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# The Scoop

## Step 6

***“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”***

“This is the Step that separates the men from the boys.” So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.’s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults – *without any reservations whatever* – has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.

Of course, the often disputed question of whether God can – and will, under certain conditions – remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life.

### June is Founders Month

**Show your gratitude for your sobriety, contribute one dollar to Central Office on your sobriety birthday for each year you have been sober.**

## The 6th Tradition

***“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”***

The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the right answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause.

Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn’t like alcoholics, so we thought we’d build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we’d educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We’d gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantine confinement. Maybe these places would make large sums

of money to carry on our other good works. We seriously thought of rewriting the laws of the land, and having it declared that alcoholics are sick people. No more would they be jailed; judges would parole them in our custody. We'd spill A.A. into the dark regions of dope addiction and criminality. We'd form groups of depressive and paranoid folks; the deeper the neurosis, the better we'd like it. It stood to reason that if alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem.

### Daily Reflections excerpt on the 6th Step

*Can He now take them all – every one?*

Alcoholics Anonymous, p.76

In doing Step Six it helped me a lot to remember that I am striving for “spiritual progress.” Some of my character defects may be with me for the rest of my life, but most have been toned down or eliminated. All that Step Six asks of me is to become willing to name my defects, claim them as my own, and be willing to discard the ones I can, just for today. As I grow in the program, many of my defects become more objectionable to me that previously and, therefore, I need to repeat Step Six so that I can become happier with myself and maintain my serenity.

### Concept VI

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

### Winners of the Central Office Birthday Raffle

April winner: Stephanie S.

*Drop into Central Office during your birthday month and get your ticket for the Birthday Raffle. And, the best part, it is FREE!!*

### Quotable Quotes

Collected by Dano B.

What I was looking for, when I got here, I brought with me. *Don C.*

All my problems are quality problems today because I'm on the right side of a locked door. *Cal*

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. *Steve Jobs*

Be yourself, because everyone else is taken.

In an A.A. meeting, do you catch who is having a hard time? *Nonna*

### Word Game

ACCEPTANCE, AMENDS, AUTHORITY-IN-AA, BEHAVIOR, CHOICE, COMPLEXITY, CONSCIENCE, COURAGE, DECISIONS, DISAPPOINTMENT, EAST-DOES-IT, EXPECTATIONS, FAITH, FREEDOM, GODS-WILL, HAPPINESS, ILLNESS, INJUSTICE, JEALOUSY, LIVE-LET-LIVE, MEDITATION

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

I am no longer trying the A.A. program. I am just doing the A.A. program. *Nonna*

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere. *Albert Einstein*

What is not started, will never get finished. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

I have not failed. I just found 10,000 ways that won't work. *Thomas Edison*

It's fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure. *Bill Gates*

### **Coming Events**

83<sup>rd</sup> AA Anniversary Celebration  
Hosted by AM Mod  
June 2 (4pm) – one day event  
(The Grange)  
41843 50<sup>th</sup> St. W.  
Quartz Hill (No charge)

Dist. 7, Area Delegate Report  
June 16, (9am) Free breakfast  
Auga Dulce Women's Club

Poker Run, June 10

A.V. Round Up  
June 22 (11am) – June 24  
44055 Sierra Highway  
Lancaster (cost \$15)  
Register online at  
[www.avroundup.com](http://www.avroundup.com)

Woman to Woman  
39<sup>th</sup> annual workshop  
June 1 (4pm) to June 3  
12001 Chalon Road  
Los Angeles (cost \$195)

A.A. Desert PowWow

June 7 (12noon) – June 10  
44-400 Indian Wells Lane  
Renaissance Indian Wells spa  
Indian Wells (cost \$25)  
34<sup>th</sup> Sunshine of the Spirit  
High Desert Convention  
June 8 (7:30am) – June 10  
15494 Palmdale Blvd  
Holiday Inn  
Victorville (cost \$17)

June Lake Kampvention  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
June 15 (12 noon) – June 17  
Oh Ridge Campground  
June Lake (cost \$10)

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tehachapi Mountain  
Round-up  
July 20 (8 am) – July 22  
18061 Arosa Road  
Tehachapi (cost \$15)

Big Book Workshop Weekend  
July 28 (9am) – July 29  
8021 Rosecrans Ave.  
Imperial Alano Club  
Paramount (cost \$15)

For additional information, go to:  
[www.avcentraloffice.org](http://www.avcentraloffice.org)

Excerpt from ***Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers***

**Chapter V. The alcoholic in the Oxford Group**  
*(continued from May Scoop)*

There were slogans as well: "Study men, not books"; "Win your argument, lose your man"; "Give news, not views." In addition, a member recalled how Groupers would go around smiling enthusiastically and

asking each other, "Are you maximum?"

Undisputed leader (as well as founder) of the Oxford Group Movement, Frank Buchman was a Lutheran minister from Pennsylvania, who did not drink or smoke. Buchman looked askance at A.A. in later years, and was never quite comfortable with its members.

Oxford Groupers sought to "change" community leaders, with the idea that their example would motivate others. Thus, there was a great deal of publicity and fanfare when new converts achieved spiritual rebirth. Dr. Buchman himself was often interviewed and widely quoted.

A rubber-company president, grateful because the Oxford Group had sobered up his son, brought some 60 Oxford Group leaders and "team members" to Akron for a ten-day "house party," as their gatherings were called. They held meetings throughout the day, and it all culminated in a dinner for 400 prominent citizens of the community.

This had a substantial impact in local church circles and attracted many new members, who subsequently set up weekly meetings in various neighborhoods (much as A.A. members do today).

Oxford Group influence later waned in Akron for various reasons, including the fact that the rubber-company heir got drunk again. But by this time, the team had moved on to St. Louis to sober up a beer baron's son, a situation that undoubtedly posed ticklish publicity problems for the groupers. *(Continued in July edition of the Scoop.)*

# June 2018 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Apr '18	May '18	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$19,082.48	\$3,234.12	\$22,316.60
Expenses	(\$16,704.16)	(\$2,448.21)	(\$19,152.37)
Cost of Goods	(\$14,150.75)	(\$2,517.90)	(\$16,668.65)
Contributions	\$7,478.74	\$1,096.56	\$8,575.30
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$4,293.69)</b>	<b>(\$635.43)</b>	<b>(\$4,929.12)</b>



<i>Contributions</i>			
<b>Group</b>	Jan - Apr '18	May '18	2018 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM Mod	\$1,018.86	\$388.69	\$1,407.55
Anonymous	\$449.36	\$80.00	\$529.36
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Arbor Court	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
AV Hospital - Rm #CR101	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
AV Men's Stag	\$554.54	\$145.00	\$699.54
AV Round-Up	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPBYOC	\$37.50		\$37.50
Birthday	\$74.00	\$39.00	\$113.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Clubhouse Meeting	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$36.00
Crown Valley Grp	\$300.00		\$300.00
Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
H & I	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$718.53		\$718.53
High Desert Hospital	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,031.00		\$1,031.00
Into Action	\$151.00	\$35.00	\$186.00
Lake Hughes Men's Stag	\$60.00		\$60.00
Lake Hughes Monday Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Little Red Book	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mid-Day Mod	\$582.52	\$138.87	\$721.39
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$826.58		\$826.58
Pearlblossom Grp	\$370.00		\$370.00
PM Mod	\$78.39		\$78.39
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$540.90		\$540.90
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$78.39		\$78.39
Rule 62 Grp	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$0.00		\$0.00
SCV Sun Night Spkr	\$0.00		\$0.00
Spiritual Sunday - Alano	\$30.00		\$30.00
Step Workshop Mtg	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$15.00		\$15.00
Thurs Night BBS @ Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
We Care Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS @ Grange	\$99.56		\$99.56
Westside Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Progress	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$275.00		\$275.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,567.13</b>	<b>\$1,096.56</b>	<b>\$8,663.69</b>

Alex W.	6/22/2013	5	Natasha H.	6/8/2004	14
Bonnie S.	6/10/2013	5	Nick J.	6/24/2004	14
Brian H.	6/8/2013	5	Jim B.	6/17/2003	15
Carol F.	6/15/2013	5	Marc A.	6/23/2003	15
Carrie	6/3/2013	5	Veronica A.	6/9/2003	15
Deitrich V.	6/8/2013	5	Lisa B.	6/26/2002	16
Denise M.	6/25/2013	5	Noel P.	6/14/2002	16
Joni R.	6/10/2013	5	Pete S.	6/6/2002	16
Lance B.	6/6/2013	5	Terrv B. C.	6/27/2002	16
Lauren C.	6/20/2013	5	Steve E.	6/4/2001	17
Leish H.	6/1/2013	5	Dave S.	6/4/2000	18
Mark S.	6/30/2013	5	Dee R.	6/14/1999	19
Michael G.	6/1/2013	5	Don J.	6/2/1999	19
Mike H.	6/8/2013	5	Bill E.	6/15/1997	21
Paul W.	6/1/2013	5	Debbie B.	6/30/1997	21
Jamie S.	6/30/2012	6	Dena B.	6/24/1997	21
Kim B.	6/5/2012	6	Iron Michael	6/2/1997	21
Raissa K.	6/4/2012	6	Karen C.	6/27/1996	22
Richard T.	6/18/2012	6	Dave C.	6/11/1995	23
Rick H.	6/15/2012	6	Patrick F.	6/25/1995	23
Rob T.	6/4/2012	6	Toni L.	6/8/1994	24
Alena	6/19/2011	7	Darnell B.	6/10/1993	25
Delores G.	6/14/2011	7	Linda S.	6/3/1993	25
Kathy T.	6/18/2011	7	Wanda	6/10/1993	25
Lisa B.	6/18/2011	7	Yolanda L.	6/8/1993	25
Lorri C.	6/27/2011	7	Claudia C.	6/8/1992	26
Rick S.	6/15/2011	7	Eileen K.	6/5/1992	26
Arlene C.	6/6/2010	8	Pat S.	6/12/1992	26
Eddie O.	6/25/2010	8	Dora W.	6/3/1991	27
Lisa C.	6/14/2010	8	Gerry B.	6/6/1991	27
Mary S.	6/24/2010	8	Harriet Castillo	6/18/1991	27
Paul D.	6/8/2010	8	Ernie A.	6/29/1990	28
Amanda P.	6/3/2009	9	Roger J.	6/18/1990	28
Aminta C.	6/12/2009	9	Bob L.	6/3/1989	29
Lenny C.	6/12/2009	9	Bryce A.	6/18/1988	30
Mel M.	6/23/2009	9	Rick M.	6/22/1988	30
Terry M.	6/7/2009	9	Bill G.	6/2/1987	31
Dorothy B.	6/11/2008	10	Ron W.	6/27/1987	31
Keith H.	6/13/2008	10	Beth S.	6/14/1986	32
Ken H.	6/3/2008	10	Janie R.	6/9/1986	32
Sandy	6/2/2008	10	Jim M.	6/20/1986	32
Will F.	6/9/2008	10	Tom C.	6/15/1985	33
Beverly R.	6/8/2007	11	Chris B.	6/1/1983	35
Jamie A.	6/11/2007	11	Randy W.	6/22/1982	35
Julie B.	6/11/2007	11	Bill J.	6/26/1981	36
Tom L.	6/11/2007	11	Bruce L.	6/20/1981	37
Carolyn B.	6/30/2006	12	Cookie H.	6/3/1981	37
Kelly F.	6/11/2006	12	Marge B.	6/8/1981	37
Mike D.G.	6/25/2006	12	Elizabeth I.	6/10/1980	38
Jimi A.	6/6/2005	13	Mike L.	6/11/1979	39
Sterling S.	6/19/2005	13	Russ D.	6/15/1975	43
Amanda H.	6/24/2004	14	Ron M.	6/28/1973	45
Charles P.	6/28/2004	14	Robert E.	6/10/1971	47
Cora W.	6/13/2004	14	Carol P.	6/1/1968	50
Lacy F.	6/8/2004	14	Don Crandall	6/28/1967	51
Lori F.	6/17/2004	14	Ted Summers	6/16/1965	53
Lori F.	6/17/2004	14	Eddie Wilson	6/16/1961	57
<b>Total Years =</b>	<b>2,099</b>				

## Managers Corner

This is Founder's Month ~ Please remember to support our Central Office! There are many changes happening - we are now a non-profit corporation and tackling issues to make our office better - your suggestions are welcomed!

Curious about Central Office specific expenses and bank balances, etc? Ask your Intergroup Representative to see the monthly report! Your group doesn't have an Intergroup Rep? Be one!!

***Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!***

1st ~ Larry W. & Mel L.  
 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant  
 3rd ~ Stephanie S. & Maureen O.  
 4th ~ Debbie L. & Christine B.  
 5th ~ Christine F. & Chris T.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!