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The Scoop

AA in the AV 56

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8:00 p. (C)	A.V. Group (Arid Club) Candlelight 44839 Yucca, Lancaster
8:00 p. (C)	Men's Stag - 38226 10th St. East. Palmdale
8:00 p. (C)	Palmdale Group - Men's Stag 37824 5th St. E., A-2 Palmdale

Directory showing meeting at Courson Park on 10th Street in Palmdale in October, 1995.

One thing a historian hates more than anything else is to publish something that is incorrect, especially incorrect dates! In last month's Scoop I talked about the AV Men's Stag and how they changed their format to accept "dual addicted" members. (I like Kenny's joke about "dual addicted," he says "dual addicted, that is, if you can keep it down to two.") Anyway, in last month's Scoop I said the arguing over "druggies" attending the closed men's stag happened in the 1990s and the format change occurred in the 1990s. It should have read the 1980s, a decade earlier. Now with that correction made, this month I want to chronicle the moves that the AV Men's Stag made after leaving the Cultural Center and moving to Courson Park in '92 or '93.

Based on old directories in the District 7 Archives at the AV Central Office, the stag was at

Courson Park in 1995, but was at the Family Resource Center at 15th and Palmdale Boulevard in 1998. These old directories are invaluable for tracing the history of AA in AV. More to come next month.

Calendar of Events

Central Office Intergroup Meeting-1st Thursday of the month at Central Office @7pm
Roundup Meeting-1st Sunday each month @5:30, Grange
H&I Meeting- 2nd Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill
District 7 Meeting- 2nd Monday each month @ 630,

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. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this:

“Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn’t work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn’t stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished. It was lifted right out of me.”

In A.A. meetings all over the world, statements just like this are heard daily. It is plain for everybody to see that each sober A.A. member has been granted a release from this very obstinate and potentially fatal obsession. So in a very complete and literal way, all A.A.’s have “become entirely ready” to have God remove the mania for alcohol from their lives. And God has proceeded to do exactly that.

I went to my first Hospital and Institutions (H&I) meeting when I was

about one and a half years sober. I was always told that the highest rate of sustained sobriety is when people participate in H&I, so I went to get involved. When it came time to fill the new positions, I raised my hand to become the So Cal representative. Part of that position involves going to the Conferences and networking with all the other H&I committees in Southern California. This is where we get to share ideas and experiences between the different local H&I committees and bring them back to our Antelope Valley Committee to help make it a better service for those in treatment, hospitals, and prisons.

Last month in May, I was able to attend the conference in Bakersfield. It was a three-day event of speakers sharing their experiences in H&I. The theme of this year’s conference was, “A State of Love and Service.” A fitting theme since this was the first time in 47 years that both Northern and Southern California held their conferences together. This allowed us to be with people who take panels into prisons such as San Quentin and tell us how they do it.

Over the three-day event, I listened to a variety of speakers. They shared their experiences of being in prisons for many years. The stories of how they got sober in prison, and even starting their own AA groups many years ago, that are still going to this day. Now that they are out of prison

and sober, they go back into those same institutions every week and share their experience, strength, and hope to those still inside. It is cool to see the big picture of how someone going into institutions or treatment centers can touch one person, and this creates a ripple effect for many in the future.

I always try and remember that when I attend a panel, that as much as I would love for someone to make the decision right there to NEVER drink again because something I shared, just maybe I can plant a seed that may play a small part in the whole experience of that person’s journey to sobriety. My best connection to H&I is when I am sitting in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and someone comes up to me and says that they heard some little thing I said a few months before at a treatment center. Amazing!!

By Jason D., A.A. 2020

As Bill Sees It

Page 115- Essence of Growth

Let us never fear needed change. Certainly we have to discriminate between changes for worse and changes for better. But once a need becomes clearly apparent in an individual, in a group, or in A.A. as a whole, it has long since been found out that we cannot stand still and look the other way.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

-Twelve and Twelve, Pg. 56-57

Pg. 232- *The Value of Human Will*: Many newcomers having experienced little but constant deflation, feel a growing conviction that human will is of no value whatever. They have become persuaded, sometimes rightly so, that, many problems besides alcohol will not yield to a headlong assault powered only by the individual's will.

However, there are certain things which the individual alone can do. All by himself, and in the light of his own circumstances, he needs to develop the quality of willingness. When he acquires willingness, he is the only one who can then make the decision to exert himself along spiritual lines. Trying to do this is actually an act of his own will. It is the right use of this faculty.

Indeed, all of the A.A.'s Twelve Steps acquire our sustained and personal exertion to conform to their principles and so, we trust, to God's will.- TWELVE AND TWELVE PG. 40

6th Tradition

“Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

“Shoemaker, stick to thy last!” . . . better do one thing supremely well than many badly. That is the central theme of this Tradition. Around it our Society gathers in unity. The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle.

Alcoholics Anonymous can be likened to a group of physicians who might find a cure for cancer, and upon whose concerted work would depend the answer for sufferers of this disease. True, each physician in such a group might have his own specialty. Every doctor concerned would at time wish he could devote himself to his chosen field rather than work only with the group. But once these men had hit upon a cure, once it became apparent that only by their united effort could this be accomplished, then all of them would feel bound to devote themselves solely to the relief of cancer. In the radiance of such a miraculous discovery, any doctor would set his other ambitions aside, at whatever personal cost.

Just as firmly bound by obligation are the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, who have demonstrated that they can help problem drinkers as others seldom can. The unique ability of each A.A. to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning eloquence, or on any special individual skills. The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and of recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to the other. This is our gift from God, and its bestowal upon others like us is the one aim that today animates A.A.'s all around the globe.

Sixth Concept:

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.

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.'s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have. The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of AA Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.'s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.'s “bankers,” overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.'s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.)

June 2024 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Apr	May	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$17,746.61	\$4,796.62	\$22,543.23
Expenses	(\$21,988.33)	(\$5,744.62)	(\$27,732.95)
Cost of Goods	(\$13,311.67)	(\$4,794.69)	(\$18,106.36)
Contributions	\$14,777.50	\$3,422.89	\$18,200.39
Net Income	(\$2,775.89)	(\$2,319.80)	(\$5,095.69)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Apr	May	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$571.25	\$100.00	\$671.25
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$2,192.21		\$2,192.21
Anonymous	\$766.43	\$349.29	\$1,115.72
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$484.00		\$484.00
AV Men's Stag	\$349.22	\$293.00	\$642.22
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
AVYPAA	\$0.00		\$0.00
Backus Any Length	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$45.00	\$88.00	\$133.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$0.00		\$0.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,722.68	\$120.00	\$1,842.68
Daily Reflections	\$130.41		\$130.41
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$271.49		\$271.49
Faithful Fiver	\$264.00	\$45.00	\$309.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$811.98	\$1,760.80	\$2,572.78
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$3,541.00		\$3,541.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$200.00		\$200.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$180.00		\$180.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$375.00		\$375.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$268.26		\$268.26
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$520.59	\$210.84	\$731.43
Rainbow Grp	\$250.00		\$250.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat AM Men's Stag	\$102.08		\$102.08
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$168.00		\$168.00
Sun Night BBS	\$110.00	\$104.00	\$214.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Thurs Night Step Study	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$77.00		\$77.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$140.00		\$140.00
Westside Grp	\$100.00		\$100.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$65.00		\$65.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$1,071.90	\$351.96	\$1,423.86
TOTALS	\$13,705.60	\$3,422.89	\$16,711.53

Alex W.	6/22/2013	11	Natasha H.	6/8/2004	20
Bonnie S.	6/10/2013	11	Nick J.	6/24/2004	20
Brian H.	6/8/2013	11	Jim B.	6/17/2003	21
Carol F.	6/15/2013	11	Marc A.	6/23/2003	21
Carrie	6/3/2013	11	Veronica A.	6/9/2003	21
Deitrich V.	6/8/2013	11	Lisa B.	6/26/2002	22
Denise M.	6/25/2013	11	Noel P.	6/14/2002	22
Joni R.	6/10/2013	11	Pete S.	6/6/2002	22
Lance B.	6/6/2013	11	Terrv B. C.	6/27/2002	22
Lauren C.	6/20/2013	11	Steve E.	6/4/2001	23
Leigh H.	6/1/2013	11	Dave S.	6/4/2000	24
Mark S.	6/30/2013	11	Dee R.	6/14/1999	25
Michael G.	6/1/2013	11	Don J.	6/2/1999	25
Mike H.	6/8/2013	11	Bill E.	6/15/1997	27
Paul W.	6/1/2013	11	Debbie B.	6/30/1997	27
Janie S.	6/30/2012	12	Dena B.	6/24/1997	27
Kim B.	6/5/2012	12	Iron Michael	6/2/1997	27
Raissa K.	6/4/2012	12	Karen C.	6/27/1996	28
Richard T.	6/18/2012	12	Dave C.	6/11/1995	29
Rick H.	6/15/2012	12	Patrick F.	6/25/1995	29
Rob T.	6/4/2012	12	Toni L.	6/8/1994	30
Alena	6/19/2011	13	Darnell B.	6/10/1993	31
Delores G.	6/14/2011	13	Linda S.	6/3/1993	31
Kathy T.	6/18/2011	13	Wanda	6/10/1993	31
Lisa B.	6/18/2011	13	Yolanda L.	6/8/1993	31
Lorri C.	6/27/2011	13	Claudia C.	6/8/1992	32
Rick S.	6/15/2011	13	Eileen K.	6/5/1992	32
Arlene C.	6/6/2010	14	Pat S.	6/12/1992	32
Eddie O.	6/25/2010	14	Dora W.	6/3/1991	33
Lisa C.	6/14/2010	14	Gerry B.	6/6/1991	33
Mary S.	6/24/2010	14	Harriet Castill	6/18/1991	33
Paul D.	6/8/2010	14	Ernie A.	6/29/1990	34
Amanda P.	6/3/2009	15	Roger J.	6/18/1990	34
Aminta C.	6/12/2009	15	Bob L.	6/3/1989	35
Lenny C.	6/12/2009	15	Brvce A.	6/18/1988	36
Mel M.	6/23/2009	15	Rick M.	6/22/1988	36
Terry M.	6/7/2009	15	Bill G.	6/2/1987	37
Dorothy B.	6/11/2008	16	Ron W.	6/27/1987	37
Keith H.	6/13/2008	16	Beth S.	6/14/1986	38
Ken H.	6/3/2008	16	Janie R.	6/9/1986	38
Sandy	6/2/2008	16	Jim M.	6/20/1986	38
Will F.	6/9/2008	16	Tom C.	6/15/1985	39
Beverly R.	6/8/2007	17	Chris B.	6/1/1982	42
Jamie A.	6/11/2007	17	Randy W.	6/22/1982	42
Julie B.	6/11/2007	17	Bill J.	6/26/1981	43
Tom L.	6/11/2007	17	Bruce L.	6/20/1981	43
Carolyn B.	6/30/2006	18	Cookie H.	6/3/1981	43
Kelly F.	6/11/2006	18	Marge B.	6/8/1981	43
Mike D.G.	6/25/2006	18	Elizabeth I.	6/10/1980	44
Jimi A.	6/6/2005	19	Mike L.	6/11/1979	45
Sterling S.	6/19/2005	19	Russ D.	6/15/1975	49
Amanda H.	6/24/2004	20	Ron M.	6/28/1973	51
Charles P.	6/28/2004	20	Robert E.	6/10/1971	53
Cora W.	6/13/2004	20	Carol P.	6/1/1968	56
Lacy F.	6/8/2004	20	Don Crandall	6/28/1967	57
Lori F.	6/17/2004	20	Ted Summers	6/16/1965	59
			Eddie Wilson	6/16/1961	63

Total Years = 2,766

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- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Vacant
- 3rd ~ Nonna W. & Deborah H.
- 4th ~ Jimmy B. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

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