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# The Scoop

## AA in the AV 36

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### OPEN DOOR HISTORY

Quick recap: The Back Door moved from Yucca Avenue to 501 H-8 in 1989 or 1990 and changed its name to the Open Door. In 1992, thirty years ago as I'm writing this, it moved three doors down to its current location at 509 W Ave. H-8.

According to the narrative on file here in the archives: "Doug H. immediately went to work building the coffee bar, installing the kitchen cabinets, and making the podium. He also built the stage for the Rule 62 Talent Show we held here for the first five years of its eleven-year run. He is also responsible for the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions plaques and many of the personal sobriety plaques on the wall.

Many people recall walking into the Open Door for the first time to find all the tables grouped together in the center of the room, like a big conference table

with extra seating along the wall, amish-mash of whatever folding chairs we could scrounge. Someone actually grabbed some of the old folding theater seats from the old Lancaster Boulevard movie theater when it was torn down to make way for the LPAC.

Many members over the years have contributed to make the Open Door what it is today – a fellowship of common drunks who have somehow become a family.

## Step 10

***"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly 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 terrible 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, 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 the admission and correction of errors *now*. Our inventory enables us to settle with the past. When this is done, we are 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.

Although all inventories are alike in principle, the time factor does distinguish one from another. There's the spot check inventory, taken at any time of the day, whenever we find ourselves getting tangled up. There's the one we take at day's end, when we review the happenings of the ourselves with things well done, and chalking up debits in the company of our sponsor or spiritual advisor, we make A.A.'s go in for annual or semiannual housecleanings. Many of us also like the experience of an occasional retreat from the outside world where we can quiet down for an undisturbed day or so of self-overhaul and meditation.

Aren't these practices joy-killers as well as time-consumers? Must A.A.'s spend most of their waking hours drearily rehashing their sins of omission or commission? Well, hardly. The emphasis on inventory is heavy only because a great many of us have never really acquired the habit of accurate self-appraisal. Once this healthy practice has become grooved, it will be so interesting and profitable that the time it takes won't be missed. For those minutes and sometimes hours spent in self-examination are bound to make all the other hours of our day better and happier. And at length our inventories become a regular part of

everyday living, rather than something unusual or set apart.

Before we ask what a spot-check inventory is, let's look at the kind of setting in which such an inventory can do its work.

It's a spiritual axiom that every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong *with us*. If somebody hurts us and we are sore, we are in the wrong also. But are there no exceptions to this rule? What about "justifiable" anger? If somebody cheats us, aren't we entitled to be mad? Can't we be properly angry with self-righteous folk? For us of A.A. these are dangerous exceptions. We have found that justified anger ought to be left to those better qualified to handle it.

## 10<sup>th</sup> 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 oldtimer recently declared, "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 have known from the very beginning that we must never, 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. Other 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.

Let us reemphasize that this reluctance to fight one virtue which makes us feel superior to other people. Nor does it mean that the member of Alcoholics Anonymous, nor restored as citizens of the world, are going back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see

the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to A.A. as a whole, that's quite a different matter. In this respect, we do not enter in to public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does. We conceive the survival and spread of Alcoholics Anonymous to be something far greater importance than the weight we could collectively throw back of any cause. Since recovery from alcoholism is life itself to us, it is imperative that we preserve in full strength our means of survival.

Maybe this sounds as though the alcoholics in A.A. had suddenly gone peaceable, and become one great big happy family. Of course, this isn't so at all. Human beings that we are, we squabble. Before we leveled off a bit, A.A. looked more like one prodigious squabble than anything else, at least on the surface. A corporation director who had just voted a company expenditure of a hundred thousand dollars would appear at an A.A. business meeting and blow his top over an outlay of twenty-five dollars' worth of needed postage stamps. Disliking the attempt of some to manage a group, half its membership might angrily rush off to form another group, half its membership might angrily rush off to form another group more to their liking. Elders, temporarily turned

Pharisee, have sulked. Bitter attacks have been directed against people suspected of mixed motives. Despite their din, our puny rows never did A.A., a particle of harm. They were just part and parcel of learning to work and live together. Let it be noted, too, that they were almost always concerned with ways to make A.A. more effective, how to do the most good for the most alcoholics.

### As Bill Sees It

Page 28: Troublemakers Can Be Teachers

Few of us are any afraid of what any newcomer can do to our A.A. reputation or effectiveness. Those who slip, those who panhandle, those who scandalize, those with mental twists, those who rebel at the program, those who trade on the A.A. reputation—all such persons seldom harm an A.A. group for long.

Some of these have become our most respected and best loved. Some have remained to try our patience, sober nevertheless. Others have drifted away. We have begun to regard the troublesome ones not as menaces, but rather as our teachers. They oblige us to cultivate patience, tolerance, and humility. We finally see that they are only sicker than the rest of us, that we who condemn them are the Pharisees whose false

righteousness does our group the deeper spiritual damage.  
-GRAPEVINE, AUGUST 1946

### AS BILL SEES IT

Page 207: While praying sincerely, we still may fall into God's will is for other people. We say to ourselves, "This one ought to be relieved of his emotional pain," and we pray for these specific things.

Such prayers, of course, are fundamentally good acts, but often they are based upon a supposition that we know God's will for the person for whom we pray. This means that side by

side with an earnest prayer there can be a certain amount of presumption and conceit in us.

It is A.A.'s experience that particularly in these cases we ought to pray that God's will, whatever it is, be done for others as well as for ourselves.  
-TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 104

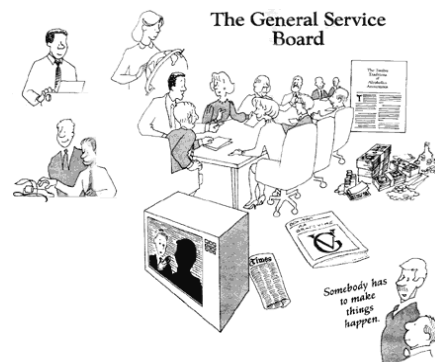
## Quotable Quotes

I don't consume the drink, the drink consumes me.

I have trouble remembering little things...like 2004!

Take the leap of faith (Make a decision) and grow the wings on the way down.

I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future.



### Tenth Concept:

*Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority with the scope of such authority well defined.*

We are a part of District 7, Area 93 General Service board. The General Service Representative is the group's link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.'s collective conscience. Sometimes called "the guardians of the Traditions," G.S.R.'s become familiar with the A.A.'s Third Legacy - our spiritual responsibility to give service freely. They are usually elected to serve two year terms. District business meeting is held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Quartz Hill Grange.

### *Word Game*

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

Collectively  
Conviction  
Publicly  
Conceive

Inventory  
Hangover  
Hours  
Tangled

Challenge  
Morbidly  
Acquired  
Virtue

# October 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Aug	Sep	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$28,638.13	\$5,193.68	\$33,831.81
Expenses	(\$48,506.15)	(\$3,899.54)	(\$52,405.69)
Cost of Goods	(\$17,803.93)	(\$213.05)	(\$18,016.98)
Contributions	\$29,569.29	\$3,544.95	\$33,114.24
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$8,102.66)</b>	<b>\$4,626.04</b>	<b>(\$3,476.62)</b>



<b>Contributions</b>			
Group	Jan - Aug	Sep	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$90.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$6,964.78	\$848.92	\$7,813.70
Anonymous	\$3,351.05	\$1,814.40	\$5,165.45
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$125.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,621.00		\$1,621.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$102.00		\$102.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
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		\$250.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$740.46		\$740.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$540.20		\$540.20
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,534.99		\$1,534.99
Saturday Palmdale Spkr Mtg	\$53.00	\$178.00	\$231.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$767.44		\$767.44
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,399.70	\$180.00	\$1,579.70
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		\$300.00
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	\$76.00	\$196.01
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	\$78.00	\$425.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Digital Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,183.77</b>	<b>\$259.63</b>	<b>\$2,443.40</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$29,569.29</b>	<b>\$3,544.95</b>	<b>\$33,114.24</b>

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	Garv 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
Johnnv 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
Johnnv 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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Total Years = 2,281

## Managers Corner

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## Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

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

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