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AA in the AV 15

by Bruce L.
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We continue with our story that ended in last month's Scoop with a small group who called themselves The AV Group forming around 1958-1959. The anonymous author of this tale says they rented a small house at Fern and Lancaster Blvd.

They threw the key away and moved a recovering drunk in a bedroom. To answer a telephone they had installed. This was the first number for AA in the Antelope Valley. The person we had living there slipped & would ask the caller if they had anything to drink or. If they said yes he would make the call himself and help them get rid of it.

"They threw the key away and moved a recovering drunk in a bedroom to answer a telephone they had installed. This was the first number for AA in the Antelope Valley. [Editor's note: this was not the first number. We learned in AA in the AV 6 that a sober alcoholic paid for and listed a phone number in the early 1950s, which was the number that Linc H. called in 1956 to begin his sobriety. Anyway, to continue...]

The person we had living there slipped and would ask the caller if they had anything to drink. If they said yes he would make the call himself and help them get rid of it.

Another person on the list would make the 12 step call and then borrow money from the newcomer. In my case I waited 12 years to be paid back. Because Linc H. believed in the traditions we survived as a group in spite of some of the sick individuals in it."

To be continued...

Step 12

"Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

"Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? . . . No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. **If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on.** And if it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life—the one that did not work—for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever."

~ Bill W., December 1957



FREEDOM



HAPPINESS



SERENITY



PEACE

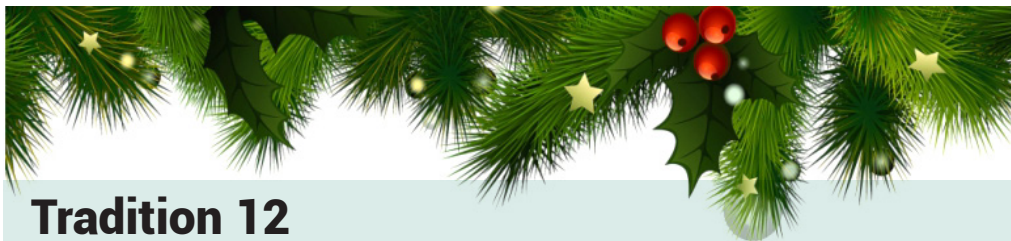
Quotable Quotes

Heard in the Zooms of the AV and Beyond...

- #1 "We are likely to enjoy the confidence and respect of others when we mind our own business." ~Bill W. 1963.
- #2 "The discomfort in change is the avoidance." ~Bob T.
- #3 "If I would have known it was my last drink... I would have ordered TWO!!!" ~ Chuck D. Laguna Niguel, 10-10-20
- #4 "I thank God for being a thief ...because I stole the big book!"

"Heard at the ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL 2015"

- #5 "I was an 11 year old social drinker."
- #6 "I was always being given the license to drink."
- #7 "She had just about all of my drinking that she could enjoy."
- #8 "My excuse was: 'I was kinda in a holding pattern.'"
- #9 "I didn't quit drinking !... I got kicked out in the nick of time."
- #10 "When I stopped picking... God started sending.."
- #11 "I saw others coming to LIFE, and they came in after me! It was then that I knew!"
- #12 "God had to remove things from my life to get an honest prayer from me."



Tradition 12

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."

"And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

Concept 12 – Twelve Concepts of World Service

"The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action."



Word Search

ANONYMITY	GIFTS	RESPONSIBILITY
AWAKENING	JOY	SPIRITUAL
EXPERIENCE	PRINCIPLES	TWELVE



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

LET GO AND LET GOD

As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God,
Because He was my friend.
But then, instead of leaving Him
In peace, to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help,
With ways that were my own.

At last, I snatched them back
and cried,
"How can you be so slow?"
"My child," He said,
"What could I do?
You never did let go."

In memory of Herman Lee

Holiday Message from Bill

December 1970

Gratitude is just about the finest attribute we can have, and how deeply we of AA realize this at Christmastime. Together, we count and ponder our blessings of life, of service, of love. In these distraught times, we have been enabled to find an always-increasing measure of peace within ourselves. Together with all here at AA's General Service Offices, Lois joins me in warmest greetings to each and all of you, and we share our confident faith that the year to come will be counted among the best that our Fellowship has ever known.

Source: Box 4-5-9, Winter 2012



Upcoming Events

Intergroup Meeting

When: Thurs. December 3, 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Code: 839 3817 5299 PW: 812426

AV Intergroup Zoom Bingo

When: Fri. December 4, 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!!! Join us for our first ever virtual Bingo fundraiser.

For more info on how to join, call or text Carol O. @ 661-583-6214

Excerpts from As Bill Sees It

21 Citizens Again – "Each of us in turn—that is, the member who gets the most out of the program—spends a very large amount of time on Twelfth Step work in the early years. That was my case, and perhaps I should not have stayed sober with less work.

"However, sooner or later most of us are presented with other obligations—to family, friends, and country. As you will remember, the Twelfth Step also refers to 'practicing these principles in all our affairs.' Therefore, I think your choice of whether to take a particular Twelfth Step job is to be found in your own conscience. No one else can tell you for certain what you ought to do at a particular time.

"I just know that you are expected, at some point, to do more than carry the message of A.A. to other alcoholics. In A.A. we aim not only for sobriety—we try again to become citizens of the world that we rejected, and of the world that once rejected us. This is the ultimate demonstration toward which Twelfth Step work is the first but not the final step." (Letter 1959)

148 More Than Comfort – "When I am feeling depressed, I repeat to myself statements such as these: "Pain is the touchstone of progress."... "Fear no evil."... "This, too, will pass."... "This experience can be turned to benefit."

These fragments of prayer bring far more than mere comfort. They keep me on the track of right acceptance; they break up my compulsive themes of guilt, depression, rebellion, and pride; and sometimes they endow me with the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

How Do I Make a Contribution to AV Intergroup?

Scan the
QR code
to use
CashApp



Or, visit
www.avcentraloffice.org
for the link to AV Intergroup
on PayPal

H.A.L.T.

**HALT = Hungry,
Angry, Lonely, Tired**
Fix these situations
before you make any
decisions.

December 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Oct '20	Nov '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$23,429.05	\$1,251.73	\$24,680.78
Expenses	(\$31,642.80)	(\$877.14)	(\$32,519.94)
Cost of Goods	(\$15,403.39)	(\$1,631.00)	(\$17,034.39)
Contributions	\$25,055.19	\$2,583.78	\$27,638.97

Net Income	\$1,438.05	\$1,327.37	\$2,765.42
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Contributions

Group	Jan - Oct '20	Nov '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM Mod	\$3,194.82	\$267.62	\$3,462.44
Anonymous	\$6,439.07	\$377.16	\$6,816.23
Any Lengths Group	\$25.00		\$25.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$665.00		\$665.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$277.46		\$277.46
Came to Believe	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Daily Reflection	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different	\$0.00		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$375.00	\$30.00	\$405.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$470.00		\$470.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,812.91	\$1,375.00	\$4,187.91
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$100.00		\$100.00
Into Action	\$150.00		\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$90.00		\$90.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$170.00		\$170.00
Last Call	\$0.00		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$90.00		\$90.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$1,226.00		\$1,226.00
New Beginnings	\$80.20		\$80.20
Open Door	\$291.41		\$291.41
Palmdale Grp	\$209.00		\$209.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$574.00		\$574.00
PM Mod	\$1,157.36		\$1,157.36
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$709.76	\$120.00	\$829.76
Rainbow Grp	\$40.00		\$40.00
Recovery at the Ranch	\$490.87	\$294.00	\$784.87
Rosamond Sun Night	\$240.00	\$100.00	\$340.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps Workshop	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$71.00		\$71.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$19.12		\$19.12
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sober Sisters	\$20.00		\$20.00
Gratitude		\$20.00	
TOTALS	\$20,217.98	\$2,583.78	\$22,831.76



Chelsea N.	12/30/2015	5	Debbie C.	12/19/2004	16
Keith H.	12/27/2015	5	James K.	12/25/2004	16
Judy	12/26/2015	5	John H.	12/25/2004	16
Jim M.	12/13/2015	5	Sheryl L.	12/18/2004	16
Ross	12/14/2014	6	Arnold S.	12/17/2003	17
Steve S.	12/29/2014	6	Carol W.	12/22/2003	17
Derrick	12/1/2013	6	Faith V.	12/8/2002	18
Janie G.	12/3/2013	7	Leroy P.	12/2/2002	18
Regina B.	12/9/2013	7	Mike Z.	12/24/2002	18
Denise H.	12/14/2013	7	Adrienne R.	12/17/2001	19
Angelina	12/15/2013	7	Donna H.	12/21/2000	20
Geno	12/17/2013	7	MaryAnn	12/28/2000	20
Margie H.	12/24/2013	7	Anthony H.	12/8/1999	21
Don C.	12/24/2013	7	Jerry M.	12/2/1999	21
Eddie A.	12/18/2012	8	Brenda D.	12/17/1998	22
Jennifer M.	12/29/2012	8	J.J. F.	12/10/1998	22
Sarah M.	12/31/2012	8	Latovia H.	12/31/1998	22
Stewart L.	12/23/2012	8	Gerry K.	12/16/1997	23
Alex W.	12/13/2011	9	Tim A.	12/1/1997	23
Anita H.	12/31/2011	9	Dawn N.	12/1/1995	25
Brandon E.	12/7/2011	9	Jim B.	12/22/1995	25
Cindy	12/30/2011	9	Anthony L.	12/13/1994	26
Jackie C.	12/6/2011	9	Jim M.	12/10/1994	26
Mark N.	12/12/2011	9	Mark B.	12/28/1994	26
Robert	12/26/2011	9	Shawn L.	12/21/1994	26
Sevasti	12/27/2011	9	Arisah M.	12/1/1993	27
Warren F.	12/14/2011	9	Jay W.	12/15/1993	27
Andy K.	12/22/2010	10	Jeff F.	12/2/1993	27
Cathy G.	12/17/2010	10	Yvette B.	12/1/1993	27
Rusty M.	12/2/2010	10	Keith B.	12/7/1992	28
Diane R.	12/9/2009	11	Tauri B.	12/24/1992	28
David S.	12/16/2009	11	Alan H.	12/15/1991	29
Keri S.	12/17/2009	11	Marv K.	12/5/1991	29
Paul	12/13/2009	11	Ronny D.	12/11/1991	29
Luis H.	12/7/2009	11	Augie A.	12/16/1990	30
Michael A.	12/29/2009	11	Ellen H.	12/28/1990	30
Aaron S.	12/24/2008	12	Carol R.	12/19/1989	31
David H.	12/6/2008	12	Sherman B.	12/29/1988	32
Jeff C.	12/25/2008	12	Suzie K.	12/14/1988	32
Christy W.	12/26/2008	12	Randy S.	12/9/1988	32
Jeff P.	12/26/2008	12	Tim W.	12/31/1987	33
Jennifer V.	12/7/2008	12	Bob S.	12/16/1986	34
John S.	12/7/2008	12	Dave A.	12/19/1986	34
Luis C.	12/13/2008	12	Jay W.	12/2/1986	34
Nicole D.	12/10/2008	12	Nancy	12/9/1986	34
Kelli T.	12/10/2007	13	Phil G.	12/4/1986	34
Rita W.	12/12/2007	13	Keith-Scott D.	12/15/1985	35
Sandy W.	12/18/2007	13	Susie G.	12/13/1985	35
Tiffany D.	12/15/2007	13	Mike C.	12/31/1984	36
Josh R.	6/19/2006	14	Nancy S.	12/31/1984	36
Mario V.	12/29/2006	14	Bill D.	12/12/1983	37
Don R.	12/13/2005	15	Ann H.	12/8/1982	38
Maricela M.	12/19/2005	15	John	12/31/1982	38
Marv O.	12/7/2005	15	Kathy H.	12/8/1981	39
Michelle R.	12/25/2005	15	Carol C.	12/28/1980	40
Scott C.	12/7/2005	15	Jeanne B.	12/31/1978	42
Will S.	12/23/2005	15	Sandy N.	12/26/1978	42
Barbara J.	12/9/2004	16	Phyllis C.	12/25/1976	44
Big J. West	12/26/2004	16	Ed H.	12/1/1973	47
			Fred B.	12/7/1967	53

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

Total Years = 2,328

Managers Corner

Have you signed up for the Faithful Fiver program? This is a simple way to show your gratitude for what Alcoholics Anonymous is doing for you and to support our Central Office. Our office is the front line of our assistance to those who still suffer; please sign up!



There is no November Birthday Raffle winner because no one entered!!



Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Maureen D.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Debbie Z. & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Dawn E. & Karen M.
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

