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# Lifeline

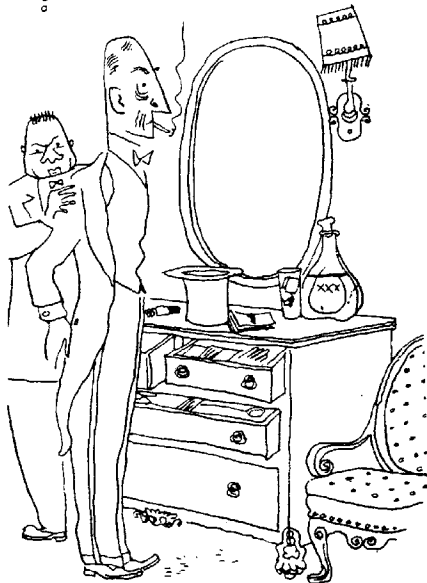
"AA is not an educational program. It is an informed living experience."

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## Inventory Research SNOBriety Division



"...to see ourselves as others see us is the rare gift that Bobbie Burns prayed for so eloquently. And one, I'm sure, that underlies the constant searching process of the sincere AA member. From time to time this department will

endeavor to hold up the mirror of reality to the smug and the complacent, and hopes, thereby to contribute a laugh or two while, at the same time, driving home a point.

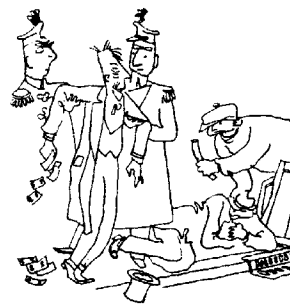
Can you take it? O.K., let's go. You may be listed here. We probably are. With proper apologies to the originator, Mr. Russell Lynes, (Life Magazine, Nov. 20, 1950) we pursue our researches where ever they may lead us.

First, of course, we found two basic types of snobs in AA. They fit into the terms "Low Bottom" Snobs, and "High Bottom" Snobs. They are easily recognizable.

LOW BOTTOM SNOB takes a dim view of anyone who hasn't hit skid row. No one is an Absolute Alcoholic who has not lost every worldly possession, has not slept in doorways, has not been forcibly hospitalized by the police, and has not drunk wood alcohol from the original container. The Low Bottom Snob is the darling of the newspaper writers, the movie producers, the radio and television directors, and the novelists. He is the original "Mr. AA."

HIGH BOTTOM SNOB spends most of his time apologizing for his highbottomness. But, for circumstances beyond his control he should have been a member of the first group. Invariably he can be heard to complain, "Of course, I didn't have it as hard as Joe (Snob of the first water) here, but God knows I tried hard enough."

PIONEER SNOB or EARLY SETTLER. He always apologizes for being in AA far longer than you, but rarely omits the



exact number of years. This type has been around so long that his years of sobriety are his badge of distinction. You get the impression that "You'll learn" if you just stay sober long enough.

The above three groups are almost a hierarchy. Their exclusivity is guaranteed. You can't "get in" with a flip or turn of the attitude...you are, one might say, "to the manner born," or else.

But here are some groups that do not depend on circumstances outside yourself and can be invaded successfully if you but play your cards with care.

BIG BRASS (sometimes called The Bishops). First requirement, of course, is to hold office. You either seek this outwardly (a practice frowned upon) or wait your turn. Or, better still, you are drafted. So far, so good. But now comes the important step. You never hold office again if you expect to attain Big Brass status. You've done your stint publicly. Now you graduate to a smoke-filled room, giving the benefit of your counsel on candidates for office for the next umph years.

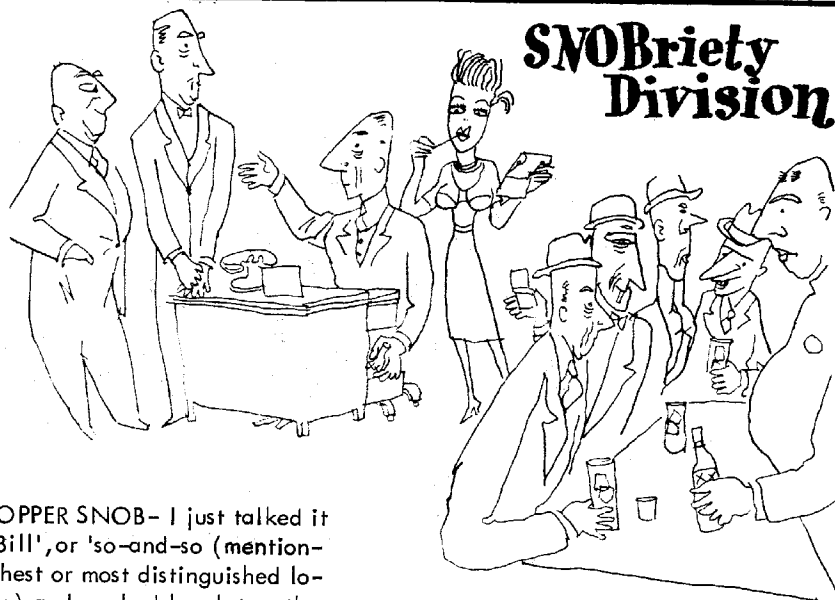
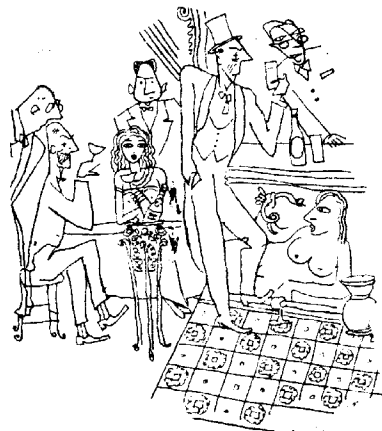


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I WON'T TALK category. We know a member who has held out for nine years! Truly a record. You may not be able to reach these heights, but you can hold out for a long time. You are, during your tenure, definitely a cut above the chap sweating on the platform, but tries anyway. Poor fool!

HARD KNOCKS school. We have heard members in the upper echelon of this category reach the epitome with the statement 'I have been in AA XXX years, dry, and I haven't even read the book yet. "What greater distinction could one have?



NAME DROPPER SNOB- I just talked it over with Bill', or 'so-and-so (mentioning the richest or most distinguished local member) and we had lunch together yesterday.' This classification of Snobs Anonymous is one of the easiest to join. ...a reasonably good memory for names is all you need.

There are, we have no doubt, many uncovered categories which we will, from time to time, reveal as they are revealed to us in our research. Your own help is essential and this department will welcome the results of your personal research

ches in this most vital matter. Give us your listings with adequate, yet concise, explanations and sources, and we will publish the results for the edification of all. We believe this to be a definite service to all AAs, and hereby dedicate ourselves to this work until it is finished. Let's hear from you.  
.....The Grapevine, March, 1951

### THE OPTIMIST CREED....

#### PROMISE YOURSELF-

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
  - To talk Health and happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
  - To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
  - To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
  - To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
  - To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
  - To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
  - To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
  - To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
  - To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
- .....W. J. T., Chino, Cal.

### PROGRESSIVE DELIGHT...

Just as alcoholism is a progressive disease so is sobriety a progressive delight.

Just a few of these clues to that condition of bliss, in their varying degrees, are set down for your guidance.

You may safely term yourself sober when you can.....

- 1) Open your eyes and crawl out of bed, looking forward to a hearty breakfast.  
Open your eyes and crawl out of bed looking forward.  
Open your eyes.
- 2) Walk into the bathroom, look at yourself in the mirror and shave without danger of decapitation.  
Walk into the bathroom and look at yourself in the mirror and shave.  
Walk into the bathroom, look at yourself in the mirror.  
Walk into the bathroom.  
Walk!
- 3) Stand steady, your chest throbbing with merry song, while the morning shower pours down on your manly frame.

Stand steady, your chest throbbing with merry song.  
Stand steady.  
Stand!

- 4) Find your shoes, under the bed, without hard knots tied in their laces, nestly trigged out on shoe trees.  
Find your shoes, under the bed, without hard knots tied in their laces.  
Find your shoes under the bed.  
Find your shoes!
- 5) Lift up a cup of coffee, take a sip without trembling or spilling a drop.  
Lift up a cup of coffee, take a sip.  
Lift up a cup.  
Lift up!
- 6) Breathe easy as you hurry along to the office, on time, with a clear conscience, and no fear of confronting the boss.  
Breathe easy as you hurry along to the office.  
Breathe easy as you hurry.  
Breathe easy.  
Breathe!  
.....The Grapevine, Dec. 1949

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# ORANGE COUNTY A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE



## ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES - MARCH 25, 1980

INCOME :	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	4 2,994.78	9,033.90
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	40.00	187.00
LITERATURE SALES	4,495.58	13,637.45
LIFELINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	424.00	1,352.38
SPECIAL EVENTS	-0-	-0-
INTEREST INCOME	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	135.49	202.19
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,089.85</b>	<b>24,412.92</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS :</b>		
ACCOUNTING & LEGAL	60.00	240.00
GROUP INFORMATION	84.75	254.25
INSURANCE	94.58	381.58
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS & SERVICES	26.50	77.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	256.97	577.20
POSTAGE	136.63	184.72
PRINTING	44.19	221.19
PUBLIC INFORMATION	30.00	106.90
RENT	396.00	1,188.00
SALARIES & WAGES	2,019.00	6,144.47
PAYROLL TAXES	109.10	217.60
TAXES AND LICENSES	2.50	2.50
TELEPHONE, OFFICE	258.44	818.89
TELEPHONE, T.A.B.	182.80	585.40
UTILITIES	39.26	234.61
LIFELINE EXPENSE	654.32	1,906.18
COST OF LITERATURE	3,821.24	11,592.33
SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE	55.00	61.99
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 8,271.28</b>	<b>24,795.31</b>
<b>NET GAIN OR (LOSS)</b>	<b>(181.43)</b>	<b>(382.39)</b>

	ASSETS	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE
CASH ON HAND	50.00	
CASH IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	8,980.80	
CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT	18,078.48	
PRUDENT RESERVE ACCOUNT	5,246.53	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	737.33	
INVENTORY	11,679.37	
PREPAID RENT	307.20	
PREPAID INSURANCE	17.87	
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	4,550.00	
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	598.32	
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE		484.51
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>49,761.39</b>
	<b>\$ 50,245.90</b>	<b>50,245.90</b>

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE 25TH OF MONTH WILL BE SHOWN ON NEXT MONTH'S REPORT. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO CENTRAL OFFICE & BE SURE TO SHOW NAME OF GROUP MAKING CONTRIBUTION.

Excerpt from Tradition #7 (Long Form)  
"Then too, we view with much concern those AA Groups which continue beyond prudent reserves to accumulate funds."

## Lifeline

We need contributions, cartoons, articles of your own experiences. For example, "What AA means to me," problems of getting rid of empties, hiding the jug, etc.

Also if you have any suggestions about Lifeline, send them in. We are trying to give you the best in Orange County news.

Please help us to keep the subscriptions up, by mentioning it in your group. We do need your help.

Lifeline presents the experiences of AAs and others interested in alcoholism.

Opinions expressed herein are not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement, either by AA or the Lifeline.

NOTE: It is very difficult to write a proper memorial to members your editor does not know personally. Please, when you call in a death of a member, include a short writeup about the person. Some of you have done this and I am most grateful....Editor

DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE WILL BE MAY 13TH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Russ P., Lifeline Coordinator, wishes to thank the following for their help in getting out the April Lifeline:

- Bill McB. - Costa Mesa
- Walt A. - Santa Ana
- Alph Ruth A. - Santa Ana
- Big John S. - Garden Grove
- Nellie H. - Huntington Beach
- Hank H. - Huntington Beach
- Margie J. - Costa Mesa
- Ed S. - Costa Mesa
- Ed F. - Garden Grove

and Colleen C., Office Manager.  
P.S. Please do not send long articles. There is limited space...keep it down to a couple of pages. Thank you. Ed.

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**GROUP NEWS  
& Speakers**

**ANAHEIM TUESDAY SPEAKERS**

Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.

Speakers:

- May 6- John A. ( La Mirada )
- May 13- JoAnne A. (Tustin)
- May 20- Jim B. ( Costa Mesa )
- May 27- Les A. ( Baldwin Park )
- .....Marcus B.

**ANAHEIM WEDNESDAY SPKRS.**

Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.

Speakers:

- May 7- Herb S. ( Santa Ana)
- May 14- Sue G. ( Villa Park)
- May 21- Edith M. ( Anaheim)
- May 28- Jim M. ( Garden Grove )
- .....Bill O.

**ANAHEIM THURSDAY SPEAKERS**

Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.

Speakers:

- May 1- Bill W. ( L.A.)
- May 8- Dr. Lou S. ( Patton)
- May 15- Ancel C. ( W.L.A.)
- May 22- Mary Ann K. ( Santa Monica)
- May 29- Cliff R. ( Oceanside)
- .....Don F.

**ANAHEIM FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

Hosp., 1830 W. Romneya.

Speakers:

- May 2- Mary/Roy B. ( Garden Gr.)
- May 9- Lewis W. ( Anaheim)
- May 16- Guy W. ( Placentia)
- May 23- Charley S. ( Upland)
- May 30- Dick O./Wendell (Anaheim/HB.)
- .....Darlene K.

**ANAHEIM FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

Hosp., 1111 La Palma.

Speakers:

- May 2- Rocky ( Stanton)
- May 9- Becky/Lou H. ( Placentia)
- May 16- Cille G. ( Costa Mesa)
- May 23- Mike C. ( Tustin)
- May 30- Bob A. ( Santa Ana)
- .....Tom G.

**ANAHEIM SATURDAY SPEAKERS**

Alana Club, 202 W. Broadway.

Speakers:

- May 3- Basil V. ( Orange)
- May 10- Pat H. ( Garden Grove)
- May 17- Ray R. ( Tustin)
- May 24- Carolyn O'R. ( Tustin)
- May 31- Claude C. ( Placentia)
- .....Mario P.

**BUENA PARK FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

Community Center, 8150 Knott.

Speakers:

- May 4- Joy P. ( Cardiff by the Sea)
- May 11- Dick T. ( Hawthorne)
- May 18- Ron C. ( Buena Park)
- May 25- Surprise
- .....Howard B.

**COSTA MESA SUNDAY SPEAKERS**

Oddfellow's Hall, 2476 Newport, 7:30PM

Speakers:

- May 4- Maurice Z. ( Venice)
- May 11- Manuel C. ( Riverside)
- May 18- Erv. G. ( L.A.)
- May 25- Hank J. ( Palmdale)
- .....Bill V.

**CYPRESS FRIDAY SPEAKERS**

5900 Ball Rd., 8 PM.

Speakers:

- May 2- Dick L. ( Long Beach)
- Fred D. ( Santa Ana)
- May 9- Inmates from Chino
- May 16- Don P. ( Lakewood)
- May 23- John R. ( Sunset Beach)
- May 30- Chuck C. ( Long Beach)
- .....Bill D.

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY SUN. SPKRS.**

Community Center, 10200 Slater, 8PM.

Speakers:

- May 4- Bob H. ( Santa Monica)
- May 11- June G. ( Culver City)
- May 18- John Mac ( Orange)
- May 25- Bea E. ( Culver City)
- .....Gordon B.

**FULLERTON MON. SPEAKERS**

Hosp., 101 E. Valencia Mesa Dr.

Speakers:

- May 5- Bob L. ( Fullerton)
- May 12- Herb G. ( Orange)
- May 19- Tom G. ( Cypress)
- May 26- Ruth M. ( Bellflower)
- .....Tore F.

**FULLERTON WED. SPEAKERS**

Alana Center, 705 N. Harbor Blvd.

Speakers:

- May 7- Fee H. ( Orange)
- May 14- Al N. ( Stanton Group)
- May 21- Richard B. ( Fullerton)
- May 28- Surprise.
- .....Joe S.

**FULLERTON SATURDAY SPKRS.**

Oddfellow's Hall, Lemon & Amerige.

Speakers:

- May 3- Linda B. ( Fountain Valley)
- May 10- Len B. ( Costa Mesa)
- May 17- Karl B. ( Orange)
- May 24- George M. ( Laguna Beach)
- May 31- C.C.K. ( Mission Viejo)
- .....Jim R.

**FULLERTON SUNDAY SPEAKERS**

Alana Center, 705 N. Harbor, 10:30AM.

Speakers:

- May 4- Ron L./Jerry N. (Stanton)
- May 11- Joan O. ( Santa Ana)
- May 18- Jennifer A./Paul S. (Covina)
- May 25- Ruth M ( Be llflower)
- .....Greg D.

**GARDEN GROVE MON. WOMEN**

There will be no speakers in May- also for the rest of the summer.

.....Ellen Van T.

**GARDEN GROVE THURSDAY SPKRS.**

Alana Club, 9636 Garden Grove)

Speakers:

- May 1- Chuck D. ( Orange)
- May 8- Bruce G. ( Seal Beach)
- May 15- Judy L. ( Huntington Beach)
- May 22- Carolyn O'R. ( Tustin)
- May 29- Surprise.
- .....Sandy R.

**GARDEN GROVE SATURDAY SPKRS.**

Alana Club, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd.

Speakers:

- May 3- John S. ( Malibu)
- May 10- Duffy ( Calistoga)
- May 17- Sheryl K. ( Tustin)
- May 24- Chuck C. ( Laguna Beach)
- May 31- Nancy D. ( Laguna Beach)
- .....Mike M.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH THURS. SPKRS.**

City Hall, 2000 Main St.

Speakers:

- May 1- Don S. ( Whittier)
- May 8- T. ( Whittier)
- May 15- Ed M. ( Garden Grove)
- May 22- Sue M. ( Orange)
- May 29- Surprise
- .....Joe P.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH FRIDAY**

College View Sch., 6582 Lennox.

The speaker for May 2nd will be Joe Q. from Laguna Beach .

.....Don M.

**SOUTH LAGUNA SAT. SPEAKERS**

Hosp., 31872 Coast Highway, 8 PM.

Speakers:

- May 3- Vic S. ( Irvine)
- May 10- Ann W. ( Hollywood)
- May 17- Marie B. ( Newport Beach)
- May 24- Howard B. ( Palm Desert)
- May 31- Jerry F. ( Huntington B.)
- .....Relle



"OK, so a meal without wine is like a day without sunshine, but you're heading for a sunstroke!"

LAGUNA NIGUEL FRIDAY SPEAKERS  
 30212 Cr. Valley Pkwy., Republic S. & L.  
 Speakers:  
 May 2- Jim L. ( Glendale )  
 May 9- Jim A. ( S. El Monte. )  
 May 16- Ginny H. ( S. El Monte )  
 May 23- Patti O. ( San Marcus )  
 May 30- Dave S. ( Pasadena )  
 .....Clint H.

LA HABRA FRIDAY SPEAKERS  
 631 N. Euclid.  
 Speakers:  
 May 1- Ron B. ( La Habra )  
 May 8- Jack/Mary C. ( Whittier )  
 May 15- Liz/Ken ( Tustin )  
 May 22- Tom R. ( La Habra )  
 May 29- Rose Mary ( Bellflower )  
 .....Owen L.

NEWPORT BEACH TUESDAY SPKRS.  
 Church, 3209 Via Lido Soud.  
 Speakers:  
 May 6- Marie B. ( Balboa )  
 May 13- Bill W. ( W.L.A. )  
 May 20- Esther V. ( W.L.A. )  
 May 27- John K. ( Chino )  
 .....Tom L.

NEWPORT BEACH THURS. SPEAKERS  
 Ebell Club, 515 W. Balboa Blvd.  
 Speakers:  
 May 1- Eddie H. ( San Juan Cap. )  
 May 8- Participation  
 May 15- Chuck C. ( Laguna Beach )  
 May 22- Dave D. ( Laguna Beach )  
 May 29- Participation  
 .....Cary C.

NEWPORT BEACH SAT. HOAG HUT  
 Hosp. Conference Rm., 301 Newport.  
 Speakers:  
 May 3- Dane T. ( Newport Beach )  
 May 10- Marie B. ( Newport Beach )  
 May 17- Chuck N. ( Venice )  
 May 24- Colleen W. ( Dana Point )  
 May 31- Surprise  
 .....Karen W.

ORANGE FRIDAY SPEAKERS  
 Children's Hosp. Aud., 1109 W. La Veta.  
 Speakers:  
 May 2- Muriel Z. ( Newport Beach )  
 May 9- Paul K. ( Irvine )  
 May 16- Bob B. ( San Marcus )  
 May 23- Tom W. ( Dana Point )  
 May 30- Judge John S. ( Malibu )  
 .....Don K.

ORANGE SUNDAY SPEAKERS  
 Hospital, 401 S. Tustin, 8 PM.  
 Speakers:  
 May 4- Maxine S. ( Anaheim )  
 May 11- Dodie A. ( Anaheim )  
 May 18- Hank M. ( Westminster )  
 May 25- Rocky ( Anaheim )  
 .....Lenore McK.

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:30PM UNLESS  
 OTHERWISE NOTED.

SANTA ANA MONDAY SPEAKERS  
 Alano Club, 2045 N. Main St.  
 Speakers:  
 May 5- Gloria B. ( Cardiff by the Sea )  
 May 12- Byron/Marian W. ( Upland )  
 May 19- Tom W. ( Dana Point )  
 May 26- Connie Q. ( Salona Beach )  
 .....Ray M.

STANTON TUESDAY SPEAKERS  
 Step House, 10936 Dale Ave, 8PM.  
 Speakers:  
 May 6- Mary/Roy B., ( Garden Grove )  
 May 13- Bob L. ( Anaheim )  
 May 20- Ed Mac ( Westminster )  
 May 27- Terry H. ( Cypress )  
 .....Adrian R.

TUSTIN TUESDAY SPEAKERS  
 Church, Newport & Dodge, 8PM.  
 Speakers:  
 May 6- Ed C. ( Glendora )  
 May 13- Sue M. ( Orange )  
 May 20- Jim N. ( Tustin )  
 May 27- Santiago E. ( Newport B. )  
 .....Sheridan O.

NEW GROUPS

ORANGE TUESDAY  
 Hospital, 2601 East Chapman, 8 PM,  
 Newcomers, Room A.

DISBANDED

GARDEN GROVE THURSDAY  
 Friendship Participation, Main & Stan-  
 ford, 8 PM.

IRVINE THURSDAY  
 (C) Womens Discussion, 9:30AM, 3883  
 Park View Clubhouse.

ANAHEIM FRIDAY  
 Speaker, Hospital, 1830 W. Romneya Dr.

" A LITTLE AT A TIME "

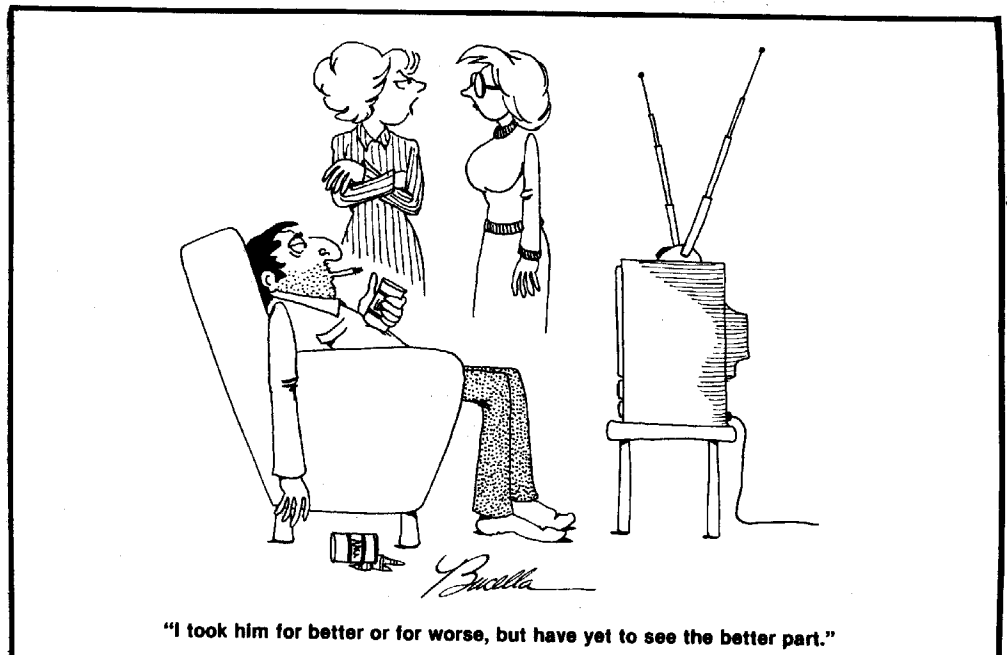
We sometimes grow impatient  
 When the things we want to do  
 Seem to take a whole lot longer  
 Than we'd really like them to...  
 If there's a goal that must be reached,  
 Or a bridge that must be crossed-  
 We feel that in the time it takes  
 Our purpose will be lost...

But if something is worth doing,  
 Then the only way to do it  
 Is just a little at a time-  
 And when you're finally through it,  
 You'll find it was less difficult  
 To do (without a doubt )  
 Than you ever had imagined  
 Before you started out.  
 So if there's a dream that  
 Should come true  
 Or a mountain you would climb,  
 Remember that great things are done  
 A little at a time.  
 .....Phyllis Culp Mabry.

IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN  
 YOUR GROUP-SECRETARIES-TIME-  
 LOCATION, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR  
 CENTRAL OFFICE!!

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"I took him for better or for worse, but have yet to see the better part."

# INTERGROUP COUNTY CALENDAR

INTERGROUP MEETING	May 13th	Alk-A-Thon	Sept. 13th
Annual Picnic	Aug. 17th	Traditions Meeting	Nov. 2nd.

## 41 GROUPS REPRESENTED AT APRIL INTERGROUP MEETING!!!

Anaheim:- (Club) Thurs. Speaker Brea:- Thurs. Disc. Buena Park:- Fri. Part.-Sun.Sprk. Costa Mesa:- Thurs. Disc.-Sun.Sprk. Oddfellows-(Club) Wed. Q&A Cypress:- Fri. Spkr. Fountain Valley:- Wed. Disc.-Sun.Sprk. Fullerton:- Thurs. Disc.-(Club) Mon. Disc.,6:30-Wed. Spkr.-Sun. Spkr. Garden Grove:- Wed. Part.(C)- Fri. (C)Womens Study Huntington Beach:- Mon. Study-Mon. Women Stag- Tues.We Care- Wed.Part. Main St.-Fri. Part.Main St.-Fri.Lennox. Institutional:- 2nd Sun.Bus. Meeting	Laguna Beach:- Tues.Women,12:30- Thurs. Women(C)-(Club)Thurs. Beginners- Laguna Niguel:- Fri. Disc.- La Habra:- Fri. Spks- Sun. Step Study Midway City:- Fri. Disc. Mission Viejo:- Wed. Wmn.Disc.(C) Newport Beach:- Thurs. Spkr.- Orange:- (Club) Tues. Disc.noon- Sat. Disc.2PM- San Juan Capistrano:- Mens Stag Thurs.- Sunset Beach:- Sat. 7PM Disc.-Fri. Step Study Tustin:- Wed. Disc.- Wandering Group:- Fri. Yorba Linda:- Mon. 12&12
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## ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE STATISTICAL REPORT....

CENTRAL OFFICE	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
REQUESTS FOR SPEAKERS, SCHOOLS, ETC.	7	33
INFORMATION ABOUT AL-ANON	120	334
LITERATURE REQUESTS	26	88
INFORMATION REQUESTS	830	2655
REQUEST FOR MEETING: TIME & PLACE	806	2672
A.A. MEMBERS CALLING C.O.	672	2505
NEW INQUIRY ABOUT SELF	329	729
12 STEP CALL: MALE	80	278
12 STEP CALL: FEMALE	56	195
VISITORS TO CENTRAL OFFICE	389	1071
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<b>TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE ( T.A.B.)</b>		
PUBLIC INFORMATION CALLS	401	1030
AL-ANON INFORMATION CALLS	156	384
REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS: TIME & PLACE	803	2305
CROSS CONNECT: FEMALE	68	207
CROSS CONNECT: MALE	86	239
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TOTAL CALLS TO T.A.B. & CENTRAL OFFICE	4440	13,654
TOTAL CONTACTS	4829	14,725

### BI-LINGUAL 12 STEP WORKERS NEEDED

Your Central Office is attempting to compile a 12 Step list to provide the capabilities for communication with those speaking languages other than English. This would be of service to persons either

residing in, or visiting Orange County. Any reader wishing to volunteer for participation in this work, please contact your Central Office for more information....Orange County Service Bd.

### EASTER MEETING...

Approximately 500 people and pounds of coffee later, our Easter meeting was a tremendous success. A Big Thank you to Lew, Ray, Larry, Steve, Bob, Bill, Margaret, Shirley, Mary, Nancy, Scotty, and Marshall and to those of you who lent a hand. Thank you for all your help.

For those of you who would like some "sobriety insurance", service is the magic word. Get involved! Next special event will be "Fractured Frolics". We need you!.....Patti, Special Events Chairman.

### ACCOMMODATIONS STILL NEEDED.....

In the April issue it was announced that a large number of New Zealand and Australian AA members -Al-Anons and Alateens were coming to the World Convention to be held in New Orleans in July. The New Zealanders will spend 3 days in this area prior to going to the Convention and the Australians will spend 3 days on their way home from the Convention.

Orange County members willing to share their homes and hospitality were asked to contact me. The response has been good but we still need more members willing to share their homes.

The Circle surrounding our AA Service Symbol signifies AA Love around the World and since I believe we in Southern California are fortunate in having the greatest brand of AA and the warmest loving Fellowship in the World, I am sure there are many more loving and caring AAs and Al-Anons who will want to open up their homes and hearts and proudly show how the AA Program works for us- In our homes and with our families.

We also need volunteers to pick up some of these guests to take to meetings during their stay.

Please contact JoAnne A.,  
P.O.Box 10177  
Santa Ana, Ca. 92711

or phone (714)639-0484

Thank you. JoAnne A.



### NEW "A.A. BABY"

Jennifer Lee G., February 28, 1980  
Born to Michael & Leilani G.  
Laguna Beach.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

BEST WISHES FOR A LIFETIME OF HAPPINESS to

Ellie & Ray F., Costa Mesa, married on Easter Sunday in Las Vegas.



THE QUESTIONNAIRES continue to come in and I feel that response throughout the Area has been very good and certainly very informative to me. I am uncertain whether the type and scope of the questions on service resulted in such a large reflection of experience in the three arms of AA service (Central Office, H. & I. and General), or if it might be that I had not appreciated how many rank and file AA members have been and are involved. At any rate the answers showed a great deal of personal involvement of the membership in committee activity as well as group leadership. All who related experience in some form of regular participation expressed their belief in the overall good that accrued to them personally in their sobriety. At this point I have received nearly three hundred completed questionnaires and expect more before April 1st. Thank you all so much, for your interest and cooperation.

I am pleased to announce that the Pacific Region's request for a Regional Forum has been approved and it will be held in Phoenix the weekend of September 26, 27, and 28, 1980. Those who attended the Forum in Sacramento in September 1978 will without doubt attest to the fact that Forums are very special events to all members of AA. Conventions and Roundups are quite different from Conferences and Forums and they all contribute greatly to our sobriety.

News about the Grapevine: Circulation in 1979 with the December issue reached 120,474 - an increase of 10.8% over 1978. Inflation has had a drastic effect during the last few years, and even with climbing circulation and a tremendous increase in other sales, The Grapevine showed an operating loss of \$38,860 during 1979.

Consequently the Grapevine Corporate Board approved a price increase in cost of subscriptions, U.S. and Canada: one year, \$6.00; two years, \$10. Other countries one year, \$6.50; two years, \$11.00. (All subscriptions received by June 1, 1980, will be processed at the current rate.)

In addition, reprinting of our co-founders memorial issues (Dr. Bob, January 1951 and Bill W., March 1971) was approved by the Corporate Board.

The tempo is increasing rapidly throughout the AA world about the International AA Convention in New Orleans, July 3-6, 1980. Theme of the Forty-fifth Anniversary event is "The Joy of Living". At the convention there are regional, state and provincial alkathons. The California Alkathon will be the longest, 2 1/2 hours, due to our having five Assembly Areas in the state. Each of our five delegates will choose a speaker and the five delegates will then choose by lot one of them to be chair person. Our speaker for the alkathon will be our alternate delegate, Clara C., who has graciously accepted. We know she will be a good spokesman for the type of AA we have in the Mid-Southern California Area.

Convention events as approved include a total of 134 panels, workshops, geographical and special interest meetings, a marathon meeting which will run from Thursday night to Sunday morning, as well as the three major events in the main area of the Superdome, and the opening dance at the Rivergate. Action will be taken at the General Service Conference in New York in April regarding simultaneous translation services in French, German and Spanish for the meetings at the Convention.

The recent Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly in Anaheim was a tremendous experience for all who attended and we were proud of our committee, all of whom worked hours in making it a success. Our hats are off to all of you. The recent Symposium of Service was also excellently planned and the sharing sessions on the agenda questions was very enjoyable, stimulating and informative. Our thanks to all concerned in these efforts for service in our Area. . . . Denver C., Delegate

Mid-Southern California Area.

## PEOPLE

### IN MEMORIAM . . .

Heartfelt sympathy and love to the family and friends of

CLIFFORD A. WALKER  
(Whittier)

### CLIFF WALKER . . . . .

A memorial service was held on March 27th at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Cliff was born April 8, 1908 - passed on March 23, 1980.

Officiants - Don S. and Tom M.  
Eulogist - Bill M.

Cliff was known to all; the original western worker and organizer for the new Fellowship which he helped start out here in February 1940.

He helped thousands of us to turn our lives around. No one could doubt Cliff, for what he was always showed clearly. His wife, Dorothy, was the loyal and loving partner he needed and appreciated.

How well he knew that "Life is not a glass to be drained, but rather a measure to be filled"! What he had was not for sale, - he leaves it as a gift for all of us. May we all remember!

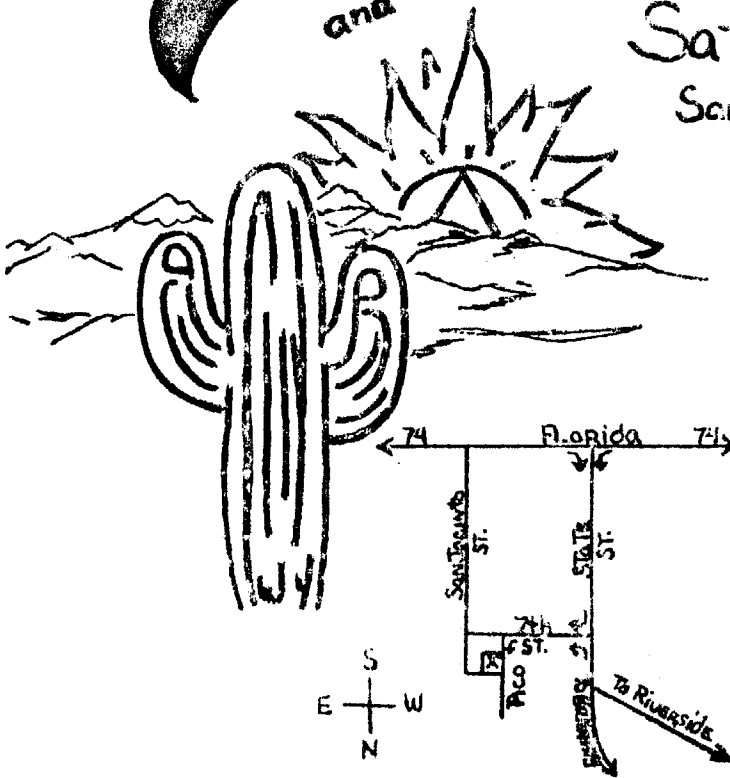
. . . . . Bill McB., Costa Mesa.

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA'S

# Ninth Annual Inland Empire

# Fiesta

and Pot Luck Dinner - MEXICAN Food



Sat. May 10, 1980 at  
San Jacinto Community Center

625 Pico, San Jacinto Ca.

DINNER \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm.

AAA PLAYERS \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 pm.

MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 pm.

DANCE \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm.

- SPEAKERS -

DENVER C. Oceanside Ca.

BILL B. Lynwood Ca.

TICKETS \$3.00



**RELATED FACILITIES**

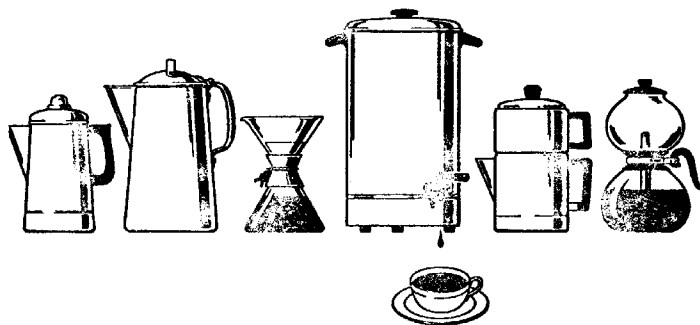
**CANYON CLUB** 1945 BROADWAY, LAGUNA BEACH  
**Sunday Brunch**  
 THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 NEXT DATE: MAY 18TH  
 HAM-EGGS-PANCAKES-COFFEE  
 ADULTS: \$2.00 KIDS: \$1.50  
 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**ATTENTION!**  
 The First Step House of Costa Mesa is now self-supporting.  
 Needs men's clothing, food, towels, etc.  
 All cash donations are tax deductible.  
 For pickup, call 631-9802 or 548-0872.  
 Edwin S.

**ALANO of COSTA MESA** 2040 PLACENTIA AVE.  
**DANCE** EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT- LIVE MUSIC -  
 FUN & REFRESHMENTS

**ALANO of GARDEN GROVE** 9636 GARDEN GROVE BLVD.  
 SUNDAY BREAKFAST HAM-SAUSAGE- EGGS 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 8 A.M. - 11 A.M. HOT CAKES  
 Adults; \$2.00  
 Kids : \$1.00 (Under 12 )  
 NEXT DATE: MAY 11TH

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** 2191 ORANGE-OLIVE ROAD, ORANGE.  
 BUFFET, LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH- 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 NEXT DATE: MAY 31ST Donation: Adults: \$2.50- Kids: \$1.25  
 ALL WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!



**MEDICS BACK COFFEE BREAK**

**L**END an ear, folks—here's some news to perk you up. Doctors have come out in favor of the daily coffee break.

"To one who is dedicated to work, a mid-morning coffee or a mid-afternoon tea is a means of facilitating production," says the Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey. "To one who is bored by work, the coffee break is the best time of the day."

The Journal explains that caffeine stimulates the brain "so that the office coffee break leads to more production per day, not less." What's more, coffee is "not only a cheering stimulant but a safe one."

"Not a single human fatality has ever been reported from coffee," the Journal notes. "It makes no one drunk, robs no one of his dignity, lulls no one into oblivion."

Besides, the Journal reports, coffee

peps up the heart muscle, increases blood flow to the heart's arteries, expands the blood vessels in the arms and legs, "keeps the kidneys busy," juices up the stomach, helps the body burn food better and even serves as an antidote for some poisons.

"Coffee is the great American institution that knows no class lines," the medical publication observes. "Truck drivers and debutantes, professors and stenographers, the unemployed in a bread line, the opulent in a banquet hall—all turn to coffee."

"It is a friend who never betrays, as does alcohol. It is a pleasant addiction that does not enchain, as do the opiates. It is a social lubricant, a versatile medicine, an aid to clear thinking."

"Here's to the coffee hour."  
*N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun*

**RETURN TO "BROADWAY"**

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL ALKIES WHO MADE THEIR AA DEBUT ( AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T ) AT AN AA GROUP AT THE ANAHEIM ALANA CLUB, 202 W. BROADWAY.

GALA REUNION "ALK-A-THON" KICKS OFF MAY 16, 8 PM THROUGH SUNDAY MAY 18TH! ( FIRST M.C., CHIEF H. )

INCLUDES A TOE TAPPIN, KNEE SLAPPIN, HOEDOWN, MAY 17TH - 10PM TIL 2AM.

THE ALK-A-THON IS SPONSORED BY THE GROUPS WHICH MEET AT THE CLUB.

7TH TRADITION PROCEEDS TO ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE!!!

FOR INFORMATION CALL SHIRLEY OR SCOTTY AT 535-0900.



"I came in here to bolster my courage, but now I can't remember what I was afraid of!"

# STEP 10----- ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

"AND THIS ABOVE ALL, TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE"

Rate yourself for the week, by putting in each square the number corresponding to your own estimate of your behavior, etc.

- 1.-Excellent      3.-Just fair      5.-Pretty bad  
 2.-Pretty fair    4.-Not so hot     6.-Lousy

	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	6th Week	7th Week	8th Week
Self-honesty								
Tolerance								
Humility								
Unselfishness								
Temperance								
Thoughtfulness								
Self-Confidence								
Self Control								
Initiative								
Persistence								
Concentration								
Vision(future)								
Self Improvement								
Loyalty								
Alertness								
Willingness to ask for and take advice								
Meditation on the A. A. Program								
TOTALS								

If your score is 25 or under---You are either a Saint or a Liar(Better check again )  
 Between 25 and 35---We still won't quite believe you.  
 Between 35 and 50---Well...this could be...but  
 Between 50 and 75---You're getting in the groove.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FROM JAN. 25TH TO MAR. 25TH, 1980

GROUP	MAR.	YEAR	GROUP	MAR.	YEAR	GROUP	MAR.	YEAR
ANAHEIM			HUNTINGTON B.			SAN CLEMENTE		
MON. BK. STUDY (CLUB)	16	16	FRI. DOWNTOWNERS	14	51	MON. DISC.		60
TUES. SURVIVALS		71	FRI. LENNOX	80	130	AA GROUPS (CLUB)		180
WED. NOON WMNS.		25	IRVINE			SEAL BEACH		
WED. SPKR.	60	60	MON. DISC.		65	THURS.	50	150
THURS. PIONEER SPKR.	120	120	TUES. WMN. (PARK)		30	STANTON		
FRI. SPKRS. (HOSP.)		60	TUES. STAG		97	WED. DISC.	40	40
SUN. 11AM SPKRS.		60	WED. NOON DISC.	20	20	SUNSET BEACH		
SUN. BEGINNERS (CLUB)		13	WED. BEGINNERS		120	SAT. 7:00 PM	60	90
BUENA PARK			THURS. WMN. PARK		30	SAT. 9:00 PM		30
THURS.		10	FRI. LIL GROUP		65	SUN. 10:00 AM	60	99
CORONA DEL MAR			FRI. BIG GROUP		91	TUSTIN		
TUES. NOON-A-TICKS		120	SAT. SPKRS.		110	MON. PM STAG		100
WED. LIVING SOBER		85	LAGUNA BEACH			FRI. NITE WASS	100	100
FRI. REBELS		50	MON. STAG		102	SUN. NITE SPKRS.		300
BREA			WED. SPKRS.	150	150	WESTMINSTER		
THURS.		60	THURS. WMN. 7:30	81	81	THURS.		78
COSTA MESA			SAT. SPKRS. HOSP.		410	YORBA LINDA		
MON. BAY DISC.		21	SAT. SPKRS. (CLUB)		60	WED.		60
TUES. STAG (Anaheim Hse.)		9	SUN. PM DISC.		46	THURS. NON-SMOKING	30	30
TUES. GRANGE HALL	15	60	SUN. SPKRS.	300	300	MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS & DONATIONS		
THURS. HOSP.	18	48	LA HABRA			INTERGROUP	44	145
THURS. 7PM	20	20	MON. WOMEN	10	100	FRI. WANDERING	20	50
FRI. MESA VERDE		41	WED. STAG		15	PRAASA		16
FRI. SPKRS (CLUB)		30	FRI. SPKRS.		120	NEWPORT CENTER DR. (DISBANDED)		25
FRI. STUDY (Anaheim Hse.)		22	SUN. NIGHT		50	MID-SO. CAL. AREA		
SAT. STAG (Charle St.)		60	LAGUNA NIGUEL			ASSEMBLY		10
SUN. NOON (CLUB)		30	FRI. NIGHT	60	60	SO. CALIF CONVENTION 200		200
SUN. SPKRS. (Oddfellows)	5	5	LA MIRADA			TOTALS	2,985	9,022
CYPRESS			WED. WOMEN		40			
FRI. EZDOES IT		100	LOS ALAMITOS					
DANA POINT			WED. STEP STUDY	30	30			
TUES. NITE	120	120	MISSION VIEJO					
THURS. STAG		60	WED. MORN		60			
EL TORO			NEWPORT BEACH					
MON. 11AM STUDY		25	MON. WOMEN 10:30AM	10	10			
FOUNTAIN VALLEY			MON. BAYWOOD		54			
WED. DISC.	56	56	TUES. STAG	50	50			
SUN. SPKRS.	35	160	TUES. SPKRS.	120	300			
FULLERTON			TUES. WOMEN DISC.		27			
MON. SPKRS. (HOSP.)	72	144	WED. BK. STUDY (CLUB)		35			
TUES. NOON (CLUB)		53	THURS. SPKRS. (EBELL)	240	240			
THURS. WMN. (Chapman)		46	FRI. DISC. (CLUB)		48			
THURS. STAG		60	SUN. SPKRS. (CENTER CLUB)		30			
THURS. WMN. (CLUB)		2	PLACENTIA					
SAT. 2PM (Glenwood Hse.)		24	MON. NITE	30	30			
SAT. 11:30AM (CLUB)		30	SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO					
SUN. NITE DISC.		53	THURS. STAG		60			
GARDEN GROVE			SANTA ANA					
MON. (C) WMN. PM	60	60	THURS. DISC.	60	60			
MON., W., F., (C) WMNS.	50	50	SAT. SPKRS. (SATCH)	22	52			
WED. BELFAST STAG	45	71	HISPANO (LA NUEVA)	30	45			
FRI. AM WOMEN		51						
SUN. PM SPKR.	5	5						
HUNTINGTON BEACH								
MON. PM STUDY	60	60						
TUES. WMN. HARMONY	26	85						
TUES. DISC. (Chapel Ln.)	18	44						
TUES. WE CARE	50	135						
THURS. SPKRS.	40	65						
THURS. 12&12		50						
THURS. NOONSHINERS	30	60						

ATTENTION GROUP MEMBERS:  
 "SELF-SUPPORTING--60-30-10 PLAN  
 60% to your Intergroup or Central Office  
 30% to your General Service Office  
 10% to your Area Committee  
 If your group is contributing to the Central Office it is listed above. If it is not there, then the group is not following Traditions. The responsibility lies with each member of the Fellowship to see that we all do our part to carry the load and continue to carry the message. If your group is missing, then it's up to you to speak up within your group and make necessary changes.

"When you want words to carry any weight, weigh them very carefully!"



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