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The Scoop

AA in the AV

By Bruce L., District 7 Archivist

Last month we read that AA arrived in the Antelope Valley in 1948, according to an anonymous history we have in our possession. Then just days after that edition of the Scoop was published I came across an old meeting directory from Los Angeles, published in 1949 that had a meeting called the Palmdale Group listed at the Whitespot Hotel in "Palmdale, Calif." It's funny the people who made up the directory had to put "Calif." after Palmdale, as if no one in L.A. had ever heard of Palmdale and they weren't sure where it was.

At this time, the 1949 directory with the meeting in Palmdale is the earliest direct evidence we have of meetings in the AV.

Crescentia, 8:30 P.M.
North Hollywood Women's Group, 4343
Radford St., 8:30 P.M.
Norwalk Group, Woman's Club, Firestone
and Kainor, 8:30 P.M.
Orange Group, Woman's Club, Orange,
8:30 P.M.
**Palmdale Group, Whitespot Hotel, Palmdale,
Calif., 8:30 P.M.**
Riverside Group, Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Eighth
and Lemon Sts., 1st P.M.
San Pedro Group, Women's Club, 11th
and Gaffey, 8:30 P.M.
Santa Ana Group, Alcoholics Only, Mc-
Cormick Bldg., Main and Church, 8:30
P.M.
Studio Group, 10450 Stillson St., Palms
Women's Club, Palms, 8:30 P.M.
So. Vermont Group, 9618 So. Vermont,
8:30 P.M.
The Studio Group, Culver City, 8:30 P.M.
Van Nuys City Hall Group, 14410 Sylvan,
7:30 P.M.
Venice-Ocean Park Group, 68 Windward
Ave., 8:30 P.M.
Ventura Group, Guild Hall, Santa Clara
and Oak, 8:30 P.M.
West Los Angeles Group, Beginners' Meet-
ing, Legion Hall, 1170 Deloit, 8:30
P.M.
47th St. Group, 1717 W. 47th St., 8:30
P.M.

SATURDAY--
Camarillo Group, Juvenile Dining Room,
1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturday, 2:30 P.M.
Colton Group, Women's Club, 8:30 P.M.
Corona Group, Women's Improvement Club,
1101 Main St., 8:00 P.M.
El Monte Group, Civic Center, S. Tyler
St., 8:30 P.M.
Florence Halldale Group, 1454 W. Flor-
ence Ave., 8:30 P.M.
Glendale Burbank Group, Beginners' Meet-
ing, 102 N. Brand Blvd., 8:15 P.M.
Hollywood Group, Closed Meeting, 9:00 to
9:40 P.M., 2540 N. Beachwood Drive,
Hollywood Saturday Night Group, 7021
Hollywood Blvd., Basement of the

A. A.

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*Every night in the week there is an AA
meeting somewhere in the Los Angeles
area. For your convenience these meet-
ing places are listed herein. Keep this
list handy. It may prove a great help
in time of need.*

Published March, 1949



RIP Trevor B. Sober 7-8-2012 ~ 10-13-2019

Trevor was Vice Chairman for the Intergroup. He will be missed.

Step Eleven

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

Old Timer's Gratitude Poem

Arne is my name
Drinking booze was my game
I'd suck on those bottles to get the
last drop
As I was dying AA came and helped
me stop
My time in AA did not start well
I kept on drinking in a living hell
I had many questions and excuses
too
I had a suspicion my drinking was
through
My sponsor had many years sober
Kept saying AA stuff over and over
Thoughts about God came into my
brain

I got tied to the Big Book with a
 mental chain
 43 years sober I have a new attitude
 I call it God Conscious Gratitude
 I still go to meetings and read the
 Big Book too
 This kind of living keeps me from
 getting blue
 In 15 more years I'll be 100 years
 old
 I plan to be here with another poem
 to be told
 God has helped me, maybe I can
 help you
 Together we can help somebody
 new.

Arne P. AA '76

Tradition Eleven

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

Without its legions of well-wishers, A.A. could never have grown as it has. Throughout the world, immense and favorable publicity of every description has been the principal means of bringing alcoholics into our Fellowship. In A.A. offices, clubs, and homes, telephones ring constantly. One voice says, “I read a piece in the newspapers....”; another, “We heard a radio program....”; and still another, “We saw a moving picture....” or “We saw something about A.A. on television...”. It is no exaggeration to say half of A.A.’s membership has been led to us through channels like these.

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

September Winner: Myrna D..

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

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B.

To be continued next month

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

Thanksgiving @ The Grange

Mid-Day Mod Hosting
 11-28 @ 2:00pm (Cost \$0)
 41843 50th St. West
 Quartz Hill Grange Hall

Word Game

ACCEPTANCE; COMPLACENCY; DEPENDENCE; FAITH; GRATITUDE; HAPPINESS; LOVE; MEDITATION; NEWCOMER; PAIN; SANITY; UNITY; WILL; ADMISSION; EXCUSES; FEAR; GROWTH

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

Nearby Events

Area 93 Oldtimers Event

11/3 (11:30am) one day event
2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield
Prado Sr. Recreation Center
Cost: \$12

Miracle on the River

32nd Annual Havasu AA Roundup.
Starts 11/1/2019, 2:00pm, ends
11/3/2019.
Cost \$25
1477 Queens Bay, Lake Havasu
City, AZ (London Bridge Resort)

2020 International Convention

Registration opens 9/9/2019.
Advanced Registration Fees:
\$115, payable Check, Money order
or credit card. Register online
through www.aa.org. Credit card
only, use FAX (508) 743-3605
c/o Convention Data Services
7 Technology Park Drive
Bourne, MA 02532

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information, go to:**
www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept 11

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

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

Excerpts from As Bill Sees It

.....*In all Our Affairs*

“The chief purpose of A.A. is sobriety. We all realize that without sobriety we have nothing.

“However, it is possible to expand this simple aim into a great deal of nonsense, so far as the individual member is concerned. Sometimes we hear him say, in effect ‘Sobriety is my sole responsibility. After all, I’m a pretty fine chap, except for my drinking. Give me sobriety, and I’ve got it made!’

“As long as our friend clings to this comfortable alibi, he will make so little progress with his real life problems and responsibilities that he stands in a fair way to get drunk again. This is why AA’s Twelfth Step urges that we ‘practice these principles in all our affairs.’ We are not living just to be sober; we are living to learn, to serve, and to love.”
Letter from Bill W. 1966

No Personal Power

“At first, the remedy for my personal difficulties seemed so obvious that I could not imagine any alcoholic turning the proposition down were it properly presented to him. Believing so firmly that Christ can do anything, I had the unconscious conceit to suppose that He would do everything through me – right then and in the manner I chose. After six long months, I had to admit that not a soul had surly laid hold of the Master – not excepting myself.

“This brought me to the good healthy realization that there were plenty of situations left in the world over which I had no personal power – that if I was so ready to admit that to be the case with alcohol, so I must make the same admission with respect to much else. I would have to be still and know that He, not I, was God.”
Letter from Bill W., 1940

Middle of the Road

“In some sections of A.A., anonymity is carried to the point of real absurdity. Members are on such a poor basis of communication that they don’t even know each other’s last names or where each lives. It’s like the cell of an underground.

“In other sections, we see exactly the reverse. It is difficult to restrain A.A.’s from shouting too much before the whole public, by going on spectacular ‘lecture tours’ to play the big shot.

“However, I know that from these extremes we slowly pull ourselves onto a middle ground. Most lecture-giving members do not last too long, and the superanonymous people are apt to come out of hiding respecting their A.A. friends, business associates, and the like. I think the long-time trend is toward the middle of the road – which is probably where we should be.”
Letter from Bill W., 1959

Have You Experimented?

“Since open-mindedness and experimentation are supposed to be the indispensable attributes of our ‘specific’ civilization, it seems strange that so many scientists are reluctant to try out personally the hypothesis that God came first and man afterward. They prefer to believe that man is the chance product of evolution; that God, the Creator, does not exist.

“I can only report that I have experimented with both concepts and that, in my case, the God concept has proved to a better basis for living than the man-centered one.

“Nevertheless, I would be the first to defend your right to think as you will. I simply ask this question: ‘In your own life, have you ever really tried to think and act as though there might be a God? Have you experimented?’”
Letter from Bill W. 1950

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.**

November 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Sep '19	Oct '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$41,679.46	\$3,828.35	\$45,507.81
Expenses	(\$33,084.40)	(\$7,130.96)	(\$40,215.36)
Cost of Goods	(\$26,126.64)	(\$2,510.77)	(\$28,637.41)
Contributions	\$26,376.56	\$1,610.99	\$27,987.55
Net Income	\$8,844.98	(\$4,202.39)	\$4,642.59



Contributions

Group	Jan - Sep '19	Oct '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$20.00		\$20.00
AM Mod	\$3,515.26	\$634.25	\$4,149.51
Anonymous	\$1,768.18	\$25.00	\$1,793.18
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$125.43		\$125.43
AV Men's Stag	\$1,072.00	\$275.00	\$1,347.00
AV Round-Up	\$20.00		\$20.00
AVYPBYOC	\$72.00		\$72.00
Birthday	\$333.00		\$333.00
Came to Believe	\$23.54		\$23.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$1,172.00		\$1,172.00
Daily Reflection	\$14.70		\$14.70
Dare to be Different	\$33.76		\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$1,949.96	\$155.00	\$2,104.96
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$10.00		\$10.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,098.61		\$3,098.61
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$13.70		\$13.70
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,312.46		\$1,312.46
Into Action	\$150.00		\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$23.60		\$23.60
Lake Hughes Group	\$209.00		\$209.00
Last Call	\$130.72		\$130.72
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$1,295.74	\$421.74	\$1,717.48
New Beginnings	\$8.40		\$8.40
Open Door	\$216.30		\$216.30
Palmdale Grp	\$3,699.09		\$3,699.09
Pearblossom Grp	\$874.00		\$874.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39		\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,494.25		\$1,494.25
Rainbow Grp	\$120.40		\$120.40
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$445.80	\$100.00	\$545.80
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$75.52		\$75.52
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$60.00		\$60.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$10.37		\$10.37
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$19.57		\$19.57
Steps Workshop	\$297.69		\$297.69
Sun Night BBS	\$73.00		\$73.00
The Promises - Alano	\$17.35		\$17.35
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$11.00		\$11.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$629.59		\$629.59
Westside Grp	\$110.00		\$110.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$52.88		\$52.88
Women Seeking Serenity	\$731.30		\$731.30
TOTALS	\$25,592.38	\$1,610.99	\$27,203.37

Belinda T.	11/27/2015	4	Elizabeth M.	11/14/2003	16
Sarah F.	11/11/2014	5	Jim B.	11/7/2003	16
John R.	11/1/2012	7	John B.	11/25/2003	16
Kevin M.	11/13/2012	7	Michelle T.	11/15/2003	16
Shea G.	11/8/2012	7	Perry L.	11/6/2003	16
Stephen B.	11/21/2012	7	Sharon B.	11/11/2003	16
Christine F.	11/1/2011	8	Willy S.	11/27/2003	16
Britta S.	11/29/2010	9	Fidel V.	11/27/2002	17
Misty T.	11/20/2010	9	Joe B.	11/1/2002	17
Chris W.	11/17/2009	10	Julie B.	11/8/2002	17
Katherine R.	11/9/2009	10	Ralph S.	11/12/2002	17
Larry B.	11/7/2009	10	Sharon B.	11/17/2002	17
Lisa B.	11/24/2009	10	Art D.	11/30/2001	18
Louie U.	11/19/2009	10	Dana F.	11/5/2001	18
Max R.	11/7/2009	10	Darren F.	11/4/2001	18
Mike P.	11/18/2009	10	Jeff G.	11/14/2001	18
Shane K.	11/2/2009	10	Maggie V.	11/7/2001	18
Cholee M.	11/15/2008	11	David	11/22/2000	19
Connie P.	11/27/2008	11	John	11/27/1999	20
Cowboy Dave	11/30/2008	11	Colleen S.	11/22/1998	21
Frank P.	11/27/2008	11	Connie S.	11/1/1996	23
John W.	11/7/2008	11	Bob M.	11/12/1995	24
Richard M.	11/22/2008	11	Carmen S.	11/10/1995	24
Lauren S.	11/15/2007	12	Corey W.	11/2/1995	24
Lyle B.	11/21/2007	12	Mark H.	11/2/1995	24
Paul H.	11/22/2007	12	Edwin M.	11/24/1994	25
Dan Y.	11/28/2006	13	Frank D.	11/8/1992	27
Joe A.	11/1/2006	13	D. J.	11/6/1990	29
Julius G.	11/17/2006	13	Robert V.	11/1/1990	29
Ken M.	11/28/2006	13	Dan C.	11/7/1989	30
Laura M.	11/28/2006	13	Dave M.	11/28/1989	29
Melinda W.	11/19/2006	13	Joe K.	11/30/1989	30
Chris C.	11/4/2005	14	John M.	11/16/1988	31
David W.	11/14/2005	14	Dale W.	11/5/1987	32
Deanna R.	11/7/2005	14	Robert Holt	11/8/1987	32
Debbie W.	11/18/2005	14	Denise J.	11/25/1986	33
Donna M.	11/28/2005	14	Donna A.	11/7/1985	34
Gavland D.	11/15/2005	14	Dolores S.	11/27/1984	35
Hannv H.	11/28/2005	14	Ed B.	11/1/1983	36
Jackie B.	11/26/2005	14	Larry Mc.	11/25/1982	37
James S.	11/10/2005	14	Mike H.	11/13/1982	37
Mark L.	11/27/2005	14	Virginia G.	11/25/1982	37
Mark W.	11/3/2005	14	David F.	11/4/1981	38
Tammy R.	11/24/2005	14	John S.	11/21/1981	38
Terry T.	11/1/2005	14	Don P.	11/11/1978	41
Doug H.	11/8/2004	15	Brian	11/13/1977	42
Elov C.	11/17/2004	15	Marge M.	11/7/1977	42
Jose A.	11/2/2004	15	Arne P.	11/10/1976	43
Kevin E.	11/13/2004	15	Al H.	11/6/1972	47
Kim S.	11/22/2004	15	John C.	11/17/1973	48
Mvrel	11/6/2004	15	Don R.	11/15/1967	52
Anna C.	11/10/2003	16			

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

Total Years = 2,011

Managers Corner

Congratulations to this month's winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle ~ David P.!! Do you have an AA birthday this month? Come in to the office and receive a free raffle ticket . . . You could be our next winner!

This is Gratitude Month ~ if you are grateful to your sobriety and what AA has done for you, it is time to give back! Either participate at your group when they pass the second basket or come by Central Office and make your donation.

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vanessa D.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Jason D.
- 3rd ~ Debbie L. & Cindy D.
- 4th ~ Stephanie S. & Karen M.
- 5th ~ Debbie Z. & Vacant

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Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

