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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 37

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### OPEN DOOR HISTORY

[Continuing with the history of the Open Door written by Steve L.] Early on the Door became known for having potlucks and barbecues, dances and picnics, particularly on the holidays.

There would be marathon meetings and lots of food on Christmas and Thanksgiving. Janie R. started "Christmas for the Kids," a special occasion for our children who suffered through our alcoholism right along with us. In fact, the Open Door is still the only meeting hall that allows kids in the meetings. Sure, sometimes they would get a bit wound up, but single parents need meetings, too. Other members would donate coloring books and Legos to keep them occupied while mom got a meeting in.

In the late 1990s, Doug H. formed the Nomad Group. A bunch of us would pile into his old brown '78 van conversion and once a month in winter go to various meetings and

conventions in Southern California. In the summer, twice a month we would go to the beach, then take in different meetings near the beach. Very often, after the last meeting of the night, we would descend on Denny's and hold the "meeting after the meeting." It was great fun - until the van died [to be continued].

### Step 11

***"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out."***

Prayer and meditation are the principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.'s are active folk, enjoying the satisfaction of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen,

from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don't believe in these things at all.

To certain newcomers and to those one-time agnostics who still cling to the A.A. group as their higher power claims for the power of prayer may, despite all the logic and experience in proof of it, still be in convincing or quite objectionable. Those of us who once felt this way can certainly understand and sympathize. We well remember how something deep inside us kept rebelling against the idea of bowing before any God. Many of us had strong logic, too, which proved there was no God whatever. What about the accidents, sickness, cruelty, and injustice in the world? What about all those unhappy lives which were the direct result of unfortunate birth and uncontrollable circumstances? Surely there could be no justice in this scheme of things, and therefore no God at all.

### *The 11th Tradition*

***“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”***

WITHOUT its legions of well-wishers, A.A. could never have grown as it has. Throughout

the world, immense and favorable publicity of every description has been the principal means of bringing alcoholics into our Fellowship. In A.A. offices, clubs, and homes, telephones ring constantly. One voice says, “I read a piece in the newspapers . . .”; another, “We heard a radio program . . .”; and still another, “We saw a moving picture . . .” or “We saw something about A.A. on television. . . .” It is no exaggeration to say that half of A.A.'s membership has been led to us through channels like these.

The inquiring voices are not all alcoholics or their families. Doctors read medical papers about Alcoholics Anonymous and call for more information. Clergymen see articles in their church journals and also make inquiries. Employers learn that great corporations have set their approval upon us, and wish to discover what can be done about alcoholism in their own firms. Therefore, a great responsibility fell upon us to develop the best possible public relations policy for Alcoholics Anonymous. Through many painful experiences, we think we have arrived at what that policy ought to be. It is the opposite in many ways of usual promotional practice. We found that we had to rely upon the principle of attraction rather than of promotion. political and

economic wars often spurred by religious and racial difference. We live in the imminent possibility of a fresh holocaust to determine how men shall be governed, and how the products of nature and toil shall be divided among them. That is the spiritual climate in which A.A. was born, and by God's grace has nevertheless flourished.”

### As Bill Sees It

*Page 93: Atmosphere of Grace*

Those of us who have come to make regular use of prayer would nomore do without it than we would air, food, or sunshine. And for the same reason. When we refuse air, light, or food, the body suffers. And when we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions, and our intuitions of vitally needed support.

As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of A.A. life confirm this ageless truth.

-TWELVE AND TWELVE, PP 97-98  
1946

### AS BILL SEES IT

*Page 66: For Emergencies Only?*

Whether we had been believers or unbelievers, we began to get

over the idea that the Higher Power was a sort of bush-league pinch hitter, to be called upon only in an emergency.

The notion that we would still live our own lives. God helping a little now and then, began to evaporate. Many of us who had thought ourselves religious awoke to the limitations of this attitude. Refusing to place God first, we had deprived ourselves of His help.

But now the words, "Of myself I am nothing, the Father doeth the works" began to carry bright promise and meaning.

-TWELVE AND TWELVE P. 75

## Eleventh Concept:

Concept XI (Short Form)

While the trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the

special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

This concept concerns Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (A.A.W.S.) operations. There are 21 Trustees that hold this 4 year term. In their position, each trustee organizes a service position within the A.A.W.S. operations. Positions like literature, Public Information, and Grapevine are just a few of the committees that the trustees hold.

Within these committees, the trustees gather the best possible committee members to organize and run the day-to-day operations. Each committee meets throughout the year and provides status reports at the annual General Service Conference. The items they discuss in each committee are sent to each committee through emails, phone calls, and through the General Service Conference. Each item is discussed and considered. This concept also flows down to each Area, District, and Meeting. Each these service areas do have business meetings that talk about the same type of items A.A.W.S. discusses. Each service position should be given a guideline in which to function. This helps each service position function and helps AA function as a whole  
-Keith H., A.A.

## *Word Game*

### Eleventh step

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

Nourishment	Meditation	Surprising
Attraction	Realities	Promotion
Conscious	Believe	Prayer
Immense	Scheme	Proof

# November 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Sep	Oct	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$33,831.81	\$2,643.93	\$36,475.74
Expenses	(\$52,405.69)	(\$9,460.36)	(\$61,866.05)
Cost of Goods	(\$18,016.98)	(\$3,752.44)	(\$21,769.42)
Contributions	\$33,114.24	\$4,343.85	\$37,458.09
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$3,476.62)</b>	<b>(\$6,225.02)</b>	<b>(\$9,701.64)</b>



## Contributions

Group	Jan - Sep	Oct	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$6,964.78	\$706.66	\$7,671.44
Anonymous	\$3,351.05	\$1,756.80	\$5,107.85
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,621.00	\$300.00	\$1,921.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$102.00		\$102.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Cal City	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
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	\$3,167.87		\$3,167.87
Faithful Fiver	\$180.00	\$5.00	\$185.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,158.70		\$2,158.70
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$1,518.00		\$1,518.00
Into Action	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$400.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$740.46	\$180.00	\$920.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$540.20	\$300.00	\$840.20
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,534.99		\$1,534.99
Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg	\$53.00	\$54.00	\$107.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$767.44	\$241.28	\$1,008.72
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,399.70	\$150.00	\$1,549.70
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$160.00		\$160.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$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		\$120.01
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$109.00		\$109.00
Unity Group	\$302.00		\$302.00
Westside Grp	\$473.32		\$473.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$347.00		\$347.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,183.77</b>	<b>\$250.11</b>	<b>\$2,433.88</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$29,569.29</b>	<b>\$4,343.85</b>	<b>\$33,913.14</b>

Eric C.	11/27/2021	1	Myrel	11/6/2004	17
Lisa J.	11/2/2020	2	Anna C.	11/10/2003	18
Melissa C.	11/13/2019	3	Elizabeth M.	11/14/2003	18
Belinda T.	11/27/2015	6	Jim B.	11/7/2003	18
Sarah F.	11/11/2014	7	John B.	11/25/2003	18
Barb F.	11/27/2014	7	Michelle T.	11/15/2003	18
John R.	11/1/2012	9	Perry L.	11/6/2003	18
Kevin M.	11/13/2012	9	Sharon B.	11/11/2003	18
Shea G.	11/8/2012	9	Willy S.	11/27/2003	18
Stephen B.	11/21/2012	9	Fidel V.	11/27/2002	19
Christine F.	11/1/2011	10	Joe B.	11/1/2002	19
Britta S.	11/29/2010	11	Julie B.	11/8/2002	19
Misty T.	11/20/2010	11	Ralph S.	11/12/2002	19
Chris W.	11/17/2009	12	Sharon B.	11/17/2002	19
Katherine R.	11/9/2009	12	Art D.	11/30/2001	20
Larry B.	11/7/2009	12	Dana F.	11/5/2001	20
Lisa B.	11/24/2009	12	Darren F.	11/4/2001	20
Louie U.	11/19/2009	12	Jeff G.	11/14/2001	20
Max R.	11/7/2009	12	Maggie V.	11/7/2001	20
Mike P.	11/18/2009	12	David	11/22/2000	21
Shane K.	11/2/2009	12	John	11/27/1999	22
Cholee M.	11/15/2008	13	Colleen S.	11/22/1998	23
Connie P.	11/27/2008	13	Connie S.	11/1/1996	25
Cowboy Dave	11/30/2008	13	Bob M.	11/12/1995	26
Frank P.	11/27/2008	13	Carmen S.	11/10/1995	26
John W.	11/7/2008	13	Corev W.	11/22/1995	26
Richard M.	11/22/2008	13	Mark H.	11/2/1995	26
Lauren S.	11/15/2007	14	Edwin M.	11/24/1994	27
Lyle B.	11/21/2007	14	Frank D.	11/8/1992	29
Paul H.	11/22/2007	14	D. J.	11/7/1990	31
Dan Y.	11/28/2006	15	Robert V.	11/1/1990	31
Joe A.	11/1/2006	15	Dan C.	11/7/1989	32
Julius G.	11/17/2006	15	Dave M.	11/28/1989	32
Ken M.	11/28/2006	15	Joe K.	11/30/1989	32
Laura M.	11/28/2006	15	John M.	11/16/1988	33
Melinda W.	11/19/2006	15	Dale W.	11/5/1987	34
Chris C.	11/4/2005	16	Robert Holt	11/8/1987	34
David W.	11/14/2005	16	Denise J.	11/25/1986	35
Deanna R.	11/7/2005	16	Donna A.	11/7/1985	36
Debbie W.	11/18/2005	16	Dolores S.	11/27/1984	37
Donna M.	11/28/2005	16	Ed B.	11/1/1983	38
Gavland D.	11/15/2005	16	Larry Mc.	11/25/1982	39
Hanny H.	11/28/2005	16	Mike H.	11/13/1982	39
Jackie B.	11/26/2005	16	Virginia G.	11/25/1982	39
James S.	11/10/2005	16	David F.	11/4/1981	40
Mark L.	11/27/2005	16	John S.	11/21/1981	40
Mark W.	11/3/2005	16	Don P.	11/11/1978	43
Tammy R.	11/24/2005	16	Brian	11/13/1977	44
Terry T.	11/1/2005	16	Marge M.	11/7/1977	44
Doug H.	11/8/2004	17	Arne P.	11/10/1976	45
Elov C.	11/17/2004	17	Al H.	11/6/1972	49
Jose A.	11/2/2004	17	John C.	11/17/1973	50
Kevin E.	11/13/2004	17	Don R.	11/15/1967	54
Kim S.	11/22/2004	17			

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

Total Years = 2,231

## Managers Corner

Do you have an AA birthday this month? Please let us know so you can be remembered here in the Scoop!

***This is Gratitude Month ~ if you are grateful to your sobriety and what AA has done for you, it is time to give back! Either participate at your group when they pass the second basket or come by Central Office and make your donation.***

## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Kayla T.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
- 3rd ~ Vacant & Alona T.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & David W.
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Chante D.

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

