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The Scoop

AA in the AV

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We have learned that the first listed AA meeting in Palmdale was at the White Spot Hotel in 1949 and that the first listed meeting in Lancaster was at the Lancaster Community Hall in 1950 (but of course there may have been other meetings earlier, perhaps in individuals' homes, that were not officially listed).

Here is a picture (unknown date) of the White Spot Cafe and Hotel in Palmdale.



The Lancaster meeting was listed as Lancaster Community Hall, but since there was no building in Lancaster with that specific name (at least that we know of), local historian Norma Gurba concludes this must have been the Cedar Avenue Complex, built 1920–1938, at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Lancaster Boulevard, shown here in a recent photo.



This building today is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but probably not because it housed early AA meetings in the Antelope Valley (only in our grandiosity might we think a building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places because it had early AA meetings). It was built as a civic center and was tied closely to the historic growth of Lancaster and the Antelope Valley and therefore has historic significance. Now we know it also has historic significance to us, AAs of the AV.

We also know there was a speaker meeting held in the Cedar Avenue Complex in the mid-1950s, but we'll save that for a future installment. Thanks for reading.

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!”

Recovery

Recovery is the word and also the key;
and it's a word that helps to direct me.
Because it's what I truly wanted to escape my drinking and kept me haunted.
I awake now knowing where I am;
being truthful and honest, not running a scam.
Recovery is something I didn't take for granted
and my life is good, recovery is in me planted.

By “Dr. Ford”

Life and Love

One thing that I'm sure of is that there's life after love. You might think that your life's shattered and you're living as though nothing else mattered, but remember that all wounds heal, and that you're not as numb as you feel. While you're searching for that soulmate take a chance and go ahead and date.

By “Dr. Ford”

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

November Winner: There is no winner because no one entered

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

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B -

Check here next month.

Word Game

HUMILITY; ANGER, PRIDE, NEWCOMERS, WILL, HONESTY, PAIN, LOVE, UNITY, SLIPS, INVENTORY, TROUBLE, ILLNESS, WORRY, SERENITY, SERVICE, REMORSE

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

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

Freedom From Bondage, Jan. 12 @ 10am. On day event, Women's event put on by The Palmdale Group, 1817 E. Ave Q, Palmdale, No Charge.

Other Events

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

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

Concept 1

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. would services should always reside in the

collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

**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

On the Broad Highway

"I now realize that my former prejudice against clergymen was blind and wrong. They have kept alive through the centuries a faith which might have been extinguished entirely. They pointed out the road to me, but I did not even look up, I was so full of prejudice and self-concern.

"When I did open my eyes, it was because I had to. And the man who showed me the truth was a fellow sufferer and a layman. Through him, I saw at last, and I stepped from the abyss to solid ground, knowing at once that my feet were on the broad highway if I chose to walk."

Bill W. letter, 1940

Word of Mouth

"In my view, there isn't the slightest objection to groups who wish to remain strictly anonymous, or to people who think they would not like their membership in A.A. known at all. That is their business, and this is a very natural reaction.

"However, most people find that anonymity to this degree is not necessary, or even desirable.

Once one is fairly sober, and sure of this, there seems no reason for failing to talk about A.A. membership in the right places. This has a tendency to bring in other people. Word of mouth is one of our most important communications.

"So we should criticize neither the people who wish to remain silent, nor even the people who wish to talk too much about belonging to AA., provided they do not do so at the public level and thus compromise our whole Society."

Bill W. letter, 1962

The Individual's Rights

"Though it is traditional that our Fellowship may not coerce anyone, let us not suppose even for an instant that we are not under constraint. Indeed, we are under enormous coercion – the kind that comes in bottles. Our former tyrant, King Alcohol, always stands ready again to clutch us to him.

"Therefore, freedom from alcohol is the great 'must' that has to be achieved, else we go mad or die."

Bill W. letter, 1966

Beyond Agnosticism

"Many people soberly assure me that man has no better place in the universe than that of another competing organism, fighting its way through life only to perish in the end. Hearing this, I feel that I still prefer to cling to the so-called illusion of religion which in my own experience has meaningfully told me something different."

Bill W. letter, 1946

January 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Nov '19	Dec '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$46,077.37	\$2,707.48	\$48,784.85
Expenses	(\$40,609.62)	(\$2,813.37)	(\$43,422.99)
Cost of Goods	(\$34,030.84)	(\$3,297.67)	(\$37,328.51)
Contributions	\$22,886.59	\$3,688.83	\$26,575.42
Net Income	(\$5,676.50)	\$285.27	(\$5,391.23)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Nov '19	Dec '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
AM Mod	\$4,574.20	\$458.82	\$5,033.02
Anonymous	\$1,987.28	\$350.42	\$2,337.70
Any Lengths Group	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$23.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$125.43		\$125.43
AV Men's Stag	\$1,554.00	\$221.00	\$1,775.00
AV Round-Up	\$20.00		\$20.00
AVYPBYOC	\$72.00		\$72.00
Birthday	\$333.00	\$30.00	\$363.00
Came to Believe	\$23.54	\$7.00	\$30.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$1,172.00	\$458.00	\$1,630.00
Daily Reflection	\$14.70	\$7.00	\$21.70
Dare to be Different	\$33.76		\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$2,314.11	\$35.00	\$2,349.11
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$10.00		\$10.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,098.61	\$498.63	\$3,597.24
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$13.70		\$13.70
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$2,112.46		\$2,112.46
Into Action	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$23.60	\$1.15	\$24.75
Lake Hughes Group	\$329.00	\$91.30	\$420.30
Last Call	\$130.72		\$130.72
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$1,717.48	\$331.67	\$2,049.15
New Beginnings	\$8.40		\$8.40
Open Door	\$216.30	\$260.00	\$476.30
Palmdale Grp	\$3,699.09		\$3,699.09
Pearlblossom Grp	\$1,234.00		\$1,234.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39		\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,794.25	\$306.09	\$2,100.34
Rainbow Grp	\$120.40	\$44.55	\$164.95
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$717.73		\$717.73
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$75.52	13.54	\$89.06
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	\$313.69		\$313.69
Sun Night BBS	\$103.00		\$103.00
The Promises - Alano	\$17.35	\$38.55	\$55.90
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$11.00	\$16.72	\$27.72
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$629.59	\$174.23	\$803.82
Westside Grp	\$110.00		\$110.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$52.88	\$17.91	\$70.79
Women Seeking Serenity	\$831.31	\$197.25	\$1,028.56
TOTALS	\$30,933.43	\$3,688.83	\$34,622.26

Belinda T.	1/9/2016	4	Spencer	1/29/2002	18
Rich M.	1/9/2016	4	Juan L.	1/1/2001	19
Lynn Z.	1/6/2014	6	Randy H.	1/19/2001	19
Katie D.	1/19/2014	6	Nonna W.	1/21/2000	20
Valerie D.	1/30/2014	6	Tyrone C.	1/18/2000	20
Chaz	1/7/2013	7	David S.	1/21/1999	21
Jenni J.	1/6/2013	7	Jeanne C.	1/10/1999	21
Kelli D.	1/24/2013	7	Sheila G.	1/15/1999	21
Tina R.	1/12/2013	7	Little Joe	1/3/1998	22
Deborah A.	1/14/2012	8	Shalaby B.	1/6/1998	22
Doug H.	1/10/2012	8	Dan P.	1/7/1997	23
Jennifer C.	1/13/2012	8	Daneen D.	1/4/1997	23
Josie	1/4/2012	8	Harvey S.	1/21/1997	23
Nicole S.	1/21/2012	8	Tony V.	1/6/1997	23
Patty T.	1/17/2012	8	Barry O.	1/13/1995	25
Rav E.	1/21/2012	8	Dawn Marie	1/14/1995	25
Terrance C.	1/1/2012	8	Jan H.	1/13/1995	25
Dave K.	1/29/2011	9	Ruth Lewis	1/18/1995	25
Jennifer M.	1/28/2011	9	Teresa P.	1/2/1995	25
Jessica Z.	1/31/2011	9	Melvin B.	1/7/1994	26
Kim G.	1/12/2011	9	Ralph L.	1/20/1994	26
Michelle S.	1/5/2011	9	Nani	1/12/1993	27
Morena	1/1/2011	9	Dan H.	1/15/1992	28
Ross W.	1/31/2011	9	Dave L.	1/2/1992	28
Steve T.	1/31/2011	9	Mike G.	1/23/1992	28
Tanya S.	1/10/2011	9	Robert H.	1/1/1992	28
Bob D.	1/1/2010	10	Sharon G.	1/15/1992	28
Kevin K.	1/12/2010	10	Kathy M.	1/27/1991	29
Kristin E.	1/10/2010	10	Sue M.	1/21/1991	29
Nico O.	1/5/2010	10	Tess H.	1/4/1991	29
Robert V.	1/7/2010	10	Janis P.	1/8/1990	30
Henry	1/18/2009	11	Mark C.	1/1/1990	30
Terry M.	1/29/2009	11	Bob K.	1/24/1989	31
Jenni J.	1/5/2008	12	Jennifer S.	1/10/1989	31
Jim B.	1/2/2008	12	Martha D.	1/22/1988	32
Lisa Marie W.	1/2/2008	12	Mike S.	1/20/1988	32
Nancy T.	1/21/2008	12	Scott H.	1/30/1988	32
Turhan D.	1/3/2008	12	Steve W.	1/29/1988	32
John O.	1/22/2007	13	Diane V.	1/17/1987	33
Rennie T.	1/20/2007	13	Rav M.	1/2/1987	33
Robert W.	1/29/2007	13	Margaret R.	1/4/1986	34
Rose L.	1/3/2007	13	Steve S.	1/29/1986	34
Soraveh J.	1/8/2007	13	Rick B.	1/13/1985	35
Susie B.	1/2/2007	13	Steve I.	1/23/1985	35
Jill M.	1/16/2006	14	Aurora	1/5/1984	36
Jim A.	1/4/2006	14	Christine M.	1/7/1984	36
Sandi P.	1/1/2006	14	Tom C.	1/10/1984	36
Eddie G.	1/18/2005	15	Sandy M.	1/31/1983	37
Jack F.	1/15/2005	15	Mike J.	1/18/1981	39
Monique J.	1/3/2005	15	Ellen B.	1/29/1980	40
Ruth M.	1/2/2005	15	Ken S.	1/19/1980	40
Tony F.	1/23/2005	15	Vito	1/15/1980	40
Michelle P.	1/15/2003	17	Svbi	1/19/1968	52
Jackie O.	1/17/2002	18			

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

Total Years = 2,097

Managers Corner

Happy New Year everyone!! Start the year off right by making a commitment to be a Faithful Fiver. It's a great way to show your gratitude for all that AA has done for you! December's Birthday Winner is Lynn C. ~ Congratulations!

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. & Chante D.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeff H.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

