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The Scoop

AA in the AV 52

AA in the AV 52
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Tracing the several moves of the AV Men's Stag over its fifty-year history, it was in the Palmdale Cultural Center from 1981 to sometime after July, 1992, or the first half of 1993, at which time it moved to the pool building at Courson Park in Palmdale. Dick O. was secretary when it moved and has supplied those dates. At Courson Park the meeting continued to thrive but it was quite a change from the very comfortable cultural center where the tables and chairs were always set up by the City, to the new building where folding tables and chairs had to be set up and torn down every meeting. The meeting's next move would be to Palmdale Boulevard, a move prompted by a gunshot! To be continued.



See you next month,
Bruce L.

Election of Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Nominations of all qualified AA members for board positions shall be held at the regular Intergroup Meeting in the months of January and February. The Intergroup Steering Committee is held on the 1st **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 may be nominated. Qualifications for the

open positions are available at the Central Office. There must be at least two nominations for each position.

The annual election will be held during the first week of March. Ballots may be cast during regular business hours at the A.V. Central Office for one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting held on the first Thursday of March. All A.V. AA members may vote.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the February 1st meeting at 7:00pm at the AV Central Office.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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, Grange Hall

Step 2

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

The moment they read Step Two, most A.A. newcomers are confronted with a dilemma, sometimes a serious one. How often have we heard them cry out, “Look what you people have done to us! You have convinced us that we are alcoholics and that our lives are unmanageable. Having reduced us to a state of

absolute helplessness, you now declare that none but a Higher Power can remove our obsession. Some of us *won't* believe in God, others can't, and still others who do believe that God exists have no faith whatever He will perform this miracle. Yes, you've got us over the barrel, all right—but where do we go from here?”

Let's look first at the case of the one who says he won't believe—the belligerent one. He is in a state of mind which can be described only as savage. His whole philosophy of life, in which he so gloried, is threatened. It's bad enough, he thinks, to admit alcohol has him down for keeps. But now, still smarting from that admission, he is faced with something really impossible. How he does cherish the thought that man, risen so majestically from a single cell in the primordial ooze, is the spearhead of evolution and therefore the only god that his universe knows! Must he renounce all this to save himself?

At this juncture, his A.A. sponsor usually laughs. This, the newcomer thinks, is just about the last straw. This is the beginning of the end. And so it is: the beginning of the end of his old life, and the beginning of his emergence into a new one. His sponsor probably says, “Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think. At least I've found it so. So did a friend of mine who was a one-time vice-president of the American Atheist Society, but he got through with room to spare.”

The 2nd Tradition

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Where does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, “This simply can't be. There must be an angle somewhere.” These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and lean that the sole authority in A.A. is a living God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. They dubiously ask an experienced A.A. member if this really works. The member, sane to all appearances, immediately answers, “Yes! It definitely does.” The friends mutter that this looks vague, nebulous, pretty naïve to them. Then they commence to watch us with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

When alcohol influenced every facet of my life, when bottles became the symbol of all my self-indulgence and permissiveness, when I came to realize that, by myself, I could do

nothing to overcome the power of alcohol, I realized I had no recourse except to surrender. In surrender I found victory over my stubborn resistance to life as it was given to me. When I stopped fighting anybody or anything, I started on the path to sobriety, serenity and peace.

As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

Page 63 –Free of Dependance

I asked myself, “Why can’t the 12 steps work to release me from this unbearable depression?” By the hour, I stared at the St. Francis Prayer: It is better to comfort than to be comforted.

Suddenly I realized what the answer might be. My basic flaw had always been dependence on people or circumstances to supply me with prestige, security, and confidence. Failing to get these things according to my perfectionist dreams and specifications, I fought for them. And when defeat came, so did my depression.

Reinforced by what grace I could find in prayer, I had to exert every ounce of will and action cut off these faulty emotional dependencies upon people and upon circumstances. Then only could I be free to love as Francis had loved.

-GRAPEVINE, JANUARY 1966

Page 265- Neither Dependance nor Self-Sufficiency

When we insisted, like infants, that people protect and take care of us that the world owed us a living then the result was unfortunate. The people we most loved often pushed us aside or perhaps deserted us entirely. Our disillusionment was hard to bear.

We failed to see that, though adult in years, we were still behaving childishly, trying to turn everybody—friends, wives, husbands, even the world itself—into protective parents. We refused to learn that overdependence on people is unsuccessful because all people are fallible, and even the best of them will sometimes let us down, especially when our demands for attention become unreasonable.

We are now on a different basis: the basis of trusting and relying upon God. We trust infinite God rather than finite selves. Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us do, and humbly rely on Him, does he enable us to match calamity with serenity

-TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 115
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, P. 68

Second Concept:
The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

Concept I establishes the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.’s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares. Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going and to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the AA Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly looked to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These G.S.R.s meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

February 2024 Office Manager Report

	Jan	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$4,452.58	\$4,452.58
Expenses	(\$1,375.67)	(\$1,375.67)
Cost of Goods	(\$2,336.44)	(\$2,336.44)
Contributions	\$2,894.44	\$2,894.44

Net Income	\$0.00	\$3,634.91	\$3,634.91
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Contributions		
Group	Jan	Total
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$571.25	\$571.25
Anonymous	\$531.43	\$531.43
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$0.00	\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$484.00	\$484.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00	\$0.00
Birthday	\$0.00	\$0.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cal City	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00
District 7	\$56.62	\$56.62
Faithful Fiver	\$130.41	\$130.41
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Into Action	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$142.00	\$142.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Open Door	\$200.00	\$200.00
Open Participation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$375.00	\$375.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sat. Men's Stag - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$77.00	\$77.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$40.00	\$40.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00	\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$286.73	\$286.73
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$2,894.44

Tommy B	2/19/2021	3	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	22
Brian Y.	2/13/2020	4	Barbara	2/20/2001	23
Maureen O.	2/4/2018	6	Kathy R.	2/13/2001	23
Jerry D.	2/9/2016	8	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	23
Alees H.	2/20/2016	8	Pat. T.	2/12/2001	23
Malissa T.	2/24/2016	8	Larry M.	2/29/2000	24
Larry W.	2/1/2015	9	Michael G.	2/22/2000	24
Dan F.	2/26/2014	10	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	24
Linnea M.	2/1/2014	10	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	25
Rachel	2/4/2014	10	Lila P.	2/1/1999	25
Greg B.	2/4/2014	10	Lila P.	2/1/1999	25
Doug C.	2/20/2014	10	Carol M.	2/12/1998	26
Matt D.	2/21/2013	11	John Michael	2/2/1998	26
Alex D.	2/12/2012	12	Sam S.	2/23/1998	26
Amanda O.	2/7/2012	12	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	27
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	12	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	27
Bob H.	2/13/2012	12	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	27
Lee F.	2/5/2012	12	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	27
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	12	Mark F.	2/10/1995	29
Sharon R.	2/10/2012	12	Janet R.	2/9/1993	31
Janis B.	2/12/2012	12	Janie H.	2/22/1993	31
Susan M.	2/15/2012	12	Mark R.	2/24/1993	31
Terra B.	2/18/2012	12	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	31
Hillary C.	2/7/2011	13	Nury C.	2/10/1993	31
Jenny C.	2/27/2011	13	Katie C.	2/11/1992	32
Jessica C.	2/18/2011	13	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	32
Joe O.	2/12/2011	13	Judie M.	2/22/1991	33
Larry L.	2/2/2011	13	Kim	2/5/1991	33
Melissa P.	2/9/2011	13	Gayle M.	2/20/1990	34
Scott C.	2/17/2011	13	Mike H.	2/4/1990	34
Cindy B.	2/5/2010	14	Mike S.	2/20/1990	34
Rod W.	2/27/2010	14	David E.	2/14/1989	35
George C.	2/27/2010	14	Frank H.	2/11/1989	35
Kat H.	2/18/2010	14	Lori W.	2/4/1989	35
Kevin S.	2/17/2010	14	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	35
Linda H.	2/9/2010	14	Ron M.	2/10/1989	35
Tonie R.	2/18/2009	15	Francis R.	2/14/1988	36
Wayne W.	2/9/2009	15	Penny R.	2/10/1988	36
Bob J.	2/19/2008	16	Tom L.	2/22/1988	36
Brad B.	2/15/2008	16	Bud V.	2/23/1987	37
Michael P.	2/18/2008	16	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	37
Mike W.	2/13/2008	16	Kip O.	2/4/1986	38
Robert W.	2/4/2008	16	Steve L.	2/5/1986	38
Benecia S.	2/14/2007	17	Pat J.	2/24/1985	39
Dave W.	2/12/2007	17	Genney	2/2/1984	40
Debbie H.	2/25/2007	17	Bob T.	2/2/1984	40
Betsy C.	2/2/2006	18	Laura L.	2/22/1984	40
Carol W.	2/8/2006	18	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	42
Jenni J.	2/8/2006	18	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	43
Laura F.	2/8/2006	18	Garv F.	2/20/1981	43
Merridith E.	2/21/2005	19	Garv S.	2/18/1981	43
Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	19	George W.	2/16/1979	45
John H.	2/25/2004	20	Kate W.	7/28/1978	46
Mike F.	2/14/2004	20	Will L.	2/17/1978	46
Chuck S.	2/15/2003	21	Skip W.	2/23/1977	47
Debbie B.	2/13/2003	21	Vic L.	2/5/1977	47
Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	21	Beverly L.	2/15/1976	48
Lennie H.	2/27/2003	21	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	48
Rick C.	2/3/2003	21	Joe F.	2/27/1971	53
T. J. S.	2/23/2003	21			

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

Total Years = 2,750

Managers Corner

Don't forget to sign up or renew your Faithful Fiver! As you can see here, we are also in need of volunteers to clean and work the office once a month. Call (661) 945-5757 if interested.

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Deborah H.
- 4th ~ Vacant & 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!

