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The Scoop

AA in the AV 47

AA in the AV 45
By Bruce L.
District 7 Archivist

Hello dear readers;
AV Men's Stag history
(continued);

Here is a picture of the original meeting place of the AV Men's Stag. Not sure when this picture was taken, but the room you see with the wagon wheels leaning against it is no longer there. That was the room where the meetings were on Sierra Highway in Lancaster.

Getting this picture was a minor miracle in its own right. In January, 2019, I contacted John C. of Quartz Hill, the only AA member I currently know who attended meetings there. He and I went for a drive up and down Sierra Highway looking for the old red barn-looking building where Ernie McBride's used car lot used to be. In the seventies one could find it at the "first windmill south of Lancaster Boulevard," but since Lancaster no longer has windmills, and there was no red barn to be found, John was able to find it by

the size and shape and location of the main building.

We went into the office and told the current owner what we were looking for and he opened his desk drawer and pulled out this picture. That's it! said John. So I took a picture of the picture, probably the closest we'll ever get to having a photographic record of the original location of the Antelope Valley Men's Stag.



See you next month,
Bruce L.

Calendar of Events

Roundup Meeting- First Sunday each month @ 5pm, Open Door
H&I Meeting- 2nd Sunday each month @10am, Friends of Bill
District 7 Meeting- 2nd Monday each month @ 630, Grange Hall

This year I collected 11 cakes this year for my 3 year birthday. It was amazing every morning I wake up with the rising sun and cup of coffee. I write my journal and read the Big Book. I also sometimes read the Bible and do my prayer meditation. This is my daily routine to keep sanity. I always try to think about the next alcoholic. That I am going to help it takes my mind off myself. When I prepare myself to speak on a panel or share my experience, strength and hope. I like to tell myself to speak from the heart,God's. One of the activities I enjoy is giving back to a center I used to go to. I once was a mom with children who went through counseling and today I talk in small groups, intimate settings, that it is possible to make it through.

- Kenya W. A.A. 2020

Drinking is something we get better at the more we do it.

I earned my seat but how many people helped pay my dues. The best way to multiply happiness is to divide it.

Don't look down on another person unless you are bending over to help them.

Step 9

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence—these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.

After we have made the list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases when action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Most of us begin making certain kinds of direct amends from the day we join Alcoholics Anonymous. The moment we tell our families that we are really going to try the program, the process has begun. In this area there are seldom any questions of timing or caution. We want to come in the door shouting the good news. After coming from our first meeting, or perhaps after we have finished reading the book “Alcoholics Anonymous,”

we usually want to sit down with some members of the family and readily admit the damage we have done by our drinking. Almost always we want to go further and admit other defects that have made us hard to live with. This will be a very different occasion, and in sharp contrast with those hangover mornings when we alternated between reviling ourselves and blaming the family (and everyone else) for our troubles. At this first sitting, it is necessary only that we make a general admission of our defects. It may be unwise at this stage to rehash certain harrowing episodes. Good judgment will suggest that we ought to take our time. While we may be quite willing to reveal the very worst, we must be sure to remember that we cannot buy our own peace of mind at the expense of others.

The 9th Tradition

“A.A., as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

When Tradition Nine was first written, it said that “Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization.” In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous – A.A. as a whole –

– should never be organized at all. Then, in seeming contradiction, we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized. How, then, can we have an unorganized movement which can and does create a service organization for itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, “What do they mean, no organization?”

Well, let’s see. Did anyone ever hear of a nation, a church a political party, even a

benevolent association that had no membership rules? Did anyone ever hear of a society which couldn’t somehow discipline its members and enforce obedience to necessary rules and regulations? Doesn’t nearly every society on earth give authority to some of its members to impose obedience upon the rest and to punish or expel offenders? Therefore, every nation, in fact every form of society, has to be a government administered by human beings. Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization

everywhere.

Nineth Concept:

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once excercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure... Weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures.”

Due to A.A. principles of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure—and the source of our leadership—is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R’s are A.A. group conscience—and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates *and* the area candidates for trustee. Groups who don’t have GSR’s should be encouraged to do so.

Word Game

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

Misunderstood	Attainment	Highlights
Intensely	Depreciate	Precious
Nodding	Destiny	Becoming
Security	Degree	Shaped

September 2023 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jul	Aug	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$27,025.54	\$4,157.37	\$31,182.91
Expenses	(\$34,528.83)	(\$6,043.38)	(\$40,572.21)
Cost of Goods	(\$28,582.37)	(\$4,450.84)	(\$33,033.21)
Contributions	\$23,478.06	\$3,735.93	\$27,213.99

Net Income (\$12,607.60) (\$2,600.92) (\$15,208.52)



Contributions

Group	Jan - Jul	Aug	YTD Total
A Gathering of Women	\$697.39	\$30.00	\$727.39
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$4,799.10	\$963.41	\$5,762.51
Anonymous	\$2,540.44	\$378.78	\$2,919.22
Any Lengths Group	\$80.00		\$80.00
AV Hospital	\$350.00		\$350.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,588.00	\$164.00	\$1,752.00
AV Roundup	\$2.00		\$2.00
AVYPAA	\$14.59		\$14.59
Birthday	\$151.00	\$53.00	\$204.00
Cal City Clubhouse	\$250.00		\$250.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$1,067.00		\$1,067.00
Daily Reflections	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
District 7	\$441.23		\$441.23
Faithful Fiver	\$465.00	\$30.00	\$495.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,921.25	\$1,128.00	\$3,049.25
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$920.00		\$920.00
Into Action	\$686.50	\$150.00	\$836.50
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$371.74	\$145.00	\$516.74
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$600.00		\$600.00
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$1,742.00		\$1,742.00
Palmdale Mon Noon 12 & 12	\$45.00	\$100.00	\$145.00
Pearblossom Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
PM Mod	\$296.00		\$296.00
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,016.02	\$229.48	\$1,245.50
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$153.00		\$153.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$50.00		\$50.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sun Night BBS	\$207.00		\$207.00
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Thurs Night Step Study	\$100.00		\$100.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unity Group	\$0.00		\$0.00
Wed Night BBS	\$86.36	\$110.00	\$196.36
Westside Grp	\$104.00	\$100.00	\$204.00
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$145.00		\$145.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00

Digital Contributions \$2,438.44 \$154.26 \$2,592.70

TOTALS \$21,039.62 \$3,735.93 \$24,621.29

Jacob L.	9/27/2021	2	Barbara S.	9/16/2000	23
Jason D.	9/26/2019	4	John P.	9/20/2000	23
Vanessa D.	9/26/2019	4	Dotti M.	9/28/1999	24
Frankie F.	9/16/2015	8	Robert M.	9/6/1999	24
Michael H.	9/29/2015	8	Tom D.	9/11/1999	24
Jamie K.	9/21/2013	10	Jeff N.	9/2/1997	26
Amanda	9/10/2012	11	Lil John	9/1/1997	26
Kara R.	9/21/2012	11	Stephen C.	9/21/1997	26
Kathy O.	9/15/2012	11	David M.	9/27/1996	27
Monica T.	9/28/2012	11	Donna S.	9/5/1996	27
Yvonne	9/24/2012	11	Greg Call	9/27/1995	28
Alex W.	9/16/2011	12	Mark M.	9/10/1995	28
Angela J.	9/15/2011	12	Dan S.	9/26/1994	29
Carrie C.	9/23/2011	12	Greg B.	9/1/1994	29
Ed V.	9/24/2011	12	Steve B.	9/16/1994	29
Kristal H.	9/5/2011	12	Billy B.	9/15/1992	31
Marcy B.	9/3/2011	12	Don O.	9/17/1992	31
Marsi B.	9/3/2011	12	Teri P.	9/1/1992	31
Paul B.	9/15/2011	12	David L.	9/18/1991	32
Larry W.	9/17/2011	12	Margaret D.	9/4/1991	32
Shelley Y.	9/20/2011	12	Steven M.	9/1/1991	32
Tina V.	9/24/2011	12	Chuck	9/30/1990	33
Ashley S.	9/22/2010	13	Cindy G.	9/30/1990	33
Brian S.	9/10/2010	13	Jov L.	9/5/1990	33
Herb	9/27/2010	13	Becky M.	9/10/1989	34
J.P.	9/23/2010	13	Fred H.	9/6/1989	34
Rick S.	9/14/2010	13	John S.	9/15/1989	34
Tanya W.	9/10/2010	13	Myrna D.	9/9/1989	34
Billy M.	9/10/2009	14	Glen M.	9/20/1988	35
Clayton R.	9/23/2009	14	Mike S.	9/18/1988	35
Randy P.	9/2/2009	14	Ralph C.	9/18/1988	35
Adrian K.	9/28/2008	15	Ron P.	9/7/1988	35
Christine K.	9/10/2008	15	Stuart S.	9/19/1988	35
Monty T.	9/30/2008	15	Darlene L.	9/27/1987	36
Tim B.	9/24/2008	15	Rex V.	9/24/1987	36
Mary M.	9/3/2007	16	David P.	9/21/1986	37
Patricia M.	9/11/2007	16	John R.	9/7/1986	37
Alexander W.	9/1/2006	17	David S.	9/18/1985	38
Nick W.	9/12/2006	17	Nathan B.	9/29/1985	38
Doug M.	9/27/2005	18	Barbara C.	9/9/1984	39
Paul M.	9/27/2005	18	Connie G.	9/6/1982	41
Yolanda B.	9/14/2005	18	Helen B.	9/10/1981	42
Rocky C.	9/19/2004	19	Bev S.	9/7/1980	43
Clyde L.	9/21/2003	20	Chuck C.	9/20/1980	43
Jacqueline R.	9/13/2003	20	Sally K.	9/1/1980	43
Latanva J.	9/10/2003	20	Billy F.	9/1/1979	44
Michael P.	9/22/2003	20	Vicki F.	9/20/1978	45
Margie K.	9/13/2002	21	Tony J.	9/30/1977	46
			Mickie F.	9/13/1976	47
			Sandy M.	9/30/1974	49
			Carole C.	9/5/1970	53

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

Total Years = 2,392

Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! If you don't see your birthday on our monthly list please have your group pass a roster around and forward it to the office so we can get it straightened out. Our information is only as good as what is provided! *Haven't joined the Faithful Fivers? Why not? This is a mere cup of coffee per month and the result is we support the office that saves lives and brings people to our meetings. Don't delay, sign up today - our Central Office is far too important!!*

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

- 1st ~ Larry W. & Vacant
- 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Laura Linn
- 3rd ~ Joni R & Vacant
- 4th ~ Katie H. & Vacant
- 5th ~ Stephanie S. & Vacant

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

