



January 2023

Inside this Issue

- 1 AA in the AV 39
- 2 Step 1/ 1Tradition/ First Concept
- 3 1st Concept cont./ Word Game
- 4 Manager's Report

AV Intergroup of AA
43619 N. 17th Street West,
Suite 106
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-945-5757
17th Street West / Avenue K

Central Office Web Site:
www.avcentraloffice.org
Central Office Email:
avcentraloffice@gmail.com

Email Scoop submissions:
Jessica Christman
Jchr93551av@gmail.com

Please limit submissions to 500

The Scoop

AA in the AV 39

AA in the AV 39
By Bruce L.
District 7 Archivist

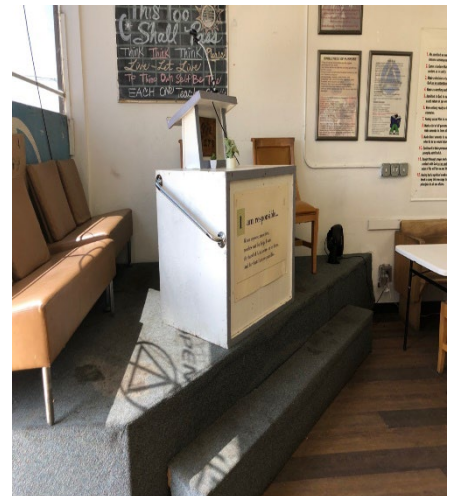
Chris W concludes his writing about the Open Door (see last month's Scoop regarding their decision to stay open during the pandemic) with the following inspiring lines:

Ike W. [Back Door founder] passed away in 2011 with 52 years sobriety. Doug H. in 2012 with over 41 years, his wife Nancy passed in May 2021 with over 43 years. Dennis L. passed with over 24 years, and Mike Jenkins in 2016 with 36 years.

So many of the original old timers have passed on, leaving us with a legacy of humble service and some mighty big shoes to fill. The creed "I am responsible" still lives here at the Open Door.



The old Back Door plaque was brought over from Yucca Ave to the new Open Door on H-8, where it hangs today.



At the new location, Doug H. built the stage and podium, which stand today almost thirty years later.

STEP 1

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

Who cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us.

No other kind of bankruptcy is like this one. Alcohol, now become the rapacious creditor, bleeds us of all self-sufficiency and all will resist its demands. Once this stark fact is accepted, our bankruptcy as going human concerns is complete.

But upon entering A.A. we soon take quite another view of this absolute humiliation. We perceive that only through utter defeat are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength. Our admissions of personal powerlessness finally turn out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built.

We know that little good can come to any alcoholic who joins A.A. unless he has first accepted his devastating weakness and all its consequences. Until he so humbles himself, his sobriety—if any—will be precarious. Of real happiness he will find none at all.

Proved beyond doubt by an immense experience, this is one of the facts of A.A. life. The principle that we shall find no enduring strength until we first admit complete defeat is the main taproot from which our whole Society has sprung and flowered.

When first challenged to admit defeat, most of us revolted. We had approached A.A. expecting to be taught self-confidence. Then we had been told that so far as alcohol is concerned, self-confidence was no good whatever; in fact, it was a total liability. Our sponsors declared that we were the victims of a mental obsession so subtly powerful that no amount of human willpower could break it. There was, they said, no such thing as the personal conquest of this compulsion by the unaided will. Relentlessly deepening our dilemma, our sponsors pointed out our increasing sensitivity to alcohol—an allergy, they called it. The tyrant alcohol wielded a double-edged sword over us: first we were smitten by an insane urge that condemned us to go on drinking, and then by an allergy of the body that insured we would ultimately destroy ourselves in the process. Few indeed were those who, so assailed, had ever won through in singlehanded combat. It was a statistical fact that alcoholics almost never recovered on their own resources. And this had been true, apparently, ever since man had first crushed grapes.

The 1st Tradition

“Our common welfare should come first; our personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, “What a great thing A.A. might have been!”

“Does this mean,” some will anxiously ask, “that in A.A. the individual doesn’t count for much? Is he to be dominated by his group and swallowed up in it?”

We may certainly answer this question with a loud “No!” We believe there isn’t a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members; surely there is none which more jealously guards the individual’s right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled. Our Twelve Steps to recovery are suggestions; the Twelve Traditions which guarantee A.A.’s unity contain not a single “Don’t.” They repeatedly say “We ought. . .” but never “You must!”

First Concept:

I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

This concept is easy to understand, but hard to pull off in A.A. Yes, we should always get the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship when things need to be changed within Alcoholics Anonymous. Doing this does 2 things:

1) Creating an inclusive environment where all members feel they are part of A.A. as a

whole.

2) Making the best possible outcome of any decision we need to make.

So, this concept is easy to understand, but hard in pulling this off.

According to www.aa.org, as of 12/31/21, it is estimated that there are 71,138 meetings in North America with an estimated 1,474,958 members. The A.A. Service Structure has the meetings as the most important component in the program as a whole. Meetings combine to make up Districts and Districts combine to make Areas.

There are 93 Areas in North America and each Area has their own Delegate that represents the Area they were elected to go to General Service Conference (Hosted Yearly). These Delegates need the collective conscience of their Area on important topics to bring to the yearly conference to help A.A. World Service vote on important topics. The only way to gather the collective conscience of the whole fellowship is to have all the meetings attend District and Area meetings. The topics for the General Service Conference are sent out to the Delegates in January. Meeting who have a GSR (General Service Representative) will be able to get a copy of the topics to bring back to their meeting.

So, with all that said, please take a look at the meetings you attend. Do you guys have a GSR to represent your group? If not, then why not?

These meetings that do not participate will not have a voice in A.A. When changes are made within A.A. and these meetings do not participate, then we can never live up to the valuable concept. In the Antelope Valley, we are part of District 7 and Area 93. District 7 does host District meetings at the Grange in Quartz Hill the 2nd Monday of every month. The start time is 6:30pm. So, please come and be part of A.A. as a whole at the next District meeting. Conference was desig

-Keith H., A.A. 2008

Word Game

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

Hopelessness

Compulsion

Resources

Admission

Requires

Enduring

Allergy

Demands

Subtly

Revolted

Fervor

Insane

January 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Nov	Dec	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$39,005.38	\$4,267.00	\$43,272.38
Expenses	(\$66,797.43)	(\$5,331.47)	(\$72,128.90)
Cost of Goods	(\$24,657.83)	(\$2,793.93)	(\$27,451.76)
Contributions	\$43,810.91	\$3,263.86	\$47,074.77
Net Income	(\$8,638.97)	(\$594.54)	(\$9,233.51)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Nov	Dec	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$9,168.53	\$352.66	\$9,521.19
Anonymous	\$8,248.30	\$576.50	\$8,824.80
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$2,159.00	\$204.00	\$2,363.00
AV Roundup	\$457.68		\$457.68
Birthday	\$102.00	\$9.00	\$111.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Cal City	\$150.00	\$241.08	\$391.08
Crown Valley Group	\$600.00		\$600.00
Daily Reflections	\$1.00		\$1.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$1.00		\$1.00
District 7	\$3,185.72	\$77.74	\$3,263.46
Faithful Fiver	\$195.00	\$5.00	\$200.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,464.95		\$2,464.95
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,518.00		\$1,518.00
Into Action	\$400.00		\$400.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$920.46	\$248.00	\$1,168.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$840.20	\$710.42	\$1,550.62
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,589.06		\$1,589.06
Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg	\$107.00		\$107.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$275.00		\$275.00
PM Mod	\$1,008.72	\$54.00	\$1,062.72
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,802.70	\$150.00	\$1,952.70
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$160.00		\$160.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$400.00		\$400.00
Sat. Men's Stag - Alano	\$3.00		\$3.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$289.00		\$289.00
Sun Night BBS	\$120.01	155.55	\$275.56
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$109.00		\$109.00
Unity Group	\$302.00		\$302.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Westside Grp	\$473.32		\$473.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$406.00	\$60.00	\$466.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$2,678.36	\$319.91	\$2,998.27
TOTALS	\$40,265.96	\$3,263.86	\$43,529.82

Carla H.	1/25/2022	1	Jackie O.	1/17/2002	21
Boyd C.	1/23/2022	1	Spencer	1/29/2002	21
Andy M.	1/27/2021	2	Juan L.	1/1/2001	22
Darcia J.	1/23/2021	2	Randy H.	1/19/2001	22
Marlene J.	1/29/2017	6	Nonna W.	1/21/2000	23
Belinda T.	1/9/2016	7	Tyrone C.	1/18/2000	23
Rich M.	1/9/2016	7	David S.	1/21/1999	24
Lynn Z.	1/6/2014	9	Jeanne C.	1/10/1999	24
Katie D.	1/19/2014	9	Sheila G.	1/15/1999	24
Valerie D.	1/30/2014	9	Little Joe	1/3/1998	25
Chaz	1/7/2013	10	Shalaby B.	1/6/1998	25
Jenni J.	1/6/2013	10	Dan P.	1/7/1997	26
Kelli D.	1/24/2013	10	Daneen D.	1/4/1997	26
Tina R.	1/12/2013	10	Harvey S.	1/21/1997	26
Deborah A.	1/14/2012	11	Tony V.	1/6/1997	26
Doug H.	1/10/2012	11	Barry O.	1/13/1995	28
Jennifer C.	1/13/2012	11	Dawn Marie	1/14/1995	28
Josie	1/4/2012	11	Jan H.	1/13/1995	28
Nicole S.	1/21/2012	11	Ruth Lewis	1/18/1995	28
Patty T.	1/17/2012	11	Teresa P.	1/2/1995	28
Ray E.	1/21/2012	11	Melvin B.	1/7/1994	29
Terrance C.	1/1/2012	11	Ralph L.	1/20/1994	29
Dave K.	1/29/2011	12	Nani	1/12/1993	30
Jennifer M.	1/28/2011	12	Dan H.	1/15/1992	31
Jessica Z.	1/31/2011	12	Dave L.	1/2/1992	31
Kim G.	1/12/2011	12	Mike G.	1/23/1992	31
Michelle S.	1/15/2011	12	Robert H.	1/1/1992	31
Morena	1/1/2011	12	Sharon G.	1/15/1992	31
Ross W.	1/31/2011	12	Kathy M.	1/27/1991	32
Steve T.	1/31/2011	12	Sue M.	1/21/1991	32
Tanya S.	1/10/2011	12	Tess H.	1/4/1991	32
Bob D.	1/1/2010	13	Janis P.	1/8/1990	33
Kevin K.	1/12/2010	13	Mark C.	1/1/1990	33
Kristin E.	1/10/2010	13	Bob K.	1/24/1989	34
Nico O.	1/15/2010	13	Jennifer S.	1/10/1989	34
Robert V.	1/7/2010	13	Martha D.	1/22/1988	35
Henry	1/18/2009	14	Mike S.	1/20/1988	35
Terry M.	1/29/2009	14	Scott H.	1/30/1988	35
Jenni J.	1/5/2008	15	Steve W.	1/29/1988	35
Jim B.	1/2/2008	15	Diane V.	1/17/1987	36
Lisa Marie W.	1/2/2008	15	Ray M.	1/2/1987	36
Nancy T.	1/21/2008	15	Margaret R.	1/4/1986	37
Turhan D.	1/3/2008	15	Steve S.	1/29/1986	37
John O.	1/22/2007	16	Rick B.	1/13/1985	38
Rennie T.	1/20/2007	16	Steve I.	1/23/1985	38
Robert W.	1/29/2007	16	Aurora	1/5/1984	39
Rose L.	1/3/2007	16	Christine M.	1/7/1984	39
Soravah J.	1/8/2007	16	Tom C.	1/10/1984	39
Susie B.	1/2/2007	16	Sandy M.	1/31/1983	40
Jill M.	1/16/2006	17	Mike J.	1/18/1981	42
Jim A.	1/4/2006	17	Ellen B.	1/29/1980	43
Sandi P.	1/1/2006	17	Ken S.	1/19/1980	43
Eddie G.	1/18/2005	18	Vito	1/15/1980	43
Jack F.	1/15/2005	18	Svbil	1/19/1968	55
Monique J.	1/3/2005	18			
Ruth M.	1/2/2005	18			
Tony F.	1/23/2005	18			
Michelle P.	1/15/2003	20			

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

Total Years = 2,430

Managers Corner

Happy New Year everyone!! Start the year off right by making a commitment to be a Faithful Fiver. It's a great way to show your gratitude for all that AA has done for you!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

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

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeff H.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

