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The Scoop

AA in the AV

By Bruce L., District 7 Archivist

This brief piece marks the beginning of a series of installments about the history of AA in the Antelope Valley. Most of what we have for the earliest days comes from an anonymous writer who did interviews and jotted down notes in 1989.

AA arrived in the AV in 1948 from Los Angeles. The anonymous writer says he could track the various meeting locations based on interviews with five long-timers with a total of 175 years sober in 1989. Eight out of ten meetings were in people's homes.

An AA phone number was in the Antelope Valley phone book since the early 1950s. One man put it there and he paid for it out of pocket until he died in the 1970s.

In 1966 there was a weekly meeting in Palmdale at Carl P.'s house (personal note: Carl P. was Whitey's sponsor and Whitey was my first sponsor). In Lancaster there was one meeting a week at Beech and Lancaster. The Arid Club was started in 1967. Secrecy and word of mouth really made AA stay underground in those days and true 12-step calls were how AA grew, one drunk talking to another.

Future installments of AA in the AV will flesh out more details on these early days in the High Desert. Thank you for reading.

Bruce

Step Ten

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we

were wrong promptly admitted it.”

As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day, in fair weather or foul. Then comes the acid test: can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?

A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong.

Tradition Ten

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be

said that we were born with it, for, as one oldtimer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

August Winner: Jo Ann G.

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

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B. at the AV Roundup Old Timers Meeting on 8/16/2019

Leader: David P. ((9/21/1986

Richard W. (9/14/1983) Love & Service

Debra R. (4/4/1988) If you smile at someone, it may be the only smile they see all day.

John R. (9/7/1986) Thank God for freedom from myself.

Elizebeth I. (6/10/1980) My goal is to be an elder statesman.

Peggy D (10/3/1975) I had my last drink in Massachusetts, 43 years ago..

Linda Z. (8/11/1988) I'm lucky I got old, the way I drank.

Carolyn (11/14/1980) A God blessing program. You don't get old drinking.

Mary B. (3/21/1982) I'm here because of an old fashioned 12-step call.

Eddie D. (8/9/1982) I haven't had a drink all day.

Sheryl N. (3/10/1976) I believe that Someone was looking out for me.

Sandy M. (9/30/1974) I got to ride the big bus to San Pedro Jail.

Stephanie S. (4/23/1979) Never say no to an A.A. request. I'm grateful to be on this side of the ground.

Randy S. (12/9/1988) There is only one person that can talk me into a drink, and that's me.

Word Game

WILLINGNESS; VIGILANCE; UNITY; UNIQUENESS; TRUST; LEGACIES; TRADITIONS STEPS; SURRENDER; PROGRESS; SLIPS; PRAYER; SERVICE; SELFISHNESS; SECURITY; SECRETS; SANITY; PRIDE

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

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

Sorry, no local events are listed on the website for *October*. Please check the web site later for more information.

Nearby Events

Sorry, no nearby events are listed on the website for *October*. Please check the web site later for more information.

Nearby Events (November And on)

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

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

www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept 10

Every service representative should
be matched by an equal service

authority, with the scope of such
authority well defined.



Excerpts from As Bill Sees It

“You can’t make a horse drink
water if he still prefers beer or is too
crazy to know what he does want.
Set a pail of water beside him, tell
him how good it is and why, and
leave him alone.”

“If people really want to get
drunk, there is, so far as I know, no
way of stopping this – so leave them
alone and let them get drunk. But
don’t exclude them from the water
pail, either.”

Letter from Bill W., 1942

“Dr. Bob was my constant
companion and partner in the great
A.A. adventure. As the physician
and great human being that he was,
he chose work with others as his
prime A.A. vocation and achieved a
record which, in quantity and in
quality, none will ever surpass.
Assisted by the incomparable Sister
Ignatia at St. Thomas Hospital in
Akron, he – without charge—
medically treated and spiritually
infused five thousand sufferers.”

“In all the stress and strain of
A.A.’s pioneering time, no hard word
ever passed between us. For this, I

can thankfully say that the credit
was all his.”

Letter from Bill W. 1966

“Change is the characteristic of
all growth. From drinking to
sobriety, from dishonesty to
honesty, from conflict to serenity,
from hate to love, from childish
dependence to adult responsibility –
all this an infinitely more represent
change for the better

Such changes are accomplished
by a belief in and a practice of
sound principles. Here we must
needs discard bad or ineffective
principles in favor of good ones that
work. Even good principles can
sometimes be displaced by the
discovery of still better ones.

“Only God is unchanging; only
He has all the truth there is.”

Letter from Bill W. 1966

“Because of drinking, my friend
Henry had lost a high-salaried job.
There remained a fine house – with
a budget three times his reduced
earnings.

“He could have rented the house
for enough to carry it. But no!
Henry said he knew that God
wanted him to live there, and He
would see that the costs were paid.
So Henry went on running up bills
and glowing with faith. Not
surprisingly, his creditors finally took
over the place.

“Henry can laugh about it now,
having learned that God more often
helps those who are willing to help
themselves.”

Letter from Bill W. 1966

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.**

October 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug '19	Sep '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$38,594.78	\$3,084.68	\$41,679.46
Expenses	(\$30,658.36)	(\$2,426.04)	(\$33,084.40)
Cost of Goods	(\$22,550.62)	(\$3,576.02)	(\$26,126.64)
Contributions	\$25,328.50	\$1,048.06	\$26,376.56
Net Income	\$10,714.30	(\$1,869.32)	\$8,844.98



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Aug '19	Sep '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$20.00		\$20.00
AM Mod	\$3,515.26		\$3,515.26
Anonymous	\$1,652.63	\$115.55	\$1,768.18
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$125.43		\$125.43
AV Men's Stag	\$1,072.00		\$1,072.00
AV Round-Up	\$20.00		\$20.00
AVYPBYOC	\$72.00		\$72.00
Birthday	\$279.00	\$54.00	\$333.00
Came to Believe	\$23.54		\$23.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$872.00	\$300.00	\$1,172.00
Daily Reflection	\$14.70		\$14.70
Dare to be Different	\$33.76		\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$1,799.96	\$150.00	\$1,949.96
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		\$1,295.74
New Beginnings	\$8.40		\$8.40
Open Door	\$216.30		\$216.30
Palmdale Grp	\$3,699.09		\$3,699.09
Pearlblossom Grp	\$874.00		\$874.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39		\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,249.75	\$244.50	\$1,494.25
Rainbow Grp	\$77.64	\$42.76	\$120.40
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$445.80		\$445.80
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	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$110.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$52.88		\$52.88
Women Seeking Serenity	\$620.05	\$111.25	\$731.30
TOTALS	\$24,655.57	\$1,048.06	\$25,592.38

Denise M.	10/8/2015	4	Terry K.	10/28/2003	16
Shaylin M.	10/2/2014	5	Rick M.	10/1/2002	17
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	7	Spike H.	10/18/2002	17
Aira	10/11/2012	7	Julie W.	10/29/2001	18
Scott E.	10/19/2012	7	Sean C.	10/22/2001	18
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	8	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	19
Garv G.	10/28/2011	8	Ken C.	10/22/2000	19
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	8	Marv D.	10/17/2000	19
Christina C.	10/13/2010	9	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	19
David Y.	10/1/2010	9	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	22
John M.	10/15/2010	9	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	23
Michael H.	10/23/2010	9	Jim C.	10/17/1996	23
Omar	10/30/2010	9	Sue B.	10/16/1996	23
Robert R.	10/17/2010	9	Terry C.	10/4/1996	23
Craig M.	10/5/2009	10	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	24
Fran	10/21/2009	10	Andra M.	10/7/1994	25
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	10	Tori B.	10/28/1994	25
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	10	Jon B.	10/12/1993	26
Marty C.	10/23/2009	10	Robin W.	10/22/1993	26
Michele L.	10/3/2009	10	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	26
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	10	Dave S.	10/1/1992	27
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	10	Garv W.	10/25/1991	28
James K.	10/19/2008	11	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	28
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	11	Linda P.	10/15/1991	28
Joe A.	10/7/2008	11	Bob H.	10/3/1990	29
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	11	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	29
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	11	David L.	10/16/1990	29
Sean B.	10/7/2008	11	Ken C.	10/6/1990	29
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	11	Stan U.	10/3/1990	29
Will F.	10/11/2008	11	Craig C.	10/2/1988	31
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	12	Pat J.	10/23/1988	31
Feline R.	10/6/2007	12	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	32
Gary S.	10/3/2007	12	Randy P.	10/31/1987	32
Jason F.	10/23/2007	12	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	32
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	12	Jim B.	10/23/1986	33
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	12	Roger W.	10/15/1986	33
Mike M.	10/15/2007	12	David P.	10/14/1985	34
Mike W.	10/14/2007	12	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	36
Soncherrav	10/17/2007	12	Betty W.	10/6/1983	36
Steve F.	10/25/2007	12	Bob B.	10/25/1983	36
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	14	Brent H.	10/16/1983	36
Mike L.	10/25/2005	14	Gary W.	10/6/1983	36
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	14	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	36
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	15	Dan G.	10/10/1980	39
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	15	Tim D.	10/23/1980	39
Brian W.	10/21/2003	16	Danny M.	10/18/1978	41
Francis F.	10/18/2003	16	Willy B.	10/9/1978	41
John E.	10/2/2003	16	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	43
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	16	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	44
Kathy B.	10/5/2003	16	Bill P.	10/6/1974	45
Michele S.	10/10/2003	16	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	45
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	16	Link	10/28/1956	63

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

Total Years = 2,138

Managers Corner

If you don't see your birthday on our monthly list please have your group pass a roster around and forward it to the office so we can get it straightened out. Our information is only as good as what is provided! ***Haven't joined the Faithful Fivers? Why not? This is a mere cup of coffee per month and the result is we support the office that saves lives and brings people to our meetings. Don't delay, sign up today - our Central Office is far too important!!***

CONGRATULATIONS Myrna D. ~ our September Birthday Raffle Winner!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

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

Scoop 4

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

