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The Scoop

Step Nine

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence – these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.

After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases where action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Tradition Nine

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

When Tradition Nine was first written, it said that “Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization.” In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous – A.A. as a whole – should never be organized at all. Then, in seeming contradiction we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized. How, then, can we have an unorganized movement which can and does create a service organization for itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, “What do they mean, no organization?”

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

July Winner: Trish J.

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

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B

Whatever you are not changing,
you are choosing.

I drank so much, that my blood
type is A.A.

If you could kick the person in
the pants responsible for most of
your trouble, you wouldn't sit for
a month. *Theodore Roosevelt*

The true value of a human is
primarily determined by the
measure and the sense in which

he has attained liberation from
self. 1932 *Albert Einstein*

Alcohol is not my drug of choice,
it is my drug of no choice.

I had countless vain attempts to
minimize the damage.

If you don't like me, I'm going to
not like you first.

A.A. is the only place in the world
where we come as a big shot
and work our way up to Servant.
Bob D.

Self centered people are not
awake to those around them.

God made me in his own image
and then I used that on Him.

I once tried to save a moment
and I missed it.

You will fall in love with A.A. if
you serve it.

Sometimes I think the wind in my
sail is me.

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. Please check
back later for more information.

Nearby Events

Sorry, no nearby events are
listed on the website. Please
check back later for more
information.

Word Game

PRINCIPLES; REALTY; SURRENDER; SANITY; TOLERANCE;
SPIRITUALITY; UNITY; SERENITY; WILLINGNESS; PROGRESS;
TRUST; PAST; SERVICE; SIMPLICITY; SECURITY; SOBRIETY;
TIME; SLIPS; HUMOR

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

Other Events

Woman to Woman, San Diego

9/27/2019 (3:00p) – 9/29/2019

1710 W. Mission Bay Drive

San Diego, (The Dana on

Mission Bay) (Cost \$190)

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)

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

www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept 9

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

God Will Not Desert Us

“Word comes to me that you are making a magnificent stand in adversity – this adversity being the state of your health. It gives me a chance to express my gratitude for your recovery in A.A. and especially for the demonstration of its principles you are now so inspiringly giving to us all.

“You will be glad to know that A.A.’s have an almost unfailing record in this respect. This, I think, is because we are so aware that God will not desert us when the chips are down; indeed, He did not when we were drinking. And so it should be with the remainder of life.

“Certainly, He does not plan to save us from all troubles and adversity. Nor, in the end, does He save us from so-called death – since this is but an opening of a door into a new life, where we shall dwell among His many mansions. Touching these things I now you have a most confident faith.”

Letter from Bill W., 1966

Freed Prisoners

“Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn’t any really essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.’s now know.

“Therefore, when you members come into the world of

A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be – not what you were – is all that counts with us.”

*Letter to a prison group
from Bill W., 1949*

“Mental and emotional difficulties are sometimes very hard to take while we are trying to maintain sobriety. Yet we do see, in the long run, that transcendence over such problems is the real test of the A.A. way of living. Adversity gives us more opportunity to grow than does comfort or success.”

Letter from Bill W., 1964

Maudlin Martyrdom

“Self-pity is one of the most unhappy and consuming defects that we know. It is a bar to all spiritual progress that can put off all effective communication with our fellows because of its inordinate demands for attention and sympathy. It is a maudlin form of martyrdom which we can ill afford.

“The remedy? Well let’s have a hard look at ourselves, and a still harder one at A.A.’s Twelve Steps to recovery. When we see how many of our fellow A.A.’s have used the Steps to transcend great pain and adversity, we shall be inspired to try these life-giving principles for ourselves.”

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.**

September 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jul '19	Aug '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$34,991.50	\$3,603.28	\$38,594.78
Expenses	(\$28,211.23)	(\$2,447.13)	(\$30,658.36)
Cost of Goods	(\$20,661.21)	(\$1,889.41)	(\$22,550.62)
Contributions	\$22,671.21	\$2,657.29	\$25,328.50
Net Income	\$8,790.27	\$1,924.03	\$10,714.30



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Jul '19	Aug '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$20.00		\$20.00
AM Mod	\$2,957.70	\$557.56	\$3,515.26
Anonymous	\$1,391.68	\$260.95	\$1,652.63
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 Roundup	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
AVYPBYOC	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$72.00
Birthday	\$209.00	\$70.00	\$279.00
Came to Believe	\$23.54		\$23.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$872.00		\$872.00
Daily Reflection	\$14.70		\$14.70
Dare to be Different	\$33.76		\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$1,513.02	\$286.94	\$1,799.96
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$10.00		\$10.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,338.85	\$759.76	\$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	\$149.00	\$60.00	\$209.00
Last Call	\$80.72	\$50.00	\$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	\$3,650.09	\$49.00	\$3,699.09
Pearlblossom Grp	\$874.00		\$874.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39		\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,099.75	\$150.00	\$1,249.75
Rainbow Grp	\$57.64	\$20.00	\$77.64
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$400.00	\$45.80	\$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	\$145.44	\$152.25	\$297.69
Sun Night BBS	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$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	\$549.56	\$80.03	\$629.59
Westside Grp	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$80.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$52.88		\$52.88
Women Seeking Serenity	\$620.05		\$620.05
TOTALS	\$21,998.28	\$2,657.29	\$24,575.57

Frankie F.	9/16/2015	4	Jeff N.	9/2/1997	22
Michael H.	9/29/2015	4	Lil John	9/1/1997	22
Jamie K.	9/21/2013	6	Stephen C.	9/21/1997	22
Amanda	9/10/2012	7	David M.	9/27/1996	23
Kara R.	9/21/2012	7	Donna S.	9/5/1996	23
Kathy O.	9/15/2012	7	Greg Call	9/27/1995	24
Monica T.	9/28/2012	7	Mark M.	9/10/1995	24
Yvonne	9/24/2012	7	Dan S.	9/26/1994	25
Alex W.	9/16/2011	8	Greg B.	9/1/1994	25
Angela J.	9/15/2011	8	Steve B.	9/16/1994	25
Carrie C.	9/23/2011	8	Billy B.	9/15/1992	27
Ed V.	9/24/2011	8	Don O.	9/17/1992	27
Kristal H.	9/5/2011	8	Teri P.	9/1/1992	27
Marcy B.	9/3/2011	8	David L.	9/18/1991	28
Margi B.	9/3/2011	8	Margaret D.	9/4/1991	28
Paul B.	9/15/2011	8	Steven M.	9/1/1991	28
Larry W.	9/17/2011	8	Chuck	9/30/1990	29
Shelley Y.	9/20/2011	8	Cindy G.	9/30/1990	29
Tina V.	9/24/2011	8	Jov L.	9/5/1990	29
Ashley S.	9/22/2010	9	Becky M.	9/10/1989	30
Brian S.	9/10/2010	9	Fred H.	9/6/1989	30
Herb	9/27/2010	9	John S.	9/15/1989	30
J.P.	9/23/2010	9	Mvna D.	9/9/1989	30
Rick S.	9/14/2010	9	Glen M.	9/20/1988	31
Tanva W.	9/10/2010	9	Mike S.	9/18/1988	31
Billy M.	9/10/2009	10	Ralph C.	9/18/1988	31
Clayton R.	9/23/2009	10	Ron P.	9/7/1988	31
Randy P.	9/2/2009	10	Stuart S.	9/19/1988	31
Adrian K.	9/28/2008	11	Darlene L.	9/27/1987	32
Christine K.	9/10/2008	11	Rex V.	9/24/1987	32
Monty T.	9/30/2008	11	David P.	9/21/1986	33
Tim B.	9/24/2008	11	John R.	9/7/1986	33
Mary M.	9/3/2007	12	David S.	9/18/1985	34
Patricia M.	9/11/2007	12	Nathan B.	9/29/1985	34
Alexander W.	9/1/2006	13	Barbara C.	9/9/1984	35
Nick W.	9/12/2006	13	Mark F.	9/9/1983	36
Doug M.	9/27/2005	14	Connie G.	9/6/1982	37
Paul M.	9/27/2005	14	Helen B.	9/10/1981	38
Yolanda B.	9/14/2005	14	Bev S.	9/7/1980	39
Rocky C.	9/19/2004	15	Chuck C.	9/20/1980	39
Clvde L.	9/21/2003	16	Sally K.	9/1/1980	39
Jacqueline R.	9/13/2003	16	Billy F.	9/1/1979	40
Latanya J.	9/10/2003	16	Vicki F.	9/20/1978	41
Michael P.	9/22/2003	16	Tony J.	9/30/1977	42
Margie K.	9/13/2002	17	Al Russell	9/7/1976	43
Barbara S.	9/16/2000	19	Mickie F.	9/13/1976	43
John P.	9/20/2000	19	Sandy M.	9/30/1974	45
Doti M.	9/28/1999	20	Frank P.	9/26/1973	46
Robert M.	9/6/1999	20	Carole C.	9/5/1970	49
Tom D.	9/11/1999	20			

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

Total Years = 2,123

Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! 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 Joann G ~ our August Birthday Raffle Winner!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

1st ~ Larry W. & Lori D.
 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!

