



June 2022

Inside this Issue

- 1 AA in the AV 32
- 2 Step 6/ 6th Tradition
- 3 Quotable Quotes/ 5th Concept/ 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 32

By: Bruce L., A.A
District 7 Archivist

OPEN DOOR HISTORY (installment 3)

by Steve L. (written in 2016)

It is the consensus of most everyone that the Back Door drew the low bottom crowd in the beginning (1981). The feeling many of the first members had was that the other groups in town had a snobby better-than-thou arrogance about them. It was said that when many of the “less desirables” showed up, they were directed to the Back Door (or to Sam’s Place out on 60th Street West, but that’s another story). Or some of us were told not to go there, so of course we had to go.

Over the years the Open Door became one of the most diverse groups in the Valley, attracting every race and gender, from Air Force personnel from Edwards Air Force Base to street people to attorneys . . . every walk of life.

In 1981 there was no Palmdale Group, no A.M. or P.M. Mod, no meetings at the Grange. There were about eleven meetings a week at the Arid Club (the A.V. Group), a couple of women’s meetings at the Agape House (a

sober living for women), the A.V. Men’s Stag that met Wednesday night at the Palmdale Cultural Center, a couple of meetings at the Palmdale General Hospital (then on Avenue S), and a sprinkling of meetings at various churches.

Among some of the original Back Door members were co-founders Ike W. (who passed away in 2011 with 52 years) and Mary Lou, Bobbie M. still sober for 30 plus years, Mike J. with 30 years plus, Doug H who passed away in 2012 with 41 plus years, Nancy H. with 37 plus years, and Dennis L. who passed away with over 24 years, and many more.

At some point (it was after 1989) the Back Door moved from 45141 Yucca Avenue to the corner store front at 501 W. Avenue H-8 (to be continued).

| | |
|--|--|
| 12. WEDNESDAY (cont) | 13. WEDNESDAY (cont) |
| 1:00 p. Central Meet (Open Part.) 44751 Beech Ste 2, Lano. | 6:30 p. Men's Stag (Alano Club) Bishop |
| 6:00 p. Backdoor 45141 Yucca (So. Ave 1) Lano | 6:30 p. Women's Stag, 142 Pinehurst Dr. Mammoth Lakes |
| 6:00 p. Palmdale Grp (Spanish) 406 1/2 E. Palm Blvd, Palm | 7:00 p. Western Village (Tin B's) 15945 Lawrence, Mojave |
| 6:00 p. Westside Grp - Part. 1030 W. Ave. L-8 Lano. A.V. Ch. Relig. Science | 7:00 p. Women's R.I.P. Grp (Recovery In Progress) Community Ctr. Lake Hughes (Each Day A New Beginning) Fireplace/Winter Campfire/Summer |
| 6:30 p. As Bill Sees It Group 1 hr. 44751 Beech, Ste 2, Lano No Smoke (Women's Stag) | 7:00 p. Men's Stag - Lake Hughes Al R.'s Ranch - 8566 Pine Canyon Rd, Lake Hughes |
| 6:30 p. Hedgecock Hall 32132 Crown Valley Rd, Acton | 7:30 p. Beginners Meet, Miracle Ranch 8115 West E. 4, Antelope Acres |

We know the Back Door was still at 45141 Yucca in 1989, when it appeared in this directory of meetings.

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.

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 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 quarantined 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.

It occurred to us that we could take what we had into the factories and cause laborers and capitalists to love each other. Our uncompromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm around the shoulder of religion and the other around the shoulder of medicine, we’d resolve their differences. Having learned to live so happily, we’d show everybody else how. Why, we thought, our Society of Alcoholics Anonymous might prove to be the spearhead of a new spiritual advance! We might transform the world.

Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most

alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great ideals. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to other extreme and steered for the bottle and the blackout. Providence, through A.A., had brought us within reach of our highest expectations. So why shouldn't we share our way of life with everyone?

These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics

Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try.

Quotable Quotes

We recover loudly so others don't have to die in silence.

If a man says he will fix it, He Will. There is no need to remind him every 3 MONTHS!!

It's the bananas that leave the bunch, that get skinned.

Put as much care to getting out of a relationship as you did getting into one.

I get confused between, I made a mistake, and , I am a mistake.

Please help me with these steps , to find my way, not get my way.

I have little feelings about big things and big feelings about little things.

The fellowship loved me, not in spite of my brokenness, but because of it.

Acceptance doesn't always feel like I like it.

Willingness doesn't always feel like I want to.

You may have spilt more than I drank but I'm too young to die.

My entire self worth was formulated by people who were angry at me.

Word Game

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

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Shortcomings | Obsession | Abundance | Likeness |
| Deflation | Ourselves | Suffered | Entirely |
| Catalog | Declare | Rightly | Abhor |

Sixth Concept:

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

General Service business meeting held on second Monday of the Month at 630pm at the Quartz Hill Grange.

June 2021 Office Manager Report

| | Jan - Apr '21 | May '21 | YTD Total |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sales of Goods | \$12,963.62 | \$3,317.03 | \$16,280.65 |
| Expenses | (\$26,483.90) | (\$3,920.65) | (\$30,404.55) |
| Cost of Goods | (\$7,946.60) | (\$756.63) | (\$8,703.23) |
| Contributions | \$12,510.89 | \$4,012.84 | \$16,523.73 |
| Net Income | (\$8,955.99) | \$2,652.59 | (\$6,303.40) |



Contributions

| (Group) | Jan - Apr '21 | May '21 | 2021 Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| A Gathering of Women | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| AM/Mid-Day Mod | \$3,400.53 | \$791.65 | \$4,192.18 |
| Anonymous | \$1,902.62 | \$445.77 | \$2,348.39 |
| Any Lengths Group | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| AV Hospital | \$21.00 | | \$21.00 |
| AV Men's Stag | \$725.00 | | \$725.00 |
| AV Roundup | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Birthday | \$62.00 | | \$62.00 |
| Came to Believe - Alano Club | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Crown Valley Group | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Daily Reflections | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Dare to be Different - Alano Club | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| District 7 | \$2,204.14 | \$149.50 | \$2,353.64 |
| Faithful Fiver | \$145.00 | \$20.00 | \$165.00 |
| Friday Noon - Alano | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| High Desert BB Grp | \$0.00 | \$1,232.51 | \$1,232.51 |
| Intergroup Fundraisers | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Into Action | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Lake Hughes Group | \$250.00 | \$50.00 | \$300.00 |
| New Beginnings | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Open Door | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Open Participation | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Palmdale Grp | \$545.24 | \$349.75 | \$894.99 |
| Pearlblossom Grp | \$200.00 | | \$200.00 |
| PM Mod | \$693.50 | | \$693.50 |
| Quartz Hill Unity Grp | \$550.00 | \$270.00 | \$820.00 |
| Rainbow Grp | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Recovery @ The Ranch | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Rosamond Sun Night | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Rule 62 Grp | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Sobriety Rocks | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Step Workshop Meeting | \$103.00 | | \$103.00 |
| Sun Night BBS | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| The Promises - Alano Club | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano | \$102.00 | | \$102.00 |
| Unity Group | \$55.00 | \$50.00 | \$105.00 |
| Westside Grp | \$173.32 | \$100.00 | \$273.32 |
| Women in Recovery | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Women Seeking Serenity | \$90.00 | | \$90.00 |
| Sober Sisters | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Digital Contributions | \$1,188.54 | \$293.66 | \$1,482.20 |
| TOTALS | \$12,510.89 | \$4,012.84 | \$16,523.73 |

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----|-----------------|-----------|----|
| Alex W. | 6/22/2013 | 9 | Natasha H. | 6/8/2004 | 18 |
| Bonnie S. | 6/10/2013 | 9 | Nick J. | 6/24/2004 | 18 |
| Brian H. | 6/8/2013 | 9 | Jim B. | 6/17/2003 | 19 |
| Carol F. | 6/15/2013 | 9 | Marc A. | 6/23/2003 | 19 |
| Carrie | 6/3/2013 | 9 | Veronica A. | 6/9/2003 | 19 |
| Deitrich V. | 6/8/2013 | 9 | Lisa B. | 6/26/2002 | 20 |
| Denise M. | 6/25/2013 | 9 | Noel P. | 6/14/2002 | 20 |
| Joni R. | 6/10/2013 | 9 | Pete S. | 6/6/2002 | 20 |
| Lance B. | 6/6/2013 | 9 | Terry B. C. | 6/27/2002 | 20 |
| Lauren C. | 6/20/2013 | 9 | Steve E. | 6/4/2001 | 21 |
| Leigh H. | 6/1/2013 | 9 | Dave S. | 6/4/2000 | 22 |
| Mark S. | 6/30/2013 | 9 | Dee R. | 6/14/1999 | 23 |
| Michael G. | 6/1/2013 | 9 | Don J. | 6/2/1999 | 23 |
| Mike H. | 6/8/2013 | 9 | Bill E. | 6/15/1997 | 25 |
| Paul W. | 6/1/2013 | 9 | Debbie B. | 6/30/1997 | 25 |
| Janie S. | 6/30/2012 | 10 | Dena B. | 6/24/1997 | 25 |
| Kim B. | 6/5/2012 | 10 | Iron Michael | 6/2/1997 | 25 |
| Raissa K. | 6/4/2012 | 10 | Karen C. | 6/27/1996 | 26 |
| Richard T. | 6/18/2012 | 10 | Dave C. | 6/11/1995 | 27 |
| Rick H. | 6/15/2012 | 10 | Patrick F. | 6/25/1995 | 27 |
| Rob T. | 6/4/2012 | 10 | Toni L. | 6/8/1994 | 28 |
| Alena | 6/19/2011 | 11 | Darnell B. | 6/10/1993 | 29 |
| Delores G. | 6/14/2011 | 11 | Linda S. | 6/3/1993 | 29 |
| Kathy T. | 6/18/2011 | 11 | Wanda | 6/10/1993 | 29 |
| Lisa B. | 6/18/2011 | 11 | Yolanda L. | 6/8/1993 | 29 |
| Lorri C. | 6/27/2011 | 11 | Claudia C. | 6/8/1992 | 30 |
| Rick S. | 6/15/2011 | 11 | Eileen K. | 6/5/1992 | 30 |
| Arlene C. | 6/6/2010 | 12 | Pat S. | 6/12/1992 | 30 |
| Eddie O. | 6/25/2010 | 12 | Dora W. | 6/3/1991 | 31 |
| Lisa C. | 6/14/2010 | 12 | Gerry B. | 6/6/1991 | 31 |
| Mary S. | 6/24/2010 | 12 | Harriet Castill | 6/18/1991 | 31 |
| Paul D. | 6/8/2010 | 12 | Ernie A. | 6/29/1990 | 32 |
| Amanda P. | 6/3/2009 | 13 | Roger J. | 6/18/1990 | 32 |
| Aminta C. | 6/12/2009 | 13 | Bob L. | 6/3/1989 | 33 |
| Lenny C. | 6/12/2009 | 13 | Bryce A. | 6/18/1988 | 34 |
| Mel M. | 6/23/2009 | 13 | Rick M. | 6/22/1988 | 34 |
| Terry M. | 6/7/2009 | 13 | Bill G. | 6/2/1987 | 35 |
| Dorothy B. | 6/11/2008 | 14 | Ron W. | 6/27/1987 | 35 |
| Keith H. | 6/13/2008 | 14 | Beth S. | 6/14/1986 | 36 |
| Ken H. | 6/3/2008 | 14 | Janie R. | 6/9/1986 | 36 |
| Sandy | 6/2/2008 | 14 | Jim M. | 6/20/1986 | 36 |
| Will F. | 6/9/2008 | 14 | Tom C. | 6/15/1985 | 37 |
| Beverly R. | 6/8/2007 | 15 | Chris B. | 6/1/1983 | 39 |
| Jamie A. | 6/11/2007 | 15 | Randy W. | 6/22/1982 | 39 |
| Julie B. | 6/11/2007 | 15 | Bill J. | 6/26/1981 | 40 |
| Tom L. | 6/11/2007 | 15 | Bruce L. | 6/20/1981 | 41 |
| Carolyn B. | 6/30/2006 | 16 | Cookie H. | 6/3/1981 | 41 |
| Kelly F. | 6/11/2006 | 16 | Marge B. | 6/8/1981 | 41 |
| Mike D.G. | 6/25/2006 | 16 | Elizabeth I. | 6/10/1980 | 42 |
| Jimi A. | 6/6/2005 | 17 | Mike L. | 6/11/1979 | 43 |
| Sterling S. | 6/19/2005 | 17 | Russ D. | 6/15/1975 | 47 |
| Amanda H. | 6/24/2004 | 18 | Ron M. | 6/28/1973 | 49 |
| Charles P. | 6/28/2004 | 18 | Robert E. | 6/10/1971 | 51 |
| Cora W. | 6/13/2004 | 18 | Carol P. | 6/1/1968 | 54 |
| Lacy F. | 6/8/2004 | 18 | Don Crandall | 6/28/1967 | 55 |
| Lori F. | 6/17/2004 | 18 | Ted Summers | 6/16/1965 | 57 |
| Lori F. | 6/17/2004 | 18 | Eddie Wilson | 6/16/1961 | 61 |

Total Years = 2,555

Managers Corner

This is Founder's Month - Please show your appreciation for everything AA has given you by making a financial contribution to make sure this is here for the suffering alcoholic. Visit www.avcentraloffice.org and donate!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Esmeralda P.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
- 3rd ~ Carmen R. & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
- 5th ~ Debbie L. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

