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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 54

AA in the AV 54  
 By Bruce L.  
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I was recently reading through an old interview I did with David F. back in 2017 about his first meeting at Ernie's used car lot in 1981. I want to honor David as a good and faithful AA right up to his passing and honor his wife Mickie who continues attending meetings with us today. These are his memories of the Wednesday Night Men's Stag in 1981.

"I remember my first meeting – I walked up the ramp to the office – congested – full of men – it was my second day in the AV Care Unit – I was going to meetings every night – I saw a couple of men I knew from work – the last people I wanted to see – Bananas Bob in particular – and Bobby R. who had about three years – I saw Bananas Bob every day on the way to work – I was embarrassed – Les "Control" was there – the atmosphere was rough and tumble – I was impressed by the gut level with Ernie there – and his brother Gene – I knew nothing about AA – Carlon – Fred K. – they were

having a big fight about the coffee – caffeine vs. decaf –

"I didn't stay sober after that first meeting – but I came back later that year – after it had moved to the Cultural Center in Palmdale – and I've been sober ever since."

Thank you David, we miss you.



The original location of Ernie McBride's used car lot at 43813 Sierra Highway.

## Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Nominations of all qualified AA members for board positions was held at Intergroup Meeting **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the Antelope Valley Central Office.** Any AA member who is qualified for the open position and is willing to make the necessary commitment was nominated. Qualifications for the open positions were

available at the Central Office.  
Board for next term is  
Chair: Carolyn B.  
Co-chair: Brian Y.  
Treasurer: Bob K.  
Member at large: Michelle  
**All are welcome and encouraged  
to attend monthly meeting!**

## **Calendar of Events**

*Central Office Intergroup Meeting*-1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm  
*Roundup Meeting*-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month @5:30, Grange  
*H&I Meeting*- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill  
*District 7 Meeting*- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month @ 630, Grange Hall  
*OldTimer's Event*- March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11 am., AV College Cafeteria \$20, Easter Potluck- March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, AM/Miday Mod

## **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

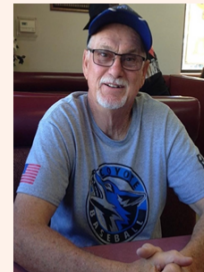
the sex relation, for material and emotional security, and for companionship—are perfectly necessary and right, and surely God-given.

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.  
Good Orderly Direction

**RIP Winston “Sandy” Wade**



9-22-1945 to 3-3-2007

Sober since December 18, 2007

Thank you for your service!!

Memorial services to be held at Joshua Mortuary

3150 East Palmdale Blvd, Palmdale, Ca

April 20th, 2024 @ 11am

## **As Bill Sees It**

*Page 139- Basis of all Humility*

“For just so long as we were convinced that we could live exclusively by our own individual strength and intelligence, for just that long was a working faith in a Higher Power impossible.

This was true even when we believed that God existed. We could actually have earnest religious beliefs which remained barren because we were still trying to play God ourselves. As long as we placed self-reliance first, a genuine reliance upon a Higher Power was out of the question.

That basic ingredient of all humility, a desire to seek and do God's will, was missing.

*-Twelve and Twelve, P 72*

-Grapevine, June 1961

-Letter, 1957

## **The 4th 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.*

### *Page 301– To Rebuild Security*

In our behavior respecting financial and emotional security, fear, greed, possessiveness, and pride have too often done their worst. Surveying his business or employment record, almost any alcoholic can ask questions like these: In addition to my drinking problem, what character defects contributed to my financial instability? Did fear and inferiority about my fitness for my job destroy my confidence and fill me with conflict? Or did I overvalue myself and play the big shot?

Businesswomen in A.A. will find that these questions often apply to them, too, and the alcoholic housewife can also make the family financially insecure. Indeed, all alcoholics need to cross-examine themselves ruthlessly to determine how their own personality defects have demolished their security.

*-Twelve and Twelve, PP 51-52*

### *Page 140– Defects and Repairs*

More than most people, the alcoholic leads a double life. He is very much the actor. To the outer world he presents his stage character. This is the one he likes his fellows to see. He wants to enjoy a certain reputation, but knows in his heart he doesn't deserve it.

Guilt is really the reverse side of the coin of pride. Guilt aims at self-destruction, and pride aims at the destruction of others.

“The moral inventory is a cool examination of the damages that occurred to us during life and a sincere effort to look at them in a true perspective. This has the effect of taking the ground glass out of us, the emotional substance that still cuts and inhibits.”

*-Alcoholics Anonymous, P73*

# April 2024 Office Manager Report

|                   | Jan - Feb         | Mar             | YTD Total     |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Sales of Goods    | \$8,227.71        | \$6,277.99      | \$14,505.70   |
| Expenses          | (\$10,024.17)     | (\$5,147.76)    | (\$15,171.93) |
| Cost of Goods     | (\$5,403.03)      | (\$5,735.90)    | (\$11,138.93) |
| Contributions     | \$6,314.22        | \$5,496.98      | \$11,811.20   |
| <b>Net Income</b> | <b>(\$885.27)</b> | <b>\$891.31</b> | <b>\$6.04</b> |



## Contributions

| Group                             | Jan - Feb         | Mar               | Total              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| A Gathering of Women              | \$571.25          |                   | \$571.25           |
| AM/Mid-Day Mod                    | \$1,275.40        | \$916.81          | \$2,192.21         |
| Anonymous                         | \$297.35          | \$309.08          | \$606.43           |
| Any Lengths Group                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| AV Hospital                       | \$484.00          |                   | \$484.00           |
| AV Men's Stag                     | \$39.00           | \$95.82           | \$134.82           |
| AV Roundup                        | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| AVYPAA                            | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Backus Any Length                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Birthday                          | \$0.00            | \$45.00           | \$45.00            |
| Cal City Clubhouse                | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Came to Believe - Alano Club      | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Crown Valley Group                | \$856.62          | \$108.00          | \$964.62           |
| Daily Reflections                 | \$130.41          |                   | \$130.41           |
| Dare to be Different - Alano Club | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| District 7                        | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Faithful Fiver                    | \$45.00           | \$18.00           | \$63.00            |
| Friday Noon - Alano               | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| High Desert BB Grp                | \$811.98          |                   | \$811.98           |
| Intergroup Fundraisers            | \$142.00          | \$3,349.00        | \$3,491.00         |
| Into Action                       | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano  | \$200.00          |                   | \$200.00           |
| Lake Hughes Group                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| New Beginnings                    | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Open Door                         | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Open Participation                | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Palmdale Grp                      | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12         | \$375.00          |                   | \$375.00           |
| Pearblossom Grp                   | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| PM Mod                            | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Quartz Hill Unity Grp             | \$146.00          | \$150.55          | \$296.55           |
| Rainbow Grp                       | \$50.00           | \$100.00          | \$150.00           |
| Recovery @ The Ranch              | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Rosamond Sun Night                | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Rule 62 Grp                       | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Sat AM Men's Stag                 | \$0.00            | \$102.08          | \$102.08           |
| 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            | \$110.00          | \$110.00           |
| The Promises - Alano Club         | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Thurs Night Step Study            | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano         | \$77.00           |                   | \$77.00            |
| Unity Group                       | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Wed Night BBS                     | \$140.00          |                   | \$140.00           |
| Westside Grp                      | \$100.00          |                   | \$100.00           |
| Women in Recovery                 | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Women Seeking Serenity            | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| Sober Sisters                     | \$0.00            |                   | \$0.00             |
| <i>Digital Contributions</i>      | \$573.21          | \$192.64          | \$765.85           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     | <b>\$5,741.01</b> | <b>\$5,496.98</b> | <b>\$11,045.35</b> |

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|--------------|-----------|----|--------------|-----------|----|
| Michael T.   | 4/12/2021 | 3  | Krystal C.   | 4/27/1999 | 25 |
| Alena M.     | 4/28/2019 | 5  | Mark H.      | 4/6/1999  | 25 |
| Sandy T.     | 4/8/2016  | 8  | Ray R.       | 4/1/1999  | 25 |
| Brad P.      | 4/4/2013  | 11 | Scott S.     | 4/8/1999  | 25 |
| Julie B.     | 4/10/2013 | 11 | Steve K.     | 4/1/1999  | 25 |
| Catalina C.  | 4/13/2012 | 12 | Jerv H.      | 4/1/1998  | 26 |
| Craig R.     | 4/1/2012  | 12 | Alan P.      | 4/28/1997 | 27 |
| Jeff S.      | 4/28/2012 | 12 | Alfonso O.   | 4/5/1997  | 27 |
| Boston John  | 4/1/2011  | 13 | Betty S.     | 4/4/1997  | 27 |
| Brian B.     | 4/14/2011 | 13 | Dawn J.      | 4/17/1997 | 27 |
| Dianne E.    | 4/17/2011 | 13 | John W.      | 4/25/1997 | 27 |
| James S.     | 4/10/2011 | 13 | Joyce P.     | 4/13/1996 | 28 |
| Jennifer     | 4/14/2011 | 13 | Linda D.     | 4/8/1995  | 29 |
| Oliver C.    | 4/29/2011 | 13 | Ketty L.     | 4/3/1994  | 30 |
| Rick H.      | 4/15/2011 | 13 | Vesta S.     | 4/25/1994 | 30 |
| Jennifer G.  | 4/27/2010 | 14 | Earl W.      | 4/14/1993 | 31 |
| Mishone J.   | 4/13/2010 | 14 | Joanna O.    | 4/20/1993 | 31 |
| Scott D.     | 4/26/2010 | 14 | Steve P.     | 4/24/1993 | 31 |
| Tim J.       | 4/27/2010 | 14 | Wanda        | 4/15/1993 | 31 |
| Bob H.       | 4/20/2009 | 15 | Dana S.      | 4/26/1992 | 32 |
| Johnny L.    | 4/16/2009 | 15 | Frankie H.   | 4/8/1992  | 32 |
| Kim T.       | 4/3/2009  | 15 | Jill R.      | 4/22/1992 | 32 |
| LaVonda L.   | 4/16/2009 | 15 | Joe H.       | 4/29/1992 | 32 |
| Patick M.    | 4/4/2009  | 15 | Raymond B.   | 4/4/1992  | 32 |
| Rory D.      | 4/9/2009  | 15 | Ron B.       | 4/3/1992  | 32 |
| Ike W.       | 4/20/2008 | 16 | Tony H.      | 4/3/1992  | 32 |
| Karvn M.     | 4/1/2008  | 16 | Rav B.       | 4/3/1991  | 33 |
| Danielle B.  | 4/14/2007 | 17 | Walter P.    | 4/14/1991 | 33 |
| Dawn C.      | 4/17/2007 | 17 | Kevin M.     | 4/7/1990  | 34 |
| Kim R.       | 4/3/2007  | 17 | Richard P.   | 4/5/1990  | 34 |
| Mike W.      | 4/15/2007 | 17 | Susan R.     | 4/14/1990 | 34 |
| Patrick S.   | 4/24/2007 | 17 | Terry J.     | 4/22/1990 | 34 |
| Rowdy J.     | 4/10/2007 | 17 | Charlie K.   | 4/16/1989 | 35 |
| Susan C.     | 4/13/2007 | 17 | Jerry L.     | 4/26/1989 | 35 |
| Venessa Y.   | 4/11/2007 | 17 | Ron N.       | 4/21/1989 | 35 |
| Alicia       | 4/13/2006 | 18 | Rico C.      | 4/9/1989  | 35 |
| Bernie A.    | 4/2/2006  | 18 | Steve A.     | 4/1/1989  | 35 |
| Chase M.     | 4/17/2006 | 18 | Carol H.     | 4/17/1988 | 36 |
| Earl M.      | 4/17/2006 | 18 | Monica L.    | 4/8/1987  | 37 |
| Gail R.      | 4/10/2006 | 18 | Bill G.      | 4/24/1986 | 38 |
| Gwen C.      | 4/12/2006 | 18 | Danny A.     | 4/18/1986 | 38 |
| Jean M.      | 4/25/2006 | 18 | Frank S.     | 4/21/1986 | 38 |
| Lisa N.      | 4/27/2006 | 18 | Kathy P.     | 4/19/1986 | 38 |
| Renal F.     | 4/14/2006 | 18 | Steve W.     | 4/23/1986 | 38 |
| Richard L.   | 4/16/2006 | 18 | Pat R.       | 4/3/1985  | 39 |
| Charles G.   | 4/22/2005 | 19 | Deborah H.   | 4/13/1984 | 40 |
| Christina J. | 4/10/2005 | 19 | Glenn C.     | 4/20/1984 | 40 |
| Khalil W.    | 4/22/2005 | 19 | Terry C.     | 4/22/1983 | 41 |
| Lisa R.      | 4/23/2005 | 19 | Charlie W.   | 4/26/1982 | 42 |
| Monique A.   | 4/16/2005 | 19 | Bob Fisher   | 4/30/1981 | 43 |
| Albert M.    | 4/15/2004 | 20 | Chris W.     | 4/1/1981  | 43 |
| Mimie R.     | 4/1/2004  | 20 | Les G.       | 4/16/1980 | 44 |
| Steve H.     | 4/20/2004 | 20 | Norma S.     | 4/16/1979 | 45 |
| Jim T.       | 4/3/2003  | 21 | Stephanie S. | 4/23/1979 | 45 |
| Landy B.     | 4/7/2003  | 21 | Annie M.     | 4/15/1977 | 47 |
| Sharon R.    | 4/9/2003  | 21 | Don M.       | 4/13/1976 | 48 |
| Linda A.     | 4/5/2002  | 22 | Stu C.       | 4/13/1974 | 50 |
| Tina D.      | 4/22/2002 | 22 |              |           |    |
| Judy H.      | 4/24/2001 | 23 |              |           |    |
| Victor D.    | 4/6/2001  | 23 |              |           |    |
| Jim H.       | 4/25/1999 | 25 |              |           |    |

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

Total Years = 2,950

## 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. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Deborah H.
- 4th ~ Jimmy B. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

*Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!*

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

