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The Scoop

AA in the AV 50

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By Bruce L.
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The A.V. Wednesday Night Men's Stag moved after eight years at Ernie McBride's used car lot to the Palmdale Cultural Center in 1981; quite a change from a bare bones wood-frame-with-no-insulation entryway to a car dealership to a modern (fancy by AA standards) meeting room with a kitchen, heating and air, clean large round tables with comfortable chairs, and carpet on the floor.

John C. (not John C. the "old fart"), the only current AA member I know who remembers meetings at the used car lot, told me how the smoke was so thick you had to open the door, but then it was so cold your toes turned numb, and when a freight train came by the whole place shook and you couldn't hear

whoever was speaking. What we do for sobriety!



The move to the warm and quiet Palmdale Cultural Center must have been quite something for those rough and tumble AAs from the 1970s. I know the move happened in 1981 because David F. (who just passed in 2022) told me he went to his first meeting at the car lot in 1981, didn't stay sober, and then returned to the same meeting after it had moved to the Cultural Center, and then he stayed sober. His sobriety date was November, 1981. With that information, the fact that he went

to the used car lot early in the year and then to the Cultural Center later in the year, gives us confidence in the date: the move took place in 1981.

See you next month,
Bruce L.

Calendar of Events

Roundup Meeting-1st Sunday each month @4:30, Friends of Bill
H&I Meeting- 2nd Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill
District 7 Meeting- 2nd Monday each month @ 6:30, Grange Hall
Winter Festival- Dec. 16th@ 4pm, Palmdale Group w/Potluck & Cookie Decorating

I may not have the car, the bank account; I have peace in my heart

I'm not in that relationship- like my neighbors
I don't feel like that hopelessness; constant thought of dying
Coming into this program-treatment program, sober living
Was not my choice
Smiles looked genuine
I kept hearing my story
On page 24 to 25 there is a solution
One morning I realized I hadn't thought of drinking
In that peaceful moment at the Santa Clarita Riverbed
I made my decision.

-Josue G. A.A. 2020

H&I Bridging the Gap Liason



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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.

The 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.

*Daily Reflections excerpt
on the 12th Tradition*

Page 354: A Genuine Humility

...we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This is to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.
- *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 192*

Experience has taught me that my alcoholic personality tends to be grandiose. While having seemingly good intentions, I can go off on tangents in pursuit of my “causes.” My ego takes over and I lose sight of my primary purpose I may even take credit for God’s handiwork in my life. Such an overstated feeling of my own importance is dangerous to my sobriety and could cause great harm to A.A. as a whole.

My safeguard, the Twelfth Tradition, serves to keep me humble. I realize, both as an individual and as a member of the Fellowship, that I cannot boast of my accomplishments, and that “God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.”



Twelfth Concept

General Warranties of the Conference is all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power, that sufficient operating funds, place an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all unimportant decisions be reached, by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity, that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics of Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Note from the Editor: Happy Holidays! I'm always looking forward to reading new submissions sharing experience, strength, and hope. How do you stay sober one day at a time?
Jessica C.

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December 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Oct	Nov	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$40,094.57	\$3,369.10	\$43,463.67
Expenses	(\$54,106.13)	(\$5,064.70)	(\$59,170.83)
Cost of Goods	(\$39,188.89)	(\$986.98)	(\$40,175.87)
Contributions	\$32,243.02	\$7,416.19	\$39,659.21



Net Income	(\$20,957.43)	\$4,733.61	(\$16,223.82)
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Contributions

Group	Jan - Oct	Nov	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$762.39	\$95.00	\$857.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$6,933.46	\$779.00	\$7,712.46
Anonymous	\$4,162.83	\$587.37	\$4,750.20
Any Lengths Group	\$80.00		\$80.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$2,578.00		\$2,578.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00	\$1,600.35	\$1,602.35
AVYPAA	\$14.59		\$14.59
Backus Any Length	\$140.00		\$140.00
Birthday	\$233.00	\$41.00	\$274.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$450.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,067.00	\$52.00	\$1,119.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$441.23		\$441.23
Faithful Fiver	\$565.00	\$20.00	\$585.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,049.25	\$348.41	\$3,397.66
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00	\$1,970.00	\$2,890.00
Into Action	\$886.50	\$200.00	\$1,086.50
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$516.74	\$181.00	\$697.74
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$600.00		\$600.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,742.00		\$1,742.00
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$145.00		\$145.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
PM Mod	\$296.00		\$296.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,425.50	\$164.78	\$1,590.28
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$153.00		\$153.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sun Night BBS	\$207.00	\$220.00	\$427.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Thurs Night Step Study	\$100.00		\$100.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$306.36	\$77.00	\$383.36
Westside Grp	\$305.00	\$100.00	\$405.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$170.00	\$118.00	\$288.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00

Digital Contributions	\$3,541.17	\$762.28	\$4,303.45
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Rachelle S.	12/1/2022	1	Debbie C.	12/19/2004	19
Meghan H.	12/1/2022	1	James K.	12/25/2004	19
Cathv C.	12/26/2020	3	John H.	12/25/2004	19
Chelsea N.	12/30/2015	8	Shervl L.	12/18/2004	19
Keith H.	12/27/2015	8	Arnold S.	12/17/2003	20
Judy	12/26/2015	8	Carvl W.	12/22/2003	20
Jim M.	12/13/2015	8	Faith V.	12/8/2002	21
Ross	12/14/2014	9	Lerov P.	12/2/2002	21
Steve S.	12/29/2014	9	Mike Z.	12/24/2002	21
Derrick	12/1/2013	10	Adrienne R.	12/17/2001	22
Janie G.	12/3/2013	10	Donna H.	12/21/2000	23
Regina B.	12/9/2013	10	MarvAnn	12/28/2000	23
Denise H.	12/14/2013	10	Anthony H.	12/8/1999	24
Angelina	12/15/2013	10	Jerry M.	12/2/1999	24
Geno	12/17/2013	10	Brenda D.	12/17/1998	25
Margie H.	12/24/2013	10	J.J. F.	12/10/1998	25
Don C.	12/24/2013	10	Latovia H.	12/31/1998	25
Eddie A.	12/18/2012	11	Gerrv K.	12/16/1997	26
Jennifer M.	12/29/2012	11	Tim A.	12/1/1997	26
Sarah M.	12/31/2012	11	Dawn N.	12/1/1995	28
Stewart L.	12/23/2012	11	Jim B.	12/22/1995	28
Alex W.	12/13/2011	12	Anthony L.	12/13/1994	29
Anita H.	12/31/2011	12	Jim M.	12/10/1994	29
Brandon E.	12/7/2011	12	Mark B.	12/28/1994	29
Cindy	12/30/2011	12	Shawn L.	12/21/1994	29
Jackie C.	12/6/2011	12	Arisah M.	12/1/1993	30
Mark N.	12/12/2011	12	Jay W.	12/15/1993	30
Robert	12/26/2011	12	Jeff F.	12/2/1993	30
Sevasti	12/27/2011	12	Yvette B.	12/1/1993	30
Warren F.	12/14/2011	12	Keith B.	12/7/1992	31
Andy K.	12/22/2010	13	Tauri B.	12/24/1992	31
Cathv G.	12/17/2010	13	Alan H.	12/15/1991	32
Rustv M.	12/2/2010	13	Marv K.	12/5/1991	32
Diane R.	12/9/2009	14	Ronny D.	12/1/1991	32
David S.	12/16/2009	14	Augie A.	12/16/1990	33
Paul	12/13/2009	14	Ellen H.	12/28/1990	33
Luis H.	12/7/2009	14	Carol R.	12/19/1989	34
Michael A.	12/29/2009	14	Sherman B.	12/29/1988	35
Aaron S.	12/24/2008	15	Suzie K.	12/14/1988	35
David H.	12/6/2008	15	Randy S.	12/9/1988	35
Jeff C.	12/25/2008	15	Tim W.	12/31/1987	36
Christy W.	12/26/2008	15	Bob S.	12/16/1986	37
Jeff P.	12/26/2008	15	Dave A.	12/19/1986	37
Cecil H.	12/11/2008	15	Jay W.	12/2/1986	37
Jennifer V.	12/7/2008	15	Nancy	12/9/1986	37
John S.	12/7/2008	15	Phil G.	12/4/1986	37
Luis C.	12/13/2008	15	Keith-Scott D.	12/15/1985	38
Nicole D.	12/10/2008	15	Susie G.	12/13/1985	38
Kelli T.	12/10/2007	16	Mike C.	12/31/1984	39
Rita W.	12/12/2007	16	Nancy S.	12/31/1984	39
Sandy W.	12/18/2007	16	Billy D.	12/12/1983	40
Josh R.	6/19/2006	17	Ann H.	12/8/1982	41
Mario V.	12/29/2006	17	John	12/31/1982	41
Don R.	12/13/2005	18	Kathy H.	12/8/1981	42
Maricela M.	12/19/2005	18	Carol C.	12/28/1980	43
Mary O.	12/7/2005	18	Jeanne B.	12/31/1978	45
Michelle R.	12/25/2005	18	Sandy N.	12/26/1978	45
Scott C.	12/7/2005	18	Phyllis C.	12/25/1976	47
Will S.	12/23/2005	18	Ed H.	12/1/1973	50
Barbara J.	12/9/2004	19			

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

TOTALS	\$28,701.85	\$7,416.19	\$39,659.21
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Total Years = 2,601

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. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Deborah H.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & 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!

