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# The Scoop

## **Founders' Month 2020**

*By Jeff Harlow, AV Central Office Mgr*

We are all going through some very different times lately. It has involved thinking outside the box of normalcy and keeping everything together the best we can until things return to our usual way of operations. Two of Central Office's main fundraisers are Founder's Month (June) and Gratitude Month (November). During these months, we ask groups to pass the basket a second time for collections to keep our Intergroup office operating. This office only remains open through sales and contributions. Both sales and most meetings aren't happening during this Covid-19 "Safer at Home" directive, so our office needs to reach out directly to our members for contributions. Please consider making contributions to our office in one of these three ways:

1. Simply mail in a check to:  
**43619 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, No. 106, Lancaster 93534**

2. Process a payment exactly like any other online bill payment through your banking institution to AV Intergroup of AA, Inc.

3. Go to our web site [www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the page. There is a "Donate" button to click, which will bring you our PayPal link.

As always, our office is a non-profit corporation and any contributions made are tax deductible. We WILL make it through this...together!

## **Step 6**

***"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."***

"This is the Step that separates the men from the boys." So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.'s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults – *without any reservations whatever* – has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.

## **The 6th Tradition**

***"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."***

The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the right answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause.

### **Daily Reflections excerpt on the 6th Step**

*Can He now take them all – every one?*

Alcoholics Anonymous, p.76

In doing Step Six it helped me a lot to remember that I am striving for “spiritual progress.” Some of my character defects may be with me for the rest of my life, but most have been toned down or eliminated. All that Step Six asks of me is to become willing to name my defects, claim them as my own, and be willing to discard the ones I can, just for today. As I grow in the program, many of my defects become more objectionable to me than previously and, therefore, I need to repeat Step Six so that I can become happier with myself and maintain my serenity.

### **Concept VI**

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

## **Quotable Quotes**

*Collected by Dano B.*

No. 1. You'll never get the time back that you spend regretting the past or reading that crap!

No. 2. If I put everything in God's hands, eventually I'll see God's hand in everything. Thx AJ

No. 3. 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!!  
4/23/2020

No. 4. I joined the University of Love and Service on August 16, 2006.

No. 5. Trying to make sure everybody's on the same page in Alcoholics Anonymous is like trying to herd cats.

No. 6. The “zooms” are saving my life Bob J. 7/26/2019

No. 7. Sometimes I still think my despise is outside of me (something or someone else).

## **Word Game**

ACCEPTANCE, AMENDS, AUTHORITY-IN-AA, BEHAVIOR, CHOICE, COMPLEXITY, CONSCIENCE, COURAGE, DECISIONS, DISAPPOINTMENT, EAST-DOES-IT, EXPECTATIONS, FAITH, FREEDOM, GODS-WILL, HAPPINESS, ILLNESS, INJUSTICE, JEALOUSY, LIVE-LET-LIVE, MEDITATION

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E	J	T	H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S	V	D	S
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D	L	A	E	E	C	N	E	I	C	S	N	O	C	A

No. 8. My book is splitting and falling apart at page 63. Randy 4/11/2020

No. 9. One day at a time is all we can safely manage. Ken K. 4/2/2020

No. 10. In all of God's goodness, I try to put the spotlight back on me.

No. 11. Selfishness and self centeredness eclipses where God is supposed to be. J.R.

No. 12. I married my wife for her looks, but not the ones she is giving me lately.

## **Coming Events**

There are no events listed for June and July.

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

## **AA in the AV**

We left off last month with Eddie W. getting sober on June 16, 1961 at a meeting in a small house in Lancaster with a kitchen table and a cigarette machine. The story continues:

"This is where I met those two old-timers, Linc with four years and Ike with two [Linc just celebrated 64 years!] Beside these two meetings [the roving meeting mentioned in last month's installment and the meeting with the cigarette machine] there were no other meeting locations in the Valley. We had Monday and Thursday

participation meetings and a Saturday speaker's meeting.

"The speaker meetings were set up in the living room with some folding chairs and some over-stuffed pieces that were donated by members when they had no more use for them. The night Chuck C. spoke we had standing room only, some even came from the Valley. We must have had 40 or 45, we even put chairs in the dining room." [To be continued.]



Eddie W (right) and Linc H. and their wives at the house on Lancaster Blvd. where where Eddie got sober in 1961.

## **Excerpts from As Bill Sees It**

*The Fellowship's Future*  
Bill W. letter, 1940

"It seem proved that A.A. can stand on its own feet anywhere and under any conditions. It has outgrown any dependence it might once have had upon the personalities or efforts of a few of the older members like me. New, able, and vigorous people keep coming to the surface, burning up where they are needed. Besides, A.A. has reached enough spiritual maturity to know

that its final dependence is upon God."

*The Reality of Spiritual Experiences*  
Bill W. talk 1960

"Perhaps you raise the questions of hallucination versus the divine imagery of a genuine spiritual experience. I doubt if anyone has authoritatively defined what an hallucination really is. However, it is certain that all recipients of spiritual experiences declare for their reality. The best evidence of that reality is in the subsequent fruits. Those who receive these gifts of grace are very much changed people, almost invariably for the better. This can scarcely be said of those who hallucinate.

"Some might think me presumptuous when I say that my own experience is real. Nevertheless, I can surely report that in my own life and in the lives of countless others, the fruits of that experience have been real, and the benefactions beyond reckoning."

*Our of the Dark*  
Bill W. letter 1946

"A clear light seems to fall upon us all -- when we open our eyes. Since our blindness is caused by our own defects, we must first deeply realize what they are. Constructive meditation is the first requirement for each new step in our spiritual growth."

# June 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Apr '20	May '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$11,842.36	\$691.46	\$12,533.82
Expenses	(\$15,252.24)	(\$1,192.17)	(\$16,444.41)
Cost of Goods	(\$9,224.29)	(\$15.00)	(\$9,239.29)
Contributions	\$9,535.49	\$2,073.69	\$11,609.18
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$3,098.68)</b>	<b>\$1,557.98</b>	<b>(\$1,540.70)</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan - Apr '20	May '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM Mod	\$2,494.44		\$2,494.44
Anonymous	\$541.15	\$625.00	\$1,166.15
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	\$465.00	\$5.00	\$470.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$452.23	\$884.08	\$1,336.31
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$50.00		\$50.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$90.00		\$90.00
Last Call	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Little Red Book	\$45.00		\$45.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$291.41		\$291.41
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$233.00		\$233.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,157.36		\$1,157.36
Pearblossom Grp	\$421.26		\$421.26
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$240.00		\$240.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps Workshop	\$71.00		\$71.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano	\$19.12		\$19.12
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,313.43</b>	<b>\$2,073.69</b>	<b>\$8,877.51</b>

\*\*Grn = PayPal Grp Contribution  
 \*\*Blu = Misc PayPal Contributions

## Managers Corner

This is Founder's Month - Please show your appreciation for everything AA has given you by making a financial contribution to make sure this is here for the suffering alcoholic. Visit [www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org) and donate! We will once again start up our Birthday Raffle, so if your AA Birthday is this month come by the office and enter!

## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

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

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Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

