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# The Scoop

## What is Bridging the Gap?

Bridging the Gap is a temporary contact program for individuals getting out of treatment or other facilities. A separate program, "Contact upon release" has been created for those leaving correctional facilities.

The concept behind "Bridging the Gap" (BTG) is as old as Alcoholics Anonymous itself — one drunk talking to another, each reinforcing the other's understanding that they can find a way to face life sober, and build meaningful relationships without alcohol. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous. How Does Bridging the Gap Work?

Bridging the Gap can provide a temporary contact for alcoholics in treatment centers, medical facilities, crisis centers, detox centers or other facilities. The intent of Bridging the Gap is to provide the recently released or discharged alcoholic with temporary help for a limited time. Keep in mind that this is basic Twelfth Step work.

Experience suggests that it is best for a BTG contact to be accompanied by another A.A. member when meeting the newcomer.

Experience also suggests that temporary contact and newcomers be matched by gender, and if possible, by age. Concerns about safety are of particular importance to A.A. members. When safety concerns arise, local or area committees at the district, area, intergroup or central office should be consulted. Of course, in an emergency please contact 911.

In some parts of the U.S. and Canada, BTG operates as a stand-alone committee, while in others Bridging the Gap is part of the work of a Treatment or Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committee. In still others, the work is organized by a local intergroup committees or central offices. Regardless of how it is organized, all share the basic goal of providing a bridge that helps newcomers find Alcoholics Anonymous.

## 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 @ 6:30, Grange Hall AV Roundup @12 pm, October 10-12, 3041 West Avenue K, Lancaster*  
*Zombie Carnival, October 25th @ 6pm, 41843 50<sup>th</sup> Street West, Quartz Hill*

## **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. Others 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:**

***Concept 10 – 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.***

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.

Let's begin with the group. Concept I states the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" resides with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The detail of which topics for discussion or items of concern are forwarded to the Conference by the Groups

via the GSR which were discussed at our District meetings and at our Area Assemblies.

The Conference, in turn, *delegates* to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs (Concept III) in its behalf. The detail of what topics and /or items are forwarded by the Conference to the General Service Board are reported to the Fellowship via a printed Final Report distributed to the Fellowship following the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

The General Service Board is in authority over its subsidiary operating conditions – A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine Inc. The General Service Boards *delegates* to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities.

The directors of AAWS and the AA Grapevine are in authority over the executives of these corporations, but *delegate* to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities.

And lastly, the executives of AAWS and the AA

Grapevine *delegate* to the General Service Office and Grapevine staff members and other employees

the *authority* necessary to carry out their important service jobs. The benefit to the Fellowship of this *delegation* of responsibility and authority is immense.

## *Word Puzzle*

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

PROMPTLY, PREPARE, ADVENTURE, APPROACH,  
 COMMENCE, FOUL, LEARNED, CORRECT, PATIENTLY,  
 PERSISTENTLY, EMOTIONAL, HANGOVER

# October 2025 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug	Sep	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$40,482.15	\$4,514.53	\$44,996.68
Expenses	(\$46,058.85)	(\$5,758.84)	(\$51,817.69)
Cost of Goods	(\$23,692.45)	(\$415.74)	(\$24,108.19)
Contributions	\$31,083.22	\$3,088.53	\$34,171.75
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,814.07</b>	<b>\$1,428.48</b>	<b>\$3,242.55</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Aug	Sep	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$301.00	\$75.00	\$376.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$5,670.54	\$1,134.67	\$6,805.21
Anonymous	\$3,055.76	\$370.19	\$3,425.95
Any Lengths Group	\$73.10		\$73.10
AV Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$757.45	\$175.83	\$933.28
AV Roundup	\$1,310.94		\$1,310.94
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$143.00		\$143.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,584.00	\$47.00	\$1,631.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$264.24	\$198.48	\$462.72
Faithful Fiver	\$2,101.00	\$213.00	\$2,314.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$5,430.00		\$5,430.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$141.00		\$141.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$740.00		\$740.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$220.82		\$220.82
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,566.95	\$202.84	\$1,769.79
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$100.00		\$100.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$120.00		\$120.00
Pearblossom 24 Hr/Daily Reflection	\$217.77		\$217.77
PM Mod	\$344.77		\$344.77
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,699.00	\$245.00	\$1,944.00
Rainbow Grp	\$150.00		\$150.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Love & Tolerance	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$639.00		\$639.00
Thursday Night Step Study	\$497.05		\$497.05
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$459.25	\$175.00	\$634.25
Westside Grp	\$40.00		\$40.00
Women in Recovery	\$30.00		\$30.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$299.00	\$80.00	\$379.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Homebound Grp	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$3,177.58</b>	<b>\$115.52</b>	<b>\$3,293.10</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$31,083.22</b>	<b>\$3,088.53</b>	<b>\$34,171.75</b>

Denise M.	10/8/2015	10	Terry K.	10/28/2003	22
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	13	Rick M.	10/1/2002	23
Aira	10/11/2012	13	Spike H.	10/18/2002	23
Scott E.	10/19/2012	13	Julie W.	10/29/2001	24
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	14	Sean C.	10/22/2001	24
Garv G.	10/28/2011	14	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	25
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	14	Ken C.	10/22/2000	25
Christina C.	10/13/2010	15	Marv D.	10/17/2000	25
David Y.	10/1/2010	15	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	25
John M.	10/15/2010	15	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	28
Michael H.	10/23/2010	15	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	29
Omar	10/30/2010	15	Jim C.	10/17/1996	29
Robert R.	10/17/2010	15	Sue B.	10/16/1996	29
Craig M.	10/5/2009	16	Terry C.	10/4/1996	29
Fran	10/21/2009	16	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	30
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	16	Andra M.	10/7/1994	31
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	16	Tori B.	10/28/1994	31
Marty C.	10/23/2009	16	Jon B.	10/12/1993	32
Michele L.	10/3/2009	16	Robin W.	10/22/1993	32
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	16	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	32
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	16	Dave S.	10/1/1992	33
James K.	10/19/2008	17	Garv W.	10/25/1991	34
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	17	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	34
Joe A.	10/7/2008	17	Linda P.	10/15/1991	34
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	17	Bob H.	10/3/1990	35
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	17	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	35
Sean B.	10/7/2008	17	David L.	10/16/1990	35
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	17	Ken C.	10/6/1990	35
Will F.	10/11/2008	17	Stan U.	10/3/1990	35
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	18	Craig C.	10/2/1988	37
Felipe R.	10/6/2007	18	Pat J.	10/23/1988	37
Garv S.	10/3/2007	18	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	38
Jason F.	10/23/2007	18	Randy P.	10/31/1987	38
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	18	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	38
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	18	Jim B.	10/23/1986	39
Mike M.	10/15/2007	18	Roger W.	10/15/1986	39
Mike W.	10/14/2007	18	David P.	10/14/1985	40
Soncherrav	10/17/2007	18	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	42
Steve F.	10/25/2007	18	Betty W.	10/6/1983	42
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	20	Bob B.	10/25/1983	42
Mike L.	10/25/2005	20	Brent H.	10/16/1983	42
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	20	Garv W.	10/6/1983	42
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	21	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	42
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	21	Dan G.	10/10/1980	45
Brian W.	10/21/2003	22	Tim D.	10/23/1980	45
Francis F.	10/18/2003	22	Dannv M.	10/18/1978	47
John E.	10/2/2003	22	Willv B.	10/9/1978	47
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	22	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	49
Kathy B.	10/5/2003	22	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	50
Michele S.	10/10/2003	22	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	51
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	22			

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

Total Years = 2,631

## 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!!

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant  
 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Carolyn B.  
 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Vacant  
 4th ~ Heather C. & Vacant  
 5th ~ Heather C. & Vacant

