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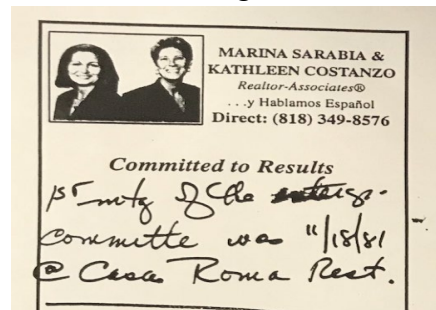
# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 60

AA in the AV 60  
 By Bruce L.  
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History of the Antelope Valley Intergroup and Central Office

Sometime in 1981, Whitey W. spearheaded an intergroup organizing committee that first met informally at the National Council on Alcoholism (where red-headed Helen worked). They decided to become officially organized and had their first real meeting on November 18, 1981 (the birthday of Antelope Valley Intergroup) at Casa Roma Restaurant in Lancaster. They started selling literature from a cabinet in the Arid Club the same month. Gene F. managed the literature sales. Then, just before Christmas, they set up a temporary office at 224 W. Lancaster Boulevard with Shorty G. as office manager.



Scribbled notes found in the District 7 Archives at the AV Central Office.

## WHY DO WE NEED A CENTRAL OFFICE?

In the early 1980's some A.A. meetings and Groups here in the Antelope Valley came together to coordinate the opening of our own A.A. Central Office. This is also known as an Intergroup office because it is a collaboration of the Groups and is governed by the Groups.



**How does a drunk find your meeting?** We alcoholics are very anonymous and so are our groups. There is no phone in our hall because we are only there during the meeting. Without a local office with someone to answer phones and host a website, the public has no other resource. Without this same office, our members have nowhere to report changes to our meeting times or locations.

**Where would we find A.A. literature or other recovery related things?** While you can order everything our local Central Office carries online, it would be difficult to experience literature we are not familiar without having an in-person location to visit.

Here's a list of services our local Central Office provides:

1. **Maintaining & coordinating a 24-Hour volunteer telephone hotline and chat option on our website.**
2. **Maintenance of an up-to-date website.**
3. **Maintenance of the Meeting Guide App.**
4. **Printing of the paper Meeting Directory.**
5. **Centralized information distribution for local and other SoCal events.**
6. **Maintains a list of 12-Step Call volunteers.**
7. **Publication of our local newsletter, The Scoop.**
8. **Creation & publication of free pamphlets.**
9. **Serves as communications center for local groups.**
10. **Maintains financial records and ensures compliance with local, state and federal laws.**
11. **Maintains a supply of books, chips and medallions for purchase.**

The bottom line is that our Central Office is a vital service to the alcoholic suffering as well as the groups here in the Antelope

Valley. It is indispensable and requires our collective financial support to remain open.

## **Calendar of Events**

*Central Office Intergroup*

*Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm*

*Roundup Meeting-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month @5:30, Grange*

*H&I Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill District 7 Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month @ 630*

*AV Roundup- October 4-6 @ AV College*

*Area 93 Election Assembly- Nov, 16,17<sup>th</sup>@AV College*



## **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.

Although all inventories are alike in principle, the time factor does distinguish one from another. There's the spot check inventory, taken at any time of the day, whenever we find ourselves getting tangled up. There's the one we take at day's end, when we review the happenings of the ourselves with things well done, and chalking up debits in the company of our sponsor or spiritual advisor, we make A.A.'s go in for annual or semiannual housecleanings. Many of us also like the experience of an occasional retreat from the outside world where we can quiet down for an undisturbed day or so of self-overhaul and meditation.

## **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, “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.

## **Tenth Concept:**

*Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority-*

*the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.*

Principle of the concept is clarity- of roles, responsibility, and authority is vital.

Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be delegated at every level—and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well-defined and clearly understood.

As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” resides with the A.A. groups, and they delegate this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, delegates to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations—A.A. World Service, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc.—but it delegates to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities..

# October 2024 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug	Sep	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$33,137.92	\$3,984.23	\$37,122.15
Expenses	(\$45,408.67)	(\$5,353.98)	(\$50,762.65)
Cost of Goods	(\$25,003.39)	(\$653.08)	(\$25,656.47)
Contributions	\$29,432.68	\$2,652.52	\$32,085.20

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$7,841.46)</b>	<b>\$629.69</b>	<b>(\$7,211.77)</b>
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<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Aug	Sep	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$796.25		\$796.25
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$4,717.72	\$649.36	\$5,367.08
Anonymous	\$2,272.97	\$266.15	\$2,539.12
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$484.00		\$484.00
AV Men's Stag	\$907.81	\$211.39	\$1,119.20
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$290.00	\$72.00	\$362.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$2,512.68	\$126.00	\$2,638.68
Daily Reflections	\$130.41		\$130.41
District 7	\$271.49		\$271.49
Faithful Fiver	\$700.00	\$402.00	\$1,102.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$4,266.78		\$4,266.78
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$3,541.00	\$52.00	\$3,593.00
Into Action	\$50.00	\$208.00	\$258.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$460.36		\$460.36
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		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$487.63		\$487.63
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,544.74	\$200.00	\$1,544.74
Rainbow Grp	\$483.54		\$483.54
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$429.80		\$429.80
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$47.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$102.08		\$102.08
Step Workshop Meeting	\$168.00		\$168.00
Sun Love & Tolerance	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Sun Night BBS	\$384.00	\$120.00	\$454.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$77.00		\$77.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$274.50	\$87.50	\$362.00
Westside Grp	\$201.00		\$201.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$190.00		\$190.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,366.51</b>	<b>\$206.12</b>	<b>\$2,572.63</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$29,432.68</b>	<b>\$2,652.52</b>	<b>\$32,085.20</b>

Denise M.	10/8/2015	9	Terry K.	10/28/2003	21
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	12	Rick M.	10/1/2002	22
Aira	10/11/2012	12	Spike H.	10/18/2002	22
Scott E.	10/19/2012	12	Julie W.	10/29/2001	23
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	13	Sean C.	10/22/2001	23
Gary G.	10/28/2011	13	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	24
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	13	Ken C.	10/22/2000	24
Christina C.	10/13/2010	14	Mary D.	10/17/2000	24
David Y.	10/1/2010	14	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	24
John M.	10/15/2010	14	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	27
Michael H.	10/23/2010	14	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	28
Omar	10/30/2010	14	Jim C.	10/17/1996	28
Robert R.	10/17/2010	14	Sue B.	10/16/1996	28
Craig M.	10/5/2009	15	Terrv C.	10/4/1996	28
Fran	10/21/2009	15	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	29
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	15	Andra M.	10/7/1994	30
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	15	Tori B.	10/28/1994	30
Martv C.	10/23/2009	15	Jon B.	10/12/1993	31
Michele L.	10/3/2009	15	Robin W.	10/22/1993	31
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	15	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	31
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	15	Dave S.	10/1/1992	32
James K.	10/19/2008	16	Garv W.	10/25/1991	33
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	16	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	33
Joe A.	10/7/2008	16	Linda P.	10/15/1991	33
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	16	Bob H.	10/3/1990	34
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	16	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	34
Sean B.	10/7/2008	16	David L.	10/16/1990	34
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	16	Ken C.	10/6/1990	34
Will F.	10/11/2008	16	Stan U.	10/3/1990	34
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	17	Craig C.	10/2/1988	36
Felipe R.	10/6/2007	17	Pat J.	10/23/1988	36
Garv S.	10/3/2007	17	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	37
Jason F.	10/23/2007	17	Randy P.	10/31/1987	37
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	17	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	37
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	17	Jim B.	10/23/1986	38
Mike M.	10/15/2007	17	Roger W.	10/15/1986	38
Mike W.	10/14/2007	17	David P.	10/14/1985	39
Soncherray	10/17/2007	17	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	41
Steve F.	10/25/2007	17	Betty W.	10/6/1983	41
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	19	Bob B.	10/25/1983	41
Mike L.	10/25/2005	19	Brent H.	10/16/1983	41
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	19	Gary W.	10/6/1983	41
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	20	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	41
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	20	Dan G.	10/10/1980	44
Brian W.	10/21/2003	21	Tim D.	10/23/1980	44
Francis F.	10/18/2003	21	Danny M.	10/18/1978	46
John E.	10/2/2003	21	Willy B.	10/9/1978	46
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	21	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	48
Kathv B.	10/5/2003	21	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	49
Michele S.	10/10/2003	21	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	50
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	21			

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

Total Years = 2,530

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

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

