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The Scoop

Quote from Sam Shoemaker

Submitted by Dano B.

Undoubtedly one reason why men do not confide in us more, even when they are longing for help and real friendship, is because of our own reserve which holds them back. We must be as ready to give as we are to receive, realizing the need of reciprocal confidence. It is generally understood that if the preacher's message is to strike home to the hearts of his hearers, it must proceed from his own heart. That which comes from the heart reaches the heart.

Two AA Poems

Dedicated to the alcoholics around the world.

Written by Kevin T. (2019)

AA: Shedding the weight of the past,
Putting on the joy of today and
Not worrying about tomorrow!

Laughing through the pain
Tears will fall
Lives will change
But out there will always be the same!

Step Eight

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

Tradition Eight

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words “Freely ye have received, freely give.” We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

June Winner: Felix O.

Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for the free Birthday Raffle.

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B

A.A. is a program of attraction rather than promotion and I believe this attraction starts with

a man who makes the 12-step call.

Faith that is not practical is impractical.

If what you are doing is bringing the hamster back to life, then stop doing it.

Gratitude is the purest form of prayer. Sean

I was very grateful that I was able to bounce off the bottom. You can REALLY count on an A.A. directory. Sean

It is good to concede to my inner most self often.

Today everything happens for me and not to me. Sean

If I am trying to have a conversation with God, then I am doing God's will. Sean 11/9/2018

I tried the 12 steps to prove to you that they didn't work and I was gladly mistaken.

There is a shift in the program, oh wait.....It's me.

"No matter what," is a very few words in a very long sentence.

I want other people to be the hero of their own journey. I don't want to be their hero.

Word Game

TOLERANCE; REVENGE; AMENDS; TRUST; HONESTY; ILLNESS; TROUBLE; PRIVACY; UNITY; HUMILITY; PAIN; ACCEPTANCE; SLIPS; WILL; TEMPTATION; SUCCESS; SPIRITUAL; GROWTH; AWAKENING; WORRY

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

Business Meetings

A.V. Intergroup: 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Central Office, 43619 17th Street West, Suite 106, Lancaster

District 7 (General Service): 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at the Agua Duce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce (link located on AV web site)

H&I: 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am at the Alano Club 104 E. Ave K-4, Suite J, Lancaster (Orientation at 9:30am for newcomers.) (link located on AV web site)

Coming Events

Local Events

A.V. Round-Up. Starts Aug. 16, 11am., Ends Aug 18. Cost \$15. 44055 N. Sierra Hwy, Lancaster
HDBB 16 Year Anniversary Celebration (cost \$12)
Aug. 3, 2:00 pm; 1 day event
44818 20th St. W., Lancaster
Growing Valley Baptist Church

Nearby Events

Great Outdoor Beaver Meeting, Starts Aug 29, 10:30am, Ends Sept. 1. Cost: \$15
1419 E. Canyon Road, Beaver, UT 84713. At the Racetrack East of this address.

Other Events

61st Annual ICYPAA
Aug 22, 10:30am. Ends Aug 25
110 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA
Cost: \$35

Woman to Woman, San Diego
9/27/2019 (3:00p) – 9/29/2019
1710 W. Mission Bay Drive
San Diego, (The Dana on Mission Bay) (Cost \$190)

For additional and up to date information, go to:
www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept 8

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the

separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Our Twelve Traditions: AA Members Share

A book by The Grapevine

Tradition Eight

“When I came into AA,” writes Paul C. in the story “Forever Nonprofessional,” “I was relieved to find that no one was being paid to talk to me, give me rides to meetings, buy me coffee, or help me work the Steps. Professionals had tried valiantly to help me, but I had a huge chip on my shoulder and was unresponsive to their efforts. I was glad to discover that AA didn’t have a special class of Twelfth Steppers or sponsors.”

Questions about professionalism in AA have been around since the Fellowship’s earliest days, with members concerned that other members might be getting paid for providing services to AA groups or individuals. Yet, as the author of “Professionalism and AA” points out, in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, Bill W. makes it clear that while AA does have to hire people where there are legitimate jobs to get done, “what is not to be paid for is face-to-face treatment of a drunk.”

Summing up in the article, “Just a Drunk,” Jack F. of Aurora, Illinois, notes wryly, “There are professionals who are also alcoholics, but the idea of a professional alcoholic is farfetched.”

Additionally, he shares, “The next time I feel that urge to ‘help’ some poor soul, I hope to remember the meaning of **Tradition Eight**. I have much personal experience to share, but a ‘learned professional’ I ain’t.”

Remember what a drink used to cost? A suggestion: put that amount into the 7th Tradition basket at least once a week.

Excerpt from **As Bill Sees It**

Loving Advisors (Grapevine, August 1961)

Had I not been blessed with wise and loving advisers, I might have cracked up long ago. A doctor once saved me from death by alcoholism because he obliged me to face up to the deadliness of that malady. Another doctor, a psychiatrist, later on helped me save my sanity because he led me to ferret out some of my deep-lying defects. From a clergyman I acquired the truthful principles by which we A.A.’s now try to live.

But these precious friends did far more than supply me with their professional skills. I learned that I could go to them with any problem whatever. Their wisdom and their integrity were mine for the asking.

Many of my dearest A.A. friends have stood with me in exactly this same relation. Oftentimes they could help where others could not, simply because they were A.A.’s.

August 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun '19	Jul '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$31,101.19	\$3,890.31	\$34,991.50
Expenses	(\$22,185.28)	(\$6,025.95)	(\$28,211.23)
Cost of Goods	(\$20,661.21)	\$0.00	(\$20,661.21)
Contributions	\$18,538.01	\$4,133.20	\$22,671.21
Net Income	\$6,792.71	\$1,997.56	\$8,790.27



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Jun '19	Jul '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
AM Mod	\$2,564.45	\$393.25	\$2,957.70
Anonymous	\$1,338.81	\$52.87	\$1,391.68
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$109.75	\$15.68	\$125.43
AV Men's Stag	\$746.00	\$326.00	\$1,072.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Birthday	\$146.00	\$63.00	\$209.00
Came to Believe	\$10.11	\$13.43	\$23.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$400.00	\$472.00	\$872.00
Daily Reflection	\$11.70	\$3.00	\$14.70
Dare to be Different	\$21.26	\$12.50	\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$1,338.02	\$175.00	\$1,513.02
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
H & I	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,338.85	\$0.00	\$2,338.85
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$10.70	\$3.00	\$13.70
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,312.46	\$0.00	\$1,312.46
Into Action	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$14.60	\$9.00	\$23.60
Lake Hughes Group	\$81.00	\$68.00	\$149.00
Last Call	\$50.00	\$30.72	\$80.72
Little Red Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$737.85	\$557.89	\$1,295.74
New Beginnings	\$6.00	\$2.40	\$8.40
Open Door	\$0.00	\$216.30	\$216.30
Palmdale Grp	\$2,743.79	\$906.30	\$3,650.09
Pearblossom Grp	\$720.00	\$154.00	\$874.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39	\$0.00	\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$780.00	\$319.75	\$1,099.75
Rainbow Grp	\$14.00	\$43.64	\$57.64
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$75.52	\$75.52
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$42.00	\$18.00	\$60.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$10.37	\$0.00	\$10.37
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$0.00	\$19.57	\$19.57
Steps Workshop	\$145.44	\$0.00	\$145.44
Sun Night BBS	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
The Promises - Alano	\$7.35	\$10.00	\$17.35
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$549.56	\$0.00	\$549.56
Westside Grp	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$40.00	\$12.88	\$52.88
Women Seeking Serenity	\$530.55	\$89.50	\$620.05
TOTALS	\$17,367.90	\$4,133.20	\$21,948.28

Valerie D.	8/1/2016	3	Bob S.	8/16/2005	14
Morgan	8/7/2016	3	Charise P.	8/25/2005	14
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	3	Ron H.	8/12/2003	16
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	3	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	16
Julie	8/9/2015	4	Chris N.	8/30/2002	17
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	4	Chris S.	8/17/2002	17
Erick V.	8/28/2015	4	Mvrtle O.	8/29/2002	17
Chris K.	8/17/2012	7	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	18
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	7	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	18
Paul E.	8/1/2012	7	Susie B.	8/31/2001	18
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	7	Boyce H.	8/19/2000	19
Richard K.	8/23/2012	7	Joe P.	8/13/2000	19
Robert R.	8/17/2012	7	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	19
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	7	Pamela P.	8/13/2000	19
Amy D.	8/8/2011	8	Robert G.	8/25/2000	19
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	8	Julio C.	8/28/1999	20
Joe S.	8/8/2011	8	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	20
Laura	8/30/2011	8	Joe L.	8/10/1997	22
Molly M.	8/9/2011	8	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	23
Terry R.	8/5/2011	8	Marv M.	8/11/1996	23
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	9	Robert R.	8/12/1996	23
Christine L.	8/29/2010	9	Emma W.	8/20/1994	25
Janet D.	8/10/2010	9	Lamont W.	8/1/1994	25
Liz C.	8/17/2010	9	Richard B.	8/2/1993	26
Michele S.	8/22/2010	9	Steve K.	8/20/1993	26
Tom M.	8/23/2010	9	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	27
Wavne S.	8/24/2010	9	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	28
Alex W.	8/28/2009	10	Julie P.	8/31/1991	28
Jan P.	8/22/2009	10	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	28
Janie G.	8/23/2009	10	Linda S.	8/16/1990	29
Jason S.	8/22/2009	10	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	30
Jim W.	8/8/2009	10	Ken K.	8/13/1988	31
Judith C.	8/17/2009	10	Somny C.	8/10/1988	31
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	10	Lem J.	8/3/1987	32
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	10	Ona J.	8/29/1987	32
Rick B.	8/15/2009	10	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	32
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	11	Tom M.	8/7/1985	34
Debra B.	8/7/2008	11	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	35
Diane E.	8/15/2008	11	Bill L.	8/24/1983	36
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	11	Clark S.	8/11/1983	36
James S.	8/28/2008	11	Doug M.	8/10/1982	37
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	11	Eddie Duffy	8/9/1982	37
Larry L.	8/13/2008	11	Mvrtis S.	8/15/1981	38
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	11	Steve N.	8/9/1981	38
Debora A.	8/31/2007	12	Jim P.	8/25/1980	39
Havdan M.	8/8/2007	12	John F.	8/19/1980	39
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	12	John H.	8/19/1980	39
Robert M.	8/15/2007	12	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	39
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	12	Mike S.	8/5/1980	39
Shara B.	8/1/2007	12	Robert D.	8/17/1980	39
Dano	8/16/2006	13	Roberta G.	8/10/1979	40
Kristy T.	8/19/2006	13	Clara W.	8/1/1976	43
Kurt L.	8/3/2006	13	Pat. L.	8/12/1976	43
Lisa M.	8/29/2006	13	Jay P.	8/5/1974	45
Mardv G.	8/17/2006	13	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	50
Michaela O.	8/18/2006	13			
Bob S.	8/16/2005	14			
Total Years = 2,093					

Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! 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! **Thank you Linda O. for joining the growing Faithful Fivers Club ~ and to all who have made the decision to be part of the SOLUTION!**

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Lori D.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Debbie L. & Cindy D.
- 4th ~ Stephanie S. & Karen M.
- 5th ~ Deborah Z. & Vacant

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

