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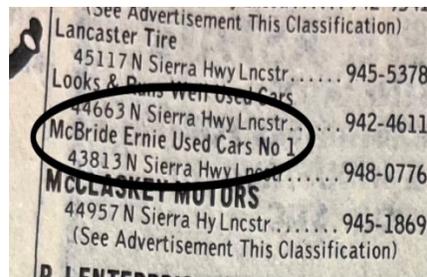
The Scoop

AA in the AV 48

AA in the AV 48
By Bruce L.
District 7 Archivist

(48 Scoops in a row, four years (!) and I haven't missed one yet. Hey, this could become habit-forming.)

I mentioned how we should be grateful to the used car dealers of Lancaster for the AV Wednesday Night Men's Stag. I checked out some historical phone books at the Public Library in Lancaster, and there in the 1980 Yellow Pages was the AV Men's Stag's founding father Ernie McBride and the used car lot where the meeting was started.



And right next to him in the Yellow Pages was Kelly's used car lot, and Kelly was another regular at the Wednesday Night Stag.



Those Yellow Pages are 43 years old. Hurray for the public library for preserving them, and hooray for us to maintain our sobriety and help others to achieve sobriety, even if we're used car dealers.

See you next month,
Bruce L.

Calendar of Events

Roundup Meeting- First Sunday each month @ 5pm, Open Door
H&I Meeting- 2nd Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill
District 7 Meeting- 2nd Monday each month @ 630, Grange Hall
Football Fellowship Party@Buffalo Wild Wings (10th St West) Sept 10@Noon,
AA GrapeVine Writing Workshop Sept. 30 10-2
ZoomID: 317 725 4183
PWD:Grapevine,
AV Roundup Halloween @ The

Grange, Oct. 21st , Open Door
Halloween Costume Party,
October 28th 9:30 to Midnight
\$15

I started going to Tehachapi
and Lancaster Prisons back in
2014 on panels from H & I. In
2017 I became the AA
Coordinator at Lancaster Prison.
My position was to bring AA
into the inmates & to conduct the
groups in the same fashion as the
meetings are held in our
communities. It has been proven
that the more each man learns
about his addiction & himself,
works the steps & applies them,
the more he can make changes
within himself.

I prefer to put teams
together to visit the groups on a
regular basis. The teams can visit
as volunteers however it fits in
each person's life. There are
certain days & times for the
groups to meet. The groups are
made up of inmates who sign up
for the AA groups every week
for a full year. At completion,
they are given a certificate which
helps in their self-help program.
H & I provide soft back Big
Books for the groups & a large
variety of literature. I personally
give each inmate a folder to keep
all the step work together plus
lots of reading material. It is their
responsibility to bring the folder
each week to the group.

After spending so much
time every week in the same

group, the men become more
trusting in their sharing & it
becomes an AA meeting like the
ones we attend. I have been given
almost complete control of the
way we conduct the groups &
there is a long list of inmates
wanting to join the groups. There
are up to 30 in a single class.
Those who complete the course
are in a position to have their
own small meetings & can act as
facilitators & sponsors to carry
the message to those who want
help.

Having this position in H
& I for these past years has been
so very rewarding. I missed it a
lot during the Covid time when
the prison system stopped all
volunteer programs. Some of the
inmates that I had in the groups
prior to Covid still had the step
material I had given them three
or four years prior. That made me
happy that the step work was still
around & being used. For me
personally, this is the best way I
can be of service to large groups.
I see the lights come on in their
faces & actions. We are now
implementing a sticker program
for all the periods of clean &
sober just like regular meetings
that we go to. Alcohol is rampant
within the walls of every prison.
They make their own, so the
temptation is always there. I can
email anyone the Volunteer
Application. Anyone with any
previous incarceration is highly

requested to join the team. I can
be located by text or email .
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Step 10

***“Continued to take
personal inventory and
when we were wrong
promptly admitted it.”***

As we work the first nine
Steps, we prepare ourselves for
the adventure of a new life. But
when we approach Step Ten we
commence to put our A.A. way
of living to practical use, day by
day, in fair weather or foul. Then
comes the acid test: Can we stay
sober, keep in emotional balance,
and live to good purpose under
all conditions?

A continuous look at our
assets and liabilities, and a real
desire to learn and grow by this
means, are necessities for us. We
alcoholics have learned this the
hard way. More experienced
people, of course, in all times and
places have practiced unsparing
self-survey and criticism. For the
wise have always known that no
one can make much of his life
until self-searching becomes a
regular habit, until he is able to
admit and accept what he finds,
and until he patiently and
persistently tried to correct what
is wrong.

When a drunk has a
terrible hangover because he
drank heavily yesterday, he
cannot live well today. But there
is another kind of hangover

which we all experience whether we are drinking or not. That is the emotional hangover, the direct result of yesterday's and sometimes today's excesses of negative emotion- anger, jealousy, and the like. If we would live serenely today and tomorrow, we certainly need to eliminate these hangovers. This doesn't mean we need to wander morbidly around in the past. It requires the admission and correction of errors *now*. Our inventory enables us to settle with the past. When this is done, we are really able to leave it behind us. When our inventory is carefully taken, and we have made peace with ourselves, the conviction follows that tomorrow's challenges can be met as they come.

The 10th Tradition

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for, as one oldtimer recently declared heard a heated , “Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't

argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly.”

As by some deep instinct, we A.A's have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Other fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind

some millennium of their own specification. In our own times, we have seen millions die in political and economic wars often spurred by religious and racial difference. We live in the imminent possibility of a fresh holocaust to determine how men shall be governed, and how the products of nature and toil shall be divided among them. That is the spiritual climate in which A.A. was born and by God's grace has nevertheless flourished.

Word Game

ASSETS, BALANCE, CREDITS, DEBITS, HONESTY
LIABILITIES, MEDITATION, OUTLOOK.
PERFECTION, PRINCIPLE, PROGRESS, PROMPTLY

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

October 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug	Sep	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$31,182.91	\$4,219.76	\$35,402.67
Expenses	(\$40,572.21)	(\$5,148.88)	(\$45,721.09)
Cost of Goods	(\$33,033.21)	(\$4,991.70)	(\$38,024.91)
Contributions	\$27,213.99	\$1,969.91	\$29,183.90

Net Income	(\$15,208.52)	(\$3,950.91)	(\$19,159.43)
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Contributions			
Group	Jan - Aug	Sep	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$727.39		\$727.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$5,762.51	\$531.79	\$6,294.30
Anonymous	\$2,919.22	\$777.74	\$3,696.96
Any Lengths Group	\$80.00		\$80.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,752.00	\$252.00	\$2,004.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00		\$2.00
AVYPAA	\$14.59		\$14.59
Birthday	\$204.00	\$29.00	\$233.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$350.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,067.00		\$1,067.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$441.23		\$441.23
Faithful Fiver	\$495.00	\$15.00	\$510.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,049.25		\$3,049.25
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00		\$920.00
Into Action	\$836.50		\$836.50
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$516.74		\$516.74
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	\$1,245.50		\$1,245.50
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		\$207.00
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	\$196.36		\$196.36
Westside Grp	\$204.00		\$204.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$145.00		\$145.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<i>Digital Contributions</i>	<i>\$2,592.70</i>	<i>\$264.38</i>	<i>\$2,857.08</i>
TOTALS	\$24,621.29	\$1,969.91	\$26,326.82

Denise M.	10/8/2015	8	Terry K.	10/28/2003	20
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	11	Rick M.	10/1/2002	21
Aira	10/11/2012	11	Spike H.	10/18/2002	21
Scott E.	10/19/2012	11	Julie W.	10/29/2001	22
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	12	Sean C.	10/22/2001	22
Gary G.	10/28/2011	12	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	23
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	12	Ken C.	10/22/2000	23
Christina C.	10/13/2010	13	Marv D.	10/17/2000	23
David Y.	10/1/2010	13	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	23
John M.	10/15/2010	13	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	26
Michael H.	10/23/2010	13	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	27
Omar	10/30/2010	13	Jim C.	10/17/1996	27
Robert R.	10/17/2010	13	Sue B.	10/16/1996	27
Craig M.	10/5/2009	14	Terrv C.	10/4/1996	27
Fran	10/21/2009	14	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	28
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	14	Andra M.	10/7/1994	29
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	14	Tori B.	10/28/1994	29
Marty C.	10/23/2009	14	Jon B.	10/12/1993	30
Michele L.	10/3/2009	14	Robin W.	10/22/1993	30
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	14	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	30
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	14	Dave S.	10/1/1992	31
James K.	10/19/2008	15	Garv W.	10/25/1991	32
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	15	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	32
Joe A.	10/7/2008	15	Linda P.	10/15/1991	32
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	15	Bob H.	10/3/1990	33
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	15	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	33
Sean B.	10/7/2008	15	David L.	10/16/1990	33
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	15	Ken C.	10/6/1990	33
Will F.	10/11/2008	15	Stan U.	10/3/1990	33
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	16	Craig C.	10/2/1988	35
Felipe R.	10/6/2007	16	Pat J.	10/23/1988	35
Garv S.	10/3/2007	16	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	36
Jason F.	10/23/2007	16	Randy P.	10/31/1987	36
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	16	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	36
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	16	Jim B.	10/23/1986	37
Mike M.	10/15/2007	16	Roger W.	10/15/1986	37
Mike W.	10/14/2007	16	David P.	10/14/1985	38
Soncherray	10/17/2007	16	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	40
Steve F.	10/25/2007	16	Betty W.	10/6/1983	40
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	18	Bob B.	10/25/1983	40
Mike L.	10/25/2005	18	Brent H.	10/16/1983	40
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	18	Gary W.	10/6/1983	40
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	19	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	40
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	19	Dan G.	10/10/1980	43
Brian W.	10/21/2003	20	Tim D.	10/23/1980	43
Francis F.	10/18/2003	20	Danny M.	10/18/1978	45
John E.	10/2/2003	20	Willy B.	10/9/1978	45
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	20	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	47
Kathv B.	10/5/2003	20	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	48
Michele S.	10/10/2003	20	Bill P.	10/6/1974	49
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	20	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	49

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

Total Years = 2,478

Managers Corner

If you don't see your birthday on our monthly list please have your group pass a roster around and forward it to the office so we can get it straightened out. Our information is only as good as what is provided! ***Haven't joined the Faithful Fivers? Why not? This is a mere cup of coffee per month and the result is we support the office that saves lives and brings people to our meetings. Don't delay, sign up today - our Central Office is far too important!!***

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

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