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# The Scoop

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## AA in the AV 13

by Bruce L.  
District 7 Archivist

Dear readers,

In the District 7 archives (housed at the AV Central Office) there are some real jewels, including this anonymous history of AA in the Antelope Valley. For the next few issues of the Scoop I will quote directly from this source:

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"I am commencing to put on paper the fascinating story of Alcoholics Anonymous birth and growth for the first 45-50 years in the Antelope Valley.

"The first thing I am aware of is that the earliest parts of the story are hearsay. I could not find anybody who was alive and could verify dates and events and locations.

"The oldest source joined our select group in 1956 and is the oldest survivor of the original Lancaster Group I could find. [The author must be referring to Linc H. who got sober in Lancaster in 1956 and was active here in the Valley up to the time he moved to Ventura in 1993. His AA birthday is coming up in October when, God willing, he will celebrate 64 years sober, he is currently 93 years old.]

"The first group was founded by Roy H. who was in the class of 1948 at San Fernando. He was joined by Bev A in 1951 and other members of this group from 1956 to 1959 were as follows: George T, Bill R, Barney D, Lew L, Kevin McL, Linc H, Hank H, Bill C, Dutch S, Jim J, Shorty F.

In 1959 this group agreed to disagree and in the civil war that followed the group scattered with only a small number remaining to 1959 when it became part of the AV Group."

As archivist, I'm curious what this AV Group was that was formed in 1959 and will try to find out. This account confirms, among other things, what another anonymous history told us, that AA in Antelope Valley started in 1948. With two sources confirming each other, we can now say with confidence that AA started in the Antelope Valley in 1948. **To be continued...**

## Step 10

***"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."***

Excerpt from Step 10, 12x12: "Courtesy, kindness, justice, and love are the keynotes by which we may come into harmony with practically anybody. When in doubt we can always pause, saying, "Not my will but Thine, be done." And we can often ask ourselves, "am I doing to others as I would have them do to me-today?"

# Quotable Quotes

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

- #1 "What we fear reveals what matters to us most in the moment and the fear reveals where we trust God the least."
- #2 "Dear God, don't let the new life that AA gave me take away my AA life."
- #3 "I should have told every relationship in my life, that I'm already in one with alcohol."
- #4 "Solution? or the problem? I might be pulling on the wrong cork."
- #5 "Someone is everybody and I hate everybody."
- #6 "Like all my affairs, I needed the 12 steps in order to love the fellowship."
- #7 "The sponsor says, 'it could be worse kid! It could be happening to me!'" ~Rick S.
- #8 "I don't meet enemies, I meet friends today." ~Raymond H. 8-8-20
- #9 "I had a couple of wives before I got sober, but they weren't mine."
- #10 "Newcomer says, 'this is my 4th meeting today!' ...old timer says, 'didn't you get the message at the 1st one?'" ~Linc H."
- #11 "If you want to do something spiritual, then get a lunch pail. ~Linc H.
- #12 "I hit a Royal flush. I found AA or should I say, AA found me." ~Dano

## 10th Tradition

***"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name oughts never be drawn into public controversy."***

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

## 10th Concept – Twelve Concepts of World Service

***"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority-the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws."***

Excerpt from The A.A. Service Manual: "Here we see the 'group conscience' as the *ultimate* authority and the 'trusted servant' as the *delegated* authority. One cannot function without the other. We well know that only by means of careful definitions and mutual respect can we constantly maintain a right and harmonious working balance."

## Word Search



AXIOM CONTROVERSY INVENTORY				KINDNESS OPINION PERSEVERANCE				SOBRIETY SPIRITUAL TOLERANT						
Y	Y	E	C	N	A	R	E	V	E	S				R
G	S	K	T	U	M	O	T	L	Y	J	R	W	T	R
X	K	R	P	O	P	B	A	T	U	D	O	Z	F	O
Y	K	F	E	I	L	U	O	S	O	K	Y	A	S	T
X	B	A	N	V	T	E	U	T	Q	H	J	H	L	N
A	Z	I	Z	I	O	V	R	R	U	N	P	L	K	E
C	O	X	R	K	A	R	B	A	Q	N	Z	R	V	V
N	G	I	D	E	L	G	T	A	N	F	S	K	E	N
U	P	J	Y	C	S	W	Z	N	U	T	O	T	V	I
S	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S	O	Y	B	L	N	P
T	T	I	E	M	O	I	X	A	H	C	R	Z	S	C
N	L	Y	P	Q	I	Z	X	W	K	O	I	T	U	N
S	F	X	U	G	X	I	M	S	D	U	E	V	P	Q
Y	L	Q	I	Z	N	K	I	D	R	J	T	M	Y	W
X	Q	M	R	S	T	R	Q	M	V	I	Y	Y	U	J

# Physically Distanced but Digitally Connected

## The Alcoholics Anonymous Message Carries On Amid Coronavirus (COVID-19)

From aa.org

A.A. in the digital age has certainly taken on a new meaning in these challenging times. Alcoholics Anonymous is not a place or an event; it exists in the hearts, minds and help freely offered by its members.

Most recently, Coronavirus (COVID-19) has affected many A.A. groups that normally would meet in-person. The General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous U.S./Canada, which functions as a repository for A.A. members and groups who are looking for shared experience from the A.A. Fellowship, has some general experience to share regarding this issue.

Some A.A. members have shared that meeting online has been an adjustment and has at times had its challenges. Adhering to state/provincial and federal guidelines, many A.A. members have switched from "in-person" meetings to digital meetings, on platforms such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, Conference Calls, GoToMeeting and What's App, allowing the group to continue to focus on A.A.'s primary purpose: to carry its message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers.

In a sense, however, this current experience is not necessarily new for A.A. From its earliest beginnings, the A.A. founders recognized the need to reach beyond the face-to-face transmission of the A.A. message, giving rise to the development of A.A.'s basic text, the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. This book and other A.A. materials which are widely available on multiple platforms – digital, audio and video – has literally circled the globe and opened the door to recovery for thousands of alcoholics looking for help. Even prior to this pandemic many A.A. members around the world – whether homebound, living in remote areas, or service members stationed in far-flung places – have counted on participating in A.A. remotely through A.A. literature, phone calls with other members, correspondence by letter or email and meetings online.

While many A.A. members are for the first time reporting the shift from in-person meetings to digital platforms, for many alcoholics around the world, remote connections and digital platforms are how they initially encountered and maintain their recovery in A.A. even prior to the pandemic.

Many A.A. groups have shared with G.S.O. that they are now finding great connection in digital meetings and want to offer that same experience to anyone who has yet to attend their first meeting.

There are a number of other A.A. resources as well and those seeking help with a drinking problem can get local A.A. information through G.S.O.'s website [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/find-aa-resources](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/find-aa-resources) or download G.S.O.'s free of charge A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide App.

Another resource is AA Grapevine, the publisher of the *International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous*. Its purpose is to provide A.A. member sharing through its magazines (in English and Spanish), websites, audios, and e-books. Members share on topics related to recovery, including recovery on digital platforms. Often referred to as A.A.'s "meeting in print," AA Grapevine communicates the experience, strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience. For more information visit: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help>

## Upcoming Events

### The 47th Annual Antelope Valley Roundup

PANDEMIC OR NOT,  
A Vision For You

**When:** October 9-11, 2020

**Location:** Zoom

Marathon meetings, speakers and workshops. Zoom codes and program schedule are available online at:

[WWW.AVROUNDUP.COM](http://WWW.AVROUNDUP.COM)

### Intergroup Meeting

**When:** Thurs. October 1, 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Code:** 839 3817 5299 PW: 812426

## Excerpt from As Bill Sees It

**6 All or Nothing** – "Acceptance and faith are capable of producing 100 per cent sobriety. In fact, they usually do; and they must else we could have no life at all. But the moment we carry these attitudes into our emotional problems, we find that only relative results are possible. Nobody can, for example, become completely free from fear, anger, and pride.

Hence, in this life we shall attain nothing like perfect humility and love. So we shall have to settle, respecting most of our problems, for a very gradual progress, punctuated sometimes by heavy setbacks. Our oldtime attitude of 'all or nothing' will have to be abandoned." (Grapevine, March 1962)

## How Do I Make a Contribution to AV Intergroup?

Scan the QR code to use CashApp



Or, visit [www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org) for the link to AV Intergroup on PayPal



# October 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug '20	Sep '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$18,566.64	\$1,499.89	\$20,066.53
Expenses	(\$28,505.38)	(\$992.58)	(\$29,497.96)
Cost of Goods	(\$12,322.09)	(\$1,402.20)	(\$13,724.29)
Contributions	\$19,767.28	\$2,796.70	\$22,563.98
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$2,493.55)</b>	<b>\$1,901.81</b>	<b>(\$591.74)</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Aug '20	Sep '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM Mod	\$2,494.44	\$157.08	\$2,651.52
Anonymous	\$5,052.03	\$385.00	\$5,437.03
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
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	\$201.46	\$26.00	\$227.46
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	\$335.00	\$40.00	\$375.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$470.00		\$470.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,812.91		\$2,812.91
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$100.00		\$100.00
Into Action	\$0.00	\$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	\$226.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,226.00
New Beginnings	\$80.20		\$80.20
Open Door	\$291.41		\$291.41
Palmdale Grp	\$194.00	\$15.00	\$209.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$574.00		\$574.00
PM Mod	\$1,157.36		\$1,157.36
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$469.76	\$240.00	\$709.76
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$240.00		\$240.00
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$15,688.69</b>	<b>\$2,796.70</b>	<b>\$17,726.77</b>
PayPal		\$758.62	

Denise M.	10/8/2015	5	Terry K.	10/28/2003	17
Shaylin M.	10/2/2014	6	Rick M.	10/1/2002	18
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	8	Spike H.	10/18/2002	18
Aira	10/11/2012	8	Julie W.	10/29/2001	19
Scott E.	10/19/2012	8	Sean C.	10/22/2001	19
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	9	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	20
Gary G.	10/28/2011	9	Ken C.	10/22/2000	20
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	9	Mary D.	10/17/2000	20
Christina C.	10/13/2010	10	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	20
David Y.	10/1/2010	10	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	23
John M.	10/15/2010	10	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	24
Michael H.	10/23/2010	10	Jim C.	10/17/1996	24
Omar	10/30/2010	10	Sue B.	10/16/1996	24
Robert R.	10/17/2010	10	Terry C.	10/4/1996	24
Craig M.	10/5/2009	11	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	25
Fran	10/21/2009	11	Andra M.	10/7/1994	26
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	11	Tori B.	10/28/1994	26
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	11	Jon B.	10/12/1993	27
Marty C.	10/23/2009	11	Robin W.	10/22/1993	27
Michele L.	10/3/2009	11	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	27
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	11	Dave S.	10/1/1992	28
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	11	Garv W.	10/25/1991	29
James K.	10/19/2008	12	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	29
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	12	Linda P.	10/15/1991	29
Joe A.	10/7/2008	12	Bob H.	10/3/1990	30
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	12	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	30
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	12	David L.	10/16/1990	30
Sean B.	10/7/2008	12	Ken C.	10/6/1990	30
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	12	Stan U.	10/3/1990	30
Will F.	10/11/2008	12	Craig C.	10/2/1988	32
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	13	Pat J.	10/23/1988	32
Felipe R.	10/6/2007	13	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	33
Garv S.	10/3/2007	13	Randy P.	10/31/1987	33
Jason F.	10/23/2007	13	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	33
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	13	Jim B.	10/23/1986	34
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	13	Roger W.	10/15/1986	34
Mike M.	10/15/2007	13	David P.	10/14/1985	35
Mike W.	10/14/2007	13	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	37
Soncherray	10/17/2007	13	Betty W.	10/6/1983	37
Steve F.	10/25/2007	13	Bob B.	10/25/1983	37
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	15	Brent H.	10/16/1983	37
Mike L.	10/25/2005	15	Garv W.	10/6/1983	37
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	15	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	37
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	16	Dan G.	10/10/1980	40
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	16	Tim D.	10/23/1980	40
Brian W.	10/21/2003	17	Danny M.	10/18/1978	42
Francis F.	10/18/2003	17	Willy B.	10/9/1978	42
John E.	10/2/2003	17	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	44
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	17	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	45
Kathy B.	10/5/2003	17	Bill P.	10/6/1974	46
Michele S.	10/10/2003	17	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	46
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	17	Link	10/28/1956	64

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

Total Years = 2,242

## Managers Corner

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 Greg B. ~ our September Birthday Raffle Winner!**

## 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!

