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The Scoop

46 Years Sobriety Poem

46 years, no booze, not even a drop
I had thought; it was impossible to stop

Life was good for many a years
Booze and parties and a good career

Corvettes and casinos, I had it all
Had no idea I was going to fall

My start in AA did not go well
Kept on drinking; felt guilty as hell

A loving God stopped my drinking
The steps changed my thinking

God has helped me
Ask and he will help you
Together we can help someone new.

Gratefully,
Arne P., A.A.1976

AA in the AV 38

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OPEN DOOR HISTORY

To wind up our history of the Open Door (formerly the Back Door), we reprint Chris W's

writing on why they stayed open during the pandemic. The Open Door was roundly criticized for not following Covid guidelines, so it seems fair to hear Chris's side of the story, written during the pandemic in 2020.]

Even today [written in 2020], with the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing, the Open Door survives. Guided by the Traditions (in particular 1 and 2: unity and a loving God as expressed through our group conscience), several members actually read the health order and found that "alcohol and drug treatment providers" were an essential operation that should stay open. Oddly enough, right after that on the list was also cannabis clinics.

Hey! If they get to stay open we should too! This was later confirmed by a health inspector who was sent to evaluate the Door by a disgruntled member who disagreed with the decision to stay open. She said, and I'm paraphrasing, "Of course alcohol and drug treatment providers means AA and NA halls; besides the last thing we need is a bunch

of drunks relapsing and raising hell during a pandemic.”

The decision to stay open (following health order guidelines, of course) has been borne out. Almost daily, people from as far away as Newhall or San Fernando would come in and say “Thank God you guys are open! I really need a meeting.” Also in the last couple of months our birthday board has had literally dozens of first year birthday celebrations, newcomers who came in during the first days of the pandemic, caught the spirit, and have started sharing the message, some starting to sponsor new people with as little as six months themselves [written by Chris L., 2020].

Step 12

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

The joy of living is the theme of A.A.’s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that

we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual awakening. To new A.A.’s, this often seems like a very dubious and improbable state of affairs. “What do you mean when you talk about a ‘spiritual awakening’?” they ask.

Maybe there are as many definitions of spiritual awakening as there are people who have had them. But certainly each genuine one has something in common with all the others. And these things which they have in common are not too hard to understand. When a man or a woman has a spiritual awakening, the most important meaning of it is that he has now become able to do, feel, and believe that which he could not do before on his unaided strength and resources alone. He has been granted a gift which amounts to a new state of consciousness and being. He has been set on a path which tells him he is really going somewhere, that life is not a dead end, not something to be endured or mastered. In a very real sense he has been transformed, because he has laid hold of a source of

strength which, in one way or another, he had hitherto denied himself. He finds himself in possession of a degree of honesty, tolerance, unselfishness, peace of mind, and love of which he had thought himself quite incapable. What he has received is a free gift, and yet usually, at least in some small part, he has made himself ready to receive it.

12th Tradition

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.’s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit—well symbolized by anonymity—is the foundation of them all. It is A.A.’s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people their high confidence in our future.

When the Big Book appeared in 1939, we called it “Alcoholics Anonymous.” Its foreword made this revealing statement: “It is important that we remain anonymous because we are too few, at present, to handle the overwhelming number of personal appeals which may

result from this publication. Being mostly business or professional folk, we could not well carry on our occupations in such an event.” Between these lines, it is easy to read our fear that large numbers of incoming people might break our anonymity wide open.

Twelfth Concept:

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient

operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

The General Service



Conference was designed to support A.A. World Service in North America (United States and Canada). Each service committee at A.A. World Service must work within their own budgets and not work out of their scope of their position. In addition, decisions made must be voted on and approved. This includes ensuring all minority opinions are heard. I have seen times where 1 minority opinion changed the majority's opinion. This is important because it promotes inclusion.

This Concept is important in many different levels of AA. Meetings, Groups, Districts, Areas, and A.A. World Service must all be inclusive. We must get a commitment and stay within the confines of that commitment. When things need to be talked about, we must all get together and decide the best possible outcome and vote. We may not 100% agree on everything, but we must be able to let the spiritual principles guide us thru the process.

-Keith H., A.A. 2008

Word Game

12 step

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

Transformed	Improbable	Dubious	Price
Genuine	Action	Giving	Real
Common	Daily	Joy	
State			

December 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Oct	Nov	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$36,475.74	\$2,529.64	\$39,005.38
Expenses	(\$61,866.05)	(\$4,931.38)	(\$66,797.43)
Cost of Goods	(\$21,769.42)	(\$2,888.41)	(\$24,657.83)
Contributions	\$37,458.09	\$6,352.82	\$43,810.91
Net Income	(\$9,701.64)	\$1,062.67	(\$8,638.97)



Contributions

Group	Jan - Oct	Nov	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$7,671.44	\$1,497.09	\$9,168.53
Anonymous	\$5,107.85	\$3,140.45	\$8,248.30
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,921.00	\$238.00	\$2,159.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00	\$457.63	\$457.63
Birthday	\$102.00		\$102.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Cal City	\$150.00		\$150.00
Crown Valley Group	\$600.00		\$600.00
Daily Reflections	\$1.00		\$1.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$1.00		\$1.00
District 7	\$3,167.87	\$17.85	\$3,185.72
Faithful Fiver	\$185.00	\$10.00	\$195.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,158.70	\$306.25	\$2,464.95
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,518.00		\$1,518.00
Into Action	\$400.00		\$400.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$920.46		\$920.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$840.20		\$840.20
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,534.99	\$54.07	\$1,589.06
Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg	\$107.00		\$107.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$275.00
PM Mod	\$1,008.72		\$1,008.72
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,549.70	\$253.00	\$1,802.70
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$160.00		\$160.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$400.00		\$400.00
Sat. Men's Stag - Alano	\$3.00		\$3.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$289.00		\$289.00
Sun Night BBS	\$120.01		\$120.01
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$109.00		\$109.00
Unity Group	\$302.00		\$302.00
Westside Grp	\$473.32		\$473.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$347.00	\$59.00	\$406.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$2,433.88	\$244.48	\$2,678.36

Cathy C.	12/26/2020	2	Debbie C.	12/19/2004	18
Chelsea N.	12/30/2015	7	James K.	12/25/2004	18
Keith H.	12/27/2015	7	John H.	12/25/2004	18
Judv	12/26/2015	7	Shervl L.	12/18/2004	18
Jim M.	12/13/2015	7	Arnold S.	12/17/2003	19
Ross	12/14/2014	8	Carvl W.	12/22/2003	19
Steve S.	12/29/2014	8	Faith V.	12/8/2002	20
Derrick	12/1/2013	9	Lerov P.	12/2/2002	20
Janie G.	12/3/2013	9	Mike Z.	12/24/2002	20
Regina B.	12/9/2013	9	Adrienne R.	12/17/2001	21
Denise H.	12/14/2013	9	Donna H.	12/21/2000	22
Angelina	12/15/2013	9	MarvAnn	12/28/2000	22
Geno	12/17/2013	9	Anthony H.	12/8/1999	23
Margie H.	12/24/2013	9	Jerry M.	12/2/1999	23
Don C.	12/24/2013	9	Brenda D.	12/17/1998	24
Eddie A.	12/18/2012	10	J.J. F.	12/10/1998	24
Jennifer M.	12/29/2012	10	Latovia H.	12/31/1998	24
Sarah M.	12/31/2012	10	Gerry K.	12/16/1997	25
Stewart L.	12/23/2012	10	Tim A.	12/1/1997	25
Alex W.	12/13/2011	11	Dawn N.	12/1/1995	27
Anita H.	12/31/2011	11	Jim B.	12/22/1995	27
Brandon E.	12/7/2011	11	Anthony V.	12/13/1994	28
Cindy	12/30/2011	11	Jim M.	12/10/1994	28
Jackie C.	12/6/2011	11	Mark B.	12/28/1994	28
Mark N.	12/12/2011	11	Shawn L.	12/21/1994	28
Robert	12/26/2011	11	Arisah M.	12/1/1993	29
Sevasti	12/27/2011	11	Jay W.	12/15/1993	29
Warren F.	12/14/2011	11	Jeff F.	12/2/1993	29
Andy K.	12/22/2010	12	Yvette B.	12/1/1993	29
Cathy G.	12/17/2010	12	Keith B.	12/7/1992	30
Rusty M.	12/2/2010	12	Tauri B.	12/24/1992	30
Diane R.	12/9/2009	13	Alan H.	12/15/1991	31
David S.	12/16/2009	13	Mary K.	12/5/1991	31
Paul	12/13/2009	13	Romy D.	12/11/1991	31
Luis H.	12/7/2009	13	Augie A.	12/16/1990	32
Michael A.	12/29/2009	13	Ellen H.	12/28/1990	32
Aaron S.	12/24/2008	14	Carol R.	12/19/1989	33
David H.	12/6/2008	14	Sherman B.	12/29/1988	34
Jeff C.	12/25/2008	14	Suzie K.	12/14/1988	34
Christy W.	12/26/2008	14	Randy S.	12/9/1988	34
Jeff P.	12/26/2008	14	Tim W.	12/31/1987	35
Jennifer V.	12/7/2008	14	Bob S.	12/16/1986	36
John S.	12/7/2008	14	Dave A.	12/19/1986	36
Luis C.	12/13/2008	14	Jay W.	12/2/1986	36
Nicole D.	12/10/2008	14	Nancy	12/9/1986	36
Kelli T.	12/10/2007	15	Phil G.	12/4/1986	36
Rita W.	12/12/2007	15	Keith-Scott D.	12/15/1985	37
Sandy W.	12/18/2007	15	Susie G.	12/13/1985	37
Josh R.	6/19/2006	16	Mike C.	12/31/1984	38
Mario V.	12/29/2006	16	Nancy S.	12/31/1984	38
Don R.	12/13/2005	17	Billv D.	12/12/1983	39
Maricela M.	12/19/2005	17	Ann H.	12/8/1982	40
Mary O.	12/7/2005	17	John	12/31/1982	40
Michelle R.	12/25/2005	17	Kathy H.	12/8/1981	41
Scott C.	12/7/2005	17	Carol C.	12/28/1980	42
Will S.	12/23/2005	17	Jeanne B.	12/31/1978	44
Barbara J.	12/9/2004	18	Sandy N.	12/26/1978	44
			Phyllis C.	12/25/1976	46
			Ed H.	12/1/1973	49

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

TOTALS | \$33,913.14 | \$6,352.82 | \$40,265.96

Total Years = 2,468

Managers Corner

Have you signed up for the Faithful Fiver program? This is a simple way to show your gratitude for what Alcoholics Anonymous is doing for you and to support our Central Office. Our office is the front line of our assistance to those who still suffer; please sign up!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Kayla T.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
- 3rd ~ Vacant & Alona T.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & David W.
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

