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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 46

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AV Men's Stag history  
(continued);

We can thank a handful of used car dealers in Lancaster in the 1970s for starting one of the longest running weekly meetings in the AV, the AV Men's Stag, started at Ernie McBride's used car lot in 1973 on Sierra Highway.

Linc told me (during an interview for the archives in 2015) that it was easy to give directions to find the meeting, it was "the first windmill south of Lancaster Boulevard." Ernie's brother, also a used car dealer, attended the meetings, as did Bill L., Larry C., and Fred K., all used car dealers.

Ernie had a great sense of humor. His cars came with full warranties: "30 seconds or 30 feet, whichever came first," which always got a smile, if not a laugh. He also used to say, "you have to be honest enough to stay sober, and dishonest enough to make a living." These sayings by the AV Men's Stag founding father are another way to say, "Let's have fun and not take ourselves too seriously."

Ernie got sober in Texas and his sobriety date was April 28, 1963. He moved to the AV in 1970 or 1971, started the Men's Stag at his own used car lot, ushered the meeting over to the Palmdale Cultural Center in 1981, and then in the 1990s moved back to Texas, where he has now passed on to "the big used car lot in the sky." Thank you, Ernie. The AV Men's Stag is fifty years old this year!

## Calendar of Events

HDBB 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner,  
Speaker & Sponsorship  
Workshop August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm -  
\$22  
Movie Night @ The Ranch (AV  
Roundup)- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> @730 pm -  
\$15  
GSR Workshop Area 93 Hosting  
Online- August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am  
ID: 828 0382 9577 0  
PassWd: Panel73

Out of my mind. Back in five  
minutes.

When I first got sober, the only  
time I thought about drinking  
was in between meetings, now  
the only time I think about  
drinking is at meetings.

Please join me in a closing prayer  
after a moment of suffering for  
the alcoholic who is still silent.

Getting out of God's way is a full time job.

Fear can keep us up all night long, but Faith makes one fine pillow.

Only God can turn a mess into a message.

Had these eyes no tears, the soul would have no rainbow.

United we stand, divided we stagger.

Don't worry about God, just do the steps and you will be contacted.

Instead of sharing the good news, be the good news.

## **Step 8**

***“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.

This is a very large order. It is a task which we may perform with increasing skill, but

never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every A.A. has found that he can make a little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old, some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the great advantages of doing this will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

## **The 8th Tradition**

***“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 ever 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.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.

**As Bill Sees It (page 311):** Though the variations were many, main theme was always “How godawful I am!” Just as I often exaggerated my modest attainments by pride, so I exaggerated my defects through guilt. I would race about, confessing all (and a great deal

more) to whoever would listen. Believe it or not, I took this widespread exposure of my sins to be great humility on my part, and considered it a great spiritual asset and consolation!

But later on I realized at depth that the great harms I had done others were not truly regretted. These episodes were merely the basis for storytelling and exhibitionism of a certain amount of humility.

-GrapeVine June1961

## **Eighth Concept:**

The trustees of the General Service Board act in their two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the

Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entitites.

Principle of the Concept:  
Consistency

Trustee Oversight has 2 Primary Parts

1. They plan manage, and execute large matters of overall policy and finance, and...
2. They oversee both of our corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc., [which includes the General Service Office] & A.A. Grapevine, Inc.).

Trustees have the responsibility of ensuring good conduct of all world service affairs. Their attitude is one of custodial oversight instead of executive order. They are guarantors of good management as opposed to micro-managers. The in's and out's of day to day operations are not for them. They leave that up to those they elect to run the organization. Their broad brush strokes strategically guide the enteritis they oversee.

The text above is as an excerpt from the A.A. conference approved pamphlet (P8) The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated

### *Word Game*

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

Partnership	Brotherhood	Relations	Fault
Cleaned	Backwards	Obstacle	Task
Damage	Peace	How	
Melts			

# August 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun	Jul	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$24,168.66	\$2,856.88	\$27,025.54
Expenses	(\$29,402.89)	(\$5,125.94)	(\$34,528.83)
Cost of Goods	(\$26,872.32)	(\$1,710.05)	(\$28,582.37)
Contributions	\$18,904.33	\$4,573.73	\$23,478.06
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$13,202.22)</b>	<b>\$594.62</b>	<b>(\$12,607.60)</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan - Jun	Jul	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$697.39		\$697.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$3,529.36	\$1,269.74	\$4,799.10
Anonymous	\$1,970.98	\$569.46	\$2,540.44
Any Lengths Group	\$80.00		\$80.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,073.00	\$515.00	\$1,588.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00		\$2.00
AVYPAA	\$14.59		\$14.59
Birthday	\$151.00		\$151.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$250.00		\$250.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$350.00	\$717.00	\$1,067.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$441.23		\$441.23
Faithful Fiver	\$455.00	\$10.00	\$465.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,921.25		\$1,921.25
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00		\$920.00
Into Action	\$686.50		\$686.50
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$277.00	\$94.74	\$371.74
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$600.00		\$600.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,026.06	\$715.94	\$1,742.00
Palmdale Grp Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$45.00		\$45.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
PM Mod	\$296.00		\$296.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$770.00	\$246.02	\$1,016.02
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$153.00		\$153.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sun Night BBS	\$207.00		\$207.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Thurs Night Step Study	\$100.00		\$100.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$86.36		\$86.36
Westside Grp	\$104.00		\$104.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$145.00		\$145.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,152.61</b>	<b>\$285.83</b>	<b>\$2,438.44</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,904.33</b>	<b>\$4,573.73</b>	<b>\$23,478.06</b>

Sarah C.	8/13/2022	1	Kurt L.	8/3/2006	17
Lori M.	8/19/2021	2	Lisa M.	8/29/2006	17
Chris J.	8/22/2020	3	Mardy G.	8/17/2006	17
Dawn S.	8/31/2019	4	Michaela O.	8/18/2006	17
AnnaMarie M	8/4/2017	6	Bob S.	8/16/2005	18
Cathy B.	8/7/2017	6	Charise P.	8/25/2005	18
Anita N.	8/31/2016	7	Bill S.	8/2/2004	19
Elton M.	8/28/2016	7	Ron H.	8/12/2003	20
Valerie D.	8/1/2016	7	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	20
Morgan	8/7/2016	7	Chris N.	8/30/2002	21
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	7	Chris S.	8/17/2002	21
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	7	Myrtle O.	8/29/2002	21
Julie	8/9/2015	8	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	22
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	8	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	22
Erick V.	8/28/2015	8	Susie B.	8/31/2001	22
Chris K.	8/17/2012	11	Boyce H.	8/19/2000	23
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	11	Joe P.	8/13/2000	23
Paul E.	8/1/2012	11	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	23
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	11	Pamela P.	8/13/2000	23
Richard K.	8/23/2012	11	Robert G.	8/25/2000	23
Robert R.	8/17/2012	11	Julio C.	8/28/1999	24
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	11	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	24
Amy D.	8/8/2011	12	Joe L.	8/10/1997	26
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	12	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	27
Joe S.	8/8/2011	12	Marv M.	8/11/1996	27
Laura	8/30/2011	12	Robert R.	8/12/1996	27
Molly M.	8/9/2011	12	Emma W.	8/20/1994	29
Terry R.	8/5/2011	12	Lamont W.	8/1/1994	29
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	13	Richard B.	8/2/1993	30
Christine L.	8/29/2010	13	Steve K.	8/20/1993	30
Janet D.	8/10/2010	13	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	31
Liz C.	8/17/2010	13	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	32
Michele S.	8/22/2010	13	Julie P.	8/31/1991	32
Tom M.	8/23/2010	13	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	32
Alex W.	8/28/2009	14	Linda S.	8/16/1990	33
Jan P.	8/22/2009	14	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	34
Janie G.	8/23/2009	14	Ken K.	8/13/1988	35
Jason S.	8/22/2009	14	Sonny C.	8/10/1988	35
Jim W.	8/8/2009	14	Lem J.	8/3/1987	36
Judith C.	8/17/2009	14	Ona J.	8/29/1987	36
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	14	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	36
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	14	Tom M.	8/7/1985	38
Rick B.	8/15/2009	14	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	39
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	15	Bill L.	8/24/1983	40
Debra B.	8/7/2008	15	Clark S.	8/11/1983	40
Diane E.	8/15/2008	15	Doug M.	8/10/1982	41
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	15	Myrtis S.	8/15/1981	42
James S.	8/28/2008	15	Steve N.	8/9/1981	42
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	15	Jim P.	8/25/1980	43
Larry L.	8/13/2008	15	John F.	8/19/1980	43
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	15	John H.	8/19/1980	43
Debra A.	8/31/2007	15	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	43
Havdan M.	8/8/2007	16	Mike S.	8/5/1980	43
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	16	Robert D.	8/17/1980	43
Robert M.	8/15/2007	16	Roberta G.	8/10/1979	44
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	16	Clara W.	8/1/1976	47
Shara B.	8/1/2007	16	Pat L.	8/12/1976	47
Dano	8/16/2006	17	Jav P.	8/5/1974	49
Kristy T.	8/19/2006	17	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	54
<b>Total Years =</b>	<b>2,505</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!**

## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

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

*Jeffrey Harlow*

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

