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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV

In the District 7 Archives (housed at AV Central Office) we have an anonymous history of AA in the AV that was written in 1994. There is some fascinating information in the first paragraph:

“By 1965 AA in the Antelope Valley had gelled and the era of expansion from Lancaster and Palmdale to the outlying areas started to take place. The first group in Rosamond was at a farmhouse at 90<sup>th</sup> W and Ave. A and met between 1963 and 1966. \_\_\_\_ started a meeting in Mojave in 1968 and Cal City by 1970. All of these meetings folded but enough people stayed sober to keep the message alive and new groups formed. By 1962 John and Tokay C. moved to Llano [Crystalair Country Club] and had a meeting at their home for yours. Lake Hughes had a meeting start and fold in the early sixties.”

I think this paragraph gives us a good snapshot of AA in the AV in the 1960s {to be continued}.

## 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 for July is**

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# 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.

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

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

Today everything happens for me and not to me.

If I am trying to have a conversation with God, then I am doing God's will.

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm at Central Office, 43619 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 106, Lancaster

**A.V. Intergroup is currently meeting on Zoom.**  
**Code: 839 3817 5299**  
**Pass: 812426**

**District 7 (General Service):** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

There are no coming events listed on the web site.

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## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Excerpt from Daily Reflection on the Eighth Step**

*“At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself.”*

*Alcoholics Anonymous p. 71*

How easily I can become misdirected in approaching the Eighth Step! I wish to be free, somehow transformed by my Sixth and Seventh Step work. Now, more than ever, I am vulnerable to my own self-interest and hidden agenda. I am careful to remember that self-satisfaction, which sometimes comes through the spoken forgiveness of those I have harmed, is not my true objective. I become willing to make amends, knowing that through this process I amended and made fit to move forward, to know and desire God’s will for me.

# August 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun '20	Jul '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$15,194.60	\$2,243.27	\$17,437.87
Expenses	(\$22,200.13)	(\$4,515.82)	(\$26,715.95)
Cost of Goods	(\$11,113.00)	(\$1,117.01)	(\$12,230.01)
Contributions	\$14,585.60	\$1,253.03	\$15,838.63
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$3,532.93)</b>	<b>(\$2,136.53)</b>	<b>(\$5,669.46)</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan - Jun '20	Jul '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM Mod	\$2,494.44		\$2,494.44
Anonymous	\$2,560.61	\$847.03	\$3,407.64
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$300.00		\$300.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$142.46	\$21.00	\$163.46
Came to Believe	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Daily Reflection	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different	\$0.00		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$270.00	\$65.00	\$335.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$470.00		\$470.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,336.31		\$1,336.31
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$100.00		\$100.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$90.00		\$90.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$50.00		\$50.00
Last Call	\$0.00		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$90.00		\$90.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$100.00	\$126.00	\$226.00
New Beginnings	\$80.20		\$80.20
Open Door	\$291.41		\$291.41
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00	\$194.00	\$194.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$574.00		\$574.00
PM Mod	\$1,157.36		\$1,157.36
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$469.76		\$469.76
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$240.00		\$240.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps in Depth	\$0.00		\$0.00
Steps Workshop	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$71.00		\$71.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$19.12		\$19.12
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sober Sisters	\$20.00		\$20.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,137.55</b>	<b>\$1,253.03</b>	<b>\$12,409.70</b>

Valerie D.	8/1/2016	4	Bob S.	8/16/2005	15
Morgan	8/7/2016	4	Charise P.	8/25/2005	15
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	4	Ron H.	8/12/2003	17
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	4	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	17
Julie	8/9/2015	5	Chris N.	8/30/2002	18
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	5	Chris S.	8/17/2002	18
Erick V.	8/28/2015	5	Mvrtle O.	8/29/2002	18
Chris K.	8/17/2012	8	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	19
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	8	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	19
Paul E.	8/1/2012	8	Susie B.	8/31/2001	19
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	8	Boyce H.	8/19/2000	20
Richard K.	8/23/2012	8	Joe P.	8/13/2000	20
Robert R.	8/17/2012	8	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	20
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	8	Pamela P.	8/13/2000	20
Amv D.	8/8/2011	9	Robert G.	8/25/2000	20
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	9	Julio C.	8/28/1999	21
Joe S.	8/8/2011	9	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	21
Laura	8/30/2011	9	Joe L.	8/10/1997	23
Molly M.	8/9/2011	9	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	24
Terry R.	8/5/2011	9	Mary M.	8/11/1996	24
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	10	Robert R.	8/12/1996	24
Christine L.	8/29/2010	10	Emma W.	8/20/1994	26
Janet D.	8/10/2010	10	Lamont W.	8/1/1994	26
Liz C.	8/17/2010	10	Richard B.	8/2/1993	27
Michele S.	8/22/2010	10	Steve K.	8/20/1993	27
Tom M.	8/23/2010	10	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	28
Wayne S.	8/24/2010	10	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	29
Alex W.	8/28/2009	11	Julie P.	8/31/1991	29
Jan P.	8/22/2009	11	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	29
Janie G.	8/23/2009	11	Linda S.	8/16/1990	30
Jason S.	8/22/2009	11	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	31
Jim W.	8/8/2009	11	Ken K.	8/13/1988	32
Judith C.	8/17/2009	11	Sonny C.	8/10/1988	32
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	11	Lem J.	8/3/1987	33
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	11	Ona J.	8/29/1987	33
Rick B.	8/15/2009	11	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	33
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	12	Tom M.	8/7/1985	35
Debra B.	8/7/2008	12	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	36
Diane E.	8/15/2008	12	Bill L.	8/24/1983	37
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	12	Clark S.	8/11/1983	37
James S.	8/28/2008	12	Doug M.	8/10/1982	38
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	12	Eddie Duffy	8/9/1982	38
Larry L.	8/13/2008	12	Mvrtis S.	8/15/1981	39
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	12	Steve N.	8/9/1981	39
Deborah A.	8/31/2007	12	Jim P.	8/25/1980	40
Havdan M.	8/8/2007	13	John F.	8/19/1980	40
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	13	John H.	8/19/1980	40
Robert M.	8/15/2007	13	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	40
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	13	Mike S.	8/5/1980	40
Shara B.	8/1/2007	13	Robert D.	8/17/1980	40
Dano	8/16/2006	14	Roberta G.	8/10/1979	41
Kristy T.	8/19/2006	14	Clara W.	8/1/1976	44
Kurt L.	8/3/2006	14	Pat L.	8/12/1976	44
Lisa M.	8/29/2006	14	Jav P.	8/5/1974	46
Mardy G.	8/17/2006	14	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	51
Michaela O.	8/18/2006	14			
Bob S.	8/16/2005	15			
<b>Total Years =</b>			<b>2,204</b>		

## 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 for all who are joining the growing Faithful Fivers Club and being part of the SOLUTION!**  
**Congratulations to Cindy B. - July's Birthday Raffle Winner!!!**

### Thank You Saturday Volunteers!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Maureen D.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Debbie Z. & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Dawn E. & Karen M.
- 5th ~ Vacant & Chante D.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

