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The Scoop

AA in the AV 61

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In the October Scoop we related how the AV Intergroup held its first meeting on November 18, 1981 at the Casa Roma Restaurant in Lancaster.

The following year, in March, 1982, the A.V. Intergroup opened its bank account, and the first bulletin was printed June 24 of that year (if only we had a copy for the archives!), the by-laws were adopted September 21, the bulletin became the Scoop on October 14, and officers were elected in December. Uncle Bruce M. was the treasurer.

Whitey's friend Linc H., one of the founders of A.A. in the A.V. (sobriety date October 28, 1956!), had a truck repair garage and owned a small strip of office buildings on Beech and Milling behind George's Cleaners in Lancaster. Whitey came to Link and asked if he would rent them an office, which he did at half the market value, allowing for the creation of the first permanent Central Office in the Antelope Valley, which opened October 18, 1982, with Shorty Gibson as office manager, and it operated there until it moved to its current location in August, 2011, two months short of a thirty-year run.

Figure caption: A.V. Central office from 1982 to 2011; 44751 N Beech Avenue Suite #2 (behind historic George's Cleaners).



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
Area 93 Election Assembly- Nov, 16,17th@AV College
72nd SoCal Convention- Nov 8-10th @Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry, Ca.

2nd Annual H&I Chili Cookoff-
Nov 9th @ the Grange, 2pm

RIP Valerie R.



Sober since March 13, 1977

You will be missed

Thank you for your long-term service to so
many of us, Valerie!

Step 11

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.’s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn’t surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency,

but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don’t believe in these things at all.

To certain newcomers and to those one-time agnostics who still cling to the A.A. group as their higher power, claims for the power of prayer may, despite all the logic and experience in proof of it, still be unconvincing or quite objectionable. Those of us who once felt this way can certainly understand and sympathize. We well remember how something deep inside us kept rebelling against the idea of bowing before any God. Many of us had strong logic, too, which “proved” there was no God whatever. What about all the accidents, sickness, cruelty, and injustice in the world? What about all those unhappy lives which were the direct result of unfortunate birth and uncontrollable circumstances? Surely there could be no justice in this scheme of things, and therefore no God at all.

Sometimes we took a slightly different tack. Sure, we said to ourselves, the hen probably did come before the egg. No doubt the universe had a “first cause” of some sort, the God of the Atom, maybe, hot and cold by turns. But certainly there wasn’t any evidence of a God who knew or cared about human

beings. We liked A.A. all right, and were quick to say that it had done miracles. But we recoiled from meditation and prayer as obstinately as the scientist who refused to perform a certain experiment lest it prove his pet theory wrong. Of course we finally did experiment, and when unexpected results followed, we felt different; in fact we knew different; and so we were sold on meditation and prayer. And that we had found, can happen to anybody who tries. It has been well said that “almost the only scoffers at prayer are those who have never tried it enough.”

Those of us who come to make regular use of prayer would no more do without it than we would refuse air, food, or sunshine. And for the same reason. When we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions, and our intuitions of vitally needed support. As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God’s reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of A.A. life confirm this ageless truth.

The 11th Tradition

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

Without its legions of well-wishers, A.A. could never

have grown as it has. Throughout the world, immense and favorable publicity of every description has been the principal means of bringing alcoholics into our Fellowship. In A.A. offices, clubs, and homes, telephones ring constantly. One voice says, "I read a piece in the newspapers..."; another, "We heard a radio program..."; and still another, "We saw a moving picture..." or "We saw something about A.A. on television..." It is no exaggeration to say that half of A.A.'s membership has been led to us through channels like these.

The inquiring voices are not all alcoholics or their families. Doctors read medical papers about Alcoholics Anonymous and call for more information. Clergymen see articles in their church journals and also make inquiries. Employers learn that great corporations have set their approval upon us, and wish to discover what can be done about alcoholism in their own firms.

Therefore, a great responsibility fell upon us to develop the best possible public relations policy for Alcoholics Anonymous. Through many painful experiences, we think we have arrived at what that policy ought to be. It is the opposite in many ways of usual promotional practice. We found that we had to rely upon the principle of attraction rather than of promotion.

Let's see how these two contrasting ideas- attraction and promotion- work out. A political party wishes to win an election,

so it advertises the virtues of its leadership to draw votes. A worthy charity wants to raise money; forthwith, its letterhead shows the name of every distinguished person whose support can be obtained. Much of the political, economic, and religious life of the world is dependant upon publicized leadership. People who symbolize causes and ideas fill a deep human need. We of A.A. do not question that. But we do have to soberly face the fact that being in the public eye is hazardous, especially for us. By temperament, nearly every one of us had been an irrepressible promoter, and the prospect of a society composed almost entirely of promoters was frightening. Considering this explosive factor, we knew we had to exercise self-restraint.

Eleventh Concept:

While the trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will

always be matters for serious care and concern.

In this, the second longest of the Concepts, Bill explains in great detail the composition, functions and relationships of the standing committees of the General Service Board, its subsidiary operating boards, the General Service Office and AA Grapevine — as they existed in 1962. As A.A. has grown and changed, many of the descriptions would be different today, and some of the issues that are addressed are no longer relevant. Nevertheless, the full text is valuable as an historical document, and many of the principles still apply, as summarized below. Underlying the service structure we have been discussing, there is another, internal structure of service consisting of the nontrustee members of the trustees' committees; the nontrustee directors of the two operating boards, and the executives and staff members. "Members of this group," declares Bill, "not only support the leadership of the trustees: they share leadership with them."

1. The status of executives- We can't have two heads
2. Paid workers, how compensated- If you pay peanuts, you'll only get...
3. Rotation among paid staff workers- It's like musical hats.
4. Full "Participation" of paid workers is highly important- Remember the worker in Concept IV.

November 2024 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Sep	Oct	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$37,122.15	\$3,905.53	\$41,027.68
Expenses	(\$50,762.65)	(\$6,504.90)	(\$57,267.55)
Cost of Goods	(\$25,656.47)	(\$5,327.84)	(\$30,984.31)
Contributions	\$32,085.20	\$3,831.50	\$35,916.70

Net Income (\$7,211.77) (\$4,095.71) (\$11,307.48)



Contributions

Group	Jan - Sep	Oct	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$796.25		\$796.25
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$5,367.08	\$294.11	\$5,661.19
Anonymous	\$2,539.12	\$487.65	\$3,026.77
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$484.00		\$484.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,119.20		\$1,119.20
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$362.00	\$21.00	\$383.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$2,638.68	\$463.00	\$3,101.68
Daily Reflections	\$130.41		\$130.41
District 7	\$271.49		\$271.49
Faithful Fiver	\$1,102.00	\$195.00	\$1,297.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$4,266.78		\$4,266.78
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$3,593.00	\$940.00	\$4,533.00
Into Action	\$258.00		\$258.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$460.36	\$60.00	\$520.36
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$200.76		\$200.76
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$796.65		\$796.65
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$375.00		\$375.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
PM Mod	\$487.63	\$87.95	\$575.58
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,544.74	\$280.00	\$1,824.74
Rainbow Grp	\$483.54		\$483.54
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$429.80		\$429.80
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$47.00		\$47.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$102.08		\$102.08
Step Workshop Meeting	\$168.00		\$168.00
Sun Love & Tolerance	\$5.00		\$5.00
Sun Night BBS	\$454.00		\$454.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$77.00		\$77.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$362.00		\$362.00
Westside Grp	\$201.00		\$201.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$190.00	\$100.00	\$290.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00

Digital Contributions \$2,572.63 \$802.79 \$3,375.42

TOTALS | \$32,085.20 | \$3,831.50 | \$35,916.70

Eric C.	11/27/2021	3	Myrel	11/6/2004	20
Lisa J.	11/2/2020	4	Anna C.	11/10/2003	21
Melissa C.	11/13/2019	5	Elizabeth M.	11/14/2003	21
Belinda T.	11/27/2015	3	Jim B.	11/7/2003	21
Sarah F.	11/11/2014	10	John B.	11/25/2003	21
Barb F.	11/27/2014	10	Michelle T.	11/15/2003	21
John R.	11/1/2012	12	Perry L.	11/6/2003	21
Kevin M.	11/13/2012	12	Sharon B.	11/11/2003	21
Shea G.	11/8/2012	12	Willy S.	11/27/2003	21
Stephen B.	11/21/2012	12	Fidel V.	11/27/2002	22
Christine F.	11/1/2011	13	Joe B.	11/1/2002	22
Britta S.	11/29/2010	14	Julie B.	11/8/2002	22
Chris W.	11/17/2009	15	Ralph S.	11/12/2002	22
Katherine R.	11/9/2009	15	Sharon B.	11/17/2002	22
Larry B.	11/7/2009	15	Art D.	11/30/2001	23
Lisa B.	11/24/2009	15	Dana F.	11/5/2001	23
Louie U.	11/19/2009	15	Darren F.	11/4/2001	23
Max R.	11/7/2009	15	Jeff G.	11/14/2001	23
Mike P.	11/18/2009	15	Maggie V.	11/7/2001	23
Shane K.	11/2/2009	15	David	11/22/2000	24
Cholee M.	11/15/2008	16	John	11/27/1999	25
Connie P.	11/27/2008	16	Colleen S.	11/22/1998	26
Cowboy Dave	11/30/2008	16	Connie S.	11/1/1996	28
Frank P.	11/27/2008	16	Bob M.	11/12/1995	29
John W.	11/7/2008	16	Carmen S.	11/10/1995	29
Richard M.	11/22/2008	16	Corey W.	11/22/1995	29
Lauren S.	11/15/2007	17	Mark H.	11/21/1995	29
Lyle B.	11/21/2007	17	Edwin M.	11/24/1994	30
Paul H.	11/22/2007	17	Frank D.	11/8/1992	32
Dan Y.	11/28/2006	18	D. J.	11/7/1990	34
Joe A.	11/1/2006	18	Robert V.	11/1/1990	34
Julius G.	11/17/2006	18	Dan C.	11/7/1989	35
Ken M.	11/28/2006	18	Dave M.	11/28/1989	35
Laura M.	11/28/2006	18	Joe K.	11/30/1989	35
Melinda W.	11/19/2006	18	John M.	11/16/1988	36
Chris C.	11/4/2005	19	Dale W.	11/5/1987	37
David W.	11/14/2005	19	Robert Holt	11/8/1987	37
Deanna R.	11/7/2005	19	Denise J.	11/25/1986	39
Debbie W.	11/18/2005	19	Donna A.	11/7/1985	40
Donna M.	11/28/2005	19	Dolores S.	11/27/1984	40
Gavland D.	11/15/2005	19	Ed B.	11/1/1983	41
Hanny H.	11/28/2005	19	Larry Mc.	11/25/1982	42
Jackie B.	11/26/2005	19	Mike H.	11/13/1982	42
James S.	11/10/2005	19	Virginia G.	11/25/1982	42
Mark L.	11/27/2005	19	David F.	11/4/1981	43
Mark W.	11/3/2005	19	John S.	11/21/1981	43
Tammy R.	11/24/2005	19	Don P.	11/11/1978	46
Ferry T.	11/1/2005	19	Brian	11/13/1977	47
Doug H.	11/8/2004	20	Marge M.	11/7/1977	47
Elov C.	11/17/2004	20	Arne P.	11/10/1976	48
Jose A.	11/2/2004	20	Al H.	11/6/1972	50
Kevin E.	11/13/2004	20	John C.	11/17/1973	51
Kim S.	11/22/2004	20	Don R.	11/15/1967	56

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

Total Years = 2,526

Managers Corner

Do you have an AA birthday this month? Please let us know so you can be remembered here in the Scoop!

This is Gratitude Month ~ if you are grateful to your sobriety and what AA has done for you, it is time to give back! Either participate at your group when they pass the second basket or come by Central Office and make your donation.

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Kurt H.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Vacant
- 4th ~ Carmen R. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

