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The Scoop

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AA in the AV 19

by Bruce L.
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This group incorporated the other original groups. About their meeting nights: The Sunday night of Lancaster Group Thursday night Quartz Hill men's stag.

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"This group [the Lancaster group that had the house on the boulevard – ed.] incorporated the other original groups [?] their meeting nights: the Sunday night of Lancaster Group, Thursday night Quartz Hill men's stag. [It's not clear at all what the author meant by 'incorporating' the other groups – ed.]

"In the meantime in 1956 there was a drunk named Chuck B in Palmdale. They met on Fri night at the old County Library building. When the [aerospace industry – ed.] crash came [and he had to move – ed.] he asked two of the newcomers to give their word they would keep the Palmdale meeting going."

This Friday night meeting in Palmdale, as we shall see in next month's Scoop, was to become the Friday Night Speakers Meeting at the Palmdale Hospital that would run for the next thirty years. **(To be continued)**

A LONG VERSION OF THE SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change; COURAGE to change the things I can; and WISDOM to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it:

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen

Step 4 "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Quotable Quotes

Heard in the Zooms of the AV and Beyond...

- #1 "There is nothing a cup of coffee, a chat, and a big book won't solve."
- #2 "If drinking is the answer, then what's the question?"
- #3 "Everything is not my fault, but everything is my responsibility."
~Mike W.
- #4 "Not all storms interrupt your life, some come to clear your path."
- #5 "My past became a part of my story, but it didn't become a part of my life."
- #6 "God gives us the sunshine and the rain, and the shit that goes on in AA is my fertilizer."
~Clarence, 12 Coconuts meeting, Hawaii
- #7 "It's good to get them while they are little weeds..... When these crop up, page 84."
- #8 "I hope my recovery is green and growing instead of ripe and rotten." ~Jan
- #9 "I can't pull next week's weeds today." ~Jan
- #10 "Sometimes my weeds spill over into the neighbour's garden."
~Jan
- #11 "Eventually every alcoholic will have his last drink. Those of us in AA get to talk about ours."
- #12 "If I am busy taking your inventory, then I won't have to work on mine."

Tradition 4 "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole."

Concept 4 – Twelve Concepts of World Service

"At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional 'Right of Participation,' allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."



Word Search

AUTONOMOUS	COURAGE	FEARS
FREEDOM	GROUPS	HONESTY
INSTINCTS	INVENTORY	RESENTMENT



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



Excerpt from *As Bill Sees It*

166 Fear No Evil – Though we of A.A. find ourselves living in a world characterized by destructive fears as never before in history, we see great areas of faith, and tremendous aspirations toward justice and brotherhood. Yet no prophet can presume to say whether the world outcome will be blazing destruction or the beginning, under God's intention, of the brightest era yet known to mankind.

I am sure we A.A.'s will comprehend this scene. In microcosm, we have experienced this identical state of terrifying uncertainty, each in his own life. In no sense pridefully, we can say that we do not fear the world outcome, whichever course it may take. This is because we have been established to deeply feel and say, "We shall fear no evil—Thy will, not ours, be done."

Grapevine, January 1962

"Indeed, I believe, if we take habitual drunkards as a class, their heads and their hearts will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class. There seems to have been proneness in the brilliant and warm blooded to fall into this vice.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Springfield Washington Temperance Society (Washingtonians), 1842

This Matter of Fear An Excerpt— By Bill W.

Grapevine, January 1962

Often told, the following story can nevertheless bear repeating. On the day that the staggering calamity of Pearl Harbor fell upon our country, a friend of AA, and one of the greatest spiritual figures that we may ever know, was walking along a street in St. Louis. This was, of course, our well-loved Father Edward Dowling of the Jesuit Order. Though not an alcoholic, he had been one of the founders and a prime inspiration of the struggling AA group in his city. Because large numbers of his usually sober friends had already taken to their bottles that they might blot out the implications of the Pearl Harbor disaster, Father Ed was understandably anguished by the probability that his cherished AA group would scarcely settle for less. To Father Ed's mind, this would be a first-class calamity, all of itself.

Then an AA member, sober less than a year, stepped alongside and engaged Father Ed in a spirited conversation — mostly about AA. As Father Ed saw, with relief, his companion was perfectly sober. And not a word did he volunteer about the Pearl Harbor business.

Wondering happily about this, the good father queried, "How is it that you have nothing to say about Pearl Harbor? How can you roll with a punch like that?"

"Well," replied the AA, "I'm really surprised that you don't know. Each and every one of us in AA has already had his own private Pearl Harbor. So, I ask you, why should we alcoholics crack up over this one?"

WHERE DO I FIND SOBRIETY?
TWELVE STEPS PAST ANY LENGTHS.



Upcoming Events

AV Intergroup Meeting

When: Thurs. April 1, 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Code: 839 3817 5299 PW: 812426

Sponsor Picnic

2021 AV Roundup Fundraiser

When: April 17, 2021 @11am

Location: 5520 W Ave L-8

Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Cost: \$10

Includes pre-packed lunch, social distancing implemented, bring your own chair/blanket, take-n-bake mason jars for sale 1/\$8 or 2/\$15.

Cash/Credit/Paypal/CashApp accepted.

How Do I Make a Contribution to AV Intergroup?

Scan the
QR code
to use
CashApp



Or, visit
www.avcentraloffice.org
for the link to AV Intergroup
on PayPal

April 2021 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Feb '21	Mar '21	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$3,149.79	\$2,102.30	\$5,252.09
Expenses	(\$2,459.58)	(\$947.21)	(\$3,406.79)
Cost of Goods	(\$1,686.95)	(\$13.85)	(\$1,700.80)
Contributions	\$5,796.38	\$2,028.50	\$7,824.88
Net income	\$4,799.64	\$3,169.74	\$7,969.38



Contributions

Group	Jan - Feb '21	Mar '21	2021 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM Mod	\$573.25		\$573.25
Anonymous	\$860.59	\$442.60	\$1,303.19
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Men's Stag	\$810.00		\$810.00
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$83.00	\$30.00	\$113.00
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	\$80.00	\$35.00	\$115.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,504.80		\$1,504.80
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
I Am Big Book Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Into Action	\$200.00		\$200.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$120.00		\$120.00
Last Call	\$0.00		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Palmdale Grp	\$693.00		\$693.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$0.00	\$199.00	\$199.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery at the Ranch	\$102.00		\$102.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
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	\$0.00		\$0.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$769.74	\$781.90	\$1,551.64
TOTALS	\$5,026.64	\$2,028.50	\$6,273.24

Sandy T	4/8/2016	5	Krystal C.	4/27/1999	22
Brad P.	4/4/2013	8	Mark H.	4/6/1999	22
Julie B.	4/10/2013	8	Ray R.	4/1/1999	22
Catalina C.	4/13/2012	9	Scott S.	4/8/1999	22
Craig R.	4/1/2012	9	Steve K.	4/1/1999	22
Jeff S.	4/28/2012	9	Jerry H.	4/1/1998	23
Boston John	4/1/2011	10	Alan P.	4/28/1997	24
Brian B.	4/14/2011	10	Alfonso O.	4/5/1997	24
Dianne E.	4/17/2011	10	Betty S.	4/4/1997	24
James S.	4/10/2011	10	Dawn J.	4/17/1997	24
Jennifer	4/14/2011	10	John W.	4/25/1997	24
Oliver C.	4/29/2011	10	Joyce P.	4/13/1996	25
Rick H.	4/15/2011	10	Linda D.	4/8/1995	26
Brian Y.	4/3/2010	11	Ketty L.	4/3/1994	27
Jennifer G.	4/27/2010	11	Vesta S.	4/25/1994	27
Mishone J.	4/13/2010	11	Earl W.	4/14/1993	28
Scott D.	4/26/2010	11	Everett C.	4/25/1993	28
Tim J.	4/27/2010	11	Joanna O.	4/20/1993	28
Bob H.	4/20/2009	12	Steve P.	4/24/1993	28
Johnny L.	4/16/2009	12	Wanda	4/15/1993	28
Kim T.	4/3/2009	12	Dana S.	4/26/1992	29
LaVonda L.	4/16/2009	12	Frankie H.	4/8/1992	29
Patick M.	4/4/2009	12	Jill R.	4/22/1992	29
Rory D.	4/9/2009	12	Joe H.	4/29/1992	29
Ike W.	4/20/2008	13	Raymond B.	4/4/1992	29
Karvn M.	4/1/2008	13	Ron B.	4/3/1992	29
Danielle B.	4/14/2007	14	Tony H.	4/3/1992	29
Dawn C.	4/17/2007	14	Ray B.	4/3/1991	30
Kim R.	4/3/2007	14	Walter P.	4/14/1991	30
Mike W.	4/15/2007	14	Kevin M.	4/7/1990	31
Patrick S.	4/24/2007	14	Richard P.	4/5/1990	31
Rowdy J.	4/10/2007	14	Susan R.	4/14/1990	31
Susan C.	4/13/2007	14	Terry J.	4/22/1990	31
Venessa Y.	4/11/2007	14	Charlie K.	4/16/1989	32
Alicia	4/13/2006	15	Jerry L.	4/26/1989	32
Bernie A.	4/2/2006	15	Ron N.	4/21/1989	32
Chase M.	4/17/2006	15	Rico C.	4/9/1989	32
Earl M.	4/17/2006	15	Steve A.	4/1/1989	32
Gail R.	4/10/2006	15	Carol H.	4/17/1988	33
Gwen C.	4/12/2006	15	Monica L.	4/8/1987	34
Jean M.	4/25/2006	15	Bill G.	4/24/1986	35
Lisa N.	4/27/2006	15	Danny A.	4/18/1986	35
Renal F.	4/14/2006	15	Frank S.	4/21/1986	35
Richard L.	4/16/2006	15	Kathy P.	4/19/1986	35
Charles G.	4/22/2005	16	Steve W.	4/23/1986	35
Christina J.	4/10/2005	16	Wayne E.	4/16/1986	35
Khalil W.	4/22/2005	16	Pat R.	4/3/1985	36
Lisa R.	4/23/2005	16	Deborah H.	4/13/1984	37
Monique A.	4/16/2005	16	Glenn C.	4/20/1984	37
Albert M.	4/15/2004	17	Terry C.	4/22/1983	38
Mimie R.	4/1/2004	17	Charlie W.	4/26/1982	39
Steve H.	4/20/2004	17	Bob Fisher	4/30/1981	40
Jim T.	4/3/2003	18	Chris W.	4/1/1981	40
Landy B.	4/7/2003	18	Les G.	4/16/1980	41
Sharon R.	4/9/2003	18	Norma S.	4/16/1979	42
Linda A.	4/5/2002	19	Stephanie S.	4/23/1979	42
Tina D.	4/22/2002	19	Annie M.	4/15/1977	44
Judy H.	4/24/2001	20	Don M.	4/13/1976	45
Victor D.	4/6/2001	20	Stu C.	4/13/1974	47
Jim H.	4/25/1999	22			

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

Total Years = 2,668

Managers Corner



Faithful Fivers is not doing as well as last year. Please consider being part of the SOLUTION!



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.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

