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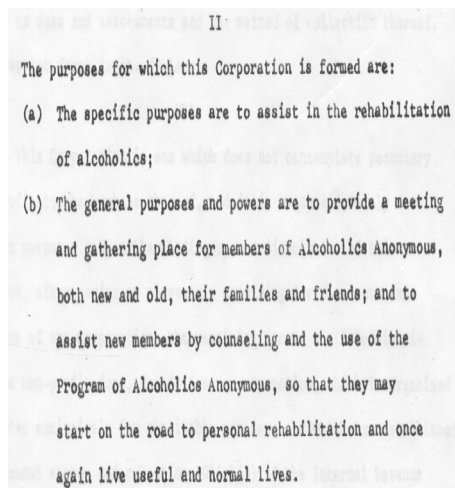
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The Scoop

AA in the AV

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It's fascinating to read Article II of the Articles of Incorporation for the Antelope Valley Arid Club, incorporated January 26, 1967 (54 years ago). Here's the original type-written text (remember typewriters?).



Step 9

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence—these are the qualities

we shall need when we take Step Nine.

After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases when action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Most of us begin making certain kinds of direct amends from the day we join Alcoholics Anonymous. The moment we tell our families that we are really going to try the program, the process has begun. In this area there are seldom any questions of timing or caution. We want to come in the door shouting the good news. After coming from our first meeting, or perhaps after we have finished reading the book “Alcoholics Anonymous,” we usually want to sit down with some members of the family and readily admit the damage we

have done by our drinking. Almost always we want to go further and admit other defects that have made us hard to live with. This will be a very different occasion, and in sharp contrast with those hangover mornings when we alternated between reviling ourselves and blaming the family (and everyone else) for our troubles. At this first sitting, it is necessary only that we make a general admission of our defects. It may be unwise at this stage to rehash certain harrowing episodes. Good judgment will suggest that we ought to take our time. While we may be quite willing to reveal the very worst, we must be sure to remember that we cannot buy our own peace of mind at the expense of others.

The 9th Tradition

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

When Tradition Nine was first written, it said that “Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization.” In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous – A.A. as a whole – should never be organized at all. Then, in seeming contradiction,

we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized. How, then, can we have an unorganized movement which can and does create a service organization for itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, “What do they mean, no organization?”

Well, let’s see. Did anyone ever hear of a nation, a church a political party, even a benevolent association that had no membership rules? Did anyone ever hear of a society which couldn’t somehow discipline its members and enforce obedience to necessary rules and regulations? Doesn’t nearly every society on earth give authority to some of its members to impose obedience upon the rest and to punish or expel offenders? Therefore, every nation, in fact every form of society, has to be a government administered by human beings. Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization everywhere.

Daily Reflections excerpt on the 9th Step

Page 258:*except when to do so would injure them or others.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 59

Step Nine restores in me a feeling of belonging, not only to the human race but also to the everyday world. First, the Step makes me leave the safety of A.A., so that I may deal with non-A.A. people “out there,” on their terms, not mine. It is a frightening but necessary action if I am to get back into life. Second, Step Nine allows me to remove threats to my sobriety by healing past relationships. Step Nine points the way to a more serene sobriety by letting me clear away past wreckage, least it bring me down.

There are no excerpts in the Daily Reflections on the 9th Tradition.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID F.



SOBER SINCE NOV 4, 1981

The Antelope Valley has lost another long-time and great example of how this program works. David demonstrated his application of this through his endless service and kindness to others. May he rest in peace.

First Concept:

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. But weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. But once we have created a basically sound structure, that job is finished, except for occasional refinements.

With leadership we shall have a continuous problem. Good leadership can be here today and gone tomorrow. Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity. It is therefore a problem that in its very nature cannot be permanently solved. We must continuously find the right people for our many service tasks. Since our future effectiveness must thus depend upon ever-new generations of leaders, it seems desirable that special skills will always be we now proceed to define what a

good service leader should be; that we carefully indicate in each level of service, especially in our Board of Trustees, what special skills will be required; and that we review our present methods of finding and choosing that leadership.

Quotable Quotes

Thanks for thinking of me, I know I always do.

God loves me, not because I am good, but because He is good.

The only healing love is the love I give you.

When things go wrong, don't go with the flow.

Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.

Happiness is when I can't find my jug and I find yours. Chuck C.

The best time to buy a drink is yesterday.

Everything I've ever done ...I've never been ready to do.

Love and tolerance is easier than 'not being nice.'

Word Game

ADMIT, BLAME, CONSIDERATION, FRANKNESS, NECESSARY, AFFECTED, CAREFUL, DIRECT, GENEROUS, SPONSOR, AMENDS, CLEAR, DISCUSSED, MAINTAIN, TIMING

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

September 2021 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jul '21	Aug '21	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$15,382.52	\$3,721.17	\$19,103.69
Expenses	(\$8,691.07)	(\$3,941.67)	(\$12,632.74)
Cost of Goods	(\$10,061.47)	(\$3,746.46)	(\$13,807.93)
Contributions	\$24,728.15	\$3,779.33	\$28,507.48
Net Income	\$21,358.13	(\$187.63)	\$21,170.50



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Jul '21	Aug '21	2021 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$6,340.12		\$6,340.12
Anonymous	\$3,779.21	\$316.09	\$4,095.30
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$2,634.00	\$400.00	\$3,034.00
Birthday	\$177.00	\$27.00	\$204.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Faithful Fiver	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$300.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,664.00	\$805.34	\$3,469.34
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$40.00		\$40.00
Into Action	\$562.09	\$100.00	\$662.09
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$503.58	\$120.00	\$623.58
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,571.97		\$1,571.97
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$588.50		\$588.50
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$1,013.00	\$155.00	\$1,168.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$80.00	\$90.90	\$170.90
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$72.00		\$72.00
Digital Contributions	\$3,527.68		\$3,527.68
TOTALS	\$21,200.47	\$3,779.33	\$28,507.48

Jason D.	9/26/2019	2	Tom D.	9/11/1999	22
Vanessa D.	9/26/2019	2	Jeff N.	9/2/1997	24
Frankie F.	9/16/2015	6	Lil John	9/1/1997	24
Michael H.	9/29/2015	6	Stephen C.	9/21/1997	24
Jamie K.	9/21/2013	8	David M.	9/27/1996	25
Amanda	9/10/2012	9	Donna S.	9/5/1996	25
Kara R.	9/21/2012	9	Greg Call	9/27/1995	26
Kathy O.	9/15/2012	9	Mark M.	9/10/1995	26
Monica T.	9/28/2012	9	Dan S.	9/26/1994	27
Yvonne	9/24/2012	9	Greg B.	9/1/1994	27
Alex W.	9/16/2011	10	Steve B.	9/16/1994	27
Angela J.	9/15/2011	10	Billy B.	9/15/1992	29
Carrie C.	9/23/2011	10	Don O.	9/17/1992	29
Ed V.	9/24/2011	10	Teri P.	9/1/1992	29
Kristal H.	9/5/2011	10	David L.	9/18/1991	30
Marcy B.	9/3/2011	10	Margaret D.	9/4/1991	30
Margi B.	9/3/2011	10	Steven M.	9/1/1991	30
Paul B.	9/15/2011	10	Chuck	9/30/1990	31
Larry W.	9/17/2011	10	Cindy G.	9/30/1990	31
Shelley Y.	9/20/2011	10	Joy L.	9/5/1990	31
Tina V.	9/24/2011	10	Becky M.	9/10/1989	32
Ashley S.	9/22/2010	11	Fred H.	9/6/1989	32
Brian S.	9/10/2010	11	John S.	9/15/1989	32
Herb	9/27/2010	11	Myrna D.	9/9/1989	32
J.P.	9/23/2010	11	Glen M.	9/20/1988	33
Rick S.	9/14/2010	11	Mike S.	9/18/1988	33
Tanya W.	9/10/2010	11	Ralph C.	9/18/1988	33
Billy M.	9/10/2009	12	Ron P.	9/7/1988	33
Clayton R.	9/23/2009	12	Stuart S.	9/19/1988	33
Randy P.	9/2/2009	12	Darlene L.	9/27/1987	34
Adrian K.	9/28/2008	13	Rex V.	9/24/1987	34
Christine K.	9/10/2008	13	David P.	9/21/1986	35
Monty T.	9/30/2008	13	John R.	9/7/1986	35
Tim B.	9/24/2008	13	David S.	9/18/1985	36
Mary M.	9/3/2007	14	Nathan B.	9/29/1985	36
Patricia M.	9/11/2007	14	Barbara C.	9/9/1984	37
Alexander W.	9/1/2006	15	Mark F.	9/9/1983	38
Nick W.	9/12/2006	15	Connie G.	9/6/1982	39
Doug M.	9/27/2005	16	Helen B.	9/10/1981	40
Paul M.	9/27/2005	16	Bev S.	9/7/1980	41
Yolanda B.	9/14/2005	16	Chuck C.	9/20/1980	41
Rocky C.	9/19/2004	17	Sally K.	9/1/1980	41
Clvde L.	9/21/2003	18	Billy F.	9/1/1979	42
Jacqueline R.	9/13/2003	18	Vicki F.	9/20/1978	43
Latanva J.	9/10/2003	18	Tony J.	9/30/1977	44
Michael P.	9/22/2003	18	Al Russell	9/7/1976	45
Margie K.	9/13/2002	19	Mickie F.	9/13/1976	45
Barbara S.	9/16/2000	21	Sandy M.	9/30/1974	47
John P.	9/20/2000	21	Frank P.	9/26/1973	48
Dotti M.	9/28/1999	22	Carole C.	9/5/1970	51
Robert M.	9/6/1999	22			

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Total Years =	2,325
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Managers Corner

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Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Maureen O.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Yanina
- 3rd ~ Vacant & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

