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The Scoop

AA in the AV29

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The A.V. Group, a Mainstay of
Antelope Valley Sobriety
(continued from the February
Scoop)

TUESDAY (cont) 9.	
6:30 p.	Came to Believe Unity Church No Smoke 39149 8th St. E, Palm.
7:00 p.	We Care Group 416 No. Dennison Rd. Tehachapi
7:00 p.	A.V. Group (Step Study) 44835 Yucca (Arid Club) Lanc
7:30 p.	Edwards Arb, Soc. Act. Bldg (C) 6445 (Call 275-5121 or No Smoke 277-2147 for meet location
7:30 p.	Central Office Step Study (C) 44751 Beech, Ste 2, Lanc (Women's Stag)
8:00 p.	Palmdale Group (Part) 406 1/2 E. Palm. Blvd, Palm

1989 Directory of Meetings with the
AV Group listed

The A.V. Group, which consisted
of all the groups that met in the
Arid Club except the Saturday
night speaker meeting, was
considered one large group with
many separate meetings,
noontimes, evenings, and Sunday
mornings. A.V. Group members
went on H & I panels and paid
regular visits to a nearby
homeless shelter on Yucca
Avenue, and they sponsored

alcathons at Thanksgiving and
Christmas. The A.V. Group
maintained itself as an important
Antelope Valley hub of sobriety
for some 44 years, from 1967 to
2011, when the Arid Club closed.
Countless Antelope Valley AAs
remember the meetings there and
thank their Higher Power for the
A.V. Group's consistent and
powerful and long-term presence
in the Antelope Valley.

Election of Officers of the Intergroup Steering Committee

Nominations of all
qualified AA members for board
positions shall be held at the
regular Intergroup Meeting in the
months of January and February.

The Intergroup Steering
Committee is held on the 1st
**Thursday of each month at the
Antelope Valley Central Office.**

Any AA member who is
qualified for the open position
and is willing to make the
necessary commitment may be
nominated. Qualifications for the
open positions are available at
the Central Office. There must
be at least two nominations for
each position.

**The annual election will
be held during the first week of**

March. Ballots may be cast during regular business hours at the A.V. Central Office for one week prior to the Annual Election Meeting held on the first Thursday of March. All A.V. AA members may vote.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Step 3

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: “This is the way to a faith that works.” In the first two Steps we were engaged in reflection. We say that we were powerless over alcohol, but we also perceived that faith of some kind, if only in A. A. itself, is possible to anyone. These conclusions did not require action; they required only acceptance.

Like all the remaining Steps, Step Three calls for affirmative action, for it is only

by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God – or, if you like, a Higher Power – into our lives. Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith, yet keep God out of our lives. Therefore our problem now becomes just how and by what specific means shall we be able to let Him in? Step Three represents our first attempt to do this. In fact, the effectiveness of our whole A.A. program will rest upon how well and earnestly we have tried to come to “a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*”

To every worldly and practical-minded beginner, this Step looks hard, even impossible. No matter how much one wishes to try, exactly how *can* he turn his own will and his own life over to the care of whatever God he thinks there is? Fortunately, we who have tried it, and with equal misgivings, can testify that anyone, anyone at all, can begin to do it. We can further add that a beginning, even the smallest, is all that is needed. Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock and have the door ever so slightly open, we find that we can always open it some more. Though self-will may slam it shut again, as it frequently does, it will always respond the moment

we again pick up the key of willingness.



The 3rd Tradition

“The only requirement for A. A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Early intolerance based on fear. To take away any alcoholic’s chance at A.A., was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence. Membership regulations abandoned. Two examples of experience. Any alcoholic is a member of A.A. when *he* says so.

This tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, “you are an A.A. member if *you* say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you’ve gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications – even your crimes – we still can’t deny you A.A. We don’t *want* to keep you out. We aren’t a bit afraid you’ll harm us, never mind how twisted or

violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So you're an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself."

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early time, nothing seemed so fragile, so easily breakable as an A.A. group. Hardly an alcoholic we approached paid any attention; most of those who did join us were like flickering candles in a windstorm. Time after time, their uncertain flames blew out and couldn't be

relighted. Our unspoken, constant thought was "which of us may be the next?"

As Bill Sees It (Letters from Bill W.)

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When fear persisted, we knew it for what it was, and we became able to handle it. We began to see each adversity as a God-given opportunity to develop the kind of courage which is born of Early intolerance based on fear. To take away any alcoholic's chance humility, rather than of bravado.

Prudence is a workable middle ground, a channel of clear sailing between the obstacles of fear on the one side and of recklessness on the other. Prudence in practice creates a definite climate, the only climate in which harmony, effectiveness, and consistent spiritual progress can be achieved.

Prudence is a rational concern without worry."

Third Concept:

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

General Service meeting will be held at the Grange on the second Mondays of the month at 6pm. There are still positions open for commitments. Upcoming:
March 14th GSR meeting
March 20th Pre-Conference
Bakersfield
May 14th Sponsorship Workshop

Word Game

Third step

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

Mysterious	Juggernaut	Protection	Philosophy
Remorse	Assurance	Guidance	Works
Decision	Faith	Guilt	Care

March 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan	Feb	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$2,645.61	\$3,232.63	\$5,878.24
Expenses	(\$7,015.40)	(\$6,985.14)	(\$14,000.54)
Cost of Goods	(\$2,738.74)	(\$1,125.12)	(\$3,863.86)
Contributions	\$1,535.24	\$4,015.31	\$5,550.55
Net Income	(\$5,573.29)	(\$862.32)	(\$6,435.61)



Contributions			
Group	Jan	Feb	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$0.00		\$0.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$344.51	\$172.56	\$517.07
Anonymous	\$343.88	\$642.63	\$986.51
Any Lengths Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$0.00		\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$2,204.14	\$2,204.14
Faithful Fiver	\$5.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
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	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$0.00		\$0.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$240.00
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		\$0.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00		\$0.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Westside Grp	\$0.00	\$73.32	\$73.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$500.85	\$232.66	\$733.51
TOTALS	\$1,535.24	\$4,015.31	\$5,550.55

Tim Y.	3/2/2016	6	Jim G.	3/17/2004	18
Cynthia J.	3/6/2016	6	JoDee L.	3/14/2004	18
Teresa K.	3/10/2015	7	Nancy H.	3/12/2004	18
Leslie G.	3/26/2014	8	William	3/23/2003	19
Amv D.	3/7/2014	8	Marcus H.	3/22/2002	20
C. Bobo	3/11/2013	9	Oscar G.	3/20/2001	21
Mike S.	3/22/2013	9	Sandy M.	3/22/2001	21
Anthony	3/15/2012	10	Troy D.	3/27/1998	24
Colleen E.	3/28/2012	10	Chris G.	3/21/1997	25
Kat H.	3/30/2012	10	Janice M.	3/14/1997	25
Nicholas S.	3/15/2012	10	Patti	3/27/1997	25
Ron L.	3/12/2012	10	Paul O.	3/4/1997	25
Thomas D.	3/28/2012	10	Diane M.	3/29/1996	26
Jessie M.	3/2/2011	11	Janine B.	3/29/1996	26
Ellie	3/6/2011	11	Juliet K.	3/7/1996	26
Marv A.	3/6/2011	11	David W.	3/29/1995	27
Deborah C.	3/15/2011	11	Sarah G.	3/18/1994	28
Karen D.	3/18/2011	11	Ivryna K.	3/9/1993	29
Maile S.	3/19/2011	11	Yvette L.	3/1/1993	29
Ann W.	3/17/2010	12	Kathryn O.	3/1/1992	30
Chris	3/3/2010	12	Jerry G.	3/20/1991	31
Chrissy	3/3/2010	12	Louis G.	3/3/1991	31
Ira	3/1/2010	12	Deb W.	3/2/1990	32
Maureen B.	3/21/2010	12	Jim P.	3/4/1990	32
Paul H.	3/13/2010	12	Gavle C.	3/26/1989	33
Allen A.	3/28/2009	13	Keith C.	3/17/1989	33
Brent S.	3/26/2009	13	Owen L.	3/10/1989	33
Carri I.	3/9/2009	13	Robert W.	3/17/1989	33
Cielita O.	3/16/2009	13	Don H.	3/15/1985	37
Brent S.	3/26/2009	13	Mario S.	3/17/1985	37
Joe S.	3/29/2009	13	Robert K.	3/10/1985	37
Keith M.	3/13/2009	13	Trisha	3/28/1984	38
Brandon D.	3/28/2008	14	Jim S.	3/27/1983	39
Clinton	3/23/2008	14	Pat C.	3/20/1983	39
Josh C.	3/16/2008	14	Robin W.	3/9/1983	39
Kamryn	3/9/2008	14	Terry H.	3/6/1983	39
Rosemary N.	3/6/2008	14	Jose	3/5/1982	40
Brandy Q.	3/12/2007	15	Mary B.	3/21/1982	40
Christi N.	3/15/2007	15	Uncle Andy	3/1/1982	40
Johnny P.	3/26/2007	15	John G.	3/19/1981	41
Latasha W.	3/6/2007	15	Richard Ross	3/28/1981	41
Lavern C.	3/8/2007	15	Roy Y.	3/3/1980	42
Louis D.	3/28/2007	15	Bob D.	3/9/1978	44
Paul D.	3/18/2007	15	Jackie O.	3/1/1978	44
Samantha W.	3/20/2007	15	Mike A.	3/5/1978	44
Joseph R.	3/14/2006	16	Judy H.	3/22/1977	45
Jovan S.	3/18/2006	16	Valerie R.	3/13/1977	45
Karen B.	3/15/2006	16	Sheryl N.	3/10/1976	46
Anna G.	3/16/2005	17	Helen C.	3/5/1975	47
Chris B.	3/1/2005	17	Larry M.	3/3/1971	51
Hal F.	3/3/2005	17			
Kirk F.	3/26/2005	17			
Mike C.	3/18/2005	17			
Gina G.	3/22/2004	18			

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

Total Years = 2,336

Managers Corner

Intergroup Elections Happening Now ~ Come in and vote!

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 us on the Web!

