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AA in the AV 17

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This month we continue with our anonymous history of AA in the AV. Members in the late 1950s had rented a small house on Lancaster Ave. and Fern Street but the person answering the phone there was getting drunk himself.

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I was working at Vandenberg Air Force Base at the time. When I came back I found a stranger in the bedroom at the meeting house. I demanded in righteous indignation an explanation from the people in the group who had voted that no one could stay in the house.

They told me that this was different and that the man who was staying there was staying sober. He owned a house and had a family in town but a deputy sheriff where he was in jail told him about A.A. and he just moved in.

His name was Milt and he stayed sober until his death. I found that an irrevocable group conscience was valid till another one was taken and learned the story of Rule 62." **(to be continued)**

Making Use of Telephone Therapy – An Excerpt

from the book **Living Sober** by Alcoholics Anonymous

"When we stopped drinking, we were told repeatedly to get AA people's telephone numbers, and instead of drinking, to phone these people.

At first, the thought of telephoning a new acquaintance, someone we barely knew, seemed strange, and most of us were reluctant. But the AA's—those with more non-drinking days behind them than we had—kept suggesting it. They said they understood why we hesitated, because they had felt the same way. Nevertheless, they said, just try it, at least once.

And so, finally, thousands and thousands of us have. To our relief, it turned out to be an easy, pleasant experience. Best of all, it worked."

Step 2

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Quotable Quotes

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

- #1 "I never knew what one beer was."
- #2 "Pour me another Loud Mouth."
- #3 "I had the right to remain silent, but not the ability."
- #4 "My master plan got me here."
- #5 "I don't consume the drink, the drink consumes me."
- #6 "Ever notice anyone who has taken the steps and continues to see where others are wrong and promptly tells them?"
- #7 "Learn from the mistakes of others. You don't live long enough to make them all yourself." Grapevine, 1949
- #8 "Instead of thinking less of yourself, think of yourself less."
- #9 "Normal drinkers don't keep calendars in the fireplace."
- #10 "A ship that stays in the harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for."
- #11 "Many of us alcoholics use the excuse of not being able to do something perfectly to enable us to do nothing at all."
- #12 "Forgiveness is letting go of the idea that you could have had a different past."

Tradition 2

"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."

Concept 2 – Twelve Concepts of World Service

"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."



Word Search

BELIEVE	OPENMINDEDNESS	SANITY
EXPERIENCE	PRINCIPLES	SPONSOR
HOPE	RELIANCE	STEPS



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

Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results.

Tradition Two

Grapevine, January 1948

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs his conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction from its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he back slides, we are finding we have little need for manmade rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect, we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

Excerpt from As Bill Sees It

51 The Coming of Faith – "In my own case, the foundation stone of freedom from fear is that of faith: a faith that, despite all worldly appearances to the contrary, causes me to believe that I live in a universe that makes sense.

To me, this means a belief in a Creator who is all power, justice, and love; a God who intends for me a purpose, a meaning, and a destiny to grow, however little and haltingly, toward His own likeness and image. Before the coming of faith I had lived as an alien in a cosmos that too often seemed both hostile and cruel. In it there could be no inner security for me.

Grapevine, January 1962



Upcoming Events

AV Intergroup Meeting

When: Thurs. February 4, 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Code: 839 3817 5299 PW: 812426

54th PRAASA Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

When: March 5-7, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Register at: www.praasa.org

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

February 2021 Office Manager Report

	Jan '21	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$1,537.22	\$1,537.22
Expenses	(\$1,362.39)	(\$1,362.39)
Cost of Goods	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions	\$2,367.84	\$2,367.84
Net income	\$0.00	\$2,542.67



Contributions			
Group	Jan '21	2021 Total	
A Gathering of Women		\$0.00	
AM Mod	\$573.25	\$573.25	
Anonymous	\$346.59	\$346.59	
Any Lengths Group		\$0.00	
AV Hospital - Rm #CR7		\$0.00	
AV Men's Stag	\$950.00	\$950.00	
AV Round-Up		\$0.00	
AVYPBYOC		\$0.00	
Birthday	\$83.00	\$83.00	
Came to Believe		\$0.00	
Crown Valley Grp		\$0.00	
Daily Reflection		\$0.00	
Dare to be Different		\$0.00	
Faithful Fiver	\$70.00	\$70.00	
Friday Noon - Alano		\$0.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano		\$0.00	
Lake Hughes Group		\$0.00	
Last Call		\$0.00	
Little Red Book		\$0.00	
Mid-Day Mod		\$0.00	
New Beginnings		\$0.00	
Open Door		\$0.00	
Palmdale Grp	\$693.00	\$693.00	
Pearlblossom Grp		\$0.00	
PM Mod		\$0.00	
Quartz Hill Unity Grp		\$0.00	
Rainbow Grp		\$0.00	
Recovery at the Ranch	\$102.00	\$102.00	
Rosamond Sun Night		\$0.00	
Rule 62 Grp		\$0.00	
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	
Sober Sisters		\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$2,367.84	\$2,367.84

Jerry D.	2/9/2016	5	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	19
Alees H.	2/20/2016	5	Barbara	2/20/2001	20
Malissa T.	2/24/2016	5	Kathy R.	2/13/2001	20
Larry W.	2/1/2015	6	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	20
Dan F.	2/26/2014	7	Pat. T.	2/12/2001	20
Linnea M.	2/1/2014	7	Larry M.	2/29/2000	21
Rachel	2/4/2014	7	Michael G.	2/22/2000	21
Greg B.	2/4/2014	7	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	21
Doug C.	2/20/2014	7	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	22
Matt D.	2/21/2013	8	Lila P.	2/1/1999	22
Alex D.	2/12/2012	9	Carol M.	2/12/1998	23
Amanda O.	2/7/2012	9	John Michael	2/2/1998	23
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	9	Sam S.	2/23/1998	23
Bob H.	2/13/2012	9	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	24
Lee F.	2/5/2012	9	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	24
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	9	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	24
Sharon R.	2/10/2012	9	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	24
Janis B.	2/12/2012	9	Mark F.	2/10/1995	26
Susan M.	2/15/2012	9	Janet R.	2/9/1993	28
Terra B.	2/18/2012	9	Janie H.	2/22/1993	28
Hillary C.	2/7/2011	10	Mark R.	2/24/1993	28
Jenny C.	2/27/2011	10	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	28
Jessica C.	2/18/2011	10	Nury C.	2/10/1993	28
Joe O.	2/12/2011	10	Katie C.	2/11/1992	29
Larry L.	2/2/2011	10	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	29
Melissa P.	2/9/2011	10	Judie M.	2/22/1991	30
Scott C.	2/17/2011	10	Kim	2/5/1991	30
Cindy B.	2/5/2010	11	Gayle M.	2/20/1990	31
Rod W.	2/27/2010	11	Mike H.	2/4/1990	31
George C.	2/27/2010	11	Mike S.	2/20/1990	31
Kat H.	2/18/2010	11	David E.	2/14/1989	32
Kevin S.	2/17/2010	11	Frank H.	2/11/1989	32
Linda H.	2/9/2010	11	Lori W.	2/4/1989	32
Tonie R.	2/18/2009	12	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	32
Wayne W.	2/9/2009	12	Ron M.	2/10/1989	32
Bob J.	2/19/2008	13	Francis R.	2/14/1988	33
Brad B.	2/15/2008	13	Penny R.	2/10/1988	33
Michael P.	2/18/2008	13	Tom L.	2/22/1988	33
Mike W.	2/13/2008	13	Bud V.	2/23/1987	34
Robert W.	2/4/2008	13	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	34
Benecia S.	2/14/2007	14	Kim O.	2/4/1986	35
Dave W.	2/12/2007	14	Steve L.	2/5/1986	35
Debbie H.	2/25/2007	14	Pat J.	2/24/1985	36
Betsy C.	2/2/2006	15	Ginnev	2/2/1984	37
Carol W.	2/8/2006	15	Bob T.	2/2/1984	37
Jenni J.	2/8/2006	15	Laura L.	2/22/1984	37
Laura F.	2/8/2006	15	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	39
Merridith E.	2/21/2005	16	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	40
Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	16	Garv F.	2/20/1981	40
John H.	2/25/2004	17	Garv S.	2/18/1981	40
Mike F.	2/14/2004	17	George W.	2/16/1979	42
Chuck S.	2/15/2003	18	Kate W.	7/28/1978	43
Debbie B.	2/13/2003	18	Will L.	2/17/1978	43
Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	18	Skip W.	2/23/1977	44
Lennie H.	2/27/2003	18	Vic L.	2/5/1977	44
Rick C.	2/3/2003	18	Beverly L.	2/15/1976	45
T. J. S.	2/23/2003	18	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	45
			Joe F.	2/27/1971	50

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

Total Years = 2,462

Managers Corner

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. & 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!

