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# The Scoop

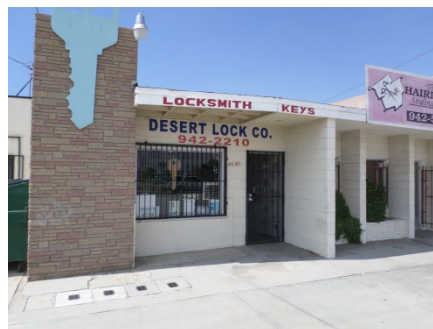
## AA in the AV 31

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

### OPEN DOOR HISTORY (installment 2)

by Steve L. (written in 2016)

So the two of them (Ike W. and Mary Lou), in 1981, set out to find a new location for meetings. Some say it was Ernie M. who helped them locate the small room behind a shoe repair shop at 45141 Yucca Avenue. It was so small there wasn't enough room to set up a table, just chairs lined up along the cinder block walls and a small 2ft x 2ft cabinet they used for supplies and a coffee pot on top. Someone said if you got more than five people in the room you couldn't turn around.



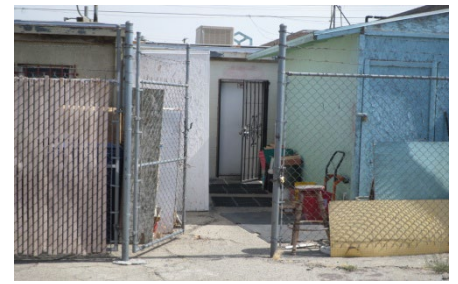
The room was located behind a shoe repair shop and was 15ft by 16ft minus a 5ft by 5ft bathroom, and because of the shop in front, you could only enter from the

back door. And so, on July 9, 1981, the Back Door came into existence.

Bobbie M. was one of the earliest members that I could get facts from regarding the early days. Bobbie got sober in August, 1981, about a month after the Back Door opened. She remembers you could purchase one of the cinder blocks that made up the walls and have your name, sobriety date, and favorite phrase painted on it for \$10. That ended when someone with a resentment painted lines over the blocks, but that is the origin of the current sobriety plaques at the Open Door.

Today [written in 2016], over 100 plaques hang on the wall, and reading them we are reminded of our friends who used to be here. Some have moved, some have passed away, and some we have lost track of.

It is the consensus of most everyone that the Back Door drew the low bottom crowd in the beginning (to be continued).



## Step 5

***“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”***

All of A.A.’s Twelve Steps ask us to go contrary to our natural desires . . . they all deflate our egos. When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Five. But scarcely any Step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind than this one.

A.A. experience has taught us we cannot live alone with our pressing problems and the character defects which cause or aggravate them. If we have swept the searchlight of Step Four back and forth over our careers, and it has revealed in stark relief those experiences we’d rather not remember, if we have come to know how wrong thinking and action have hurt us and others, then the need to quit living by ourselves with those tormenting ghosts of yesterday gets more urgent than ever. We have to talk to somebody about them.

**G.ood O.rderly D.irection**

### ***The 5th 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.

## **Quotable Quotes**

Having no virtue of its own, it is never so happy as when it is destroying the virtue of others. – King Alcohol

The line of least resistance is never the straight and narrow

way. 1915- The Flying Squadron of America

He is not quite The Man Who Cannot hold the reins and the whip hand over his own life.

Do you interfere with the personal Liberty of others when you’re exercising your own.

The only escape the drunkard has from the saloon is the grave. 1915- Prohibition Campaign

The secret handshake around here is one alcoholic talking to another.

Then there is doubt, there is no doubt.

As far as my character defects, I undershot the mark. As far as my drinking, I overshot the Mark.

Don’t look for an A.A. Sponsor...Listen for an A.A. Sponsor.

He wasn’t double dipping; he was bipolar.

Thank you for letting me learn from your behavior, good or bad.

You got to dummy up around here to get smart.

If you have a God in a box, let him out. –Ann W. 10-28-16

I may be wrong, but I’m never in doubt.

People don’t get what they want, they get who they are.

I am all that I think...you...think about.

My will and my life is my thinking and behavior.

### As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

Page 289 – *When Conflicts Mount*

Sometimes I would be forced to look at situations where I was doing badly. Right away, the search for excuses would become frantic. “These I would exclaim, “are really a good man’s faults.” When the pet gadget broke apart, I would think, “Well if those

people would only treat me right, I wouldn’t have to behave the way I do.” Next was this: “God well knows that I do have awful compulsions. I just can’t get over this one. So, He will have to release me.” At last came the time when I would shout, “This, I positively will not do! I won’t even try.”

Of course, my conflicts went right on mounting, because I was simply loaded with excuses, refusals, and outright rebellion. In self-appraisal, what comes to us alone may be garbled by our own rationalization and wishful thinking. The benefit of talking

to another person is that we can get his direct comment and counsel on our situation.

If we don’t stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse we cannot help anyone.”

- *GrapeVine June, 1961*

*In Loving Memory of Sally K.*



*Sober since September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1980*

*Sally was a great example to many! RIP*

## Word Game

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

Boomeranged	Trustworthy	Handicapped	Reluctance
Resolutely	Somebody	Perilous	Defects
Genuine	Kinship	Beginning	Secret

## Fifth Concept:

*Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.*

**District 7** meeting will be held at the Grange on the second Mondays of the month at 6pm. There are still positions open for commitments. Upcoming:

May 9<sup>th</sup> Area 93 Assembly 8:00-5:00pm

May 14<sup>th</sup> Sponsorship Workshop

# May 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Mar	Apr	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$9,845.28	\$3,118.34	\$12,963.62
Expenses	(\$16,381.83)	(\$10,102.07)	(\$26,483.90)
Cost of Goods	(\$5,885.51)	(\$2,061.09)	(\$7,946.60)
Contributions	\$7,404.81	\$5,106.08	\$12,510.89
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$5,017.25)</b>	<b>(\$3,938.74)</b>	<b>(\$8,955.99)</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan - Mar	Apr	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$1,161.38	\$2,239.15	\$3,400.53
Anonymous	\$1,335.19	\$567.43	\$1,902.62
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$725.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$0.00	\$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		\$2,204.14
Faithful Fiver	\$135.00	\$10.00	\$145.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00		\$0.00
Into Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$257.47	\$287.77	\$545.24
Pearblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$0.00	\$693.50	\$693.50
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$414.00	\$136.00	\$550.00
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Westside Grp	\$73.32	\$100.00	\$173.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$898.31</b>	<b>\$290.23</b>	<b>\$1,188.54</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,404.81</b>	<b>\$5,106.08</b>	<b>\$12,510.89</b>

Adolfo T.	5/3/2015	7	James S.	5/12/2000	22
Erica B.	5/9/2015	7	Liz K.	5/30/2000	22
Jaclyn W.	5/13/2015	7	Stephanie H.	5/27/2000	22
Terry B.	5/16/2015	7	Carl F.	5/27/1999	23
Joel	5/11/2013	9	Scott T.	5/30/1998	24
Andre' A.	5/31/2013	9	Terry M.	5/30/1998	24
Brice C.	5/22/2012	10	Bob H.	5/27/1997	25
Frank M.	5/4/2012	10	Kathy D.	5/5/1997	25
Tom K.	5/1/2012	10	Paul M.	5/29/1997	25
Brian W.	5/6/2011	11	Rav R.	5/17/1997	25
Diane M.	5/29/2011	11	David P.	5/30/1995	27
Karen M.	5/10/2011	11	Erich R.	5/15/1994	28
Mario G.	5/17/2011	11	Linda M.	5/31/1994	28
Tammy S.	5/15/2011	11	Ron H.	5/14/1994	28
Theresa B.	5/7/2011	11	Ron J.	5/9/1994	28
Valerie Jo H.	5/25/2011	11	Tom H.	5/7/1994	28
Ernesto H.	5/3/2010	12	Earl W.	5/16/1993	29
Kevin G.	5/10/2010	12	Marsha Y.	5/15/1993	29
Paul B.	5/20/2010	12	Steve W.	5/9/1993	29
Wendell F.	5/27/2010	12	Tom M.	5/14/1993	29
Amy M.	5/2/2009	13	Betty C.	5/27/1992	30
Danielle G.	5/29/2009	13	David G.	5/16/1992	30
Edward S.	5/20/2009	13	Laura E.	5/17/1992	30
Eric M.	5/31/2009	13	Lee M.	5/25/1992	30
Kathi D.	5/6/2009	13	Cathv R.	5/1/1991	31
Kathryn M.	5/29/2009	13	De Andre M.	5/29/1991	31
Kathy S.	5/19/2009	13	Kevin Mc	5/16/1991	31
Lisa K.	5/20/2009	13	Sharon L.	5/10/1991	31
Yvonne E.	5/5/2009	13	Deto	5/21/1990	32
Chris G.	5/21/2008	14	Joh F.	5/22/1990	32
Georgia A.	5/21/2008	14	Robert G.	5/9/1990	32
Jonie R.	5/21/2008	14	Scott T.	5/5/1990	32
Michael S.	5/13/2008	14	Walt B.	5/13/1990	32
Rickey C.	5/17/2008	14	Robin K.	5/6/1989	33
Robert M.	5/13/2008	14	Bill M.	5/20/1988	34
Ashley A.	5/8/2007	15	Kim C.	5/18/1988	34
Bayla	5/15/2007	15	Sandy C.	5/1/1987	35
Brian O.	5/21/2007	15	Gene S.	5/7/1986	36
Cathleen K.	5/30/2007	15	Lou B.	5/1/1986	36
Melissa G.	5/14/2007	15	Michele R.	5/26/1986	36
Rive C.	5/10/2007	15	Tom K.	5/27/1986	36
Stan V.	5/9/2007	15	Kim T.	5/12/1985	37
Dave K.	5/14/2006	16	Beverly M.	5/12/1984	38
Charlie P.	5/26/2005	17	Paul E.	5/4/1984	38
Kevin M.	5/4/2004	18	Barbara	5/8/1983	39
Steve H.	5/2/2004	18	Dawn E.	5/22/1983	39
Sylvia	5/7/2004	18	Herbert H.	5/12/1983	39
Cathy W.	5/9/2003	19	Lori H.	5/15/1983	39
Dave M.	5/15/2003	19	John C.	5/3/1982	40
Debbie T.	5/7/2003	19	Jose T.	5/3/1982	40
Patti B.	5/21/2001	21	Loretta R.	5/25/1978	44
Robert B.	5/27/2001	21	Don M.	5/2/1976	46
Tomas C.	5/29/2001	21	Ken L.	5/7/1976	46

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

Total Years = 2,403

## Managers Corner

*Contributions are down and inflation is rising. Our rent alone went up slightly more than 60% this month. Please consider joining the the Faithful Fiver club! Be safe & Be well, my friends.*

**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.

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!**

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit on the Web!

