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# The Scoop

## Pick this Day...

By: Dave., A.A 1986

I did not pick this day or date,  
nor did I know what importance it was  
to represent, to me, for me, but it is my  
date.

I wasn't supposed to live this long ...  
I was supposed to die in some lonely  
place where the "normal" people  
wouldn't go. I grew up with the thought  
in the back of my mind "Live Fast, Die  
Young, and Look Good."  
But you see, that didn't happen.

I grew up thinking that every household,  
behind every front doorstep, all who  
lived there, consumed, some level of  
alcohol and drugs, it was the norm in  
my house, getting loaded with mom  
and dad. That's how I grew up, could  
roll a joint by the age of 7.

I continued on, making fast friends and  
living fast, I remember my dad making  
a "deal" with me, when I was 13 years  
old, not to "smoke dope" outside the  
house till I was 16, that lasted about 2  
days.

I met this kid in my HS metal shop one  
day, he told me he raced motorcycles,  
and didn't know it but was the first guy  
to introduce me to beer. I had my first  
real drink at his house, and.....  
I hated the taste, but sure loved what it  
did to me, and so it was on, to have a  
life full of alcohol and drugs.

I could go on, and on, but now wish to  
talk about the gratitude, of my life. as it  
got to a point where I just couldn't go  
on anymore, I was getting arrested,  
jail time, court dates, lawyers, red  
lights in the rear view mirror ONE  
MORE TIME!

Sheesh, where did they come from?

I was subjected to one of "Those  
meetings" when I was 21, and finally  
fell to my knees when I was 29,  
and so, on the morning of Dec. 19th,  
1986, I rolled out of bed, and fell to my  
knees, screaming, crying and begging  
out loud, "Please, if there is a god,  
please, don't let me use drugs or drink  
alcohol for just ONE day!"  
That was 30 years ago this morning.

I write this with tears of gratitude in my  
eyes. For I am ever so grateful for the  
life I received but didn't think that I  
deserved. I got so much more, and  
could go on. I learned how to write the  
correct date on a check.

I want to thank everyone for being a  
HUGE part of my story, so many of  
you, and a lot of you have no idea how  
or when you saved my life, but you did.  
Mike, Tony, Mark, Dave, Shelia,  
Nancy, Mom & Dad,  
Cory, Cary, Bob, Ben, Erin, John,  
Vickie, Christi, Brenda  
Marty, Alabam, Jack Dave, Vince,

Roger, Beverly, Kim,  
Francis, Don, Peggy, Brett, Bobby,  
Carl, Amy, Rose, Jorge  
Doug, Tom, Eddy and sooooo many  
more, it is astounding.  
If you read your name, you know who  
you are.

Thank you for all the life adventures  
bills, deaths, mortgages,  
gas, water electric, horsepower, racing,  
dirt bikes, falling from heaven  
into my truck, and so much more.

Today, I celebrate 30 years of Sobriety.  
Thank you AA for showing me the way.  
**Dave**



## Calendar Events

Feb 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Palmdale Group

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alcañon

Featuring group panels, speaker meetings, Pot-Luck Supper and Casino Night on Saturday, and Spiritual Breakfast on Sunday!

## Step 2

***“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?”

Let’s look first at the case of the one who says he won’t believe—the belligerent one. He is in a state of mind which can be described only as savage. His whole philosophy of life, in which he so gloried, is threatened. It’s bad enough, he thinks, to admit alcohol has him down for keeps. But now, still smarting from that admission, he is faced with something really impossible. How he does cherish the thought that man, risen so majestically from a single cell in the primordial ooze, is the spearhead of evolution and therefore the only god that his universe knows! Must he renounce all this to save himself?

At this juncture, his A.A. sponsor usually laughs. This, the newcomer thinks, is just about the last straw. This is the beginning of the end. And so it is: the beginning of the end of his old life, and the beginning of his emergence into a new one. His sponsor probably says, “Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think. At least I’ve found it so. So did a friend of mine who was a one-time vice-president of the American Atheist Society, but he got through with room to spare.”

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition

*“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 lean that the sole authority in A.A. is a living 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 eyes, pick up a fragment of A.A. history, and soon have the solid facts.

When alcohol influenced every facet of my life, when bottles became the symbol of all my self-indulgence and permissiveness, when I came to realize that, by myself, I could do nothing to overcome the power of alcohol, I realized I had no recourse except to surrender. In surrender I found victory over my stubborn resistance to life as it was given to me. When I stopped fighting anybody or anything, I started on the path to sobriety, serenity and peace.

## Second Concept:

*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.*

We are a part of District 7, Area 93 General Service board. The General Service Representative is the group’s link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.’s collective conscience. Sometimes called “the guardians of the Traditions,” G.S.R.’s become familiar with the A.A.’s Third Legacy—our spiritual responsibility to give service freely. They are usually elected to serve two year terms. District meeting is the second Saturday of the month in Agua Dulce.

## Quotable Quotes

I am sane about how crazy I am.

Sometimes you have to get to know someone really well to realize that your complete strangers.

Instant gratification takes too long.

When is it suggested that we place AA first in our lives, it means that we should make the 12 steps primary in our



living. It does not mean that we should make our twelfth step work primary.

It's hard to free the ones you love when you can't Free Yourself.

When one thinks he is most humble, he is usually farthest from possessing any semblance of humility.

If you haven't read my book on humility, you haven't read anything yet.

For without a full admission in the first step, the full practice of the subsequent steps becomes impossibility. On the other hand if one does fully admit his real condition in the first step, the other 11 become an absolute a necessity.

Humility is the root of all other virtues and hence the very cornerstone of the program.

AA is not concerned with the denominations or formal religion.

My sponsor has punched me in the "I" again.

*Scoop Editor: We are looking for another Editor to take on the commitment of the Scoop! Must be familiar with Word and have time to review and edit to turn into Manager at a certain deadline date. Attend Intergroup meetings on first Thursday of the month to present new submissions for acceptance. Thank you - Jessica C.*

## Word Game

SURRENDER, ADMIT, SERENITY, NEWCOMER,  
HUMILITY, SANITY, EXISTS, MIRACLE, SAVAGE,  
DEFEAT, HONESTY, OBSESSION

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

*It works, If you work it!!*



# February 2017 Office Manager Report

	Jan '17	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$4,681.01	\$4,681.01
Expenses	(\$2,948.45)	(\$2,948.45)
Cost of Goods	(\$4,049.67)	(\$4,049.67)
Contributions	\$2,992.06	\$2,992.06

Net Income	\$0.00	\$674.95	\$674.95
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## Contributions

Group	Jan '17	2017 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.M. Attitude Modification	\$0.00	\$107.84
A.V. Hospital ~ 2 West	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.V. Men's Stag Quartz Hill	\$0.00	\$56.40
A.V. H & I	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alano Club Thursday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alano Club Wednesday Dare to be Different	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anonymous Donations	\$0.00	\$45.50
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arbor Court Tuesday	\$0.00	\$0.00
A Women's Story	\$0.00	\$0.00
Birthday Celebrants	\$0.00	\$0.00
B.Y.O.C. A.V. Y.P.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Book Ladies Women	\$0.00	\$0.00
California City Clubhouse	\$0.00	\$87.35
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Founders Month	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friday Night Non-Smoker Sneaker Mtr	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raiser Monthly 50/50	\$0.00	\$0.00
High Desert Big Book	\$0.00	\$697.41
High Desert Hospital Friday	\$0.00	\$0.00
High Desert Medical Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$1,009.00
Into Action	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Hughes Friday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Hughes Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Hughes Monday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mid-Day Modification	\$0.00	\$373.23
Mojave Big Book Awakening	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mojave Group New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00	\$0.00
P.M. Modification	\$0.00	\$0.00
Palmdale Group	\$0.00	\$112.73
Pearlblossom Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rosamond Thursday 7 Minutes to Sobriety	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rosamond Sunday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saturday Morning Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$0.00
SCV Sun Night Spkr	\$0.00	\$17.00
Stepping Stones	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday Night B.B.S. 7th Day Advent	\$0.00	\$0.00
The 10,11,12 Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
We Care	\$0.00	\$25.00
Wednesday Night BBS @ The Grange	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westside Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity Monday	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gratitude Month		
High Desert BB	\$133.00	
Mid-Day Mod	\$260.92	
Women in Recovery	\$16.68	
Crown Valley	\$21.00	
Founders Month		
Crown Valley	\$29.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,992.06</b>



Jerry D.	2/9/2016	1	Bonnie E.	2/20/2002	15
Alees H.	2/20/2016	1	Barbara	2/20/2001	16
Malissa T.	2/24/2016	1	Kathy R.	2/13/2001	16
Larry W.	2/1/2015	2	Ontaria W.	2/25/2001	16
Dan F.	2/26/2014	3	Pat T.	2/12/2001	16
Linnea M.	2/1/2014	3	Larry M.	2/29/2000	17
Rachel	2/4/2014	3	Michael G.	2/22/2000	17
Greg B.	2/4/2014	3	Tonie R.	2/18/2000	17
Doug C.	2/20/2014	3	Al Nelson	2/27/1999	18
Matt D.	2/21/2013	4	Lila P.	2/1/1999	18
Alex D.	2/12/2012	5	Carol M.	2/12/1998	19
Amanda O.	2/7/2012	5	John Michael	2/2/1998	19
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	5	Sam S.	2/23/1998	19
Bob H.	2/13/2012	5	Jeanenne M.	2/21/1997	20
Lee F.	2/5/2012	5	Jordan C.	2/7/1997	20
Sarah W.	2/10/2012	5	Kathleen B.	2/1/1997	20
Sharon R.	2/10/2012	5	Marcia J.	2/14/1997	20
Janis B.	2/12/2012	5	Mark F.	2/10/1995	22
Susan M.	2/15/2012	5	Janet R.	2/9/1993	24
Terra B.	2/18/2012	5	Janie H.	2/22/1993	24
Hillary C.	2/7/2011	6	Mark R.	2/24/1993	24
Jenny C.	2/27/2011	6	Nancy N.	2/28/1993	24
Jessica C.	2/18/2011	6	Nurv C.	2/10/1993	24
Joe O.	2/12/2011	6	Katie C.	2/11/1992	25
Larry L.	2/2/2011	6	Melissa V.	2/22/1992	25
Melissa P.	2/9/2011	6	Judie M.	2/22/1991	26
Scott C.	2/17/2011	6	Kim	2/5/1991	26
Cindy B.	2/5/2010	7	Gavle M.	2/20/1990	27
Rod W.	2/27/2010	7	Mike H.	2/4/1990	27
George C.	2/27/2010	7	Mike S.	2/20/1990	27
Kat H.	2/18/2010	7	David E.	2/14/1989	28
Kevin S.	2/17/2010	7	Frank H.	2/11/1989	28
Linda H.	2/9/2010	7	Lori W.	2/4/1989	28
Tonie R.	2/18/2009	8	Marilyn M.	2/23/1989	28
Wayne W.	2/9/2009	8	Ron M.	2/10/1989	28
Bob J.	2/19/2008	9	Francis R.	2/14/1988	29
Brad B.	2/15/2008	9	Penny R.	2/10/1988	29
Michael P.	2/18/2008	9	Tom L.	2/22/1988	29
Mike W.	2/13/2008	9	Bud V.	2/23/1987	30
Robert W.	2/4/2008	9	Jeffery T.	2/21/1987	30
Benecia S.	2/14/2007	10	Kim O.	2/4/1986	31
Dave W.	2/12/2007	10	Steve L.	2/5/1986	31
Debbie H.	2/25/2007	10	Pat J.	2/24/1985	32
Betsy C.	2/2/2006	11	Gunney	2/2/1984	33
Carol W.	2/8/2006	11	Laura L.	2/22/1984	33
Jenni J.	2/8/2006	11	Joyce M.	2/2/1982	35
Laura F.	2/8/2006	11	Charlie R.	2/28/1981	36
Merridith E.	2/21/2005	12	Garv F.	2/20/1981	36
Raymond Mc.	2/10/2005	12	Gary S.	2/18/1981	36
John H.	2/25/2004	13	George W.	2/16/1979	38
Mike F.	2/14/2004	13	Kate W.	7/28/1978	39
Chuck S.	2/15/2003	14	Will L.	2/17/1978	39
Debbie B.	2/13/2003	14	Skip W.	2/23/1977	40
Donna B.-L.	2/1/2003	14	Vic L.	2/5/1977	40
Lennie H.	2/27/2003	14	Beverly L.	2/15/1976	41
Rick C.	2/3/2003	14	Jeanie G.	2/29/1976	41
T. J. S.	2/23/2003	14	Joe F.	2/27/1971	46

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

Total Years = 1,969

## Managers Corner

The Comedy Show was a big success! Everyone had a blast and we made some money too! A special thank you goes out to all the comedians and Mike G. for making it happen!! Our Intergroup strives to be transparent in our operations. There is a monthly report that is given to Intergroup Reps at our meeting that details all financial transactions. We welcome your questions and input! If your group doesn't have an Intergroup Rep, please consider electing one - this is YOUR Intergroup Office!

FREE 2017 Calendars are still available ~ Come and get yours!!

## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

1st ~ Larry W. & Barbie Q.  
2nd ~ Darin F. & Alonna T.  
3rd ~ Stephanie S. & Mike B.  
4th ~ Matt C. & Christine B.  
5th ~ Christine F. & Wendy W.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

