010	9	Janis P.	1/8/1990	29
Henry	1/18/2009	10	Mark C.	1/1/1990	29
Terry M.	1/29/2009	10	Bob K.	1/24/1989	30
Jenni J.	1/5/2008	11	Jennifer S.	1/10/1989	30
Jim B.	1/2/2008	11	Martha D.	1/22/1988	31
Lisa Marie W.	1/2/2008	11	Mike S.	1/20/1988	31
Nancy T.	1/21/2008	11	Scott H.	1/30/1988	31
Turhan D.	1/3/2008	11	Steve W.	1/29/1988	31
John O.	1/22/2007	12	Diane V.	1/17/1987	32
Rennie T.	1/20/2007	12	Rav M.	1/2/1987	32
Robert W.	1/29/2007	12	Margaret R.	1/4/1986	33
Rose L.	1/3/2007	12	Steve S.	1/29/1986	33
Soraveh J.	1/8/2007	12	Rick B.	1/13/1985	34
Susie B.	1/2/2007	12	Steve I.	1/23/1985	34
Jill M.	1/16/2006	13	Aurora	1/5/1984	35
Jim A.	1/4/2006	13	Christine M.	1/7/1984	35
Sandi P.	1/1/2006	13	Tom C.	1/10/1984	35
Eddie G.	1/18/2005	14	Sandy M.	1/31/1983	36
Jack F.	1/15/2005	14	Mike J.	1/18/1981	38
Monique J.	1/3/2005	14	Ellen B.	1/29/1980	39
Ruth M.	1/2/2005	14	Ken S.	1/19/1980	39
Tony F.	1/23/2005	14	Vito	1/15/1980	39
Michelle P.	1/15/2003	16	Sybil	1/19/1968	51
Jackie O.	1/17/2002	17			

Get your groups birthday list to Central Office . . . That's how they appear here!

Total Years = 1,990

Managers Corner

Happy New Year everyone!! December's Birthday Winner is Lacie C. ~ Congratulations!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

1st ~ Larry W. & Melissa V.
 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Michaela O.
 3rd ~ Stephanie S. & Leila N.
 4th ~ Debbie L. & Danni-Lynn C.
 5th ~ Christine F. & Vacant

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

