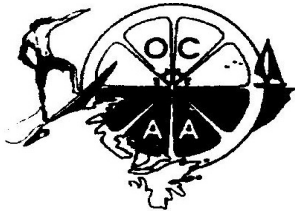


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### The Miracles That Saved Us

*Editor's Note -- When Alcoholics Anonymous® observes its 74th anniversary on June 10, it will mark the longest-running program designed to arrest alcoholism in the history of our planet. The following is reprinted from the June, 2002, issue of Long Beach's Harbor Light.*

I've heard it said that the word "miracle" is the most over-worked word in the Alcoholics Anonymous vocabulary. Maybe so. But it is probably with good cause. If you were looking for a list of A.A.'s heroes, Bill W. and Dr. Bob might not be on the slate.

In fact, Bill W.'s idea that one alcoholic might be able to get another alcoholic sober simply by talking to him nearly ended up on the scrapheap in 1935 when Bill told wife Lois that he was through with his "one drunk talking to another" project.

"None of these drunks have gotten sober," Bill is reported to have told Lois. She responded with an observation that changed history for every alcoholic.

"You did," she said.

You can call that the first of an avalanche of miracles that paved the way for Alcoholics Anonymous to begin.

Another miracle occurred in Akron, Ohio, in May of 1935. His dream of a successful business venture shattered, the still-sober Bill W. wandered the halls of that city's Mayflower Hotel, contemplating a drink or two before returning to New York. He spotted a list of churches with the names and phone numbers of their pastors in the lobby. He recalled that he had promised some of his friends at home that he'd try to make contact with the Oxford Group in Akron before he left for home. Even that effort seemed doomed since his calls to the list of pastors netted no one willing to talk to him about the city's alcoholics. But the last minister on the list told him of a woman member of the Oxford Group who had spoke of a doctor who was having difficulty with alcohol.

Bill's Mother's Day talk with Henrietta Seiberling struck gold. Or so it seemed. She said she had just the person for Bill and for him to stay by the phone while she called the doctor to set up a meeting. When she called back, she told Bill that the doctor was out. Passed out on his kitchen floor. But the doctor's wife, Anne, said she would bring the doctor to the Seiberling estate the next day. And here comes another miracle.

On the following day, Dr. Bob and his wife arrived for the meeting and the doctor is supposed to have told his wife that he was "willing to talk with this guy from New York for 15 minutes - but that's all. I don't need any of his religious crap."

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## AA Thoughts

- In AA there are no losers -- just slow winners.
- Active Alcoholic (as defined by self): A piece of crap that the universe revolves around.
- An active alcoholic is someone who wants to be held while isolating.
- Active Alcoholic: "I may not be much, but I'm all I think about."
- Active Alcoholic: "If I could drink like a normal drinker, I'd drink all the time!"
- Active Alcoholics burn their bridges in front of them.
- An active alcoholic is someone who finds something that works and then stops doing it.
- An active alcoholic is a man with two feet planted firmly in mid-air.

And here's still another miracle. Bob and Bill talked for nearly five hours on that Monday afternoon. When they were done, the doctor told his wife: "He knows how I feel." Bob asked Bill to stay in Akron for a few days and although the doctor had another drunk in him in early June, he came out of the fog of alcohol addiction and by June 10th had covered the Four Absolutes of the Oxford Group and was standing tall as the first person to start a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. And the miracles just keep on coming. Just look around the room at your next A.A. meeting.

Arthur P., Long Beach

## THE BALLOONIST

A man in a hot air balloon realizes he is lost. He reduces altitude and spots a man on the ground. As he draws closer, he calls out: "Excuse me. Can you help me? I promised a friend I'd meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am!"



The man on the ground yells back: "Yes, I can help. You are in a hot air balloon, floating at about — oh, I'd say, 40 feet above the ground. You are at latitude 40 degrees North and longitude 85 degrees West."

"Thanks a lot," said the balloonist, "You must be a sponsor."

"You're welcome," replied the man on the ground, "and, yes I am. But how did you know?"

"Well," said the lost balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea of what to make of the information. The fact is I'm still lost."

To which the man on the ground replies: "I see. And you must be a sponsee."

"I am," was the reply, "How did you know that?"

"Well," responded the man on the ground, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You've made a promise you can't keep and now you expect me to solve that problem for you. You're in the same jam you were in before we met, only now, somehow, it's become my fault."

Reprinted from, *Akron Intergroup News*, May, 2000

From the  
June, 1979, Lifeline



## WILL WE SQUANDER OUR INHERITANCE?

Listen to the squanderer who says "A.A. should relax its Traditions," (Usually the person who says that doesn't even know the Traditions), or "I've done my share," or "I don't want the responsibility," or "I don't have time to get to meetings anymore," etc., etc., etc. Listen on the telephone while I make excuses to a sick woman calling for help because there are no sober women willing to make the call. One day, I was turned down by six gals in a row... "My hair is in curlers!" "I was just on my way out the door" etc. (I can't remember ever making a twelfth step call that was convenient for me at the time.

Another sign of squandering is seen in the list for the answering service of only twelve people willing to accept calls after office hours.

WOULD THE PHONE HAVE RUNG UNANSWERED WHEN YOU CALLED? WOULD YOU BE ALIVE AND SOBER TODAY???

ANSWER THAT 12TH STEP CALL. THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

## STEP 6—Looking For the Defects

*Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.* Page 59, Alcoholics Anonymous.

On one of my frequent hospital visits near the end of my drinking, I recall asking a counselor if she might be able to suggest something for me to do to get sober and stay sober. She smiled at me and said: "You're going to have to change, George." "Change what?" I asked.

"Everything," came the reply.

But paying attention was not something I did willingly and as a result I found myself revising my Ninth Step lists and congratulating myself on how well I was working the program -- sober less than a year and roaring through the Steps as if I'd been shot out of a cannon. I was neck-deep in arranging the amends needed to satisfy my obligation to Steps 8 and 9 when I suddenly got derailed. I was in my office on a certain Tuesday, making out my time card, and I wrote the number "2" in the box for overtime. Then I stopped and looked at the number. I hadn't worked five minutes of overtime that week. I hadn't worked any overtime the week before but I had written "2" or "3" in that week, too. I started a new time card and left the overtime box blank.

Then I stopped and looked at the missing number. And I was able to put the correct label on that defect of character. Most people would call it theft.

I called my sponsor and told him of the overtime lapse. "Is that the only defect you haven't owned up to yet?" Bob asked. "I don't know," I answered. "I hope so."

When I took the Steps eight years later, there were new defects dogging my path. Identifying them made it easier to deal with them. Shortly before my mother died I was able to hire a woman to come to my home and care for my mom. She cooked and sat with my mother and the county and state both said I could be reimbursed for the time my mother's caregiver was in the house. That proposal was tempting but -- thank God -- I remembered the earlier episode with the faked overtime and I managed to simply file for the woman's actual hours.

Through the entire Sixth Step process, that wonderful man who was my sponsor let me bounce each new defect off him and, without judging, ask me if it needed to be acted upon. (I don't recall even one that didn't need action.) It would appear that simply saying that I am entirely ready to have God remove the defects doesn't get the job done. I have to go looking for the defects and then I have to ask God to work His magic on them. When I do that and when God does His part, it's amazing how happy, joyous and free I can become. Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I'm on the trail of a couple more shortcomings that require my attention. I'm pretty sure I'm never going to run out of defects and that's helpful for me. I'm sure that if I harbored the idea that I could ever clean up the entire slate I'd be simply deluding myself. And God wouldn't let me do that. George L., Westminster, CA

## Tradition Six

*An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

Number 6 of 12 articles on the 12 Traditions

*Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.-and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one. 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition Long Form*

How important is our tradition of non-affiliation?

Remember when we looked at the long form of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition, it read, "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. Group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation". So, it pretty much says that that Group can do pretty much anything, as long as it does not reach the level of affiliation with anything or anyone else. Tradition Four goes a little more into that -- do you see a progression here?



It is Tradition 6 that may be A.A.'s single most important principle of Unity. As long as we don't bind ourselves to anyone else, we will always make our own way. This is especially important in financial affairs, but also is vitally important in matters of how the public sees Alcoholics Anonymous. Can you imagine if A.A. affiliated with a particular religious sect, (as we did in our formative years, with our close relationship with the Oxford Groups). The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book says that we once considered affiliating with a whiskey distilling company in order to raise funds. Can you imagine where that would've probably gone?

So, it is our tradition of non-affiliation that (1) ensures that we never drive anyone away due to our affiliation with another organization, and (2) mandates that we must be fully self-supporting through our own contributions.

A member of A.A. in Orange County

Next month: Tradition Seven – Money makes the world go 'round.

Text in italics re-printed from the Big Book with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, (AAWS)

## 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](mailto:lifelineeditor@yahoo.com).

## We’re Saving You a Seat

Dear Alma,

Please print this letter for Jeri B., wherever she may be.

“Dear Jeri B.,

I am the literature person for one of my weekly AA meetings. I went shopping for used Big Books and bought two of them at the Acres of Books used book store on Long Beach Boulevard. One of the books is yours, Jeri.

The book must have over 100 signatures on the front pages. There is also a message written on one of the front pages reading, ‘Welcome to a sober, loving way of life...of sharing and caring’ (dated 1983). In the back of the book it says, ‘Dear Jeri, it is good to have you back and I know the courage it took. Hang in there a day at a time. 8-7-83.’ On the same page there is a sticker with your name.



It struck me as odd that someone would get rid of a Big Book that was so personalized, unless they came to believe they didn't need it anymore.

Jeri, if you are out there drinking successfully, our hats are off to you. But if you be alcoholic like us, it's probably not working too well.

Jeri, I don't want to give your Big Book away again, so it's waiting for you down at the Harbor Area AA Central Office. Please come down and pick it up, and join us once again. There are a lot of sober people who care about you and want to support you on the road to recovery. We've got a seat saved for you.

G. L., Westminster”

## We Are Not Doctors

Hi Alma,

I have heard of a sponsorship line that tells their sponsees not to take any drugs at all including those prescribed by physicians. I have read of deaths that have occurred due to this practice. I was told the key is that if medication is taken "as prescribed and not abused" then no problem should ensue.

In the AA pamphlet for sponsorship it states that we are not doctors, therapists, psychiatrists, etc. It would seem that sponsors that practice the idea of sponsees not taking any prescribed drugs are in error. Would you please clarify this? Thanks,

Robin T.

Dear Robin,

You are so right. In the pamphlet, *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship*, it states, “An AA sponsor does not provide any such services as those offered by a social worker, a doctor, a nurse, or a marriage counselor... And it is not professional training that enables a sponsor to help - it is just personal experience and observation.”

More to the point is the pamphlet *The A.A. Member-Medications & Other Drugs*. Prepared by doctors who are A.A. members, it provides practical guidelines for the use of medications. In summary, it makes these points:

“1. Remember that as a recovering alcoholic your automatic response will be to turn to chemical relief for uncomfortable feelings and take more than usual, prescribed amount. Look for non-chemical solutions ...3. No A.A. Member Plays Doctor 4. Be completely honest with yourself and your physician regarding use of medication...”

The pamphlet also includes the shared experience of several members which should provide practical insight into your concerns.

In the end, each member needs to examine their own situation with “rigorous honesty” to determine the right course of action.

### WEB SITE 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 10,181 times. Individual issue files have been viewed 18,590 times.

In April, there were 15,668 "visits" to [www.ocaa.org](http://www.ocaa.org). From June, 2008, through April, 2009, visits averaged 16,339 per month.



## MEETING CHANGES SINCE

**JANUARY 9, 2009**

### SUNDAY

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

7:30 PM HERE & NOW DISCUSSION 414 E. 32nd St.  
Changed to open

#### **SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

3:00 PM THE THINK GROUP 32171 Avenida Los Amigos  
(House) New meeting

#### **SANTA ANA**

9:00 AM WISE WOMEN OF AA On Broadway btwn 15th  
Street & Washington enter from Sycamore (Y-Place) New  
meeting

### MONDAY

#### **FULLERTON**

6:00 PM FULLERTON BIG BOOK 215 North Lemon btwn  
Commonwealth Ave (Behind Church) New meeting

#### **LAGUNA BEACH**

5:00 PM AA FOR DUMMIES 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.  
New meeting

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

6:45 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @  
16th Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) New meet-  
ing

#### **RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

7:00 PM (C) WOMEN'S STAYING SOBER 30382 Via Con  
Dios c/s RMS Pkwy (Church) Address correction

#### **TUSTIN**

12:00 PM (C) THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE 14402 S.  
Prospect Ave. (Unity Church's Victoria house) New meet-  
ing

### TUESDAY

#### **BREA**

7:00 PM STEP STUDY WORKSHOP 300 E. Imperial Hwy  
@ Brea Blvd (Congregational Church) Time change

#### **CYPRESS**

7:30 PM FIRST HALF OF THE FIRST STEP 5691 Vonnie  
Lane c/s Walker & Lincoln New meeting

#### **LAGUNA NIGUEL**

7:00 AM (C) TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIG BOOK/  
STEP STUDY 30121 Niguel Road @ Crown Valley  
(Church) New Meeting

#### **LAGUNA WOODS**

7:30 AM (C) 12 STEP MEETING 24442 Moulton Pkwy  
(United Methodist Church's Youth Room) New

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

6:30 AM CHICKEN COOP ROUND TABLE 414 Old New-  
port Blvd @ Hospital Rd (Zubie's Restaurant) New location  
& Name  
6:45 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @  
16th Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) New meet-  
ing

#### **RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

7:30 PM (C) OLD TIME AA BIG BOOK STUDY 30382 Via  
Con Dios c/s RMS Pkwy (Church) Address correction

#### **WHITTIER**

7:00 PM (C) NO NONSENSE 12 X 12 7056 South Wash-  
ington Ave. c/s Wardman(Church)(LA) Established meeting

### WEDNESDAY

#### **BREA**

6:30 AM WOMEN'S 11TH STEP MEETING 300 E Imperial  
Hwy @ S Brea Blvd (Brea Congregational Church) New  
meeting

#### **COSTA MESA**

7:00 PM (C) 420 BEGINNERS MEN 420 W 19th St.(1st  
Methodist Church across from Triangle Square) New name  
& time

#### **GARDEN GROVE**

8:00 PM NOT TAKING A TRIP 13472 Gilbert St @ Trask  
New meeting

#### **LA HABRA**

7:00 PM (C) WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION 631 N. Euclid @  
E Whittier Blvd (Methodist Church) Time change

#### **LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM BIG BOOK STUDY 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.  
New meeting

#### **MISSION VIEJO**

9:30 AM (C) WOMEN 26051 Marguerite Pkwy @ Oso  
(Church - babies Babies under age one under age one  
welcome)

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

6:30 AM CHICKEN COOP ROUND TABLE 414 Old New-  
port Blvd @ Hospital Rd (Zubie's Restaurant) New location  
& name  
6:45 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @ 16th  
Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) New meeting

#### **ORANGE**

7:30 PM (C) EASY DOES IT 4201 Chapman Ave @ Lewis  
St (Kaiser Medical Center - 2nd Fl) New address

#### **TUSTIN**

6:00 AM 6:00 AM FOOTHILL EARLY RISERS WOMEN  
19211 Dodge Avenue (Church of the Foothills) New meet-  
ing  
12:00 PM (C) THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE 14402 S.  
Prospect Ave. (Unity Church's Victoria house) New meeting

### THURSDAY

#### **ANAHEIM**

6:30 PM (C) BILLS BABES WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY 311  
W South St Btwn S Anaheim & S Harbor (St Michaels  
Episcopal) New meeting

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

6:30 AM CHICKEN COOP ROUND TABLE 414 Old New-  
port Blvd @ Hospital Rd (Zubie's Restaurant) New location  
& name  
6:45 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @ 16th  
Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) New meeting

### FRIDAY

#### **COSTA MESA**

8:00 PM (C) BIG BOOK ADVENTURERS 2144 Thurin St @  
Victoria St (Grange Hall) Address correction

#### **LAGUNA BEACH**

7:45 PM SURRENDER TO WIN 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.  
New time

#### **LOS ALAMITOS**

8:00 PM LA PALMA BIG BOOK SPEAKERS 11600 Los  
Alamitos c/s Orangewood (Good Shepard Church) New  
meeting

#### **MISSION VIEJO**

8:30 PM COUCH MEETING 26001 Muirlands Blvd @ La  
Paz (Shepherd of the Hills Church) Change to open

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

6:30 AM CHICKEN COOP ROUND TABLE 414 Old New-  
port Blvd @ Hospital Rd (Zubie's Restaurant) New location  
& name

7:00 PM BARE KNUCKLES AA 414 E. 32nd St. (Upstairs)  
New meeting

#### **RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

7:30 PM ROADS END PARTICIPATION 30382 Via Con  
Dios c/s RMS Pkwy (Church) Address correction

#### **TUSTIN**

12:00 PM (C) THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE 14402 S.  
Prospect Ave. (Unity Church's Victoria house) New meet-  
ing

#### **YORBA LINDA**

12:00 PM (C) DAILY REFLECTIONS 19771 Yorba Linda  
Blvd. @ Fairmont (St. Martin's Church) New meeting

### SATURDAY

#### **FULLERTON**

6:00 PM SAT. NITE LIVE 1465 W. Orangethorpe @  
Basque (Church) Correct Thomas Guide

#### **IRVINE**

6:30 AM BACK ROOM STEP STUDY 4400 Barranca Pkwy  
btwn Lake Rd & W Yale (in back of Church) New name

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

8:30 AM (C) MEN'S BOOK STUDY 414 E. 32nd St. New  
meeting

#### **RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

10:30 AM (C) WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 30382 Via  
Con Dios c/s RMS Pkwy (Church) Address correction

#### **SAN CLEMENTE**

8:00 PM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE 929 Calle Negocio, Ste  
H @ Calle Amanecer New meeting

#### **WHITTIER**

10:30 AM (C) WOMEN'S ACCEPTANCE 16153 Russell  
Ave @ Borgardus (Whittier Hills Baptist Church) New  
Location

## MEETING DELETIONS SINCE

**January 9, 2009**

### MONDAY

#### **FULLERTON**

7:30 PM 12 STEP STUDY PARTICIPATION 2505 Yorba  
Linda Blvd (Eastside Church)

#### **LAKE FOREST**

6:00 PM READLY FOR RECOVERY 23861 El Toro Road

### TUESDAY

#### **NEWPORT BEACH**

4:00 PM (C) WOMEN'S CALIFORNIA CLAPPERS 798  
Dover @ 16th

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# THE TURNING POINT

*Editor's Note: We continue this new feature in the Lifeline called "The Turning Point". Please share your story by emailing it to lifelineeditor@yahoo.com.*

*Interesting proposition: If my sobriety was a roadmap it would be full of numerous twists, u turns and a few off-roading adventures.*

The biggest turning point in my life would have to be May 18, 1993, the day of my last drink. I was 30 years of age, living with my parents, had recently finished a one year commitment with the Orange County Sheriff, my drivers license had been revoked, I was getting ready to file bankruptcy, and I was working at a job way below my standards (only because my mom made me get a job). Nobody would talk to me. I went to a bar where the barmaid had been kind to me once hoping to get some conversation. Nobody there wanted anything to do with me either. I caught a look at myself in the famous mirror behind the bar and saw myself for what I was, a drunken bum.

Now I had been to AA before. At the age of 19 I was sentenced to my first AA meeting. I went drunk (which was to become a pattern) and wanted nothing to do with AA. So at the age of 30 I had one more drink. It was a 24 ounce Micky's. I went home to my parents and prayed to God "PLEASE HELP ME." I was not raised in any religion, but I had been sent to a lot of AA meetings over the years. Something must have sunk in.

On May 19th I went to my first AA meeting this time around. I did not go in the meeting. I sat in the parking lot hoping to see somebody I knew. I was riddled with fear and could not go in. This continued for the next five days. I would sit in the parking lot of some meeting then turn around and go back to moms. On the fifth day I was actually thinking maybe I have overreacted here. I'm not that bad, I feel ok. But for some reason I went to the meeting and actually went inside. In this meeting I met the man who was to become my first sponsor. He offered me a ride home and offered to pick me up the following evening, another turning point as I accepted the help that was offered. All my life I had kept people at arms length, at least when I sensed their help would require some effort on my part.

Another turning point would have to be sharing my fourth step with that man. I found out we were not all that different. A year later I told him about the part I left out. A small detail at the time of the fifth step but huge a year later. From there I got commitments, moved into sober living, jobs got progressively better, etc.

The biggest turning point to me would have to be the unique ability to help another alcoholic once we are sober. At the end of my drinking I could not help myself let alone anyone else. I remember being just floored the first time a man asked me to be his sponsor. I really don't know how to describe it.

Today I have the opportunity to try to help a handful of men. I know it is cliché but they truly help me more than I help them. They help me deal with my job, my wife, my daughter and they really help me keep things in perspective.

Paul P., Fullerton

## CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-April

Total Calls Handled by Both Offices: 2072

### Main and Satellite Office Volunteers

12 Step Calls	19
Meeting Information	675
General Information	360
Walk-in Customers	244

### Night Owl Volunteers

12 Step calls	16
Meeting Information	551
General Information	275

### Meeting Deletions Continued from page 5

#### WEDNESDAY

(C) CONVICTS WANDERING AA MEETING

#### COSTA MESA

10:00 AM SEEKING THE STEPS WOMEN'S 2833 Europa Dr

7:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION 2800 S. Harbor Blvd Suite C (Nata'le)

#### THURSDAY

#### COSTA MESA

5:30 PM TOPIC DISCUSSION 3151 Airway Avenue

#### FOUNTAIN VALLEY

8:00 PM AA KEEPING IT REAL, PARTICIPATION 16581 Brookhurst St @ Heil & Warner

#### FULLERTON

8:00 PM 11TH STEP 530 W. Commonwealth Delete

#### SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

6:00 PM DO THE STEPS 32222 Del Obispo Delete

#### YORBA LINDA

7:30 PM SERENITY SEEKERS 18372 Lemon Dr. @ Main St.

#### FRIDAY

#### CERRITOS

8:00 PM FRIDAY BIG BOOK 12881 166th St, Remax bldg

# EVENTS

## AA Central Office Annual Open House

Saturday, June 6, 2009  
11:30 am—3:00 pm  
OCCO, 1526 Brookhollow Dr., Suite 75  
Santa Ana, CA

## A.A. Desert Pow Wow

June 18-21, 2009  
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort  
Indian Wells, CA  
www.desertpowwow.com

## 36 Annual Antelope Valley Round Up

June 26-28, 2009  
Antelope Valley Inn & Convention Center  
Lancaster, CA

## 33rd Annual Sequoia Campout

July 3-7, 2009  
Sequoia National Forest

## Woman to Woman San Diego

September 25-27, 2009  
The Dana of Mission Bay  
San Diego, CA  
www.womantowomansandiego.com

## 2010 International Convention of A.A.

*"A Vision for You"*  
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.  
06/05 Carol F., Fullerton  
06/12 Noel E., Huntington Beach  
06/19 Lew D., Huntington Beach  
06/26 Donny & Jill M., Fullerton

### Garden Grove

8:00 pm  
Thursday Night Speaker Meeting  
Garden Grove Alano Club  
9845 Belfast Dr  
Contact: John S.  
06/04 Roger M., Huntington Beach  
06/11 Erick D., Buena Park  
06/18 George R., Anaheim  
06/25 Matt R., Cypress

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, 18582 Beach Blvd  
Behind Flower Kiosk @ Ellis  
Contact: Kevin B.

### Orange

Friday, 8:00 pm  
No Puffers Speaker Meeting  
Community of Christ Church  
385 S. Tustin Ave  
Contact: Joe C.  
7:00 pm  
Sober & Crazy Sunday Night Speakers  
7th Day Adventist Church  
1310 E. Walnut Ave, near Tustin Ave  
Contact: Betsy S.  
06/02 Tammy S., Orange  
06/14 Herb N., San Clemente  
06/21 Jeanette M., Orange  
06/28 Bill M., Corona

### San Clemente

8:00 pm  
Thursday Night Big Speaker Mtg.  
San Clemente Friendship Center  
Contact: Bob B.

### Tustin

8:00 pm  
Saturday Night Visiting Speaker  
St. Paul's Church, 1221 Wass St.

Contact: Keith S.  
06/06 David S., Tustin  
06/13 Melissa F., Fullerton  
06/20 Lori P., Anaheim  
06/27 Tyson H., Villa Park  
07/04 Uncle Surprise!  
07/11 Barbara M., Santa Ana  
07/18 Mike M., San Pedro  
07/25 Regina K., Laguna Beach  
08/01 Alex D., Irvine  
08/08 Norma R., Yorba Linda  
08/15 Brian R., Hesperia  
08/22 Denise M., Garden Grove  
08/29 Patrick S., Orange County



Submit speaker information to  
[LifelineEditor@yahoo.com](mailto:LifelineEditor@yahoo.com)  
by the 15th of the month.

## Secretary's Workshop

If you want to learn how to be a Secretary of a meeting or if you already a secretary this is a great workshop to be at. We will have guest speakers from different service functions and

a chance to ask questions, like what makes a group or even about the Traditions. This is a chance to pass on experience and strength from years of action and continuous service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Garden Grove  
Alano Club  
9845 Belfast Dr.  
Garden Grove, CA.  
June 21, 2009  
2pm—5pm



# Welcome 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, June 10th at 7:00 PM**

Please call Central Office for the June Intergroup Meeting Location.  
(714) 556-4555



*Orange County H & I*  
On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

*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

## Happy Birthday!!



Help keep the doors of AA 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 AA Birthday—yours or someone else's—and we will help celebrate by publishing their name and years of sobriety in the *Lifeline*.

Please send donations to:  
Orange County Central Office  
1526 E. Warner  
Suite 75, Santa Ana California 92705

Alan S.	Mission Viejo	1 year
Terri W.	Santa Ana	3 years
Michael T.	Irvine	4 years
Nicole L.	Laguna Niguel	5 years
Brenda D.	Diamond Bar	5 years
Mary Ann D.	Dana Point	17 years
Richard H.	Yorba Linda	21 years
Judy C.	Huntington Beach	24 years
John C.	Huntington Beach	24 years
Bob T.	Laguna Woods	30 years
David H.	Lake Forest	50 years

*Dear Lord,  
Thank you for what you  
have given me;  
For what you have  
taken away from me;  
And for what you have  
left me.*



### ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

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Sat 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL OFFICE— April**

	APR	YTD					
			Th 10:00A-(W)'s BB Stdy, 18631 Chapel	60		Sa 11:00A-Acceptance Grp, 23802 Ave de la Carl	313
<b>ALISO VIEJO</b>	^	^	Th 6:00P-Ovr 40/Going Strong, 18582 Bch	5		<b>LAGUNA NIGUEL</b>	^
<b>BUENA PARK</b>	^	^	Th 7:30P-11th Step Disc., 1912 Florida	60		Mo 7:00A-Morn (M)'s Stag B2B, 30121 Nig	200
<b>CAPISTRANO BEACH</b>	^	^	Fr 10:00A-Step Sisters, 18631 Chapel Ln.	120	228	Mo 10:30A-(W)'s 12X12 Stdy, 27802 El Lazo	138 443
Fr 7:00P-Friday Knights, 25976 Domingo		137	Fr 6:00P-(M)'s/Solution, 7111 Talbert Ave	30		Mo 8:00P-12&12 Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd	100
Sa 9:30A-Pines Park Disc, Pine Bluffs		87	Fr 7:30P-BB Stdy, 16650 Saybrook Lane	70		Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Disc/Munch L N Reg Park	256 463
<b>CORONA DEL MAR</b>	^	^	Fr 8:00P-HB Downtowners, 2721 Delaware			We 6:00P-Book Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd.	70 70
Mo 7:00P-Baywood Disc, 1601 Marg		227	Sa 7:30A-(M)'s Stag, 18582 Beach	70		We 7:30P-Book Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd.	10 10
Tu 7:00P-(M)'s Part, 611 Heliotrope		1,000	Sa 7:30A-(M)'s Disc 9812 Hamilton	60	180	Fr 7:00A-Back to Basics Men's, 30120 Town C D	280
We 7:00A-Women's B/B Study, 3233 Pacific View		105	Sa 9:30A-W BB Stdy, 18582 Beach	60		Fr 10:30A-(W)'s Disc., 30071 Ivy Glenn	60
Th 6:00P-Happy Hour (M)'s Pacific View		84	Sa 9:30A-Charle St. Overflow, 9812 Hamilton	40		<b>LAGUNA WOODS</b>	^
Th 7:00P-Big Book Study, 611 Heliotrope		119	Sa 10:00A-(W)'s BBStry, 18631 Chapel	140	420	Dly 7:30A-Do It Sober, 24442 Moulton	1,080
Fr 7:30P-Rebels Disc, 611 Helio		100	Sa 7:00P-Sat Nite Live BB, 18631 Chapel	108	288	Mo 7:30P- Nite SS Grp, 24442 Moulton	50
Fr 8:00P-BB Stdy, 3233 Pacific View		70				We 7:30A-BB Meeting, 24442 Moulton	120 120
<b>COSTA MESA</b>	^	^				We 1:15P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 24351 El Toro	120
Dly 7:00A-Daily Reflect, 2040 Placentia		50	<b>IRVINE</b>	425	2,209	Fr 10:00A-Top/Hill Gang, 24252 El Toro	210
Dly 7:30A-As Bill Sees It, 2501 Harbor		700	Dly 6:30A-Sunrise Sobriety, 4400 Barr	200	700		
M-F 6:45A-Morning Meditat, 183 E. Bay		60	M-F 12:00P-Irvine Noon Grp, 5101 Alton	200	700	<b>LA HABRA</b>	^
M-F 12:00P-Noon Rec, 420 W. 19th St.		220	Su 10:00A-Donut Mtg, 6670 Alton Pky	200	200	<b>LAKE FOREST</b>	^
Su 7:00P-Sun Speaker, 678 W. 19th St.		200	Su 6:00P-Farsi Speaking AA Meet, 6670 Alton Pk	200	200	Th 7:30P-Mustard Seed SS, 23262 El Toro	101
Mo 12:00P-Clean & Serene BB, 183 E. Bay		50	Su 7:30P-BonitaCynyn Disc, 5001 Nwprt	160	160	<b>LA MIRADA</b>	^
Tu 7:30P-Balboa Broads, 420 W 19th St		75	Mo 6:00P-(W)'s B. B. Topic, 6670 Alton	137	137	<b>LAS FLORES</b>	^
Tu 7:30P-Men's One Hour 1865 Anaheim		50	Mo 6:30P-Easy Does It, 4949 Alton	70	70	Sa 7:15P-Mission Spkrs., 26111 Antonio	220
Tu 7:30P-(M)'s Last Gaspers, 695 W 19th		100	Mo 6:30P-(W)'s BB Topic Disc, 4949 Alt	60	60	<b>LOS ALAMITOS</b>	^
We 10:00A-Seeking the Steps (W's) 2833 Europa		244	Tu 12:00P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 5101 Alton Pky	137	137	We 7:30P-Ice Breakers Grp, 4111 Katella	100 200
We 12:00P-High Noon Step, 183 E. Bay St.		50	Tu 6:00P-Courage To Change, 18182 Culv	90	180	<b>MISSION VIEJO</b>	^
We 7:00P-(W)'s Source Str, 3116 Van		70	Tu 7:00P-(M)'s K.I.S. 12X12, 14301 Yale	210	210	Mo 7:00P- (W)'s SS, 26051 Marg.	300
We 7:30P-Day By Day Serenity, 1865 Anaheim		60	Tu 7:30P-Good Guys (M)'s, 55 Deerwood	65	65	Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, 26558 Marg.	100
Fi 6:30 P-FGIF Women 183 E.Bay St.		47	Tu 7:30P-(M)'s Stag BB Grp, 4445 Alton PKWY	108	108	Tu 7:30P-Design for Living BB, 26558 Marg	89
Sa 9:30A-(W)'s Wrkg.in Sol. BB, 183 E Bay		40	We 6:30P-B. B. Topic Disc., 5001 Nwprt	83	687	We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc, 26558 Marg.	135
Sa 9:30A-(M)'s By The Book, 3080 Airway Ave		360	We 7:30P-Wild Bunch Beg's, 10 Federat	266	266	<b>NEWPORT BEACH</b>	^
Sa 9:30A-Sisters/Sobriety 2040 Placentia		140	We 8:00P-12 Solutions SS, Harvard	100	100	Dly 6:30A-Jumpstart Disc, 414 E. 32nd St.	600
Sa 6:00P-Cover-To-Cover, 183 E. Bay St.		80	Th 12:00P-Irvine (M)'s Lunch, 5001 Nwprt	50	128	M-F 12:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs	1,000
Sa 8:00P-Keep It Simple, 2850 Fairview		50	Th 6:30P-(W)'s Gypsies, Deerfield & Turtle	81	201	M-F 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd	120
<b>CYPRESS</b>	^	^	Fr 10:30A-Over 50 Grp, 4400 Barranca PKWY	60	175	Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On/Beach	500 700
Su 5:00P-Happy Hour Topic, 4552 Lin		30	Fr 12:00P-(W)'s Topic Disc, 5101 Alton P	68	239	Su 7:00P-Primary Purp Grp, Dover&16th	169
Tu 8:00P-BB Study, 8615 Walker St.		30	Fr 5:30P-Topic Disc.Grp, 6650 Alton (Kaiser)	30	370	Su 7:30P-Spkrs, 414 E. 32nd St	945
We 7:00P-Cypress Women's S/S, 5100 Cerritos		209	Fr 7:00P Winning Tkt Bk Stdy, 1 Sunnyh	93	157	Mo 9:00A-(W)'s Step Stdy, 414 E. 32nd	75 75
<b>DANA POINT</b>	^	^	Sa 9:15A-SS, 5101 Alton Pky	270	270	Mo 12:30P-Back Bay (M)'s, 1201 Irvine	700
Dly 7:00A-Hard Core Harbor, 34451 Ens		7,929	Sa 11:00A-B.B Stdy, 1 Sunnyhill - Turtle	120	120	Mo 7:00P-Language of the Heart (W's) 2414 Vista	142
Mo 5:30P-(W)'s Disc, Ensenada & DPH		210	<b>LAGUNA BEACH</b>	^	^	Mo 8:00P-(M)'s Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd	490
Mo 7:00P-Promises, 34052 Del Obispo		160	Dly 7:00A-Attitude Adj, 20456 LCR	270	270	Mo 8:00P-(W)'s Beg Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd	100
Tu 9:30A-(W)'s Back/Basics 24642 SJ		370	Dly 7:05A-Attitude Adj, 31872 PCH	630	630	Mo 8:00P-SS, 414 E. 32nd St.	11 11
Th 7:00A-(W)'s Harb Topic Disc, S Juan		60	Dly 7:05A-Attitude Adj, 31106 PCH (C)	212	512	Tu 6:00P-Dover (W's) 12 & 12, 798 Dover	70
Fr 12:15P-Fri Lunch (W)'s BB, 33841		50	M-F 7:00A-Meets/Ruby's, 30622 PCH	50	50	Tu 7:00P-(W)'s B/Stdy, 2414VistaDelOro	172
Fr 7:00P-GV, 33926 Calle Primavera		268	Su 7:05A-Montage Grp, (Montage)	338	338	We 6:00P-Men's, 414 E. 32nd Street	109
<b>FOUNTAIN VALLEY</b>	^	^	Su 10:00A-Heisler Park Disc, Cliff	70	70	We 6:30P-Wed Nite W's 12+12, 883 W. 15th St.	140
M-F 8:30A- Morning Meeting, 16581 Brookhurst		25	Su 6:00P-As Bill Sees It, 340 St Anns	70	225	We 7:30P-Wed Night (M)'s, 2401 Irvine	100
We 8:00P-Disc, 10280 Slater		70	Su 6:00P-GV Stdy, 21632 Wesley Dr	100	225	We 7:30P-BB Stdy, 600 St. Andrew	45
<b>FULLERTON</b>	^	^	Mo 6:30P-(W)'s Perspect, 20456 LCR	42	42	We 8:00P-Recovery Radicals, 301Nwprt	170 370
<b>GARDEN GROVE</b>	^	^	Mo 6:30P-(W)'s BB Stdy, Wesley	60	60	Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street	40 75
Tu 7:00P-Top/Key Book Stdy, 9th & Lamp		70	Mo 7:00P-Mon Night (M)'s Stag @Pat's	50	100	Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Grp, 414 E. 32nd	140
Tu 7:00P-Heartspeak (W)'s, 13082 Bowen St.		50	Mo 8:00P-(M)'s Stag, 20456 LCR	116	116	<b>ORANGE</b>	^
Tu 8:00P-Heartss 9842 W. 13th St.		60	Mo 8:00P-S/Coast (M)'s, 340 S/Ann's	60	100	Dly 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Cntry	200 480
Fr 10:30A-(W)'s (C)12 & 12, 9845 Blfst		120	Tu 7:00A-BB Stdy, 20456 LCR	231	231	M-F 5:30P-Tustin Rush Hour, 1800 E. La Veta@T	1,224
Sa 10:30A-BB Stdy, 9845 Belfast		55	Tu 12:30P-Serenity-Sea (W)'s, 340 St Ann's Dr.	125	125	Su 11:00A-Sun Pumpers, 705 W LaVeta	70 420
<b>HUNTINGTON BEACH</b>	^	^	Tu 12:30P-(W)'s Disc, 20456 LCR	150	150	Su 7:00P-Spkr/Orange, 1800 E LaVeta	40 80
Dly 7:00A-Hggrs/Bill Sees It, 8200 Ellis		400	Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Beg, 31872 So/Coast	674	1,374	Su 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 1310 E. Walnut	99 210
Dly 8:00A-Hggrs II, H.B Lifegrd Tower 11		221	Tu 6:30P-(W)'s Disc, 31872 So/Coast	70	70	Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Step Stdy, 161 Orange	54 137
Su 9:00A-On/Beach, Lifegrd Tower 11		90	Tu 7:30P-By The Book, 20456 LCR	162	162	Tu 7:00P-(W)'s Keep It Simple, 1310 E Walnut	41
Su 10:00A-Sober Sharing, 18582 Beach		60	We/Sat 7:00A-Whale Watch (M)'s, PCH	822	822	Th 7:30P-777 (M)'s Stag, 395 S Tustin	500
Su 7:30P-Disc, 20444 Magnolia		240	Th 12:30P-(W)'s Disc., 415 Forest Ave.	150	150	Fr 7:00P-As Bill Sees It, 161 S. Orange	90
Mo 12:00P-(W)'s Bill Sees It, 18631 Chap		150	Th 6:00 P-(W)'s Disc,20456 LCR	140	140	<b>RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA</b>	^
Mo 6:00P-Spkr/Q&A/Part, 6622 Lakeview		50	Th 6:30P-(M)'s BYOB 12& 12 SS, 21632	37	37	Mo 7:30P-(M)'s, 30605 Ave de la Flores	225
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Sans, 18631 Chapel Ln.		70	Fr 7:30P-Candlelight Acceptance., 20456 LCR	70	70	Tu 7:30P-Old Time BB Stdy, 30322 VCD	240
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s BB & 12& 12, 1912 Florida		70	Fr 8:00P-Here & Now, 21632 Wesley	196	196	We 6:30A-Att & Grat, 30605 Ave D/L Flores	200
Tu 1:00P-Harmony (W)'s, Edinger/Denney's		40	Sa 7:00A-Whale Watchers Men's, PCH@Wesley	40	40	We 7:30P-RSM StepStdy, 30382 VCD	60
Tu 7:30P-Beginners (M)'s, 19822 Beach		416	Sa 12:30P-Into Action, 20456 LCR	33	33	Fr 7:30P-Roads End Part, 30322 VCD	90
Tu 7:30P-(W)'s Disc., 8200 Ellis		10	Sa 5:00P-Big Book Study, 20456 LCR	300	300	Sa 10:30A-(W)'s BB Stdy, VCD	100
Tu 7:30P-(W)'s Serenity BB, 20444 Magn		180	Sa 8:00P-Night Spkr Mtg, 20456 LCR	300	300	<b>SAN CLEMENTE</b>	^
Tu 8:00P-Newcms (M)'s Grp, 20444 Magn		102	Sa 8:00P-Living Sober Spkrs, 428 Park	300	300	Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. (M)'s, Camino Capist	70
We 7:30A-Attitude Mod, 18582 Beach		60	<b>LAGUNA HILLS</b>	^	^	Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Stag/Munchies, 35522 Cam.	
We 2:00P-Seniors & Friends 1718 Orng		75	Su 7:30P-Legacy Grp, 23802 Ave de la Carlotta	387	387	Capist	214
We 6:30P-(W)'s Step Stdy, 7641 Talbert		30	Mo 6:00P-(W)'s Disc, 23802 A D Carlotta	210	210	Fr 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, Ave.Aragon	280
We 7:00P-Triangle Grp B/B Study, 2721 Delaware		80	Tu 7:00P-(M)'s Stag, 23802 A D Carlotta	200	200	Fr 8:00P-Aragon Spkrs, 202 Ave Aragon	60
Th 7:30A-Attitude Mod, 18582 Beach		60	Th 12:30P-(W)'s Topic Disc, 23181 Verdugo	140	140		
			Th 7:00P-Sober Ladies Candlelight Disc. 22911 Mi	20	20		

Group Donations continued from page 9

<b>SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO</b>		^	^
Dly 7:00A-SJGroup Eye Opener, 27514 C Arroyo			739
Dly 6:00A-Taking a Trip, 27174 Ortega Hwy	210		560
Su 5:00P-SJGroup 1 Hr Top Disc, 27514 C Arroyo	150		510
Tu 7:00P- SJGroup Hear Here Part, 27514 C Arroyo	120		320
We 6:15P-Speaker Disc Group, 27112A Pasea Es	140		240
We 7:00P-SJGroup 11th Step Disc, 27514 C Arro			100
Th 9:30A-(W)'s Back 2 B B/S, 27122A Paseo Espa	144		264
Th 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo			120
Th 7:30P-(M)'s Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo			231
<b>SANTA ANA</b>		^	^
<b>SEAL BEACH</b>		^	^
Mo 7:30P-Seal Bch Spkrs, 500 Marina Dr			465
We 7:30P-(M)'s SS, 8th & Central			50
<b>SILVERADO CANYON</b>		^	^
Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 17641 Silverado Cyn			51
<b>SUNSET BEACH</b>		^	^
Su 10:00A-Sunset Bch Mtg, PCH & Warner			60
Tu 6:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH	62		62
Tu 8:00P- Nomad'sBB Study, 16865 PCH			15
We 12:00P-Promises Meet, 16865 PCH	30		90
Fr 12:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH			50
Sa 7:30A-Disc, 16865 PCH	108		174
<b>TUSTIN</b>		^	^
Dly 6:00A-Foothill Early Risers, 19211	250		750
Dly 6:00A-Attitude Mod, 1221 Wass	320		882
M-F 12:00P-Alkies Winners, 555 W.Main	328	1,337	
Mo 6:16P-Tustin (W)'s 12X12, 1221 Wass			20
Tu 12:00P-(W)'s 12 & 12, 19211 Dodge A			30
Tu 7:00P-BB Stdy, 19211 Dodge	160		334
Tu 8:00P-Steps 1-4, 1201 Irvine			60
We 7:00P-Lucky Stiffs (M)'s, 18542 Vander			99
We 7:00P-(W)'s Solutions, 19211 Dodge	83		83
Th 6:00 P-Th 12&12 SS, 19211 Dodge			18
Th 6:15P-(W)'s Living Sober, 1221 Wass.			75
Th 7:00P-12 Steps & 12 Trads, 225 Main			50
Fr 11:00A-(W)'s B/B Study, 14402 S. Prospect			7
Fr 8:00P-Disc, Pinetree Park (130 W Main)	200		
Sa 8:00P-Visiting Spkrs 1221 Wass			50
<b>VILLA PARK</b>		^	^
Dly 7:30A-24 Hour Book Grp, 17855 Santia	263		516
Fr 12:00P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 17855 Sant			52
<b>WESTMINSTER</b>		^	^
Mo 7:30P-12&12Beginners, 15750 Mag	75		105
<b>WHITTIER</b>		^	^
<b>UNLISTED GROUPS</b>		^	^
Women's Meeting Coyote Grill			109
Th 7:00P-BB Stdy (UL) LB			40
Fr 5:30P- B/B Study, Irvine UL	140		327
Fr 8:00P-Family Afterward (UL) Sunset B	75		75
<b>WANDERING GROUPS</b>		^	^
(W)'s Wandering-South County UL	89		143
Th 6:30P-RSM (3rd Thurs) Wandering	91		91
<b>MISC. DONATIONS</b>		^	^
OCCO Change Can			18
Satellite Office Change Can			13
Intergroup Meeting	66	387	
Laguna Beach 4th Step Workshop		100	
LB Miracles Happen Convention	369	369	
Men's Banquet 2008		703	
<b>PERSONAL DONATIONS</b>		^	^
Anonymous	100	560	
Angela M.		30	
Chris P. Santa Ana	75	75	
James R., Orange	100	100	
Julie L.		100	
June L., Irvine	75	150	
Karen B., Irvine	70	70	
Kirk B., Costa Mesa	120	120	
Mary L., Mission Viejo		250	

## 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!

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

There are also 12 AAs. Can you find them all?

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Intuitive  
Inspiration  
Meditation  
Reflection  
Forgiveness  
Resentful

Dishonest  
Action  
Prayer  
Insecurity  
Spiritual  
Courage

Wanda R., Huntington Beach		25
Wanda M., Irvine		20
Theresa W., Newport Beach	50	275
<b>IN LOVING MEMORY</b>		
<b>GROUP INFORMATION REQUESTED</b>		
Receipt#1134		130
Receipt#1432 Tues S/S		140
Receipt#1480 Newport Beach?	236	236
Receipt#1490 Seal Beach? Sat AM	79	79
Receipt#1503 Garden Grove GG Alano Club	15	15
Receipt#1241		112
<b>TOTALS</b>	12,645	65,568



*Some days you are the bug, some days you are the windshield.*

*The difference between a problem drinker and an Alcoholic is that:  
When alcohol is taken away from the problem drinker, the problem goes away.  
When alcohol is taken away from the Alcoholic, the problem begins.*

## 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” 12<sup>th</sup> Step work and we would appreciate any time you can give.

New evening shifts available  
6pm to 9pm  
Monday thru Friday

### 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 INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF AA

Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 04/30/2009

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Group Donations	\$11,994.14	\$63,371.95
Individual/Fellowship	\$590.00	\$1,805.50
Literature Sales	\$9,824.53	\$37,092.50
Birthday Donations	\$184.00	\$1,983.65
In Memoriam	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intergroup Donations	\$66.06	\$386.56
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$200.85	\$734.25
Misc. (Repaid Bounced	\$0.00	\$244.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$22,859.58</b>	<b>\$105,618.81</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
Audits/Accounting	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Auto (All Managers)	\$50.50	\$243.93
Cash/Invoices Over/Short	-\$2.37	-\$29.67
Insurances	\$0.00	\$627.80
Intergroup Expense	\$544.50	\$921.50
Lease Expense	\$219.88	\$1,387.09
Sales Tax on Lease	\$17.04	\$17.04
Maintenance & Repairs	\$222.44	\$620.52
Volunteers Coffee + Water	\$123.76	\$460.43
Offices' Supplies + Expenses	\$54.39	\$840.94
Pension Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$254.91
P/I, Donated Literature	\$76.80	\$617.65
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	\$2,797.75	\$12,055.00
Salaries	\$10,287.55	\$40,710.87
Reimb. Health Insurance	\$280.17	\$1,120.68
Payroll Tax Expense	\$787.02	\$4,177.01
Taxes & Licenses	\$0.00	\$47.47
Telephone Expense	\$545.70	\$2,076.51
LIFELINE Expense	\$1,231.44	\$4,895.95
Cost of Literature Sold	\$8,486.25	\$32,039.82
Special Events	\$0.00	\$302.00
Misc. (Returned Checks)	\$0.00	\$304.29
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$25,722.82</b>	<b>\$106,191.74</b>
 <b>INCOME/(LOSS):</b>	 <b>-\$2,863.24</b>	 <b>-\$572.93</b>

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# We Are Not A Glum Lot

CLASSIC CARTOONS AND JOKES  
FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE



The obstreperous newcomer was being advised by a couple of old timers.

"We think," said one of them, "that it would help a lot if you could achieve a little more humility."

"What do you mean, humility!" exploded the newcomer. "Why, when it comes to humility, I'm tops!"

COUNSEL (to police witness): "But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, that does not prove he is drunk."

Policeman: "No, sir, it does not. But this one was trying to roll up the white line!"



"No more for me, thanks, I have to drive to three more parties."



"Down to sixty . . . my gawd, I've lost a hundred pounds!"



"What'll you have, gents?" Joe asked the three newly-arrived customers.

"A double Martini on the rocks for him and plain ginger ale for us," said one of the three.

As he set the glasses on the bar, Joe addressed the ginger ale drinkers. "I'll bet you two fellows are in AA," he said.

"All three of us are," one of the men told him. "You see, we come from a small group upstate. In fact, we're the only members." He nodded toward the Martini gulper. "So we take turns Twelfth-Stepping one another."

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