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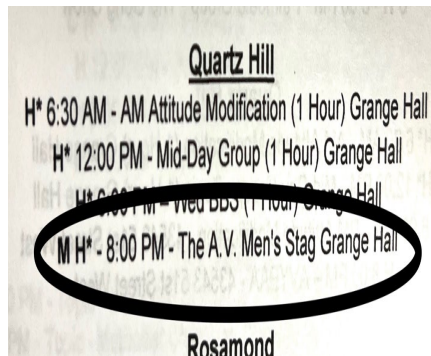
# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 44

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 By Bruce L.  
 District 7 Archivist

Dear reader,

This month we begin a new local group history, the A.V. Men's Stag, a group that has met every Wednesday night for more than fifty years without a miss (and counting). Over the years, the meeting has moved several times: its place of origin was Lancaster, then three locations in Palmdale, and now Quartz Hill, but as far as I know it has never missed a Wednesday night.



Its original location was Ernie McBride's used car lot at 43813 Sierra Highway. "The first windmill south of Lancaster Boulevard," is the way Linc

remembered it. (Linc got sober in Lancaster in 1956.) Ernie is considered to be the founding father of the A.V. Men's Stag.

We still don't know the exact birth date of the meeting, but it was sometime prior to 1973, maybe 1971? Still researching, hoping to nail it down. The reason we know it was prior to 1973 is because we have a living member today, John C. of Quartz Hill, who got sober 11/17/73 and started going to the A.V. Men's Stag at Ernie McBride's used car lot in 1974. His best guess is that the meeting started a year or two prior to that date.

I am fortunate to know John C. and he was kind enough to help me find the original location of the car lot and to tell me a little about his memories of that spot and the meetings there. In next month's Scoop I will recap that interview with John and present a photo of the original meeting room there at the car lot.

See you next month,

Bruce L.

## **STEP 6**

***“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”***

“This is the Step that separates the men from the boys.” So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.’s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults—*without any reservations whatever*—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own creator.

Of course, the often disputed question of whether God can—and will, under certain conditions—remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this:

“Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn’t work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn’t stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink

vanished. It was lifted right out of me.”

In A.A. meetings all over the world, statements just like this are heard daily. It is plain for everybody to see that each sober A.A. member has been granted a release from this very obstinate and potentially fatal obsession. So in a very complete and literal way, all A.A.’s have “become entirely ready” to have God remove the mania for alcohol from their lives. And God has proceeded to do exactly that.

Having been granted a perfect release from alcoholism, why then shouldn’t we be able to achieve by the same means a perfect release from every other difficulty or defect? This is a riddle of our existence, the full answer to which may be only in the mind of God. Nevertheless, at least a part of the answer to it is apparent to us.

When men and women pour so much alcohol into themselves that they destroy their lives, they commit a most unnatural act. Defying their instinctive desire for self-preservation, they seem bent upon self-destruction. They work against their own deepest instinct. As they are humbled by the terrific beating administered by alcohol, the grace of God can enter them and expel their obsession. Here their powerful instinct to live can cooperate fully with their Creator’s desire to give them new life. For nature and God alike abhor suicide.

But most of our other difficulties don’t fall under such a category at all. Every normal

person wants, for example, to eat, to reproduce, to be somebody in the society of his fellows. And he wishes to be reasonably safe and secure as he tries to attain these things. Indeed, God made him that way. He did not design man to destroy himself by alcohol, but He did give man instincts to help him to stay alive.

## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

***“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”***

The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause. Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn’t like alcoholics, so we thought we’d build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we’d educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We’d gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for

the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement. Maybe these places would make large sums of money to carry on our other good works. We seriously thought of rewriting the laws of the land, and having it declared that alcoholics are sick people. No more would they be jailed; judges would parole them in our custody. We'd spill A.A. into the dark regions of dope addiction and criminality. We'd form groups of depressive and paranoid folks; the deeper the

neurosis, the better we'd like it. It stood to reason that if alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem.

It occurred to us that we could take what we had into the factories and cause laborers and capitalists to love each other. Our compromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm around the shoulder of medicine, we'd resolve their differences. Having learned to live so happily, we'd show everybody else how. Why, we thought, our Society of

Alcoholics Anonymous might prove to be the spearhead of a new spiritual advance! We might transform the world.

Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great ideals. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout. Providence, through A.A., had brought us within reach of our highest expectations. So why shouldn't we share our way of life with everyone?

### Word Game

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

Reservations	Willingness	Conditions
Entirely	Sincerely	Likeness
Capable	Honesty	Creator
Trying	Theory	Proof

### Sixth Concept:

The conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as General Service Board. . When changes are made within A.A. and meetings do not participate, then we can never live up to the valuable concept of unity. In the Antelope Valley, we are part of District 7 and Area 93. District 7 does host District meetings at the Grange in Quartz Hill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. The start time is 6:30pm. So, please come and be part of A.A. as a whole at the next District meeting.

-Keith H., A.A. 2008

# June 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Apr	May	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$15,191.86	\$4,226.66	\$19,418.52
Expenses	(\$20,751.34)	(\$4,206.68)	(\$24,958.02)
Cost of Goods	(\$18,556.86)	(\$4,979.10)	(\$23,535.96)
Contributions	\$13,452.84	\$3,201.33	\$16,654.17

**Net Income (\$10,663.50) (\$1,757.79) (\$12,421.29)**



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Apr	May	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$647.39	\$50.00	\$697.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$2,742.90	\$519.99	\$3,262.89
Anonymous	\$828.53	\$388.47	\$1,217.00
Any Lengths Group	\$80.00		\$80.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$696.00	\$40.00	\$736.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00		\$2.00
AVYPAA	\$14.59		\$14.59
Birthday	\$151.00		\$151.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$250.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$350.00		\$350.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$441.23		\$441.23
Faithful Fiver	\$340.00	\$110.00	\$450.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$842.75	\$1,078.50	\$1,921.25
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00		\$920.00
Into Action	\$686.50		\$686.50
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$277.00		\$277.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$851.91	\$81.56	\$933.47
Palmdale Grp Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$45.00		\$45.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$94.00		\$94.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$510.00	\$130.00	\$640.00
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	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$32.00	\$103.00	\$135.00
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	\$86.36		\$86.36
Westside Grp	\$104.00		\$104.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$101.00		\$101.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,455.68</b>	<b>\$349.81</b>	<b>\$1,805.49</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,997.16</b>	<b>\$3,201.33</b>	<b>\$14,848.68</b>

Alex W.	6/22/2013	10	Natasha H.	6/8/2004	19
Bonnie S.	6/10/2013	10	Nick J.	6/24/2004	19
Brian H.	6/8/2013	10	Jim B.	6/17/2003	20
Carol F.	6/15/2013	10	Marc A.	6/23/2003	20
Carrie	6/3/2013	10	Veronica A.	6/9/2003	20
Deitrich V.	6/8/2013	10	Lisa B.	6/26/2002	21
Denise M.	6/25/2013	10	Noel P.	6/14/2002	21
Joni R.	6/10/2013	10	Pete S.	6/6/2002	21
Lance B.	6/6/2013	10	Terry B. C.	6/27/2002	21
Lauren C.	6/20/2013	10	Steve E.	6/4/2001	22
Leigh H.	6/1/2013	10	Dave S.	6/4/2000	23
Mark S.	6/30/2013	10	Dee R.	6/14/1999	24
Michael G.	6/1/2013	10	Don J.	6/2/1999	24
Mike H.	6/8/2013	10	Bill E.	6/15/1997	26
Paul W.	6/1/2013	10	Debbie B.	6/30/1997	26
Janie S.	6/30/2012	11	Dena B.	6/24/1997	26
Kim B.	6/5/2012	11	Iron Michael	6/2/1997	26
Raissa K.	6/4/2012	11	Karen C.	6/27/1996	27
Richard T.	6/18/2012	11	Dave C.	6/11/1995	28
Rick H.	6/15/2012	11	Patrick F.	6/25/1995	28
Rob T.	6/4/2012	11	Toni L.	6/8/1994	29
Alena	6/19/2011	12	Darnell B.	6/10/1993	30
Delores G.	6/14/2011	12	Linda S.	6/3/1993	30
Kathy T.	6/18/2011	12	Wanda	6/10/1993	30
Lisa B.	6/18/2011	12	Yolanda L.	6/8/1993	30
Lorri C.	6/27/2011	12	Claudia C.	6/8/1992	31
Rick S.	6/15/2011	12	Eileen K.	6/5/1992	31
Arlene C.	6/6/2010	13	Pat S.	6/12/1992	31
Eddie O.	6/25/2010	13	Dora W.	6/3/1991	32
Lisa C.	6/14/2010	13	Gerry B.	6/6/1991	32
Mary S.	6/24/2010	13	Harriet Castill	6/18/1991	32
Paul D.	6/8/2010	13	Ernie A.	6/29/1990	33
Amanda P.	6/3/2009	14	Roger J.	6/18/1990	33
Aminta C.	6/12/2009	14	Bob L.	6/3/1989	34
Lenny C.	6/12/2009	14	Brvce A.	6/18/1988	35
Mel M.	6/23/2009	14	Rick M.	6/22/1988	35
Terry M.	6/7/2009	14	Bill G.	6/2/1987	36
Dorothy B.	6/11/2008	15	Ron W.	6/27/1987	36
Keith H.	6/13/2008	15	Beth S.	6/14/1986	37
Ken H.	6/3/2008	15	Janie R.	6/9/1986	37
Sandy	6/2/2008	15	Jim M.	6/20/1986	37
Will F.	6/9/2008	15	Tom C.	6/15/1985	38
Beverly R.	6/8/2007	16	Chris B.	6/1/1982	41
Jamie A.	6/11/2007	16	Randv W.	6/22/1982	41
Julie B.	6/11/2007	16	Bill J.	6/26/1981	42
Tom L.	6/11/2007	16	Bruce L.	6/20/1981	42
Carolyn B.	6/30/2006	17	Cookie H.	6/3/1981	42
Kelly F.	6/11/2006	17	Marge B.	6/8/1981	42
Mike D.G.	6/25/2006	17	Elizabeth I.	6/10/1980	43
Jimi A.	6/6/2005	18	Mike L.	6/11/1979	44
Sterling S.	6/19/2005	18	Russ D.	6/15/1975	48
Amanda H.	6/24/2004	19	Ron M.	6/28/1973	50
Charles P.	6/28/2004	19	Robert E.	6/10/1971	52
Cora W.	6/13/2004	19	Carol P.	6/1/1968	55
Lacy F.	6/8/2004	19	Don Crandall	6/28/1967	56
Lori F.	6/17/2004	19	Ted Summers	6/16/1965	58
Lori F.	6/17/2004	19	Eddie Wilson	6/16/1961	62

Total Years = 2,672

## Managers Corner

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- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

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