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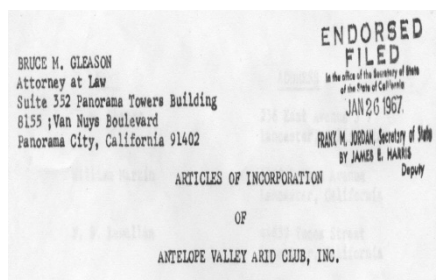
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The Scoop

AA in the AV

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The Antelope Valley Arid Club was undoubtedly the central hub for the AA program in the AV from its birth in 1967 to its final closing in 2011 - some 44 years. It served as *de facto* central office before there was a central office. They sold literature, took phone calls, sent people on 12-Step calls, circulated meeting schedules, and most important they provided a safe place for newcomers to hang and rub shoulders with old timers. There was a coffee bar, a pool table, overstuffed lounge chairs, tables and chairs for drinking coffee, playing cards or dominoes or cribbage, or what have you, AND there were meetings, meetings, meetings, morning, noon, and night.

Many a newcomer had their first taste of AA walking in that

door off Yucca Avenue. Our friend Jerry recalls his first visit to the Arid Club when just as he entered the room he was greeted by R.K. with "Well, are you done?" He wasn't sure at first, but it turns out yes he was done.

To be continued. (Thanks to Alano Club Manager Nonna W. for researching the date the Arid Club closed and the Alano Club opened.)

Step 10

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were promptly wrong admitted it."

As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day, in fair weather or foul. Then comes the acid test: Can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?

A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and

places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tried to correct what is wrong.

When a drunk has a terrific hangover because he drank heavily yesterday, he cannot live well today. But there is another kind of hangover which we all experience whether we are drinking or not. That is the emotional hangover, the direct result of yesterday's and sometimes today's excesses of negative emotion- anger, fear, jealousy, and the like. If we would live serenely today and tomorrow, we certainly need to eliminate these hangovers. This doesn't mean we need to wander morbidly around in the past. It requires an admission and correction of errors now. Our inventory enables us to settle with the past. When this is done, we're really able to leave it behind us. When our inventory is carefully taken, and we have made peace with ourselves, the conviction follows that tomorrow's challenges can be met as they come.

The 10th Tradition

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be

drawn into public controversy.”

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for, as one old-timer recently declared heard a heated, “Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly.

As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Others fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind some millennium of their own specification. In our own times, we have seen millions die in 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.”

In loving memory of Jerry G.



Sober since July 28, 1976

The Antelope Valley has lost another long-time member of our fellowship. Having given so much, he has left a lot behind. May he Rest In Peace.

In loving memory of Bob D.



Sober since March 9, 1978

Bob was the epitome of service and kindness. His absence will be missed by many! Rest In Peace 🙏 Bob.

As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

Page 106- “Perfect” Humility

For myself, I try to seek out the truest definition of humility that I can. This will not be the perfect definition, because I shall always be imperfect.

At this writing, AI would choose one like this: “Absolute humility would consist of a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness, in all times and places, to find and to do the will of God.”

When I meditate upon such a vision, I need not be dismayed because I shall never attain it, nor need AI swell with presumption that one of these days its virtues shall all be mine.

I only need to dwell on the vision itself, letting it grow and ever more fill my heart. This done, I can compare it with my last-taken personal inventory. Then I get a sane and healthy idea of where I stand on the highway to humility. I see that my journey toward god has scarce begun.

As thus get down to my right size and stature, my self-

concern and importance become amusing.

-GrapeVine, June 1961

First Concept: Tenth Concept:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a

corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be delegated at every level — and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood.

As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” reside with the A.A. groups, and they delegate this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, delegates to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.’s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations — A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. — but it delegates to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The directors are in authority over the executives of the corporations, but delegate to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities. And finally, the executives delegate to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the authority necessary to carry out their important service jobs.

Word Game

HUMILITY, INVENTORY, EMOTIONAL, HANGOVER, PRINCIPLE, DEBITS, CREDITS, AXIOM, PROGRESS, PERFECTION, SIDESTEP, QUIETING

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

Quotable Quotes

When is it suggested that we place AA first in our lives, it means that we should make the 12 steps primary in our living. It does not mean that we should make our twelfth step work primary.

Humility is the root of all other virtues and hence the very cornerstone of the program.

After a spirit of discernment, the next rarest things in the world are diamonds and pearls.

Empathy is your pain in my heart
Getting out of God’s way is a full time job.

October 2021 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug '21	Sep '21	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$19,103.69	\$3,688.23	\$22,791.92
Expenses	(\$12,632.74)	(\$2,971.66)	(\$15,604.40)
Cost of Goods	(\$13,807.93)	(\$1,127.81)	(\$14,935.74)
Contributions	\$28,507.48	\$2,218.01	\$30,725.49
Net Income	\$21,170.50	\$1,806.77	\$22,977.27



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Aug '21	Sep '21	2021 Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$6,340.12		\$6,340.12
Anonymous	\$3,779.21	\$318.06	\$4,097.27
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
AV Men's Stag	\$2,634.00		\$2,634.00
Birthday	\$177.00		\$177.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Faithful Fiver	\$175.00	\$10.00	\$185.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$2,664.00		\$2,664.00
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$40.00		\$40.00
Into Action	\$562.09	\$100.00	\$662.09
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$503.58		\$503.58
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,571.97	\$51.00	\$1,622.97
Pearlblossom Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$588.50	\$150.00	\$738.50
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00	\$236.00	\$236.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$1,013.00	\$130.61	\$1,143.61
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$80.00		\$80.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Sober Sisters	\$72.00		\$72.00
Digital Contributions	\$3,527.68	\$1,072.34	\$4,600.02
TOTALS	\$24,728.15	\$2,218.01	\$26,946.16

Denise M.	10/8/2015	6	Terry K.	10/28/2003	18
Shaylin M.	10/2/2014	7	Rick M.	10/1/2002	19
Adrienne R.	10/16/2012	9	Spike H.	10/18/2002	19
Aira	10/11/2012	9	Julie W.	10/29/2001	20
Scott E.	10/19/2012	9	Sean C.	10/22/2001	20
Colleen J.	10/29/2011	10	Debbie L.	10/10/2000	21
Gary G.	10/28/2011	10	Ken C.	10/22/2000	21
Mitchell C.	10/15/2011	10	Mary D.	10/17/2000	21
Christina C.	10/13/2010	11	Mimi G.	10/22/2000	21
David Y.	10/1/2010	11	Raymond H.	10/20/1997	24
John M.	10/15/2010	11	Carmen L.	10/15/1996	25
Michael H.	10/23/2010	11	Jim C.	10/17/1996	25
Omar	10/30/2010	11	Sue B.	10/16/1996	25
Robert R.	10/17/2010	11	Terry C.	10/4/1996	25
Craig M.	10/5/2009	12	Ginni F.D.	10/22/1995	26
Fran	10/21/2009	12	Andra M.	10/7/1994	27
Jennifer H.	10/28/2009	12	Tori B.	10/28/1994	27
Jenny R.	10/11/2009	12	Jon B.	10/12/1993	28
Marty C.	10/23/2009	12	Robin W.	10/22/1993	28
Michele L.	10/3/2009	12	Shannon D.	10/1/1993	28
Nancy B.	10/11/2009	12	Dave S.	10/1/1992	29
Samantha M.	10/1/2009	12	Gary W.	10/25/1991	30
James K.	10/19/2008	13	Judy Y.	10/17/1991	30
Jerry B.	10/14/2008	13	Linda P.	10/15/1991	30
Joe A.	10/7/2008	13	Bob H.	10/3/1990	31
Nancy A.	10/31/2008	13	Chuck Y.	10/10/1990	31
Ryan A.	10/3/2008	13	David L.	10/16/1990	31
Sean B.	10/7/2008	13	Ken C.	10/6/1990	31
Virginia I.	10/20/2008	13	Stan U.	10/3/1990	31
Will F.	10/11/2008	13	Craig C.	10/2/1988	33
Bryan L.	10/11/2007	14	Pat J.	10/23/1988	33
Felipe R.	10/6/2007	14	Kevin S.	10/19/1987	34
Gary S.	10/3/2007	14	Randy P.	10/31/1987	34
Jason F.	10/23/2007	14	Stacy W.	10/1/1987	34
Johnny B.	10/2/2007	14	Jim B.	10/23/1986	35
Michelle J.	10/26/2007	14	Roger W.	10/15/1986	35
Mike M.	10/15/2007	14	David P.	10/14/1985	36
Mike W.	10/14/2007	14	Eileen V.	10/29/1983	38
Soncherray	10/17/2007	14	Betty W.	10/6/1983	38
Steve F.	10/25/2007	14	Bob B.	10/25/1983	38
Barbara S.	10/13/2005	16	Brent H.	10/16/1983	38
Mike L.	10/25/2005	16	Garv W.	10/6/1983	38
Stacy S.	10/21/2005	16	Stephanie S.	10/12/1983	38
Cheryl B.	10/5/2004	17	Dan G.	10/10/1980	41
Morgan J.	10/24/2004	17	Tim D.	10/23/1980	41
Brian W.	10/21/2003	18	Danny M.	10/18/1978	43
Francis F.	10/18/2003	18	Willy B.	10/9/1978	43
John E.	10/2/2003	18	Debbie R.	10/4/1976	45
Johnny F.	10/30/2003	18	Peggy D.	10/3/1975	46
Kathy B.	10/5/2003	18	Bill P.	10/6/1974	47
Michele S.	10/10/2003	18	Ed Reel	10/25/1974	47
Stuart N.	10/31/2003	18			

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... That's how they appear here!**

Total Years = 2,281

Managers Corner

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Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Maureen O.
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Yanina
- 3rd ~ Vacant & Reggie J.
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Chante D.

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