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The Scoop

AA in the AV 30

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Dear readers,
over the next several months I'm going to present a number of installments of the history of the Open Door as it was compiled and written by Steve L., one of our AV longtimers.

OPEN DOOR HISTORY
(Installment 1)
by Steve L. (written in 2016)

The Open Door has a rich and controversial history, passed on from people who were sober at her conception. As we know, history is subject to memory, perception, and who gets to write it, and the Open Door's history is uncertain at best. We know the Open Door was started over bad feelings between Ike W. and the Arid Club (where most of the meetings were held at that time) and some very unpleasant speculations have been made as to the cause for that dissension. In this history we try to avoid rumor and speculation and attempt to stick to what facts could be gathered from those who were there.

One fact is that Ike did get a resentment (or ten) at some of the

people at the Arid Club, and vice versa. Ike was a more liberal and understanding member who was more concerned with helping drunks and drug addicts than what a person's race, politics, or sexual orientation was. His friend Mary Lou sobered up at the Nest before moving to the Antelope Valley. She had a history as a harder kind of woman, motorcycle clubs, etc., than the "ladies" of the Arid Club at that time. However, under her rough exterior, whatever Mary Lou's reputation, she had a good heart and was concerned with sobriety and she helped people feel a part of AA (she was my sponsor for some time, always supportive). She moved to Washington several years ago. Ike put heart and soul into working with newcomers. He died several years ago after a long illness.

So the two of them, in 1981, set out to find a new location for meetings. (to be continued)

Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Chairman: Jon C.
Co-Chairman: Wendy W.
Secretary: Keith H.
Treasurer: Bob K.
Members At Large: Fred H. &
Dick O.

Step 4

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”

Creation gave us instincts for a purpose. Without them we wouldn't be complete human beings. If men and women didn't exert themselves to be secure in their persons, made no effort to harvest food or construct shelter, there would be no survival. If they didn't reproduce, the earth wouldn't be populated. If there were no social instinct, if men cared nothing for the society of one another, there would be no society. So these desires—for the sex relation, for material and emotional security, and for companionship—are perfectly necessary and right, and surely God-given.

Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper functions. Powerfully, blindly, many times subtly, they drive us, dominate us, and insist upon ruling our lives. Our desires for sex, for material and emotional security, and for an important place in society often tyrannize us. When thus out of joint, man's natural desires cause him great trouble, practically all the trouble there is. No human being, however good, is exempt from these troubles. Nearly every serious emotional problem can be seen as a case of misdirected instinct. When that happens, our great natural assets,

the instincts, have turned into physical and mental liabilities.

Step Four is our vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what these liabilities in each of us have been, and are. We want to find exactly how, when and where our natural desires have warped us. We wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and ourselves. By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach.

G.ood O.rderly D.irection

The 4th Tradition

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

Autonomy is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous?

Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has

been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When A.A.'s Traditions were first published, in 1946, we had become sure that an A.A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: “Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.”

This meant, of course, that we had been given the courage to declare each A.A. group an individual entity, strictly reliant on its own conscience as a guide to action. In charting this enormous expanse of freedom, we found it necessary to post only two storm signals: A group ought not do anything which would greatly injure A.A. as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else. There would be real danger should we commence to call some groups “wet,” others

“dry,” still others “Republican” or Communist,” and yet others “Catholic” or “Protestant.” The A.A. group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong.

Quotable Quotes

Seven meetings makes one weak.

I think of myself as a fairly intelligent person; why can't I remember this?

I go to meetings to see what happens to people that don't go to meetings.

Life is what's coming... not what was.

Even a turtle knows you have to stick your neck out to get ahead.

When a person's temper gets the best of him, it brings out the worst in him.

To get what you've never had, you must do what you've never done.

I may be wrong, but I'm never in doubt.
People don't get what they want, they get who they are.

I am all that I think...you...think about.

My will and my life is my thinking and behavior.

Mondays of the month at 6pm.
There are still positions open for commitments. Upcoming:

March 14th GSR meeting
March 20th Pre-Conference
Bakersfield
May 14th Sponsorship Workshop

Word Game

DIRECTEDIYF
UPIQBTONBE
NAAFRFTGHA
FILCWZCOUR
ZLXL LZGUM L
FCOITOOGE E
CONDITIONS
PHFINMXZSS
PBBQMTIMYS
INVENTORYP
CSECURITYX
UHFOASSETS
EQQDMLHVKE
IONYRVRQPS
FIZVULROWJ

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ty	Inventory	Assets
s	Others	Love

Fourth Concept:

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

General Service meeting will be held at the Grange on the second

April 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Feb	Mar	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$5,878.24	\$3,967.04	\$9,845.28
Expenses	(\$14,000.54)	(\$2,381.29)	(\$16,381.83)
Cost of Goods	(\$3,863.86)	(\$2,021.65)	(\$5,885.51)
Contributions	\$5,550.55	\$1,854.26	\$7,404.81
Net Income	(\$6,435.61)	\$1,418.36	(\$5,017.25)



Contributions

Group	Jan - Feb	Mar	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$517.07	\$644.31	\$1,161.38
Anonymous	\$986.51	\$348.68	\$1,335.19
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$0.00		\$0.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$2,204.14		\$2,204.14
Faithful Fiver	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$135.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$150.00		\$150.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00	\$257.47	\$257.47
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$240.00	\$174.00	\$414.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$0.00	\$103.00	\$103.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$102.00
Westside Grp	\$73.32		\$73.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$733.51	\$164.80	\$898.31

Sandy T.	4/8/2016	6	Krystal C.	4/27/1999	23
Brad P.	4/4/2013	9	Mark H.	4/6/1999	23
Julie B.	4/10/2013	9	Rav R.	4/1/1999	23
Catalina C.	4/13/2012	10	Scott S.	4/8/1999	23
Craig R.	4/1/2012	10	Steve K.	4/1/1999	23
Jeff S.	4/28/2012	10	Jerry H.	4/1/1998	24
Boston John	4/1/2011	11	Alan P.	4/28/1997	25
Brian B.	4/14/2011	11	Alfonso O.	4/5/1997	25
Dianne E.	4/17/2011	11	Betty S.	4/4/1997	25
James S.	4/10/2011	11	Dawn J.	4/17/1997	25
Jennifer	4/14/2011	11	John W.	4/25/1997	25
Oliver C.	4/29/2011	11	Joyce P.	4/13/1996	26
Rick H.	4/15/2011	11	Linda D.	4/8/1995	27
Brian Y.	4/3/2010	12	Ketty L.	4/3/1994	28
Jennifer G.	4/27/2010	12	Vesta S.	4/25/1994	28
Mishone J.	4/13/2010	12	Earl W.	4/14/1993	29
Scott D.	4/26/2010	12	Everett C.	4/25/1993	29
Tim J.	4/27/2010	12	Joanna O.	4/20/1993	29
Bob H.	4/20/2009	13	Steve P.	4/24/1993	29
Johnny L.	4/16/2009	13	Wanda	4/15/1993	29
Kim T.	4/3/2009	13	Dana S.	4/26/1992	30
LaVonda L.	4/16/2009	13	Frankie H.	4/8/1992	30
Patric M.	4/4/2009	13	Jill R.	4/22/1992	30
Rory D.	4/9/2009	13	Joe H.	4/29/1992	30
Ike W.	4/20/2008	14	Raymond B.	4/4/1992	30
Karyn M.	4/1/2008	14	Ron B.	4/3/1992	30
Danielle B.	4/14/2007	15	Tony H.	4/3/1992	30
Dawn C.	4/17/2007	15	Rav B.	4/3/1991	31
Kim R.	4/3/2007	15	Walter P.	4/14/1991	31
Mike W.	4/15/2007	15	Kevin M.	4/7/1990	32
Patrick S.	4/24/2007	15	Richard P.	4/5/1990	32
Rowdy J.	4/10/2007	15	Susan R.	4/14/1990	32
Susan C.	4/13/2007	15	Terry J.	4/22/1990	32
Venessa Y.	4/11/2007	15	Charlie K.	4/16/1989	33
Alicia	4/13/2006	16	Jerry L.	4/26/1989	33
Bernie A.	4/2/2006	16	Ron N.	4/21/1989	33
Chase M.	4/17/2006	16	Rico C.	4/9/1989	33
Earl M.	4/17/2006	16	Steve A.	4/1/1989	33
Gail R.	4/10/2006	16	Carol H.	4/17/1988	34
Gwen C.	4/12/2006	16	Monica L.	4/8/1987	35
Jean M.	4/25/2006	16	Bill G.	4/24/1986	36
Lisa N.	4/27/2006	16	Danny A.	4/18/1986	36
Renal F.	4/14/2006	16	Frank S.	4/21/1986	36
Richard L.	4/16/2006	16	Kathy P.	4/19/1986	36
Charles G.	4/22/2005	17	Steve W.	4/23/1986	36
Christina J.	4/10/2005	17	Wayne E.	4/16/1986	36
Khalil W.	4/22/2005	17	Pat R.	4/3/1985	37
Lisa R.	4/23/2005	17	Deborah H.	4/13/1984	38
Monique A.	4/16/2005	17	Glenn C.	4/20/1984	38
Albert M.	4/15/2004	18	Terry C.	4/22/1983	39
Mimie R.	4/1/2004	18	Charlie W.	4/26/1982	40
Steve H.	4/20/2004	18	Bob Fisher	4/30/1981	41
Jim T.	4/3/2003	19	Chris W.	4/1/1981	41
Landy B.	4/7/2003	19	Les G.	4/16/1980	42
Sharon R.	4/9/2003	19	Norma S.	4/16/1979	43
Linda A.	4/5/2002	20	Stephanie S.	4/23/1979	43
Tina D.	4/22/2002	20	Annie M.	4/15/1977	45
Judy H.	4/24/2001	21	Don M.	4/13/1976	46
Victor D.	4/6/2001	21	Stu C.	4/13/1974	48
Jim H.	4/25/1999	23			

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

TOTALS | \$5,550.55 | \$1,854.26 | \$7,404.81

Total Years = 2,787

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. & Esmeralda P.
2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
3rd ~ Carmen R. & Reqqie J.
4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
5th ~ Debbie L. & Chante D.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

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