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The Scoop

AA in the AV

By Bruce L, District 7
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Who had the first meeting in the AV, Lancaster or Palmdale? And when and where was it? As often happens in historical research, the picture isn't entirely clear. A recently obtained digital copy of a 1948 Grapevine has the following notice: "New groups registered



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with General Headquarters." And the list for January included Lancaster.

NEW GROUPS

New groups registered with General Headquarters during January were:
CALIFORNIA — Costa Mesa, Lancaster, Los Angeles (South Broadway Group), San Francisco (Seven Seas Group)
CONNECTICUT — Bridgeport (Black Rock Group)
FLORIDA — Bradenton, Hollywood, Wauchula (Hardee County Group)
ILLINOIS — Ottawa, Rock Island
INDIANA —

However, no Lancaster meeting appears in the Los Angeles area Central Office directory until 1950. It could very well be that a Lancaster group registered with New York in 1948 but didn't register with Los Angeles Central Office until 1950.

WEDNESDAY— [June 1950]
Anonymous Group, American Legion Hall,
3051 N. Hillhurst, Hollywood, 8:30
P.M. Open meeting.
Avalon Group, 334 Clarissa, Avalon, Cal-
ifornia Island, 8:30 P.M.
Antelope Valley Group, Lancaster Com-
munity Hall, Lancaster, 8:30 P.M.
Azusa Group, Banquet Room, 118 W.
Foothill Blvd., Azusa, 8:30 P.M.
Bay Area Speaker's Group, 2150 Santa
Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 8:30.
Bell Group, Woman's Club, 6337 Fish-

We saw in last month's (November) Scoop there was a Palmdale meeting listed in 1949,

The Lancaster meeting is listed as being in the Lancaster Community Hall and the Palmdale meeting was in the Whitespot Hotel. It would be interesting to find where and maybe find some old photographs of them. Stay tuned.

(We thank AA member John C. for bringing in historical materials including digital copies of early directories from Los Angeles Central Office.)

We are pleased to announce that Fred H. is our new Co-Chair for the Intergroup Committee.

Step Twelve

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

The joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step, and action

is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of living that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

The Room Calls

Even when it's hot in this room,
I feel elation and never gloom.
Most in the room have smiles on
their faces,
Reminding me that I belong in
this place.
I'm now beyond any worry or
fear,
Because this is the place; I'm
glad I'm here.
Sometimes I work and have to
miss a day.
But I'm here in spirit, so maybe
it's okay,
I'm thankful for all of you that
share
And the main reason why I
should be there.
When it comes to alcohol, I just
say nope
Because from this room, I'm
given hope.

By "Dr. Ford"

Tradition Twelve

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up

personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit – well symbolized by anonymity – is the foundation of them all. It is A.A.'s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people their high confidence in our future.

Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

October Winner: David P.
Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for the free Birthday Raffle.

From Anonymous:
Alcoholism took something and turned it into nothing. The

love of A.A. and the Grace of God took nothing and turned it into something.

Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B -

Dano will have "Quotable Quotes" for us in January.

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

Word Game

PAIN, FREEDOM, FIRST, PROGRESS, MEDITATION, EXPERIENCE, OBSESSION, ACTION, AMENDS, BLAME, HAPPINESS, SERVICE, TWELVE, JOY, GROUP, REALITY, INVENTORY, NINTH, TENTH, GOSSIP

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

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

Open Door Spiritual Brunch

December 8, at 11:00am (\$5)
509 West Ave H-8, Lancaster

Open Door Christmas Day Marathon & Potluck Feast,

Dec. 25. Marathon meetings all day starting at 9am. Potluck Christmas Feast at 6pm
509 West Ave H-8, Lancaster

Open Door New Year's Eve Dance

9pm to midnight
\$5 single - \$8 couple
Kids 15 & under free
509 West Ave H-8, Lancaster

Nearby Events

Sorry, no nearby events are listed on the website. Please check back later for more information.

Other Events

Sorry, no other events are listed on the website. Please check back later for more information.

For additional and up to date information, go to:

www.avcentraloffice.org

Concept 12

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking

care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never performs acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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

Who I Am

I'm a lot of things, but a liar I am not;
and my integrity is all that I've got.
If asked to do something, I try my best.
Too often people make their needs a test.
Keep it simple when asking for aid
because I help from the heart and not getting paid.
So the things I am I try to master and possibly the reason my life's not a disaster!

By "Dr. Ford"

Excerpts from As Bill Sees It

This Matter of Honesty

"Only God can fully know what absolute honesty is. Therefore, each of us has to conceive what this great ideal may be – to the best of our ability
"Fallible as we all are, and will be in this life, it would be presumptions to suppose that we could ever really achieve absolute honesty. The best we can do is to strive for a better quality of honesty.

"Sometimes we need to place love ahead of indiscriminate 'factual honesty.' We cannot, under the guise of 'perfect honesty,' cruelly and unnecessary hurt others. Always one must ask, 'What is the best and most loving thing I can do?' "

Letter by Bill W. 1966

More than Comfort

When I am feeling depressed, I repeat to myself statements such as these: "Pain is the touchstone of progress."..."Fear no evil."..."This, too, will pass."...", "This experience can be turned to benefit."

These fragments of prayer bring far more than mere comfort. They keep me on the track of right acceptance; they break up my compulsive themes of guilt, depression, rebellion, and pride; and sometimes they endow me with the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Grapevine, March 1962

I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

December 2019 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Oct '19	Nov '19	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$45,819.82	\$3,919.42	\$49,739.24
Expenses	(\$40,979.13)	(\$3,080.04)	(\$44,059.17)
Cost of Goods	(\$29,149.41)	(\$50.85)	(\$29,200.26)
Contributions	\$27,988.55	\$2,944.88	\$30,933.43
Net Income	\$3,679.83	\$3,733.41	\$7,413.24



Contributions

Group	Jan - Oct '19	Nov '19	2019 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$20.00		\$20.00
AM Mod	\$4,149.51	\$424.69	\$4,574.20
Anonymous	\$1,793.18	\$194.10	\$1,987.28
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$125.43		\$125.43
AV Men's Stag	\$1,348.00	\$206.00	\$1,554.00
AV Round-Up	\$20.00		\$20.00
AVYPBYOC	\$72.00		\$72.00
Birthday	\$333.00		\$333.00
Came to Believe	\$23.54		\$23.54
Crown Valley Grp	\$1,172.00		\$1,172.00
Daily Reflection	\$14.70		\$14.70
Dare to be Different	\$33.76		\$33.76
Faithful Fiver	\$2,104.96	\$209.15	\$2,314.11
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$10.00		\$10.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$3,098.61		\$3,098.61
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$13.70		\$13.70
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,312.46	\$800.00	\$2,112.46
Into Action	\$150.00		\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$23.60		\$23.60
Lake Hughes Group	\$209.00	\$120.00	\$329.00
Last Call	\$130.72		\$130.72
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$1,717.48		\$1,717.48
New Beginnings	\$8.40		\$8.40
Open Door	\$216.30		\$216.30
Palmdale Grp	\$3,699.09		\$3,699.09
Pearlblossom Grp	\$874.00	\$360.00	\$1,234.00
PM Mod	\$1,066.39		\$1,066.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,494.25	\$300.00	\$1,794.25
Rainbow Grp	\$120.40		\$120.40
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$545.80	\$171.93	\$717.73
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$75.52		\$75.52
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$60.00		\$60.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$10.37		\$10.37
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$19.57		\$19.57
Steps Workshop	\$297.69	\$16.00	\$313.69
Sun Night BBS	\$73.00	\$30.00	\$103.00
The Promises - Alano	\$17.35		\$17.35
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$11.00		\$11.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$629.59		\$629.59
Westside Grp	\$110.00		\$110.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$52.88		\$52.88
Women Seeking Serenity	\$731.30	\$100.01	\$831.31
TOTALS	\$27,204.37	\$2,944.88	\$30,933.43

Chelsea N.	12/30/2015	4	Debbie C.	12/19/2004	15
Keith H.	12/27/2015	4	James K.	12/25/2004	15
Judy	12/26/2015	4	John H.	12/25/2004	15
Jim M.	12/13/2015	4	Sheryl L.	12/18/2004	15
Ross	12/14/2014	5	Arnold S.	12/17/2003	16
Steve S.	12/29/2014	5	Carvl W.	12/22/2003	16
Derrick	12/1/2013	6	Faith V.	12/8/2002	17
Janie G.	12/3/2013	6	Lerov P.	12/2/2002	17
Regina B.	12/9/2013	6	Mike Z.	12/24/2002	17
Denise H.	12/14/2013	6	Adrienne R.	12/17/2001	18
Angelina	12/15/2013	6	Donna H.	12/21/2000	19
Geno	12/17/2013	6	MarvAnn	12/28/2000	19
Margie H.	12/24/2013	6	Anthony H.	12/8/1999	20
Don C.	12/24/2013	6	Jerry M.	12/2/1999	20
Eddie A.	12/18/2012	7	Brenda D.	12/17/1998	21
Jennifer M.	12/29/2012	7	J.J. F.	12/10/1998	21
Sarah M.	12/31/2012	7	Latovia H.	12/31/1998	21
Stewart L.	12/23/2012	7	Gerrv K.	12/16/1997	22
Alex W.	12/13/2011	8	Tim A.	12/1/1997	22
Anita H.	12/31/2011	8	Dawn N.	12/1/1995	24
Brandon E.	12/7/2011	8	Jim B.	12/22/1995	24
Cindy	12/30/2011	8	Anthony L.	12/13/1994	25
Jackie C.	12/6/2011	8	Jim M.	12/10/1994	25
Mark N.	12/12/2011	8	Mark B.	12/28/1994	25
Robert	12/26/2011	8	Shawn L.	12/21/1994	25
Sevasti	12/27/2011	8	Arisah M.	12/1/1993	26
Warren F.	12/14/2011	8	Jay W.	12/15/1993	26
Andy K.	12/22/2010	9	Jeff F.	12/2/1993	26
Cathy G.	12/17/2010	9	Yvette B.	12/1/1993	26
Rusty M.	12/2/2010	9	Keith B.	12/7/1992	27
Trevor B.	12/20/2010	9	Tauri B.	12/24/1992	27
Diane R.	12/9/2009	10	Alan H.	12/15/1991	28
David S.	12/16/2009	10	Marv K.	12/5/1991	28
Keri S.	12/17/2009	10	Ronny D.	12/11/1991	28
Paul	12/13/2009	10	Augie A.	12/16/1990	29
Luis H.	12/7/2009	10	Ellen H.	12/28/1990	29
Michael A.	12/29/2009	10	Carol R.	12/19/1989	30
Aaron S.	12/24/2008	11	Sherman B.	12/29/1988	31
David H.	12/6/2008	11	Suzie K.	12/14/1988	31
Jeff C.	12/25/2008	11	Randy S.	12/9/1988	31
Christy W.	12/26/2008	11	Tim W.	12/31/1987	32
Jeff P.	12/26/2008	11	Bob S.	12/16/1986	33
Jennifer V.	12/7/2008	11	Dave A.	12/19/1986	33
John S.	12/7/2008	11	Jay W.	12/2/1986	33
Luis C.	12/13/2008	11	Nancy	12/9/1986	33
Nicole D.	12/10/2008	11	Phil G.	12/4/1986	33
Kelli T.	12/10/2007	12	Keith-Scott D.	12/15/1985	34
Rita W.	12/12/2007	12	Susie G.	12/13/1985	34
Sandy W.	12/18/2007	12	Mike C.	12/31/1984	35
Tiffany D.	12/15/2007	12	Nancy S.	12/31/1984	35
Josh R.	6/19/2006	13	Billy D.	12/12/1983	36
Mario V.	12/29/2006	13	Ann H.	12/8/1982	37
Don R.	12/13/2005	14	John	12/31/1982	37
Maricela M.	12/19/2005	14	Kathy H.	12/8/1981	38
Mary O.	12/7/2005	14	Carol C.	12/28/1980	39
Michelle R.	12/25/2005	14	Jeanne B.	12/31/1978	41
Scott C.	12/7/2005	14	Sandy N.	12/26/1978	41
Will S.	12/23/2005	14	Phyllis C.	12/25/1976	43
Barbara J.	12/9/2004	15	Ed H.	12/1/1973	46
Big J. West	12/26/2004	15	Fred B.	12/7/1967	52

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

Total Years = 2,219

Managers Corner

Have you signed up for the Faithful Fiver program? This is a simple way to show your gratitude for what Alcoholics Anonymous is doing for you and to support our Central Office. Our office is the front line of our assistance to those who still suffer; please sign up!



There is no November Birthday Raffle winner because no one entered!!



Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

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

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Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

