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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV

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To continue with Eddie W.'s story and the little house on Lancaster Blvd., it was on the corner of Gadsden Ave. and Lancaster Blvd.

"We had a bedroom set up in this house [in 1961] for members down on their luck or passing through. I can remember only two times we had anyone use it. The ladies would bring in leftovers and stock the fridge.

"I even got to take a young lady to the hospital and clean up the floor in the living room where she slit her wrists. This was a turning point for me. Lots of stories, some good some bad. The house was always open, lots of drop-ins to talk to.

"Other regulars at this time were:

"Shirley E. from Edwards AFB, her husband was working on the Man-In-Space program, she had six months when I came in.

"Peggy R. an RN, husband Ralph was a dentist in Palmdale. Peggy had three months when I came in.

"Lily, whose husband died in a car accident on Angeles Forest highway. She was our 'den mother.'

"Ray, from Palmdale, never got more than nine months, but did have several periods of nine months. Died from the results."

Here is a picture of the house on Gadsden in later years, before it was torn down. This is the house that Eddie W. is talking about in his story, where they had speaker meetings in the living room and a cigarette machine in the kitchen. This is where Eddie W. got sober.



## Step 7

***"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."***

Since this Step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us.

Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be

required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency.

### The 7th Tradition

***“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”***

Self-supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing? Yet we find that's what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that A.A. has wrought in all of us. Everybody knows that active alcoholics scream that they have

no troubles money can't cure. Always, we've had our hands out. Time out of mind we've been dependent upon somebody, usually money-wise. When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills, that's really news.

Probably no A.A. Tradition had the labor pains this one did. In early times, we were all broke. When you add to this the habitual supposition that people ought to give money to alcoholics trying to stay sober, it can be understood why we thought we deserved a pile of folding money. What great things A.A. would be able to do with it? But oddly enough, people who had money thought

otherwise. They figured that it was high time we now – sober – paid our own way. So our Fellowship stayed poor because it had to.

### ***Daily Reflections excerpt on the 7th Step***

*In every case, pain had been the price of admission into a new life. But this admission price has purchased more than we expected. It brought a measure of humility, which we soon discovered to be a healer of pain.*  
12 & 12, p. 75

It was painful to give up trying to control my life, even though success eluded me, and when life got too rough, I drank to escape. Accepting life on life's terms will be mastered through the humility I experience when I turn my will and my life over to the care of God, as I understand Him. With my life in God's care, fear, uncertainty, and anger are no longer my response to the portions of life that I would rather not have happen to me. The pain of living through these times will be healed by the knowledge that I have received the spiritual strength to survive.

### ***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

### **Concept VII**

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

## **Winners of the Central Office Birthday Raffle**

There is no winner for May because the Central Office has been closed.

Central Office is now open,  
so.....

*Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for the Birthday Raffle. And, the best part, it is FREE!!*

## Quotable Quotes

*Collected by Dano B.*

You can get away with a lot around a narcissist because they have no peripheral view.

If you're going to be a doubter then doubt your doubts. Rick S.

My regular problems in life are starting to die from neglect.

I am the black hole of my own existence.

New timers and old comers.

I joined the University of Love and service on August 16, 2006.

I found a sick way to live, just getting from one meeting to the next.

Am I even looking for him?

I honor my brothers gray hair over me.

You will never get to the time that just passed.

If I put everything in God's hands, eventually I will see

God's hand (hands) in everything.

I have 6 cents on my bathroom counter, not to remind me that I have a vital 6<sup>th</sup> sense, but to remind me that I don't.

## **Coming Events**

There are no Coming Events listed on the web site.

*Keep in touch.*

For additional information, go to:  
[www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org)

## **Business Meetings**

**A.V. Intergroup:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm at Central Office, 43619 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 106. Lancaster

**District 7 (General Service):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9am at the Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce (link located on AV web site).

**H&I:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 10am at the Alano Club, 104 E. Ave K-4, Suite J, Lancaster (Orientation at 9:30 for newcomers ) (link located on AV web site)

## **As Bill Sees It**

### **Progress Rather than Perfection**

From Bill W. letter, 1946

"We recovered alcoholics are not so much brothers in virtue as we are brothers in our defects, and

in our common strivings to overcome them"

### **Reaching for Humility**

From Bill W. letter, 1966

"We first reach for a little humility, knowing that we shall perish of alcoholism if we do not. After a time, though we may still rebel somewhat, we commence to practice humility because this is the right thing to do. Then comes the day when, finally freed in large degree from rebellion, we practice humility because we deeply want it as a way of life."

### **When Infancy Is Over**

Letter to Dr. Bob from Bill W., 1950

"Everywhere the A.A. groups have taken their service affairs into their own hands. Local founders and their friends are now on the side lines. Why so many people forget that, when thinking of the future of our world services, I shall never understand.

"The groups will eventually take over, and maybe they will squander their inheritance when they get it. It is probable, however, that they won't. Anyhow, they really have grown up; A.A. is theirs; let's give it to them.

## **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.**

# July 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - May '20	Jun '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$12,533.82	\$2,660.78	\$15,194.60
Expenses	(\$16,444.41)	(\$5,758.72)	(\$22,203.13)
Cost of Goods	(\$9,239.29)	(\$1,873.71)	(\$11,113.00)
Contributions	\$11,609.18	\$2,976.42	\$14,585.60
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$1,540.70)</b>	<b>(\$1,995.23)</b>	<b>(\$3,535.93)</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - May '20	Jun '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM Mod	\$2,494.44		\$2,494.44
Anonymous	\$1,166.15	\$1,394.46	\$2,560.61
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$300.00		\$300.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$142.46		\$142.46
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	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$470.00		\$470.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert Hospital	\$1,336.31		\$1,336.31
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$90.00		\$90.00
Last Call	\$50.00		\$50.00
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$90.00		\$90.00
New Beginnings	\$100.00		\$100.00
Open Door	\$45.00	\$35.20	\$80.20
Palm Dale Grp	\$291.41		\$291.41
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$233.00	\$341.00	\$574.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,157.36		\$1,157.36
Rainbow Grp	\$421.26	\$48.50	\$469.76
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$240.00		\$240.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
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	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Anonymous from PayPal		\$767.26	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,967.51</b>	<b>\$2,976.42</b>	<b>\$11,156.67</b>

Kevin B.	7/10/2014	6	Marc A.	7/28/2003	17
Eric R.	7/10/2012	8	Mary A.	7/1/2003	17
Lisa L.	7/24/2012	8	David S.	7/5/2002	18
Trevor B.	7/8/2012	8	Kelly O.	7/5/2001	19
Angela J.	7/5/2011	9	Peter U.	7/24/2001	19
Cathy W.	7/6/2011	9	Samuel G.	7/23/2001	19
Deanna R.	7/11/2011	9	Martie M.	7/31/2000	20
Donna T.	7/18/2011	9	Rebecca S.	7/6/2000	20
John S.	7/7/2011	9	Val H.	7/24/2000	20
Mark P.	7/13/2011	9	Alicia B.	7/10/1999	21
Heather D.	7/4/2010	10	David L.	7/1/1999	21
Janet P.	7/28/2010	10	Gordy S.	7/1/1999	21
Natasha H.	7/28/2010	10	Jeff H.	7/7/1999	21
Paula T.	7/23/2010	10	Andrew H.	7/15/1998	22
Reyna H.	7/17/2010	10	Myrna T.	7/5/1998	22
Rusty R.	7/4/2010	10	Mike G.	7/7/1997	23
Stacia V.	7/2/2010	10	Cottrell O.	7/19/1997	23
David W.	7/6/2009	11	Jimmy R.	7/20/1996	24
Dean M.	7/30/2009	11	Lydia V.	7/27/1996	24
Jamie B.	7/27/2009	11	Terry M.	7/15/1996	24
John P.	7/5/2009	11	Addie T.	7/14/1995	25
Melinda W.	7/4/2008	11	Bill G.	7/4/1995	25
Bill G.	7/22/2008	12	Charles A.	7/27/1995	25
Carol C.	7/19/2008	12	Aaron A.	7/20/1994	26
Catherine J.	7/3/2008	12	Pete K.	7/14/1994	26
Randy D.	7/2/2008	12	Mike B.	7/6/1992	28
Steven V.	7/27/2008	12	Stephanie M.	7/8/1992	28
Susan C.	7/28/2008	12	Valentina S.	7/25/1992	28
Yvette L.	7/19/2008	12	Brenda C.	7/17/1991	29
Anna N.	7/15/2007	13	Dick O.	7/15/1991	29
Anthony H.	7/5/2007	13	Jerry L.	7/4/1990	30
Deena R.	7/13/2007	13	John W.	7/5/1990	30
John Carney	7/19/2007	13	Rebecca R.	7/9/1990	30
Michael L.	7/9/2007	13	Herb S.	7/3/1989	31
Nancy C.	7/25/2007	13	Sandra West	7/8/1989	31
Pat G.	7/6/2007	13	Debbie S.	7/3/1988	32
Scott C.	7/16/2007	13	Annette K.	7/3/1987	33
Talisa C.	7/16/2007	13	Diana C.	7/25/1987	33
Valerie D.	7/17/2007	13	Len T.	7/30/1987	33
Bryan A.	7/5/2006	14	Lorraine	7/30/1987	33
Joe King	7/11/2006	14	Marian G.	7/12/1987	33
Kim J.	7/11/2006	14	Frank L.	7/16/1986	34
Polly P.	7/26/2006	14	Jeanie S.	7/22/1986	34
Rebecca E.	7/4/2006	14	Val D.	7/11/1986	34
Richard L.	7/10/2006	14	Susan H.	7/10/1985	35
Jeromee	7/21/2005	15	H. M. Mc.	7/1/1984	36
Monica M.	7/20/2005	15	Larry R.	7/7/1981	39
Tammie M.	7/22/2005	15	Luanne	7/16/1981	39
Lynn K.	7/1/2004	16	Kate M.	7/28/1978	42
Diane C.	7/25/2003	17	Nancy H.	7/31/1977	43
Garv G.	7/11/2003	17	Jerry G.	7/28/1976	44
			Mike H.	7/21/1976	44

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

Total Years = 2,059

## Managers Corner

Have you considered participating in the **Faithful Fivers** club of alcoholics who are so grateful for our sobriety we want to share it with others? SIGN UP TODAY!! Congratulations Elizabeth I. . .



June's Birthday Raffle winner!!



**Thank You Saturday Volunteers!**

1st ~ Larry W. & Maureen D.

2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant

3rd ~ Debbie Z. & Reggie J.

**Scoop 4**

4th ~ Stephanie S. & Karen M.

5th ~ Vacant & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

