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The Scoop

AA in the AV 58

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Last installment for the AV
Men's Stag



During the ten years or so from the time the AV Men's Stag left the Palmdale Cultural Center (1992 or 1993) and eventually found its current home at the Quartz Hill Grange Hall in 2002, there were numerous moves and ad hoc arrangements the likes of which might have killed a meeting with less loyal membership.

Dick O. remembers having to call Gary W. whenever he was in town to find out where the meeting was. From Courson Park It moved to the Family Resource Center on 15th and Palmdale Blvd, then the Family Resource Center moved to 30th just south of the Chevron Station and the

meeting moved with it. A number of times it met at Steve L's dad's place, J-Bones Sports Bar on Palmdale Boulevard.

One day in 2002, just as the meeting was settling in at the new Family Resource location, the AV Men's Stag was kicked out with no warning. Steve and Glenn moved tables and chairs and the all-important coffee pot over to Steve's house and the following Wednesday's meeting was held in Steve's breezeway. It was then that someone found that the Grange in Quartz Hill was available on Wednesday nights. A group conscience was taken, and *voila!*, the AV Men's Stag had a new home where it's been now for some 22 years, a testament to the faithful and loyal membership that would not let a meeting die, even when it was ingloriously uprooted time and again.

Calendar of Events

Central Office Intergroup Meeting-1st Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm
Roundup Meeting-1st Sunday each month @5:30, Grange
H&I Meeting- 2nd Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill
District 7 Meeting- 2nd Monday each month @ 630

Family Fellowship Feud- Aug
24th@6pm, Grange Hall
72nd SoCal Convention- Nov 8-
10@ Pacific Palms Resort, City
of Industry
Area 93 Election Assembly-
Nov, 16,17th@AV College

As Bill Sees It

*Page 221-God Will Not Desert
Us*

“Word comes to me that you are making a magnificent stand in adversity- this adversity being the state of your health. It gives me a chance to express my gratitude for your recovery in A.A. and especially for the demonstration of its principles you are now so inspiringly giving to us all.

You will be glad to know that A.A.’s have an almost unflinching record in this respect. This I think, is because we are so aware that God will not desert us when the chips are down; indeed. He did not when we were drinking. And so it should be with the remainder of life.

“Certainly, He does not plan to save us from all troubles and adversity. Nor in the end, does He save us from so-called death—since this is but an opening of a door into a new life, where we shall dwell among His many mansions. Touching these things I know you have a most confident faith.”

-Letter, 1966

Step 8

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

This is a very large order. It is a task which we may perform with increasing skill, but never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every A.A. has found that he can make a little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old,

some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the great advantages of doing this will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

The 8th Tradition

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words “Freely ye have received, freely give.” We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world’s best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the

beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.

Rest in Peace, Sheila G.



It is with a very heavy heart that I need to let our community know, Our friend, perhaps mentor, perhaps momma to many, Sheila has very peacefully passed away while taking a nap! She has always said "That's the way I wanna go out ", jokingly..... and she has been telling us (her family & well-anybody who would listen.. lol) that she did NOT want to live to be an old lady at 85 yrs old..... This woman, manifested this wayyyyy more I could begin to wrap my head around. Her birthday is 7-11-1939. Her passing date is 7-11-2024.....

Crazy, Brutal and Beautiful; this I would call Brutaliful.

She must have made a deal with her Higher Power and in Sheila Form, Sheila gets what Sheila wants.

I, Lynnai Z. and my sister, brother and all our family could not say Thank You all, collectively and individually for loving the woman she was!! Your kind words have touched us deeply these last couple of days - Thank You ~

Information for future plans to celebrate this friend of ours along with her family will come at a later point. We need some time, but you will be updated as details become available. But for now, we mourn, we gather, we weep; but we live, we bond and we will keep our favorite memories close by that this woman was

something special! 

She is a Grateful Alcoholic 1-15-1999  25 yrs

Eighth Concept:

- The trustees of the General Service Board act in their two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage

these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

- Principle of the Concept: Consistency
- Trustee Oversight has 2 Primary Parts
 - 1. They plan manage, and execute large matters of overall policy and finance, and...
 - 2. They oversee both of our corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc., [which includes the General Service Office] & A.A. Grapevine, Inc.).
- Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring good conduct of all world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight instead of executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The in's and out's of day to day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad brush strokes strategically guide the enteritis they oversee.
- The text above is as an excerpt from the A.A. conference approved pamphlet (P8) The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated

August 2024 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun	Jul	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$26,443.43	\$3,201.53	\$29,644.96
Expenses	(\$32,404.70)	(\$6,258.00)	(\$38,662.70)
Cost of Goods	(\$20,024.41)	(\$2,198.52)	(\$22,222.93)
Contributions	\$20,783.11	\$3,859.19	\$24,642.30
Net Income	(\$5,202.57)	(\$1,395.80)	(\$6,598.37)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Jun	Jul	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$671.25	\$50.00	\$721.25
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$3,060.79	\$903.40	\$3,964.19
Anonymous	\$1,673.90	\$303.41	\$1,977.31
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$484.00		\$484.00
AV Men's Stag	\$642.22	\$265.59	\$907.81
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Backus Any Length	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$253.00	\$25.00	\$278.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,914.68	\$504.00	\$2,418.68
Daily Reflections	\$130.41		\$130.41
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$271.49		\$271.49
Faithful Fiver	\$335.00	\$65.00	\$400.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,572.78		\$2,572.78
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$3,541.00		\$3,541.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$182.61	\$155.00	\$337.61
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$85.61		\$85.61
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$375.00		\$375.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$268.26	\$219.37	\$487.63
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,113.74	\$231.00	\$1,344.74
Rainbow Grp	\$425.00		\$425.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00	\$429.80	\$429.80
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$102.08		\$102.08
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$168.00		\$168.00
Sun Night BBS	\$216.00	\$118.00	\$334.00
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	\$134.50	\$274.50
Westside Grp	\$100.00		\$100.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$65.00	\$125.00	\$190.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<i>Digital Contributions</i>	<i>\$1,714.29</i>	<i>\$330.12</i>	<i>\$2,044.41</i>
TOTALS	\$19,068.82	\$3,859.19	\$22,597.89

Sarah C.	8/13/2022	2	Kristy T.	8/19/2006	18
Lori M.	8/19/2021	3	Kurt L.	8/3/2006	18
Christopher J.	8/22/2020	4	Lisa M.	8/29/2006	18
Dawn S.	8/31/2019	5	Mardy G.	8/17/2006	18
Dee F.	6/8/2017	7	Michaela O.	8/18/2006	18
AnnaMarie M	8/4/2017	7	Bob S.	8/16/2005	19
Cathv B.	8/7/2017	7	Charise P.	8/25/2005	19
Anita N.	8/31/2016	8	Bill S.	8/2/2004	20
Elton M.	8/28/2016	8	Ron H.	8/12/2003	21
Valerie D.	8/1/2016	8	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	21
Morgan	8/7/2016	8	Chris N.	8/30/2002	22
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	8	Chris S.	8/17/2002	22
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	8	Myrtle O.	8/29/2002	22
Julie	8/9/2015	9	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	23
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	9	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	23
Erick V.	8/28/2015	9	Susie B.	8/31/2001	23
Chris K.	8/17/2012	12	Bovce H.	8/19/2000	24
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	12	Joe P.	8/13/2000	24
Paul E.	8/1/2012	12	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	24
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	12	Robert G.	8/25/2000	24
Richard K.	8/23/2012	12	Julio C.	8/28/1999	25
Robert R.	8/17/2012	12	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	25
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	12	Joe L.	8/10/1997	27
Amy D.	8/8/2011	13	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	28
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	13	Mary M.	8/11/1996	28
Joe S.	8/8/2011	13	Robert R.	8/12/1996	28
Laura	8/30/2011	13	Emma W.	8/20/1994	30
Molly M.	8/9/2011	13	Lamont W.	8/11/1994	30
Terry R.	8/5/2011	13	Richard B.	8/2/1993	31
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	14	Steve K.	8/20/1993	31
Christine L.	8/29/2010	14	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	32
Janet D.	8/10/2010	14	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	33
Liz C.	8/17/2010	14	Julie P.	8/31/1991	33
Michele S.	8/22/2010	14	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	33
Tom M.	8/23/2010	14	Linda S.	8/16/1990	34
Alex W.	8/28/2009	15	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	35
Jan P.	8/22/2009	15	Ken K.	8/13/1988	36
Janie G.	8/23/2009	15	Sonny C.	8/10/1988	36
Jason S.	8/22/2009	15	Lem J.	8/3/1987	37
Jim W.	8/8/2009	15	Ona J.	8/29/1987	37
Judith C.	8/17/2009	15	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	37
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	15	Tom M.	8/7/1985	39
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	15	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	40
Rick B.	8/15/2009	15	Bill L.	8/24/1983	41
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	16	Clark S.	8/11/1983	41
Debra B.	8/7/2008	16	Doug M.	8/10/1982	42
Diane E.	8/15/2008	16	Steve N.	8/9/1981	43
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	16	Jim P.	8/25/1980	44
James S.	8/28/2008	16	John F.	8/19/1980	44
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	16	John H.	8/19/1980	44
Larry L.	8/13/2008	16	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	44
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	16	Mike S.	8/5/1980	44
Debora A.	8/31/2007	16	Robert D.	8/17/1980	44
Havdan M.	8/8/2007	17	Roberta G.	8/10/1979	45
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	17	Clara W.	8/1/1976	48
Robert M.	8/15/2007	17	Pat. L.	8/12/1976	48
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	17	Jay P.	8/5/1974	50
Shara B.	8/1/2007	17	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	55
Dano	8/16/2006	18			
Total Years		= 2,506			

Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! 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!

Thank you for all who are joining the growing Faithful Fivers Club and being part of the SOLUTION!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Kurt H.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 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!

