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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV28

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The old Arid Club building on Yucca Street in Lancaster (picture taken after the Arid Club closed)

Shortly after the Arid Club incorporated in 1967, the A.V. Group was formed, which consisted of all the meetings at the Arid Club except the Saturday night speaker meeting, which was an Arid Club meeting. All secretaries and meetings were part of the A.V. Group—they had a board of trusted servants and they were financially solvent. Money from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition went into a safe and was used to buy their own supplies. It was considered separate from the Club but closely tied to the Club (more about the A.V. Group next month).

## Election of Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Nominations of all qualified AA members for board positions shall be held at the regular Intergroup Meeting in the months of January and February. The Intergroup Steering Committee is held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the Antelope Valley Central Office**. Any AA member who is qualified for the open position and is willing to make the necessary commitment may be nominated.

Qualifications for the open positions are available at the Central Office. There must be at least two nominations for each position.

**The annual election will be held during the first week of March.** Ballots may be cast during regular business hours at the A.V. Central Office for one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting held on the first Thursday of March. All A.V. AA members may vote.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the February 4th meeting at 7:00pm at the AV Central Office.

*All are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

## Step 2

***“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”***

The moment they read Step Two, most A.A. newcomers are confronted with a dilemma, sometimes a serious one. How often have we heard them cry out, “Look what you people have done to us! You have convinced us that we are alcoholics and that our lives are unmanageable. Having reduced us to a state of absolute helplessness, you now declare that none but a Higher Power can remove our obsession. Some of us *won’t* believe in God, others can’t, and still others who do believe that God exists have no faith whatever He will perform this miracle. Yes, you’ve got us over the barrel, all right—but where do we go from here?”

Let’s look first at the case of the one who says he won’t believe—the belligerent one. He is in a state of mind which can be described only as savage. His whole philosophy of life, in which he so gloried, is threatened. It’s bad enough, he thinks, to admit alcohol has him down for keeps. But now, still smarting from that admission, he is faced with something really impossible. How he does cherish

the thought that man, risen so majestically from a single cell in the primordial ooze, is the spearhead of evolution and therefore the only god that his universe knows! Must he renounce all this to save himself?

At this juncture, his A.A. sponsor usually laughs. This, the newcomer thinks, is just about the last straw. This is the beginning of the end. And so it is: the beginning of the end of his old life, and the beginning of his emergence into a new one. His sponsor probably says, “Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think. At least I’ve found it so. So did a friend of mine who was a one-time vice-president of the American Atheist Society, but he got through with room to spare.”

### *The 2nd Tradition*

***“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”***

Where does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of

directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, “This simply can’t be. There must be an angle somewhere.” These practical folk then read Tradition Two, and lean that the sole authority in A.A. is a living God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. They dubiously ask an experienced A.A. member if this really works. The member, sane to all appearances, immediately answers, “Yes! It definitely does.” The friends mutter that this looks vague, nebulous, pretty naïve to them. Then they commence to watch us with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

Page 252 – Alone No More

Alcoholism was a lonely business, even though we were surrounded by people who loved us. But when our self-will had driven everyone away and our isolation became complete, we commenced to play the big shot in cheap barrooms. Failing in this, we had to fare forth alone on the street to depend upon the charity of passers-by.

We were trying to find emotional security by dominating or by dependant on others. Even when our fortunes had not totally ebbed, we nevertheless found ourselves alone in the world. We still vainly tried to be secure by some unhealthy sort of domination or dependence. For those of us who were like that, A.A. has a very special meaning. In this Fellowship we begin to learn right relations with people who understand us; we don't have to be alone anymore.

-TWELVE AND TWELVE, PP.116-117

## As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

Page 79 – *Who's Responsibility?*

“An A.A. group, as such, cannot take on all the personal problems of its members, let alone those of non-alcoholics in the world around us. The A.A. group is not, for example, a mediator of domestic relations, nor does it furnish personal financial aid to anyone.

“Though a member may sometimes be helped in such matters by his friends in A.A.,

the primary responsibility for the solutions of all his problems of living and growing rests squarely upon the individual himself. Should an A.A. group attempt this sort of help, its effectiveness and energies would be hopelessly dissipated.

“This is why sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the reaching and practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of the group. If we don't stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse we cannot help anyone.”

-Letter, 1966

## Second Concept:

*When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society*

## Word Game

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

Attitude  
Calamity  
Minimum  
Quest

Believe  
Indifference  
Piecemeal

Belligerent  
Intellect  
Profound

# February 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$2,645.61	\$2,645.61
Expenses	(\$7,015.40)	(\$7,015.40)
Cost of Goods	(\$2,738.74)	(\$2,738.74)
Contributions	\$1,535.24	\$1,535.24
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$5,573.29)</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan	Total	
A Gathering of Women		\$0.00	
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$344.51	\$344.51	
Anonymous	\$343.88	\$343.88	
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	
AV Hospital	\$21.00	\$21.00	
AV Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$0.00	
AV Roundup	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Birthday	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Daily Reflections	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Faithful Fiver	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00	
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Into Action	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lake Hughes Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	
New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Open Door	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Open Participation	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Pearblossom Grp	\$200.00	\$200.00	
PM Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$120.00	\$120.00	
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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	
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	\$500.85	\$500.85	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0.00	\$1,535.24	\$1,535.24

Jerry D.	2/9/2016	6	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	20
Alees H.	2/20/2016	6	Barbara	2/20/2001	21
Malissa T.	2/24/2016	6	Kathy R.	2/13/2001	21
Larry W.	2/1/2015	7	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	21
Dan F.	2/26/2014	8	Pat T.	2/12/2001	21
Linnea M.	2/1/2014	8	Larry M.	2/29/2000	22
Rachel	2/4/2014	8	Michael G.	2/22/2000	22
Greg B.	2/4/2014	8	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	22
Doug C.	2/20/2014	8	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	23
Matt D.	2/21/2013	9	Lila P.	2/1/1999	23
Alex D.	2/12/2012	10	Carol M.	2/12/1998	24
Amanda O.	2/7/2012	10	John Michael	2/2/1998	24
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	10	Sam S.	2/23/1998	24
Bob H.	2/13/2012	10	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	25
Lee F.	2/5/2012	10	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	25
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	10	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	25
Sharon R.	2/10/2012	10	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	25
Janis B.	2/12/2012	10	Mark F.	2/10/1995	27
Susan M.	2/15/2012	10	Janet R.	2/9/1993	29
Terra B.	2/18/2012	10	Janie H.	2/22/1993	29
Hillary C.	2/7/2011	11	Mark R.	2/24/1993	29
Jenny C.	2/27/2011	11	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	29
Jessica C.	2/18/2011	11	Nury C.	2/10/1993	29
Joe O.	2/12/2011	11	Katie C.	2/11/1992	30
Larry L.	2/2/2011	11	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	30
Melissa P.	2/9/2011	11	Judie M.	2/22/1991	31
Scott C.	2/17/2011	11	Kim	2/5/1991	31
Cindy B.	2/5/2010	12	Gayle M.	2/20/1990	32
Rod W.	2/27/2010	12	Mike H.	2/4/1990	32
George C.	2/27/2010	12	Mike S.	2/20/1990	32
Kat H.	2/18/2010	12	David E.	2/14/1989	33
Kevin S.	2/17/2010	12	Frank H.	2/11/1989	33
Linda H.	2/9/2010	12	Lori W.	2/4/1989	33
Tonie R.	2/18/2009	13	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	33
Wayne W.	2/9/2009	13	Ron M.	2/10/1989	33
Bob J.	2/19/2008	14	Francis R.	2/14/1988	34
Brad B.	2/15/2008	14	Penny R.	2/10/1988	34
Michael P.	2/18/2008	14	Tom L.	2/22/1988	34
Mike W.	2/13/2008	14	Bud V.	2/23/1987	35
Robert W.	2/4/2008	14	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	35
Benecia S.	2/14/2007	15	Kip O.	2/4/1986	36
Dave W.	2/12/2007	15	Steve L.	2/5/1986	36
Debbie H.	2/25/2007	15	Pat J.	2/24/1985	37
Betsy C.	2/2/2006	16	Genev	2/2/1984	38
Carol W.	2/8/2006	16	Bob T.	2/2/1984	38
Jenni J.	2/8/2006	16	Laura L.	2/22/1984	38
Laura F.	2/8/2006	16	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	40
Merridith E.	2/21/2005	17	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	41
Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	17	Gary F.	2/20/1981	41
John H.	2/25/2004	18	Garv S.	2/18/1981	41
Mike F.	2/14/2004	18	George W.	2/16/1979	43
Chuck S.	2/15/2003	19	Kate W.	7/28/1978	44
Debbie B.	2/13/2003	19	Will L.	2/17/1978	44
Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	19	Skip W.	2/23/1977	45
Lennie H.	2/27/2003	19	Vic L.	2/5/1977	45
Rick C.	2/3/2003	19	Beverly L.	2/15/1976	46
T. J. S.	2/23/2003	19	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	46
			Joe F.	2/27/1971	51

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

Total Years = 2,577

## Managers Corner

Don't forget to sign up or renew your Faithful Fiver!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Esmeralda P.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
- 3rd ~ Carmen R. & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
- 5th ~ Debbie L. & Chante D.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

