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A Hand of Friendship

I am sitting here tonight feeling really grateful for the new life I have because of the Fellowship of A.A. How nice it is to sit in my own house and really be glad to relax in my own company.

I remember how different it was four years ago when I locked myself in the house with my carry out and didn't answer my phone or my door. My family were at their wits end because they didn't know if I was alive or dead and at that time I really didn't care.



I don't ever want to forget the people in A.A. who tolerated, cared and loved me back to where I am today. I help out in the Fellowship where I can and that is good for me because I get the rewards back 100 times over. That's why I said at the beginning that I am contented with what I have in my life today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people in the Fellowship who were there for me and taught me about the blue card: *"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."* And I haven't forgotten that.

*Kay, Saturday Night Hamilton Group
From Roundabout, the official journal of A.A. in Scotland.*

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STEP 12

Carrying Our Message

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs." Page 60, Alcoholics Anonymous.

When I finally arrived in Alcoholics Anonymous® for what I pray is the last time, I shared that my first "spiritual awakening" allowed me to become an agnostic.

That seemed like a light-years removal from my previously held atheism although I wasn't so sure that it was a "spiritual awakening." It might have been simply a series of coincidences.

When I agreed, to humor a member of what was to become my home group, to utter a simple prayer morning and night, I did not anticipate the results. For the first time in more than three decades I actually put together seven days without alcohol. I was amazed. Then the deputy D.A. decided not to seek a prison term for my fourth DUI. (I did get three years of summary probation.) And that left me dumbfounded. But it also gave me a message to carry.

That's what I've been doing for more than a quarter of a century now. I prayed when deep inside I knew it was fruitless. And I got unexpected results. I acted when everything I had previously believed told me I was on the wrong track. And I got even better results. At some point, I was forced to abandon the coincidence theory and chalk the results up to some power that was greater than I was.

And that's my message. Pray when you don't mean it. Meditate when you're sure no one is on the other end. And act as if you're confident in the ultimate results.

If you try these steps and seek to employ them in your daily life, you're in for a great ride. And, like me, you'll wonder why you ever doubted them.

George L., Westminster

Lifeline 

Got a Problem? Send a Letter to "Dear Alkie Alma"



The Lifeline continues a new column this month. Alma will answer your questions about getting sober, staying sober and carrying the message of recovery. If you think Alma can help, please send your letters to "Dear Alkie Alma" c/o OCCO, 1526 E. Warner Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705, or email them to lifelineeditor@yahoo.com.

Dear Alma,

I've gone to a few meetings, mostly speaker meetings, and I'm not really sure that I am an alcoholic. Does A.A. have a special section for people who just want to cut down on their drinking?

Jocko S., Garden Grove

Dear Jocko,

First of all you may need a working definition of the disease of alcoholism. When I first started to go to meetings, I kept listening for a definition that an especially unique person like myself could understand and accept. In the end, I accepted what it says on Page 30 of our "Big Book:" "We alcoholics are men and women who have lost the ability to control our drinking. We know that no real alcoholic ever recovers control." You may be a happy social drinker with a long string of bad luck (that's what they told me when I said I wasn't sure.) So, the Book suggests we try an experiment with "controlled drinking." If it doesn't work, then we might have caught the disease by going to those meetings. In the end, then, abstinence is the only solution, since once we start we can't seem to stop (no control.) Besides, who wants to just sip on one drink all night? After all, what's the point of drinking if you can't get drunk. If you can begin to relate to this thinking, then keep going to meetings. Add some discussion meetings, and you may find that you will be able to effect a self diagnosis you can live with.



***To Carry the Message of
Alcoholics Anonymous
to the Alcoholic who is
confined in a Hospital or
Institution***

Orange County H & I
On the 2nd Sunday of the month
Garden Grove Alano Club, 714-534-2244
9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove, CA
For additional info call 714-979-8524
Or Central Office: 714-556-4555

South Orange County H & I
3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm
Laguna Canyon Club, 949-497-1823
20456 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach

Last month, we featured one version of how the famous picture came to be. Here is another...

The Praying Hands (An Alternate Version)

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood.

Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Dürer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy. After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines.

They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Dürer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg. Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Dürer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you." All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no."

Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look ... look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Dürer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, watercolors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in

every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Dürer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Dürer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of The Praying Hands, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one - no one - ever makes it alone!

~Source Unknown~

Even though the story is fiction, I hope the intent of the story is appreciated, whether true or not.

(Our thanks to "Barefoot Bob's" website.)



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A Christmas Story

This past December, I celebrated my 25th Christmas season as a recovering alcoholic. There is a story shared with my home group each Christmas. It may be just my opinion but it seems to me that from Thanksgiving through January 1st, people wear their hearts on their sleeves. People, in general, are more sensitive and it just may be that Alcoholics are more so.

My first two A.A. Christmases were a bit rough. At eight months sober, my first Christmas I was “just” sober. I was going to a meeting every day and I was not drinking between meetings. I was still angry and feeling sorry for myself. Our marriage was still a disaster. I was not drinking, but I did not find sobriety until later. I was a “dry” member of A.A.. I believe there is a difference between being sober and having sobriety. Sobriety, for me, is the ability to live comfortably and peacefully with me, most of the time. What I did not realize at the time, was that while I was sober, I did not know how to change. I had not let go of old ideas.

I remember sitting on the couch, on Christmas Eve, in front to the tree, and my wife and I both in tears. Just total depression for us both. My wife turned to me and said, “Let’s face it, this marriage is over with.” That’s exactly what we both thought at that moment in our lives. Just one more failure in my life.



Well, I kept going to meetings and I did not drink between meetings and at nine months I found sobriety and I had, what I call, a spiritual experience. Maybe it was just a change in attitude. I like the first description best. I was driving home from a beginners meeting when a thought flashed through my head that I could not fix my marriage! It was either going to work or it wasn’t going to work; it was God’s business, not mine. All I could do is contribute to that marriage and let God handle the rest. First, I lost all fear of when she was going to divorce me. Second, I did not know I was working the third step by turning my marriage over to the care of God.

Two months later, the marriage changed. I mean it just blossomed. The last 24 years we have been a couple of God’s kids having fun most of the time. I get tears in my eyes by telling you that after 44 years of marriage, we sometimes wake up in the middle of the night holding hands. Now that is a true joy and a true miracle.

The second Christmas was also rough for me. The wife had gone back to Germany to deal with her sick parents. Our daughter (a year and a half sober) was in the hospital, in an oxygen tent, with bronchial pneumonia. I was left home alone with me. Not always the best of company.

I got up about 7 AM, walked out into the living room and there was no Christmas tree. There were no Christmas deco-

rations, no gifts, and no celebration, just me alone with me. By this time in my sobriety I did have a program to work. I had learned that a problem shared is half a problem. But I just did not feel like calling another alcoholic to whine and snivel about my loneliness that early in the morning and on Christmas day. But, one of the tools in my tool bag to help with that low feeling was to do something responsible. Clean the kitchen, sweep the garage, make the bed, just do anything responsible.

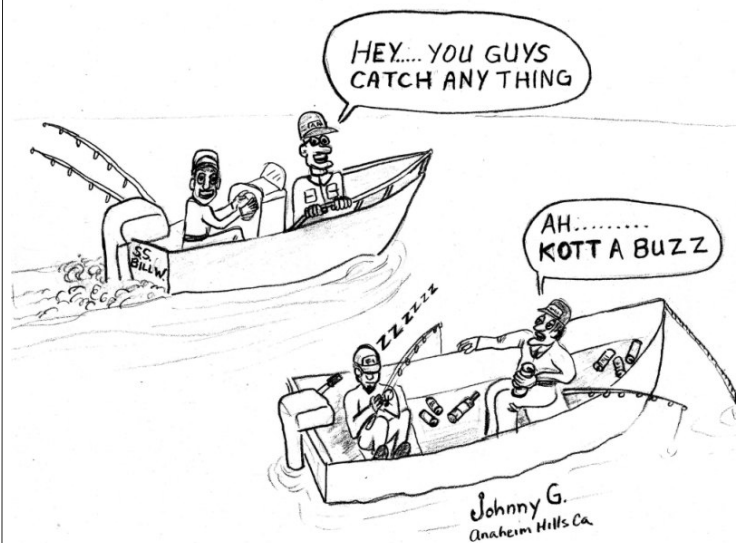
So I started wandering around the house to look for something to do that was responsible. I walked into the office in my house and it was half wall papered. “Here,” I thought, “is something responsible to do.” I made the decision to finish wall papering my office. I just love God and God’s timing. The very instant I made a decision to do something responsible, the phone rang. It was my sponsor.

“Chuck, I just called this morning to let you know that you are not alone.” My sponsor said. Then he said something that did not make sense to me, but for some reason I understood what he was saying. He said, “I have no idea why God has your daughter in an oxygen tent right at this moment, but maybe he just wants her off the highway for a few days.” Made no sense, but I understood that God was in control.

My day changed. I just lit up. My whole attitude and outlook turned 180 degrees. I got busy and started wall papering my office, and the telephone kept ringing. I was invited to the home of some A.A. friends for a potluck. While I was there, the hospital called and my daughter was being released. I picked her up and we both went back to a room full of A.A. friends. It turned out to be one of the best Christmases of my life.

So I have learned to make some phone calls on Christmas day, and tell someone they are not alone. Not as long as I, A.A. and God are in their lives.

Chuck H., Laguna Woods.



Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.
 Number 12 of 12 articles on the 12 Traditions

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of Anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all. 12th Tradition Long Form

My opinion? The long form of this tradition is right up there with anything else Bill W. ever wrote. But the short form probably serves our purpose in A.A. better than the long form. The long form can be used in times of quiet reflection, but the short form lends itself to be used in times of rancor and discord. What, rancor and discord in A.A.? You bet, and if you don't believe me, you should've been at the Intergroup meeting in November of this year. It was fine tizzy we got ourselves into. Principles before personalities? Didn't feel like it to me. I just don

I just don't think anybody could've taken the time to parse the long form of the 12th Tradition and find the necessary direction. But, a simple flash on "Principles before Personalities" would've done the trick. However, nobody even took the time to do that. What is ironic, is that the meeting was throwing the term "Tradition violation" around concerning other traditions, yet never took the time to look at this tradition – the tradition many refer to as the capstone tradition.



The use of the term "capstone tradition" refers to the final class many students take in their college careers – the one that ties everything together that they have studied to this point. And there is probably no better description for the content of this tradition, and this is where the long form of the tradition is so much more appropriate.

The long form promises that, after all is said and done, (and usually, more is said than done!) in the end we receive the gift of humility if we apply these twelve spiritual principles in all of our affairs, (wow, there's a flashback to another set of principles!). Anonymity truly is the spiritual foundation of the Twelve Traditions. Each tradition calls for self-sacrifice in some very specific area of our lives. And if there is a single message in the Twelve Steps, it is that thinking of others, (self-sacrifice) is the surest way to safeguard ourselves from a drink. Somewhat ironic that a set of principles that have come to be regarded as "as important to the group as the steps are to the individual" can actually be just as important to the individual A.A. member.

It has been a joy to take this journey through the 12 Traditions through this year.

A member of A.A. in Orange County

Next month: Tradition Eleven – Promotion vs Public Relations

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SCROOGED

One A.A.'s Christmas Story

The Christmas of the year I got sober, I was living in a house that had been gutted for renovation somewhere north of Hollywood, with my faithful cat Loretta. The people who owned the house left me to care for it for 6 months, during the rainiest of winters. The roof leaked and in the mornings I would pad across the damp cement floor in wool socks on my way to the microwave in the bathroom to heat my tea. I'd lost my job, my car, my apartment and most of the people I called "friends." So Loretta and I braced ourselves for another lonely holiday season, and depended on each other to stay warm and dry.

I'd experienced many lonely holidays before I got sober. By the time I was a few years out of college, I was spending most of my drinking time alone anyway, and the holidays seemed an especially good time to hole up with reruns of "A Christmas Carol" while experimenting with things to mix into eggnog. Usually it was December 24th before I'd realize I'd earned no invitations at all. That's when my ego and my pride would beat back those feelings of sadness I thought might kill me.

The year in the rainy house was no different, except that I wasn't drinking. Like the house itself, I was trying to rebuild my life one solid brick at a time. At just a year sober, I was still isolating, even from my new friends in A.A. December 24th came again and Loretta and I curled up in a bundle of blankets and flipped the channels TV I'd retrieved from storage, where I was keeping my material life as I sorted out the spiritual. There he was again, that miserly grouch Ebenezer Scrooge. He was threatening to keep his clerk in on Christmas Day, like he threatened every year, even though the poor clerk had a large family waiting at home, including a good-natured lame little boy. The BASTARD, I thought, as I sipped my virgin eggnog,

Then it occurred to me. Since I was a child, I loved the story of the old man who has cut himself off from the sunlight of the Spirit, and is graciously visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve before waking a new man. I'd seen every movie version, from Donald Duck's to Bill Murray's, several stage productions, and read the book -- twice. I loved the whole concept of past, present and future "ghosts" that told a story of a life, and communicated its complex meaning simply and profoundly. Isn't that what I was beginning to experience by working the 12 Steps?

At my very first meeting, they told me that by working the steps, I would experience a spiritual awakening, and that my life would change forever. I knew I needed change, but had no idea what that spiritual awakening would feel like, or how I might recognize it if it came. Eventually I found a sponsor who communicated a few things about the road I was now on and the bumps I was going to hit as I trudged along. Wasn't that sponsor a lot like Marley's ghost, who visits Scrooge the night of his ghostly encounters to warn him to pay attention?

They told me the 4th Step was an inventory of our emotional deformities -- a catalog of "misdirected instinct." The Ghost of Christmases Past shows Scrooge the roots of

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EVENTS

16th Annual Gratitude Weekend

January 22-24, 2010
Rancho Capistrano

San Juan Capistrano, CA

35th Annual San Fernando Valley

A.A. Convention
 January 29-31, 2010

Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills, CA
 www.sfvaaconvention.org

38th Annual ACYPAA 2010

February 11-14, 2010

Town & Country Resort & Convention Center

San Diego, CA

www.acypaa2010.org
 info@acypaa2010.org

PRAASA 2010

March 5-7, 2010

Radison Hotel at LAX

Los Angeles, CA

www.PRAASA.org

Woman to Woman Lake Arrowhead

March 26-28, 2010

UCLA Conference Center

Lake Arrowhead, CA

Email: woman2woman@ymail.com

2010 International Convention of A.A.

July 1-4, 2010

San Antonio Convention Center

San Antonio, TX

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Fullerton

8:00 pm

Dreams Come True

Friday Night Speaker Meeting

1st Christian Church

109 East Wilshire Avenue

Contact: Paul P.

12/04 De De S., Fullerton

12/11 Preston L., Fullerton

12/18 Nick & Danelle M., Fullerton

12/25 Merry Christmas! No Meeting

Garden Grove

8:00 pm

Saturday Night Speakers

Garden Grove Alano Club

9845 Belfast Dr

Contact: Jon W.

Huntington Beach

7:00 pm

Saturday Night Lite Speakers

HOW Hall, 19092 Beach Blvd. Suite G

Contact: Kevin B.

Orange

8:00 pm, Friday

No Puffers Speaker Meeting

Community of Christ Church

385 S. Tustin Ave

Contact: Brian C.

7:00 pm

Sober & Crazy Sunday Night Speakers

7th Day Adventist Church

1310 E. Walnut Ave, near Tustin Ave

Contact: Audrey A.

San Clemente

8:00 pm

Thursday Night Big Speaker Mtg.

San Clemente Friendship Center

Contact: Bob B.

8:00 pm, Friday

Aragon Speaker Meeting

202 Avenida Aragon (church)

Contact: Marsha C.

Tustin

8:00 pm

Saturday Night Visiting Speaker

St. Paul's Church, 1221 Wass St.

Contact: Brian M.

12/05 Melanie K., Mission Viejo

12/12 Katherine B., Anaheim

12/19 Andy E., Corona

12/26 Gabe S., Westminster



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 SPEAKER
 MEETINGS
 by the 15th to:
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his injured self-esteem, security, ambitions, sex and personal relations. The Ghost of Christmas Present allows him to review his own part in the story of his life, especially how fear had caused him to retreat into a corner of his life and lash out at all who tried to trespass. The *Twelve and Twelve* tells us: "These fears are the termites that ceaselessly devour the foundations of whatever sort of life we try to build." Such is the lot of every alcoholic, and Scrooge was likely one of us.

The Ghost of Christmases Yet to Come is always the most compelling part of the story for me. It's the place where Scrooge sees the emptiness of a life run by fear. His greed — one of the Seven Deadly Sins — causes him to make unreasonable demands on everyone around him. And as we know, fear is "a soul-sickness in its own right... which in turn generates more character defects."

That particular Christmas Eve, alone with my precious cat, I made a pact with my God: that if he would keep me sober, I would do my best to out-grow fear.

I woke up sober Christmas morning, happy to be alive and grateful for my own ghosts. And like Scrooge, I felt like dancing.

Elizabeth G., Long Beach



DISTRICT 18 BUSINESS MEETING CHANGE

The December business meeting on Tuesday, December 8th, 2009 has been temporarily relocated to: Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street (corner of 19th Street and Pomona Ave.), Costa Mesa Meetings will no longer be held at Kaiser in Irvine for 2010. New location for next year to be announced soon.

CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-October

Total Calls Handled by Both Offices: 1774

Main and Satellite Office Volunteers

12 Step Calls	14
Meeting Information	633
General Information	385
Walk-in Customers	252

Night Owl Volunteers

12 Step calls	10
Meeting Information	455
General Information	277

MEETING CHANGES SINCE

July 7, 2009

SUNDAY

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM (C) COVER TO COVER BIG BOOK 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS aka 6:00 AM GROUP 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM HUGGERS-AS BILL SEES IT 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 10:00 AM SOBER SHARING 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM AS BILL SEES IT DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 8:00 PM TRUDGERS 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

LA HABRA

10:30 AM PARTICIPATION 370 E Whittier Blvd @ Cypress (Bowling Alley) Address change

LAGUNA BEACH

7:05 AM (C) ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT - STEP STUDY 31106 Pacific Coast Hwy (Tee Room) Name modification

PLACENTIA

8:30 AM RIGHT START Oct - April 351 E. Palm Ave & Yorba Linda Blvd Winter meeting change

MONDAY

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS aka 6:00 AM GROUP 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 5:00 PM MEN'S BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM (C) WOMAN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:30 PM (C) RECOVERETTES STEP STUDY 7641 Talbert @ Beach (Sangha Church, upstairs) Changed meeting to
 8:00 PM TRIANGLE GROUP 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

LAGUNA BEACH

8:00 PM (C,G) BOOK STUDY 31872 Pacific Coast Hwy (Hospital Auditorium Basement Level) Added room location

TUESDAY

ANAHEIM

7:00 PM MEN'S STAG - A.A. BIG BOOK WORKSHOP 2715 E Diana @ S Rio Vista off of E Lincoln Address change

FULLERTON

7:00 PM (C) WOMEN'S THRILL SEEKERS 505 E. Commonwealth Changed to closed

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS aka 6:00 AM GROUP 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 AM (C) WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM OPEN A.A. DISCUSSION MEETING 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM WOMEN'S 12 & 12 STEP STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

8:00 PM 12 & 12 BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

IRVINE

10:00 AM WOMEN'S REFLECTION GROUP 5001 Newport Coast Dr c/s Bonita Cyn (Mariners Church Prayer Room 172, child care) Changed to open

LAGUNA NIGUEL

6:00 PM (C) MEN'S STAG DISCUSSION & MUNCHIES (Oct-Apr) 30121 Niguel Road @ Crown Valley (Church) New winter location

TUSTIN

7:00 PM HOT TOPIC WOMEN'S DISCUSSION 13311 Yorba St @ Santa Clara (Recovery Home) New meeting

WEDNESDAY

ANAHEIM

7:00 PM PARADISE BOOK STUDY 2321 E. Romneya Dr. c/s N. Whitter St. New meeting

CAPISTRANO BEACH

7:00 PM (C) DOHENY GROUP - STEP & TRADITION/TOPIC 25976 Domingo Ave (Calvary Jr High School) New meeting

HUNTINGTON BEACH

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 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM YOUNG PEOPLES BIG BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 PM (C) MEN'S 12-12 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 8:00 PM BIG BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

IRVINE

7:00 PM 12 STEP RECOVERY MEETING 46 Maxwell St c/s Irvine Center Dr & Tesla (Church Community Center) New meeting

ORANGE

7:00 AM EARLY BIRDS 812 Town & Country Rd. c/s Main & Parker (Mariposa Women's Ctr.) Changed name

SANTA ANA

8:00 PM REVOLVING DOOR 600 N. Grand Ave @ 6th (Garage) New contact

THURSDAY

ANAHEIM

7:30 PM A.A. PAMPHLET 11 MEETING 441 N.Lakeview Ave @ 91 Frwy (Kaiser Hospital, 8th Floor, Rm D) New meeting

BREA

10:30 AM (C) STEP SISTERS STEP STUDY (WOMEN'S) 300 E. Imperial Hwy @ Brea Blvd (Congregational Church) Changed to closed

GARDEN GROVE

7:30 PM HAD THE YEARS BUT NOT THE DAYS 9845 Belfast Dr c/s Brookhurst & Garden Grove New meeting

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

ORANGE

7:00 PM (C) HOW IT WORKS 1800 E La Veta

@ Tustin St (RIO Center) Deleted in error

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

7:30 PM 11TH STEP SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION 30162 Tomas c/s Santa Margarita Pkwy Address change

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

6:00 PM DO THE STEPS 32202 Del Obispo (Presbyterian Church) Meeting reestablished

WHITTIER

7:00 PM (C) WOMEN'S PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES 13205 Philadelphia St @ Washington Address change

FRIDAY

COSTA MESA

11:00 PM LATE NIGHT CANDLELIGHT 2040 Placentia Ave. Address change

FULLERTON

6:00 PM CHIPS N COOKIES MEETING 1115 W. Orangethorpe @ Euclid Name change

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 12:00 PM NOON PARTICIPATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 6:00 PM ELEVENTH STEP ROUND ROBIN 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 8:00 PM FINALLY A FRIDAY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

LAGUNA BEACH

5:45 PM HAPPY HOUR DISCUSSION 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd. Changed time
 7:45 PM CANDLELIGHT ACCEPTANCE MEETING 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd. (Small room) Changed time

SATURDAY

7:00 PM ORANGE COUNTY WANDERING GROUP For information call (714) 556-4555 Time change

FULLERTON

8:00 PM CANDLELIGHT TOPIC DISCUSSION MEETING 530 W. Commonwealth btwn S. Euclid & S. Harbor Blvd New meeting

HUNTINGTON BEACH

6:00 AM EARLY BIRDS 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 7:30 AM MEN'S BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 9:30 AM (C) WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 1:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

HUNTINGTON BEACH continued

7:00 PM SATURDAY NITE LIGHT SPEAKERS 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield
 9:00 PM PARTICIPATION 19092 Beach Blvd suite 'G' @ Garfield

LAGUNA BEACH

7:05 AM (C) ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT - BIG BOOK STUDY 31106 Pacific Coast Hwy (Tee Room) Name modification

NEWPORT BEACH

8:00 AM EASY RISERS 2100 Mar Vista Dr @ Eastbluff (Our Lady Queen of Angels - Church) Correct name & address

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MEETING DELETIONS SINCE July 7, 2009

THURSDAY

COSTA MESA

8:05 PM DISCUSSION 2040 Placentia Ave

SUNDAY

HUNTINGTON BEACH

8:00 PM STEP STUDY OUT OF THE BIG BOOK Zeider Lane off Slater between Newland & Beach (Community Ctr.)

TUSTIN

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 17621 Irvine Blvd c/s Prospect (2nd Floor)

VILLA PARK

6:00 AM ATTITUDE MODIFICATION 17855 Santiago Blvd

MONDAY

GARDEN GROVE

12:00 PM REBEL GROUP VISION FOR YOU 9845 Belfast

SAN CLEMENTE

8:00 PM BEGINNER'S TOPIC Q & A 929 Calle Negocio, Ste H

TUESDAY

COSTA MESA

7:30 PM (C) BACK TO BASICS AT 1ST 420 W 19th Street METHODIST CHURCH

SAN CLEMENTE

6:00 PM WOMEN'S AS BILL SEES IT 119 N Avenida de Estrella

THURSDAY

CORONA DEL MAR

7:00 PM MEN'S HOUR BOOK STUDY 5TH & Iris Oasis Senior Center

GARDEN GROVE

8:00 PM SPEAKER 9845 Belfast

NEWPORT BEACH

6:45 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr

FRIDAY

COSTA MESA

6:30 PM WOMEN'S CANDELIGHT 12 & 12 RECOVERY STUDY 393 Hamilton St

CYPRESS

7:00 PM LADIES NIGHT OUT

LAGUNA BEACH

9:00 PM (G) DISCUSSION 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.

NEWPORT BEACH

8:00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT REUNION 798 Dover Dr

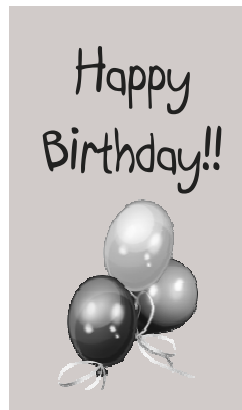
TUSTIN

11:00 AM (C) WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 14402 S. Prospect Ave

THURSDAY

NEWPORT BEACH

6:45 AM (C) ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover @ 16th



Help keep the doors of A.A. open so that new members may receive the same help so many of us have already received. Make a donation of any amount for an A.A. Birthday—yours or someone else's—and we will help celebrate by publishing their name and years of sobriety in the *Lifeline*.

Please send January Birthday donations by December 10th to:
Orange County Central Office
 1526 E. Warner, Suite 75
 Santa Ana California 92705

Tony R.	Dana Point	1 year
Seajay L.	San Clemente	2 years
Elisa M.	Dana Point	6 years
Robbie S.	Laguna Niguel	17 years
Casey M.	Dana Point	18 years
Diana K.	Seal Beach	19 years
Jack L.	Dana Point	20 years
Van S.	San Juan Capistrano	25 years



Dear Abby,

I was married to Bill for three months and I didn't know he drank until one night he came home sober...

2009 Orange County Intergroup Service Board

Chair, Frank M.
 Vice Chair, Pearl
 Treasurer, Art H.
 Secretary, Nick N.
 Central Office, Roxanne R.

Who? What? When? Where?

Public Relations Committee, Barry P.
 Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
 Group Relations Committee, Carlos T.
 Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
 Lifeline Committee, Bill W.
 Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm
 Special Events Committee, Ann M.
 Meetings scheduled as needed
 H & I Committee, Nick M.
 Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Institutions meet at 4:00 pm; Hospitals meet at 6:00 pm. South Orange County H & I meets at the Laguna Beach Canyon Club the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

With the exception of H & I, the above committees meet at Central Office, 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana, CA 92705. If you are interested in serving on a committee or would like more information please contact the above or Central Office at 714-556-4555.

The Orange County Intergroup Association Meeting
Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM
Costa Mesa Senior Center
695 W. 19th Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Group Contributions cont. from page 9

Th 7:30P-Mustard Seed SS, 23262 El Toro	\$154	Fr 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, Ave.Aragon	\$280	Satellite Office Change Can	\$23	\$50
LA MIRADA		Fr 8:00P-Aragon Spkrs, 202 Ave Aragon	\$60	Special Anonymous	\$3	\$3
Su 8:00P-(M)'s BB Stdy, 15700 Rosecrans	\$20	SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO		Intergroup Meeting	\$133	\$1,150
LAS FLORES		Dly 7:00A-SJGroup Eye Opener, 27514 C Arroyo	\$1,612	Laguna Beach 4th Step Workshop		\$100
Sa 7:15P-Mission Spkrs., 26111 Antonio	\$570	Dly 6:00A-Taking a Trip, 27174 Ortega Hwy	\$400	LB Miracles Happen Convention		\$369
LOS ALAMITOS		Dly Various- San Juan Meetings, 27514 Calle Ar	\$384	Men's Banquet 2008		\$703
We 7:30P-Ice Breakers Grp, 4111 Katella	\$350	Su 5:00P-SJGroup 1 Hr Top Disc, 27514 C Arro	\$210			
MISSION VIEJO		Tu 7:00P- SJGroup Hear Here Part, 27514 C Arro	\$161	PERSONAL DONATIONS		
Daily Saddleback Valley Grp, 23166 Los Alisos	\$70	Tu 7:30P- Mens Q&A, 32222 Del Obispo	\$202	Anonymous	\$100	\$1,520
Mo&Th 7:30P-BB Stdy, Jeronimo & Marg.	\$1,266	We 6:15P-Speaker Disc Group, 27112A Pasea Es	\$240	Angela M.		\$30
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s SS, 26051 Marg.	\$420	We 7:00P-SJGroup 11th Step Disc, 27514 C Arro	\$200	Chelsea R., Costa Mesa		\$60
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, 26558 Marg.	\$220	Th 9:30A-(W)'s Back 2 B B/S, 27122A Paseo Esp	\$120	Chris P. Santa Ana		\$75
Mo 7:30P-B/Ring (M)'s Stag, 27641 Aqua	\$191	Th 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo	\$120	Chris P. Santa Ana		\$75
Tu 7:30P-Design for Living BB, 26558 Marg	\$89	Th 7:30P-(M)'s Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo	\$378	Courtney R., Fountain Valley		\$50
We 9:30A-(W)'s, 26051 Marguerite Pky	\$219	Fr 7:00P-Step Sudy, 27514 Calle Arroyo	\$197	Dennis C. Laguna Hills		\$70
We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc, 26558 Marg.	\$286	SANTA ANA		Edwin M., San Clemente		\$500
Fr 8:30P-Couch Meeting, 26001 Muirlands Blvd	\$75	Mo-Sa 7:30A-Disc Early Birds, 212 Elk	\$120	Elizabeth B., Laguna Niguel		\$140
NEWPORT BEACH		Mo 7:00P-(M)'s Disc, 1st & Lyon Elks L	\$100	Geri D. HB		\$39
Dly 6:30A-Jumpstart Disc, 414 E. 32nd St.	\$600	Sa 8:00P-Coop Fell Spkr, 417 N Cooper	\$30	Howard W., Costa Mesa	\$200	\$200
M-F 12:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs	\$200	SEAL BEACH		James R., Orange		\$100
M-F 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd	\$120	Mo 7:30P-Seal Bch Spkrs, 500 Marina Dr	\$828	Jeff P.		\$35
Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On/Beach	\$1,229	We 7:30P-(M)'s SS, 8th & Central	\$150	Julie L.		\$100
Su 7:00P-Primary Purp Grp, Dover&16th	\$60	SILVERADO CANYON		June L., Irvine	\$75	\$225
Su 7:30P-Spkrs, 414 E. 32nd St	\$1,805	Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 27641 Silverado Cyn	\$207	Kirk B., Costa Mesa		\$120
Mo 9:00A-(W)'s Step Stdy, 414 E. 32nd	\$50	SUNSET BEACH		Laura D., Capistrano Beach		\$600
Mo 12:30P-Back Bay (M)'s, 1201 Irvine	\$1,400	Su 10:00A-Sunset Bch Mtg, PCH & Warner	\$82	Larry E.	\$20	\$20
Mo 7:00P-Language of the Heart (W's) 2414 Vista	\$77	Su 7:00P-11th SS, 16865 PCH	\$140	Mary L., Mission Viejo		\$500
Mo 7:00P-Over 40 Disc, 1099 Bayside Dr.	\$80	Mo 12:00P-Noon BB Stdy, 16865 PCH	\$80	Moria S., San Clemente	\$50	\$50
Mo 8:00P-(M)'s Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd	\$1,403	Tu 7:00A-Disc, 16865 PCH	\$90	Norman M. Tustin		\$50
Mo 8:00P-(W)'s Beg Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd	\$200	Tu 6:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH	\$62	Robert P., Costa Mesa	\$300	\$300
Mo 8:00P-SS, 414 E. 32nd St.	\$11	Tu 8:00P- Nomad'sBB Study, 16865 PCH	\$15	Robbin S. Costa Mesa		\$5
Tu 6:00P-Dover (W's) 12 & 12, 798 Dover	\$70	We 12:00P-Promises Meet, 16865 PCH	\$20	Wanda R., Huntington Beach	\$20	\$65
Tu 7:00P-B St Bonfire-1st Fire Ring/Ocean	\$37	Th 7:30P-Participation, 16865 PCH	\$60	Wanda M., Irvine		\$20
Tu 7:00P-NB/CDM (M)'s, 414 32nd St.	\$342	Fr 12:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH	\$200	Theresa W., Newport Beach	\$25	\$475
Tu 7:00P-(W)'s B/Stdy, 2414VistaDelOro	\$300	Sa 7:30A-Disc, 16865 PCH	\$90	IN LOVING MEMORY		
Tu 7:30P-Men's Book Study, 798 Dover Dr.	\$150	TUSTIN		Memorial to Bill M. 37 years	\$300	\$300
We 6:00P-Men's, 414 E. 32nd Street	\$190	Dly 6:00A-Foothill Early Risers, 19211	\$750	Memorial to John O'C. of Laguna Woods		\$25
We 6:30P-Wed Nite W's 12+12, 883 W. 15th St.	\$350	Dly 6:00A-Attitude Mod, 1221 Wass	\$174	GROUP INFORMATION REQUESTED		
We 7:30P-Wed Night (M)'s, 2401 Irvine	\$215	Dly 12:00P-Brown Baggers, 130 W. Main	\$350	Receipt#1134		\$130
We 7:30P-BB Stdy, 600 St. Andrew	\$218	M-F 12:00P-Alkies Winners, 555 W.Main	\$230	Receipt#1480 Newport Beach?		\$236
We 8:00P-Recovery Radicals, 301Nwprt	\$845	Su 6:00A-Attitude Modification, 130 W. Main	\$354	Receipt#1490 Seal Beach? Sat AM		\$79
Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street	\$165	Mo 6:16P-Tustin (W)'s 12X12, 1221 Wass	\$20	Receipt#1503 Garden Grove GG Alano		\$15
Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Grp, 414 E. 32nd	\$385	Tu 12:00P-(W)'s 12 & 12, 19211 Dodge A	\$30	Receipt#1241		\$112
Fr 12:15P-(M)'s Business Disc, 414 32nd	\$630	Tu 7:00P-BB Stdy, 19211 Dodge	\$494	Receipt#1767 San Clemente?		\$298
Fr 7:00P-Friday Q & A, 414 32nd Street	\$120	Tu 8:00P-Steps 1-4, 1201 Irvine	\$110	Receipt#1779		\$140
Sa 8:30A-Men's Book Study, 414 E. 32nd	\$215	We 7:00P-Lucky Stiffs (M)'s, 18542 Vander	\$183	Receipt#1864 HB, WED?		\$49
Sa 6:00P-Discover Grp, 1 Whitecliff Dr.	\$140	We 7:00P-(W)'s Solutions, 19211 Dodge	\$50	Receipt#1865		\$60
Sa 8:30P-Hoag Hut Spkr, 301 Nwprt Ave	\$1,000	Th 9:00A-(W)'s SS, 14402 Prospect	\$25	Receipt#2015 HB, Men's		\$478
ORANGE		Th 6:00 P-Th 12&12 SS, 19211 Dodge	\$18	Receipt#2155		\$70
Dly 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Cntry	\$140	Th 6:15P-(W)'s Living Sober, 1221 Wass.	\$75	Receipt#2148		\$84
M-F 5:30P-Tustin Rush Hour, 1800 E. La Veta@T	\$1,555	Th 7:00P-12 Steps & 12 Trads, 225 Main	\$130	Receipt#2165		\$200
Su 11:00A-Sun Pumprs, 705 W LaVeta	\$91	Fr 11:00A-(W)'s B/B Study, 14402 S. Prospect	\$25	Receipt#2241		\$180
Su 7:00P-Spkr/Orange, 1800 E LaVeta	\$80	Fr 8:00P-Disc, Pinetree Park (130 W Main)	\$400	Receipt#2248		\$30
Su 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 1310 E. Walnut	\$387	Sa 8:00P-Visiting Spkrs 1221 Wass	\$50	Receipt#2249		\$175
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Step Stdy, 161 Orange	\$329	VILLA PARK		Receipt#2261 Pamela L Mtg., Irvine		\$184
Mo 7:30P-Beg Disc, 705 W La Veta	\$100	Dly 7:30A-24 Hour Book Grp, 17855 Santia	\$205	Receipt#2349 HB, Tues Women's		\$13
Mo 7:30P-Step Out Easy, 200 N. Lewis	\$49	Fr 12:00P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 17855 Sant	\$97	Receipt#2360 Sunset Beach		\$50
Tu 7:00P-Double Scoop Bk Stdy, W La Veta	\$67	WESTMINSTER		Receipt#2429 Sat, Seal Beach	\$70	\$70
Tu 7:00P-(W)'s Keep It Simple, 1310 E Walnut	\$41	Mo 7:30P-12&12Beginners, 15750 Mag	\$30	Receipt#2454	\$276	\$276
Th 7:30P-All/Me (M)'s Stag, 1800 LaV	\$90	WHITTIER		Receipt #1894 Sat, Seal Beach		\$124
Th 7:30P-777 (M)'s Stag, 395 S Tustin	\$500	UNLISTED GROUPS		TOTALS	\$15,285	\$162,223
Fr 7:00P-As Bill Sees It, 161 S. Orange	\$90	Bfd Topic Discussion, Irvine	\$92			
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA		Women's Meeting Coyote Grill	\$109			
Su 7:00P-Old Time A.A. 12&12, 30605 Fl	\$150	Mo Mon Night B/B Study, HB	\$60			
Mo 7:00P-(W)'sSta/Sober, 30382VCD	\$140	Tu 7:00P-Tu Night Roving Surfer's Stag	\$140			
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s, 30605 Ave de la Flores	\$175	Th 6:00P Double Winners, Canyon Club	\$100			
Tu 7:30P-Old TimeA.A. BB Stdy, 30382 VCD	\$639	Th 7:00P-BB Stdy (UL) LB	\$50			
We 6:30A-Att & Grat, 30605 Ave D/L Flores	\$250	Th 7:30P-Spkr, Leisure World Lag Woods (UL)	\$240			
We 7:30P-RSM StepStdy, 30382 VCD	\$130	Fr 5:30P- B/B Study, Irvine UL	\$599			
Fr 7:30P-Roads End Part, 30322 VCD	\$330	Fr 8:00P-Family Afterward (UL) Sunset B	\$175			
Sa 10:30A-(W)'s BB Stdy, VCD	\$260	WANDERING GROUPS				
SAN CLEMENTE		Tu 6:00P-Wandering Step Sisters	\$280			
Dly- Groups, SC Friendship CTR,929 Calle Nego	\$75	We 7:30P- Rolling Men's Stag BB Study	\$100			
Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. (M)'s, Camino Capist	\$560	(W)'s Wandering-South County UL	\$367			
Tu 6:00P-(W)'s Disc, 190 Ave La Pata	\$294	Th 6:30P-RSM (3rd Thurs) Wandering	\$91			
Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Stag/Munchies, 35522 Cam. Cap	\$470	Fr 8:00P-Tustin, Discussion, Wandering	\$100			
		MISC. DONATIONS				
		OCCO Change Can	\$22			



Thank you
for your
donations!

CALL FORWARDING

**“Alcoholics Anonymous,
how may we help you?”**



CALL FORWARDING:

The call forwarding program instituted by Orange County Central Office insures that our help line phones are answered by volunteers 24/7. During hours when the Central Office is closed, calls to the Central Office are forwarded to a call forwarding volunteer's home or cell phone, where the volunteer answers the calls just as if he or she were sitting in the Central Office. This service allows the Central Office to realize a significant cost saving because we do not need to contract with a phone answering service. Even more vital, when a call is placed to Alcoholics Anonymous in Orange County, the caller will be talking to an Alcoholics Anonymous member not a phone service! This truly is “front-line” 12th Step work and we would appreciate any time you can give.

SHIFTS:

Monday thru Friday shifts are 6am to 9am, 6pm to 9pm and 9pm to 6am. Saturday shifts start with the 6am to 9am. The Central Office opens and covers from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. The phones are then forwarded to volunteers to cover the phones from 1pm to 4pm, 4pm to 7pm, 7pm to 10pm and 10pm to 6am. On Sundays and Holidays shifts begin at 6am with the 6am to 10am, and continue with 10am to 2pm, 2pm to 6pm, 6pm to 10pm and 10pm to 6am.

VOLUNTEERING:

In order to volunteer for this service it is suggested that you have two years of sobriety. You must then arrange with the Central Office Manager in Santa Ana or the Satellite Office Manager in Mission Viejo for a brief orientation session which will be held at one of the offices. Shifts are available please call the Central Office at (714) 556-4555 or the Satellite Office at (949) 582-2697.

ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

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Office hours:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM; Sat: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

South County Office

27281 Las Ramblas, Ste.135, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Phone: (949) 582-2697

Fax: (949) 582-2611

E-mail: socooa@sbcglobal.net

Office hours:

Mon-Fri: 10:00AM to 5:00 PM

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF A.A. Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 10/31/2009

INCOME	OCTOBER	YTD
Group Donations	\$14,155.09	\$155,367.98
Individual/Fellowship	\$697.75	\$5,173.86
Literature Sales	\$7,007.47	\$91,860.82
Birthday Donations	\$344.00	\$5,064.35
In Memoriam	\$300.00	\$575.00
Intergroup Donations	\$132.50	\$1,149.04
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$10.82	\$1,461.89
Misc. (Repaid Bounced Checks)	\$290.87	\$540.80
TOTAL INCOME:	\$22,938.50	\$261,193.74
EXPENSES		
Audits/Accounting	\$0.00	\$5,375.00
Auto (All Managers)	\$110.55	\$620.66
Cash/Invoices OverShort	-\$0.04	-\$27.51
Insurances	\$0.00	\$3,622.69
Intergroup Expense	\$150.00	\$1,891.50
Lease Expense	\$329.83	\$3,016.45
Sales Tax on Lease	\$28.86	\$190.20
Maintenance & Repairs	\$262.16	\$1,468.86
Volunteers Coffee + Water	\$151.29	\$1,012.97
Offices' Supplies + Expenses	\$137.83	\$2,279.95
Pension Fund	\$0.00	\$800.00
Postage	\$88.00	\$655.52
P/I, Donated Literature	\$0.00	\$687.95
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	\$2,840.23	\$29,288.78
Salaries	\$10,966.93	\$104,692.75
Reimb. Health Insurance	\$280.07	\$2,801.20
Payroll Tax Expense	\$838.98	\$9,490.92
Taxes & Licenses	\$0.00	\$195.97
Telephone Expense	\$663.77	\$6,326.22
LIFELINE Expense	\$1,172.40	\$11,407.10
Cost of Literature Sold	\$5,986.73	\$77,147.43
Special Events	\$0.00	\$1,783.99
Misc. (Returned Checks)	\$290.87	\$659.74
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$24,298.46	\$265,388.34
INCOME/(LOSS):	-\$1,359.96	-\$4,194.60

WEB STATISTICS

The first on-line issue of the *Lifeline* was posted to our web site in July of 2006. However, when our site hosting company changed servers in June, 2007, some usage statistics before then were lost. Since January, 2007, the Lifeline home page has been viewed 12,456 times. Individual issue files have been viewed 24,109 times.

In October, there were 17,583 "visits" to www.oc-aa.org. From Dec., 2008, through October, 2009, visits averaged 16,143 per month.

We Are Not A Glum Lot

CLASSIC CARTOONS AND JOKES FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE



"I detected a new note of sincerity in his Ho! Ho! Ho! I think he's off the sauce."

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RECOVERY WORD SEARCH

A WORD SEARCH, like all the others you've seen: words can be up, down, across or diagonal. Have fun, and win a few minutes of free sobriety!

There are also 12 'A.A.'s. Can you find them all?

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

Find the following words in the puzzle above:

- | | | |
|----------|---------|-------------|
| Promises | Freely | Participate |
| Prayer | Willing | Means |
| Group | Higher | Sharing |
| Chips | Active | Power |
| Service | Bottles | Own |
| Meditate | Serve | Gin |
| Today | | |

Reprinted, with thanks, from the *Ventura County Tradition*.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC IF:

1. E-mails from your friends say HALT in the subject header.
2. Your idea of a smooth opening line is "I really liked what you shared."
3. You don't know the last names of most of your friends.

"Call before you drink and I will help you stay sober.
 Call after you drink and you will help me stay sober."



"You the party that wanted her old man home for Christmas?"

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