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The Scoop

AA in the AV 41

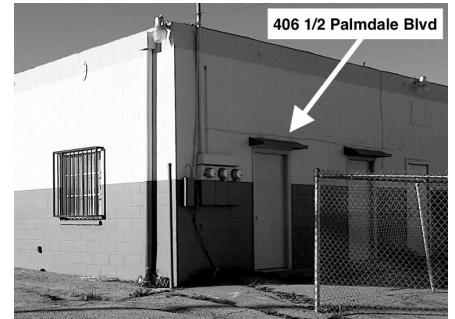
AA in the AV 41
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Happy birthday Palmdale Group! 36 Years!

I thought it would be appropriate to congratulate the Palmdale Group on its 36-year anniversary, so I went to the history that was created for their 30th anniversary to revisit the highlights and summarize it for our readers of today.

The Palmdale Group started when two AAs arrived at the Palmdale Cultural center for the regular Tuesday morning meeting and found it was closed because of a holiday, so they got together with other AAs and started a meeting that would not close on holidays. They found a space off Palmdale Blvd next to the Alpha Beta market (now

Vallarta) and behind Claudia's Bar, 406 1/2 Palmdale Blvd. Their first meeting was February 17, 1987.



Attorney Steve L. got them their non-profit status, and a number of individuals pledged a monthly sum until it could become self-supporting (which it did within a year). In 1996 the Palmdale Group moved to its current location on Avenue Q. For a more complete history, see the two-page flyer available at Central Office.

STEP 3

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: “This is the way to a faith that works.” In the first two Steps we were engaged in reflection. We say that we were powerless over alcohol, but we also perceived that faith of some kind, if only in A. A. itself, is possible to anyone. These conclusions did not require action; they required only acceptance.

Like all the remaining Steps, Step Three calls for affirmative action, for it is only by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God – or, if you like, a Higher Power – into our lives. Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith, yet keep God out of our lives. Therefore our problem now

becomes just how and by what specific means shall we be able to let Him in? Step Three represents our first attempt to do this. In fact, the effectiveness of our whole A.A. program will rest upon how well and earnestly we have tried to come to “a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*”

To every worldly and practical-minded beginner, this Step looks hard, even impossible. No matter how much one wishes to try, exactly how *can* he turn his own will and his own life over to the care of whatever God he thinks there is? Fortunately, we who have tried it, and with equal misgivings, can testify that anyone, anyone at all, can begin to do it. We can further add that a beginning, even the smallest, is all that is needed. Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock and have the door ever so slightly open, we find that we can always open it some more. Though self-will may slam it shut again, as it frequently does, it will always respond the moment we again pick up the key of willingness.

The 3rd Tradition

“The only requirement for A. A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Early intolerance based on fear. To take away any alcoholic’s chance at A.A., was

sometimes to pronounce his death sentence. Membership regulations abandoned. Two examples of experience. Any alcoholic is a member of A.A. when *he* says so.

This tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, “you are an A.A. member if *you* say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you’ve gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications – even your crimes – we still can’t deny you A.A. We don’t *want* to keep you out. We aren’t a bit afraid you’ll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we’ve had. So you’re an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself.”

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early time, nothing seemed so fragile, so easily breakable as an A.A. group. Hardly an alcoholic we approached paid any attention; most of those who did join us were like flickering candles in a windstorm. Time after time, their uncertain flames blew out and couldn’t be relighted. Our unspoken, constant thought was “which of us may be the next?”

Third Concept

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General

Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees

and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is

here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional 'Right of Decision.'

Meaning:

It is stated in the service manual that every AA entity has the freedom "to decide...how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." In other words, groups are not required to report every little problem to the General Service Board, nor is the General Service Board required to report every problem to the groups. They have the option to "decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions." There is much sense in this. The General Service Board would be able to accomplish very little if not for Concept III, for they would essentially have to wait until the General Service Conference to run their problems by the groups. Similarly, the groups would not be able to have business meetings and group consciousness meetings on pressing matters as

they arose. Some problems cannot wait until the next area assembly, and must be handled quickly. All service levels must use their best judgment in deciding whether or not they are able to wait or run a problem by other groups or authorities.

Of course, this requires some humility. When Bill W. devised Concept III, he warned that no one should use Concept III as an excuse for bucking the system. If a problem clearly required an outside perspective, then it must be run by other authorities. But these authorities would simply act as consultants, not governors. To act as anything

more would violate the First Concept, and Bill was wary of how this might affect AA as a whole. And because of this balance, there is more than humility to Concept III—there is a need for mutual trust. We are a part of District 7 and Area 93. District 7 does host District meetings at the Grange in Quartz Hill the 2nd 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

Word Game

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

Willingness	Inscription	Affirmative	First
Acceptance	Protection	Decision	Care
Engaged	Entry	Conclusions	
Guidance			

March 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan	Feb	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$4,466.63	\$3,215.21	\$7,681.84
Expenses	(\$5,692.37)	(\$4,979.73)	(\$10,672.10)
Cost of Goods	(\$6,792.12)	(\$812.12)	(\$7,604.24)
Contributions	\$3,625.22	\$3,322.34	\$6,947.56
Net Income	(\$4,392.64)	\$745.70	(\$3,646.94)



Contributions

Group	Jan	Feb	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$607.39		\$607.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$400.00	\$881.65	\$1,281.65
Anonymous	\$0.00	\$191.56	\$191.56
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00		\$2.00
Birthday	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
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	\$0.00		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$5.00	\$180.00	\$185.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00	\$842.75	\$842.75
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00		\$920.00
Into Action	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$440.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$564.18		\$564.18
Palmdale Grp Mon Noon 12&12	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$250.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$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
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$256.65	\$515.38	\$772.03
TOTALS	\$3,625.22	\$3,322.34	\$6,947.56

Larry C.	3/17/2022	1	Chris B.	3/1/2005	18
Wade K.	3/12/2021	2	Hal F.	3/3/2005	18
Rubin Z.	3/16/2020	3	Kirk F.	3/26/2005	18
Tim Y.	3/2/2016	7	Mike C.	3/18/2005	18
Cynthia J.	3/6/2016	7	Gina G.	3/22/2004	19
Teresa K.	3/10/2015	8	Jim G.	3/17/2004	19
Angeline P.	3/10/2015	8	JoDee L.	3/14/2004	19
Leslie G.	3/26/2014	9	Nancy H.	3/12/2004	19
Amy D.	3/7/2014	9	William	3/23/2003	20
C. Bobo	3/11/2013	10	Marcus H.	3/22/2002	21
Mike S.	3/22/2013	10	Oscar G.	3/20/2001	22
Anthony	3/15/2012	11	Sandy M.	3/22/2001	22
Colleen E.	3/28/2012	11	Troy D.	3/27/1998	25
Kat H.	3/30/2012	11	Chris G.	3/21/1997	26
Nicholas S.	3/15/2012	11	Janice M.	3/14/1997	26
Ron L.	3/12/2012	11	Patti	3/27/1997	26
Mike S.	3/23/2012	11	Paul O.	3/4/1997	26
Thomas D.	3/28/2012	11	Diane M.	3/29/1996	27
Jessie M.	3/2/2011	12	Janine B.	3/29/1996	27
Ellie	3/6/2011	12	Juliet K.	3/7/1996	27
Mary A.	3/6/2011	12	David W.	3/29/1995	28
Deborah C.	3/15/2011	12	Sarah G.	3/18/1994	29
Karen D.	3/18/2011	12	Ivrina K.	3/9/1993	30
Maile S.	3/19/2011	12	Yvette L.	3/1/1993	30
Ann W.	3/17/2010	13	Kathryn O.	3/1/1992	31
Chris	3/3/2010	13	Jerry G.	3/20/1991	32
Chrissy	3/3/2010	13	Louis G.	3/3/1991	32
Ira	3/1/2010	13	Deb W.	3/2/1990	33
Maureen B.	3/21/2010	13	Jim P.	3/4/1990	33
Paul H.	3/13/2010	13	Gayle C.	3/26/1989	34
Allen A.	3/28/2009	14	Keith C.	3/17/1989	34
Brent S.	3/26/2009	14	Owen L.	3/10/1989	34
Carri L.	3/9/2009	14	Robert W.	3/17/1989	34
Cielita O.	3/16/2009	14	Don H.	3/15/1985	38
Brent S.	3/26/2009	14	Mario S.	3/17/1985	38
Joe S.	3/29/2009	14	Robert K.	3/10/1985	38
Keith M.	3/13/2009	14	Trisha	3/28/1984	39
Brandon D.	3/28/2008	15	Jim S.	3/27/1983	40
Clinton	3/23/2008	15	Pat C.	3/20/1983	40
Josh C.	3/16/2008	15	Robin W.	3/9/1983	40
Kamryn	3/9/2008	15	Terry H.	3/6/1983	40
Rosemary N.	3/6/2008	15	Jose	3/5/1982	41
Brandy O.	3/12/2007	16	Mary B.	3/21/1982	41
Christi N.	3/15/2007	16	Uncle Andy	3/1/1982	41
Johnny P.	3/26/2007	16	John G.	3/19/1981	42
Latasha W.	3/6/2007	16	Richard Ross	3/28/1981	42
Lavern C.	3/8/2007	16	Roy Y.	3/3/1980	43
Louis D.	3/28/2007	16	Jackie O.	3/1/1978	44
Paul D.	3/18/2007	16	Mike A.	3/5/1978	44
Samantha W.	3/20/2007	16	Judy H.	3/22/1977	45
Joseph R.	3/14/2006	17	Valerie R.	3/13/1977	45
Jovan S.	3/18/2006	17	Sheryl N.	3/10/1976	46
Karen B.	3/15/2006	17	Helen C.	3/5/1975	47
Pamela S.	3/31/2006	17	Larry M.	3/3/1971	52
Anna G.	3/16/2005	18	Fred C.	3/25/1965	58

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

Total Years = 2,489

Managers Corner

Intergroup Elections Happening Now ~ Come in and vote! As you can see we need some volunteers to help clean the office once a week. Call to sign up!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 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!

