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# The Scoop

## Intergroup Elections

Nominations for the Intergroup Board are to be made at the January and February Intergroup Meetings. Elections are held at Central Office one week prior to the March Intergroup Meeting, and announced later that evening at the March meeting.

Positions up for election are **Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer**, and two (2) **Members at Large**. Duties are posted at Central Office. Qualifications are listed below.

The following were nominated at the January Intergroup meeting:

**Chair:** Bruce L.

**Co-Chair:** Fred H.

**Secretary:** Veronica A.

**Treasurer:** Steve K.

**Members at Large (vote for 2):**

Pat T.; John H.; Dick O.

**Qualifications are as follows:**

### Chair

\*\* Four (4) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Experience as a Board member at A.A. group or of an AA service group.

### Co-Chair

\*\* Four (4) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Commitment to assuming Chairperson position after current tenure, if nominated.

### Secretary

\*\* One (1) year continuous sobriety.

\*\* Ability to take accurate notes and transcribe them to typewritten form.

### Treasurer

\*\* Three (3) years continuous sobriety.

\*\* Basic comprehension of accounting principles and acceptable standards.

\*\* May not be related to nor cohabitate with the Office Manager.

### Members At Large

\*\* Fifteen (15) years uninterrupted sobriety.

\*\* Desire to help oversee Central Office.

\*\* Willingness to participate in monthly Intergroup meetings.

## AA in the AV

*By Bruce L.; District 7 Archivist*

In last month's Scoop we read there was a meeting listed in 1950 at the "Lancaster Community Hall," which was the Cedar Avenue Complex at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Lancaster Blvd. We have a photo from that meeting from sometime shortly after 1956 when the legendary Chuck C. spoke there.



This photograph is in front of the stage at the Cedar Avenue Complex (the stage is still there

today): Chuck C. (coat and tie) and his wife Elsa; Linc and his wife Glenna in the center (their names are written at the bottom of the photo); and an unknown couple.

I got this photo from Linc and Glenna at their home in Port Hueneme March 6, 2018. Linc is our oldest living long-timer, sobriety date October 28, 1956! He just celebrated 63 years sober and 92 years for his bellybutton. How he got sober is a delightful story and he gave me permission to share it.

In 1956 Linc and Glenna were living in Lancaster, but they had gone to a drunken party in Santa Monica where Linc insulted Pete D. who was married to Glenna's cousin. The next morning Linc was feeling remorseful so he and Glenna went to Pete's home in Pacific Palisades to say he was sorry before driving back to the Antelope Valley.

There were four or five guys at Pete's house when Linc and Glenna arrived that morning; Linc didn't realize at the time they were having an AA meeting! It turns out Pete was five years sober and his sponsor, Cliff G., who was also there, had ten years and just happened to be Glenna's uncle.

Linc asked Pete for a beer so Pete gave him a warm beer and suggested he find an AA meeting to go to, so when Linc got back to Lancaster he called the AA "hot line" to ask how much meetings cost and could he get tickets. That's how Linc got sober; that warm beer in the Pacific Palisades was his last drink.

Twenty-five years later, still living in Lancaster, Linc would be instrumental in setting up the AV's first Central Office and

Intergroup, a story for future issues of the Scoop.

## Step Two

***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?"

## Tradition Two

***"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 learn that the sole authority in A.A. is a loving 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 yes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

## Winner of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

December Winner: Lynn C..

[Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for your free Birthday Raffle.](#)

## Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B

I don't want anything to be different from the past because I might not be here and now today. *Don C.*

"Hope dawned on me"  
*Bill Dotson, 3d alcoholic*

If any 2 of us is alike, then one of us is unnecessary.  
*Bob Smith Jr.*

I find wisdom really refreshing mainly because I'm dumb.

Someone told me it was a good day today, so I'm going to go with that.

I keep going to meetings so that I can keep going to meetings.  
*Fred rule 62*

I want clear vision going into 2020.

If I have hope, then I have ambition. *lovita*

I'm not worried about the "not gets", I'm worried about the "agains". *James Rule 62*

Happiness is when I want to do what I should do. *Doug T.*

Often the hands of God are at the end of our arms.

The 12 steps are my flashlight in the dark. *Gary*

**"Number 13" for my absence.**  
The average alcoholic is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy and caring. These feelings just do not involve anyone else.  
*Albert Einstein*

### **Business Meetings**

**A.V. Intergroup:** First Thursday of each month at 7pm at Central Office, 43619 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 106, Lancaster

**District 7 (General Service):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of February (Feb. 15) at 9am at the Agua Duce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce (link located on AV web site).  
*The Dist. 7 business meetings*

*will return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in March.*

**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**

#### **Local Events**

Sorry, no local events for February and March are listed on the web site.

#### **Nearby Events**

53<sup>rd</sup> PRAASA – 2020  
Pacific Region AA Service Assembly; starts March 6, 2020 at 11:00am Cost \$25.00

3800 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ – Westin La Paloma Resort  
**For additional and up to date information, go to:**  
[www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org)

### **Concept 2**

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

**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.**

### **Word Game**

HUMILITY; AMBITION; SLIPS; COURAGE; ILLNESS; DISHONESTY; PAIN; COMPLACENCY; SERENITY; SUCCESS; PEACE; FAITH; PROBLEMS; LOVE; SERVICE; WORRY; GUILT; UNITY; FAMILY; PRIDE

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

# February 2020 Office Manager Report

	Jan '20	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$4,826.58	\$4,826.58
Expenses	(\$6,522.48)	(\$6,522.48)
Cost of Goods	(\$335.90)	(\$335.90)
Contributions	\$2,053.83	\$2,053.83
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22.03</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan '20	2020 Total
A Gathering of Women		\$0.00
AM Mod	\$128.54	\$128.54
Anonymous	\$140.01	\$140.01
Any Lengths Group		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$150.00	\$150.00
AV Round-Up		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC		\$0.00
Birthday	\$89.46	\$89.46
Came to Believe		\$0.00
Crown Valley Grp		\$0.00
Daily Reflection		\$0.00
Dare to be Different		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$95.00	\$95.00
Friday Noon - Alano		\$325.00
H & I		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp		\$0.00
High Desert Hospital		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers		\$0.00
Into Action	\$50.00	\$50.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group		\$0.00
Last Call		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$45.00	\$45.00
Mid-Day Mod		\$0.00
New Beginnings		\$0.00
Open Door		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$930.82	\$930.82
Pearblossom Grp		\$0.00
PM Mod		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp		\$0.00
Rainbow Grp		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sat AM Men's Stag		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks - Alano		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano		\$0.00
Steps in Depth		\$0.00
Steps Workshop		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano		\$0.00
We Care Grp		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange		\$0.00
Westside Grp		\$0.00
Women in Progress		\$0.00
Women in Recovery		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity		\$0.00
District 7 - Rent	\$325.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,053.83</b>

Jerry D.	2/9/2016	4	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	18
Alees H.	2/20/2016	4	Barbara	2/20/2001	19
Malissa T.	2/24/2016	4	Kathv R.	2/13/2001	19
Larry W.	2/1/2015	5	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	19
Dan F.	2/26/2014	6	Pat. T.	2/12/2001	19
Linnea M.	2/1/2014	6	Larry M.	2/29/2000	20
Rachel	2/4/2014	6	Michael G.	2/22/2000	20
Greg B.	2/4/2014	6	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	20
Doug C.	2/20/2014	6	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	21
Matt D.	2/21/2013	7	Lia P.	2/1/1999	21
Alex D.	2/12/2012	8	Carol M.	2/12/1998	22
Amanda O.	2/7/2012	8	John Michael	2/2/1998	22
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	8	Sam S.	2/23/1998	22
Bob H.	2/13/2012	8	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	23
Lee F.	2/5/2012	8	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	23
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	8	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	23
Sharon R.	2/10/2012	8	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	23
Janis B.	2/12/2012	8	Mark F.	2/10/1995	25
Susan M.	2/15/2012	8	Janet R.	2/9/1993	27
Terra B.	2/18/2012	8	Janie H.	2/22/1993	27
Hillary C.	2/7/2011	9	Mark R.	2/24/1993	27
Jenny C.	2/27/2011	9	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	27
Jessica C.	2/18/2011	9	Nury C.	2/10/1993	27
Joe O.	2/12/2011	9	Katie C.	2/11/1992	28
Larry L.	2/2/2011	9	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	28
Melissa P.	2/9/2011	9	Judie M.	2/22/1991	29
Scott C.	2/17/2011	9	Kim	2/5/1991	29
Cindy B.	2/5/2010	10	Gavle M.	2/20/1990	30
Rod W.	2/27/2010	10	Mike H.	2/4/1990	30
George C.	2/27/2010	10	Mike S.	2/20/1990	30
Kat H.	2/18/2010	10	David E.	2/14/1989	31
Kevin S.	2/17/2010	10	Frank H.	2/11/1989	31
Linda H.	2/9/2010	10	Lori W.	2/4/1989	31
Tonie R.	2/18/2009	11	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	31
Wayne W.	2/9/2009	11	Ron M.	2/10/1989	31
Bob J.	2/19/2008	12	Francis R.	2/14/1988	32
Brad B.	2/15/2008	12	Penny R.	2/10/1988	32
Michael P.	2/18/2008	12	Tom L.	2/22/1988	32
Mike W.	2/13/2008	12	Bud V.	2/23/1987	33
Robert W.	2/4/2008	12	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	33
Benecia S.	2/14/2007	13	Kip O.	2/4/1986	34
Dave W.	2/12/2007	13	Steve L.	2/5/1986	34
Debbie H.	2/25/2007	13	Pat J.	2/24/1985	35
Betsy C.	2/2/2006	14	Ginney	2/2/1984	36
Carol W.	2/8/2006	14	Bob T.	2/2/1984	36
Jenni J.	2/8/2006	14	Laura L.	2/22/1984	36
Laura F.	2/8/2006	14	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	38
Merridith E.	2/21/2005	15	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	39
Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	15	Garv F.	2/20/1981	39
John H.	2/25/2004	16	Garv S.	2/18/1981	39
Mike F.	2/14/2004	16	George W.	2/16/1979	41
Chuck S.	2/15/2003	17	Kate W.	7/28/1978	42
Debbie B.	2/13/2003	17	Will L.	2/17/1978	42
Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	17	Skip W.	2/23/1977	43
Lennie H.	2/27/2003	17	Vic L.	2/5/1977	43
Rick C.	2/3/2003	17	Beverly L.	2/15/1976	44
T. J. S.	2/23/2003	17	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	44
			Joe F.	2/27/1971	49

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

Total Years = 2,347

## Managers Corner

**Congratulations to January's Birthday Raffle winner Lynn C. !!! Don't forget to sign up or renew your Faithful Fiver!**

**Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!**

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

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!**

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

