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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 42

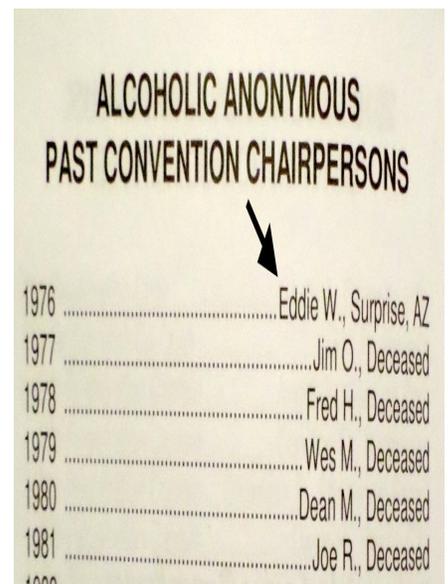
By Bruce L.  
District 7 Archivist

As many of you know, San Fernando Valley recently had its annual AA convention, and I was reminded that their very first chairperson, back in 1976 (coming up on fifty years ago) was a certain Mr. Eddie W. from Surprise, Arizona. This is significant because Eddie W. got sober in Lancaster two years before moving to the Valley.

When I first started writing these AA in the AV columns, in 2019, I phoned our oldest living long-timer at that time, Linc H. (sobriety date 1956), and he suggested I talk to Eddie W. who was living in Surprise, Arizona. So I drove to Surprise to see Eddie and he started pulling pictures off his bulletin board and paperwork out of his file cabinets and loaded me

down with history of AA in Southern California.

Eddie's first AA meetings were in the Antelope Valley in 1960 and his last drink was in 1961. After one last three-day binge, he found the little AA house on Lancaster Blvd where he met Linc and together they stayed sober. Eddie then moved to the SF Valley two years later, and in 1976 he organized and chaired the first San Fernando Valley AA Convention. So it turns out that the San Fernando Valley AA Convention has its roots in the Antelope Valley!



## AVCO Steering Committee

At the Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting, the following AA members were voted in as the new board:

Chairman: Keith H.  
Co-Chairman: Carolyn  
Secretary: Jessica  
Treasurer: Bob

*Congratulations to our new board. Hours are Saturday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, and Monday through Thursday, 10:00am to 5:00pm.*

*The Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting is on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. All Alcoholics Anonymous members are welcome.*

## STEP 4

*“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”*

Creation gave us instincts for a purpose. Without them we wouldn't be complete human beings. If men and women didn't exert themselves to be secure in their persons, made no effort to harvest food or construct shelter, there would be no survival. If they didn't reproduce, the earth wouldn't be populated. If there were no social instinct, if men cared nothing for the society of one another, there would be no society. So these desires—for the sex relation, for material and emotional security, and for companionship—are perfectly

necessary and right, and surely God-given.

Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper functions. Powerfully, blindly, many times subtly, they drive us, dominate us, and insist upon ruling our lives. Our desires for sex, for material and emotional security, and for an important place in society often tyrannize us. When thus out of joint, man's natural desires cause him great trouble, practically all the trouble there is. No human being, however good, is exempt from these troubles. Nearly every serious emotional problem can be seen as a case of misdirected instinct. When that happens, our great natural assets, the instincts, have turned into physical and mental liabilities.

Step Four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, when and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach.

G.ood O.rderly D.irection

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition

*“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”*

Autonomy is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous?

Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When A.A.'s Traditions were first published, in 1946, we had become sure that an A.A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: “Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group

provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.”

This meant, of course, that we had been given the courage to declare each A.A. group an individual entity, strictly reliant on its own conscience as a guide to action. In charting this enormous expanse of freedom, we found it necessary to post only two storm signals: A group ought not do anything which would greatly injure A.A. as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else. There would be real danger should we commence to call some groups “wet,” others

“dry,” still others “Republican” or Communist,” and yet others “Catholic” or “Protestant.” The A.A. group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong.

### **Fourth Concept:**

*Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional ‘Right of Participation,’ taking care that each classification or group*

*of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

This is one of the most useful and important concepts. The 'Right of Participation' involves including everyone and their right to vote however they choose. Whether at the Conference, Area, District, Meeting, or any other service position, this 'Right of Participation' involves inclusion of everyone participating. Everyone should have the right to speak their opinions without persecution. I was in an Area Assembly where one member of AA decided to speak against a motion that was made to be voted on. He was the only person speaking against the motion. He freely shared his opinion and it changed the minds of all the other voters and the motion failed.

We need AA to be free to let people vote the way they feel. We need to be an inclusive society that embraces everyone the way they are. I have voted against motions before and it did not change the motion. But, that is ok. I was not looked down upon and I still get to participate. This is the way AA should embrace all AA members.

District 7 hosts District meetings at the Grange in Quartz Hill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. The start time is 6:30pm. So, please come and be part of A.A. as a whole at the next District meeting.

-Keith H., A.A. 2008

## *Word Game*

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

Liabilities  
 Relation  
 Perverse  
 Desires

Misdirected  
 Society  
 Jealousy  
 Warped

Survival  
 Instincts  
 Living  
 Exert

# April 2023 Office Manager Report

|                   | Jan - Feb           | Mar                 | YTD Total            |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sales of Goods    | \$7,681.84          | \$4,479.77          | \$12,161.61          |
| Expenses          | (\$10,672.10)       | (\$5,714.82)        | (\$16,386.92)        |
| Cost of Goods     | (\$7,604.24)        | (\$9,180.05)        | (\$16,784.29)        |
| Contributions     | \$6,947.56          | \$3,707.65          | \$10,655.21          |
| <b>Net Income</b> | <b>(\$3,646.94)</b> | <b>(\$6,707.45)</b> | <b>(\$10,354.39)</b> |



| <b>Contributions</b>              |                   |                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Group                             | Jan - Feb         | Mar               | Total              |
| A Gathering of Women              | \$607.39          | \$40.00           | \$647.39           |
| AM/Mid-Day Mod                    | \$1,281.65        | \$1,077.13        | \$2,358.78         |
| Anonymous                         | \$191.56          | \$428.36          | \$619.92           |
| Any Lengths Group                 | \$0.00            | \$80.00           | \$80.00            |
| AV Hospital                       | \$350.00          |                   | \$350.00           |
| AV Men's Stag                     | \$0.00            | \$218.00          | \$218.00           |
| AV Roundup                        | \$2.00            |                   | \$2.00             |
| AVYPAA                            | \$0.00            | \$14.59           | \$14.59            |
| Birthday                          | \$1.00            | \$67.00           | \$68.00            |
| Cal City Clubhouse                | \$0.00            | \$100.00          | \$100.00           |
| Came to Believe - Alano Club      | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Crown Valley Group                | \$350.00          |                   | \$350.00           |
| Daily Reflections                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Dare to be Different - Alano Club | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| District 7                        | \$0.00            | \$441.23          | \$441.23           |
| Faithful Fiver                    | \$185.00          | \$140.00          | \$325.00           |
| Friday Noon - Alano               | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| High Desert BB Grp                | \$842.75          |                   | \$842.75           |
| Intergroup Fundraisers            | \$920.00          |                   | \$920.00           |
| Into Action                       | \$440.00          |                   | \$440.00           |
| Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano  | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Lake Hughes Group                 | \$120.00          |                   | \$120.00           |
| New Beginnings                    | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Open Door                         | \$0.00            | \$300.00          | \$300.00           |
| Open Participation                | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Palmdale Grp                      | \$564.18          |                   | \$564.18           |
| Palmdale Grp Mon Noon 12 & 12     | \$20.00           | \$25.00           | \$45.00            |
| Pearblossom Grp                   | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| PM Mod                            | \$0.00            | \$94.00           | \$94.00            |
| Quartz Hill Unity Grp             | \$250.00          | \$130.00          | \$380.00           |
| Rainbow Grp                       | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Recovery @ The Ranch              | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Rosamond Sun Night                | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Rule 62 Grp                       | \$50.00           |                   | \$50.00            |
| Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano              | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Sobriety Rocks                    | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Step Workshop Meeting             | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Sun Night BBS                     | \$0.00            | \$32.00           | \$32.00            |
| The Promises - Alano Club         | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Thurs Night Step Study            | \$0.00            | \$100.00          | \$100.00           |
| Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano         | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Unity Group                       | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Westside Grp                      | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Women in Recovery                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Women Seeking Serenity            | \$0.00            | \$101.00          | \$101.00           |
| Sober Sisters                     | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| <b>Digital Contributions</b>      | <b>\$772.03</b>   | <b>\$319.34</b>   | <b>\$1,091.37</b>  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     | <b>\$6,947.56</b> | <b>\$3,707.65</b> | <b>\$10,655.21</b> |

|              |           |    |              |           |    |
|--------------|-----------|----|--------------|-----------|----|
| Michael T.   | 4/12/2021 | 2  | Krystal C.   | 4/27/1999 | 23 |
| Sandy T      | 4/8/2016  | 6  | Mark H.      | 4/6/1999  | 23 |
| Brad P.      | 4/4/2013  | 9  | Ray R.       | 4/1/1999  | 23 |
| Julie B.     | 4/10/2013 | 9  | Scott S.     | 4/8/1999  | 23 |
| Catalina C.  | 4/13/2012 | 10 | Steve K.     | 4/1/1999  | 23 |
| Craig R.     | 4/1/2012  | 10 | Jerry H.     | 4/1/1998  | 24 |
| Jeff S.      | 4/28/2012 | 10 | Alan P.      | 4/28/1997 | 25 |
| Boston John  | 4/1/2011  | 11 | Alfonso O.   | 4/5/1997  | 25 |
| Brian B.     | 4/14/2011 | 11 | Betty S.     | 4/4/1997  | 25 |
| Dianne E.    | 4/17/2011 | 11 | Dawn J.      | 4/17/1997 | 25 |
| James S.     | 4/10/2011 | 11 | John W.      | 4/25/1997 | 25 |
| Jennifer     | 4/14/2011 | 11 | Joyce P.     | 4/13/1996 | 26 |
| Oliver C.    | 4/29/2011 | 11 | Linda D.     | 4/8/1995  | 27 |
| Rick H.      | 4/15/2011 | 11 | Ketty L.     | 4/3/1994  | 28 |
| Jennifer G.  | 4/27/2010 | 12 | Vesta S.     | 4/25/1994 | 28 |
| Mishone J.   | 4/13/2010 | 12 | Earl W.      | 4/14/1993 | 29 |
| Scott D.     | 4/26/2010 | 12 | Joanna O.    | 4/20/1993 | 29 |
| Tim J.       | 4/27/2010 | 12 | Steve P.     | 4/24/1993 | 29 |
| Bob H.       | 4/20/2009 | 13 | Wanda        | 4/15/1993 | 29 |
| Johnny L.    | 4/16/2009 | 13 | Dana S.      | 4/26/1992 | 30 |
| Kim T.       | 4/3/2009  | 13 | Frankie H.   | 4/8/1992  | 30 |
| LaVonda L.   | 4/16/2009 | 13 | Jill R.      | 4/22/1992 | 30 |
| Patck M.     | 4/4/2009  | 13 | Joe H.       | 4/29/1992 | 30 |
| Rory D.      | 4/9/2009  | 13 | Raymond B.   | 4/4/1992  | 30 |
| Ike W.       | 4/20/2008 | 14 | Ron B.       | 4/3/1992  | 30 |
| Karyn M.     | 4/1/2008  | 14 | Tony H.      | 4/3/1992  | 30 |
| Danielle B.  | 4/14/2007 | 15 | Rav B.       | 4/3/1991  | 31 |
| Dawn C.      | 4/17/2007 | 15 | Walter P.    | 4/14/1991 | 31 |
| Kim R.       | 4/3/2007  | 15 | Kevin M.     | 4/7/1990  | 32 |
| Mike W.      | 4/15/2007 | 15 | Richard P.   | 4/5/1990  | 32 |
| Patrick S.   | 4/24/2007 | 15 | Susan R.     | 4/14/1990 | 32 |
| Rowdy J.     | 4/10/2007 | 15 | Terry J.     | 4/22/1990 | 32 |
| Susan C.     | 4/13/2007 | 15 | Charlie K.   | 4/16/1989 | 33 |
| Venessa Y.   | 4/11/2007 | 15 | Jerry L.     | 4/26/1989 | 33 |
| Alicia       | 4/13/2006 | 16 | Ron N.       | 4/21/1989 | 33 |
| Bernie A.    | 4/2/2006  | 16 | Rico C.      | 4/9/1989  | 33 |
| Chase M.     | 4/17/2006 | 16 | Steve A.     | 4/1/1989  | 33 |
| Earl M.      | 4/17/2006 | 16 | Carol H.     | 4/17/1988 | 34 |
| Gail R.      | 4/10/2006 | 16 | Monica L.    | 4/8/1987  | 35 |
| Gwen C.      | 4/12/2006 | 16 | Bill G.      | 4/24/1986 | 36 |
| Jean M.      | 4/25/2006 | 16 | Dannv A.     | 4/18/1986 | 36 |
| Lisa N.      | 4/27/2006 | 16 | Frank S.     | 4/21/1986 | 36 |
| Renal F.     | 4/14/2006 | 16 | Kathy P.     | 4/19/1986 | 36 |
| Richard L.   | 4/16/2006 | 16 | Steve W.     | 4/23/1986 | 36 |
| Charles G.   | 4/22/2005 | 17 | Pat R.       | 4/3/1985  | 37 |
| Christina J. | 4/10/2005 | 17 | Deborah H.   | 4/13/1984 | 38 |
| Khalil W.    | 4/22/2005 | 17 | Glenn C.     | 4/20/1984 | 38 |
| Lisa R.      | 4/23/2005 | 17 | Terry C.     | 4/22/1983 | 39 |
| Monique A.   | 4/16/2005 | 17 | Charlie W.   | 4/26/1982 | 40 |
| Albert M.    | 4/15/2004 | 18 | Bob Fisher   | 4/30/1981 | 41 |
| Mimie R.     | 4/1/2004  | 18 | Chris W.     | 4/1/1981  | 41 |
| Steve H.     | 4/20/2004 | 18 | Les G.       | 4/16/1980 | 42 |
| Jim T.       | 4/3/2003  | 19 | Norma S.     | 4/16/1979 | 43 |
| Landy B.     | 4/7/2003  | 19 | Stephanie S. | 4/23/1979 | 43 |
| Sharon R.    | 4/9/2003  | 19 | Annie M.     | 4/15/1977 | 45 |
| Linda A.     | 4/5/2002  | 20 | Don M.       | 4/13/1976 | 46 |
| Tina D.      | 4/22/2002 | 20 | Stu C.       | 4/13/1974 | 48 |
| Judy H.      | 4/24/2001 | 21 |              |           |    |
| Victor D.    | 4/6/2001  | 21 |              |           |    |
| Jim H        | 4/25/1999 | 23 |              |           |    |

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Total Years = 2,712

## Managers Corner



Faithful Fivers is not doing as well as last year. Please consider being part of the SOLUTION!



### Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

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