My dear AA members,

I arrived home a week ago yesterday. It is so wonderful to be home with my family, and have their love and support.

I live in a little town now, and we have only two AA meetings a week, but at least I have those two to go to. One is on Tuesday night and it is open. They have speakers, but usually someone from this town. Saturday night is "problem" night, as they call it. Actually it is what we call a "discussion" group. This meeting is closed, and I like it. These meetings are really different from what you and I are used to, but they are AA. They don't read parts of Chapters 3 or 5 and they don't say the Serenity Prayer, but I guess that's OK, and I'll get used to it! There are nice people in these meetings, and the same love and fellowship exists here, as it did when I walked up those stairs in Garden Grove to learn about sobriety.

I'm really excited, because on Sunday, May 13th, I will have made it another 30 days, and I'll have 60 days sobriety! Just one day at a time. (Is it possible for me to get a chip? They hadn't seen those here, and that means a lot to me.) I love sobriety! It seems that finally, for the first time in my life, I'm facing reality head-on, working through the pain and fears, ridding myself of guilt, expressing gratitude for life itself and beginning to like Nancy. I can't express in words how thankful I am for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can only live it day by day, be willing to listen, and hopefully help others in any way that I believe is right.

What you people have taught me is astonishing. There is not a day that passes that I don't recall what someone had said in a meeting or what someone told me in a one-to-one conversation. This has helped so much and I am thankful for you all. The Garden Grove club, meetings, and members have given more to me than I could ever have asked for. I have these things. I will never forget the place and, of course, certain very special people who were there when I decided to begin this new life called sobriety. The pure unselfish helpfulness and extended warmth that I received from you people gave me faith and hope that there was, indeed, something better, and something good for me. I really did "want what you had", and I have just begun to find out what you meant! I only hope, and must have faith that I will always be willing to go to any lengths to keep what I now have.

Thank you all for being there when I was willing to accept what you had waiting for me.

All my love,

Nancy C., Warrensburg, Missouri

From the July, 1979, Lifeline
Tradition Eight

Long Form: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.

Short Form: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

This tradition addresses two distinct, but related areas of A.A., so let’s look at the first area. It addresses the altruistic nature of the work we do best in A.A. – that of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still stumbles around in the dark, not knowing there is a way out. There is hardly a place in any literature, where you can read that it is okay for A.A. members to work in the Treatment field. As seen above, “our twelfth step work is never to be paid for”. If someone is accepting a wage for working in Treatment, aren’t they being paid for doing twelfth step work? Not necessarily. A very wise gentleman, the late Ellery S., once told me that he felt it was okay for A.A. members to work in Treatment, provided they had at least 25 years of continuous sobriety. Ellery expressed the opinion, (he had more than 40 years of sobriety at the time) that it probably takes at least 25 years for someone to be able to work in Treatment and understand the difference between professional Treatment work and A.A. twelfth step work. Even Dr. Silkworth declared that the best he could do was to offer “synthetic knowledge”, not having had the dubious distinction of being an alcoholic. So, doesn’t it seem rational to think that a sober alcoholic would have a better chance to reach the often recalcitrant alcoholic? In the pamphlet, “A Member’s Eyewitness of A.A.”, (editorial here – please read the pamphlet, it is the finest piece of literature we have in A.A.) the presenter makes the following statement, “For the first time, 33 years ago an alcoholic suddenly heard a different drummer. Instead of the constant and menacing rat-a-tat-tat of “This is what you should do,” he heard an instantly recognizable voice saying “This is what I did”. (Note, this was written in 1970 and refers to the meeting of Dr. Bob S. and Bill W., in 1935). The pamphlet, of course, was referring to the profound ability of one alcoholic to reach another alcoholic, where all others fail. We know that alcoholics have a message of “depth and weight”, that only another alcoholic can hear and understand. The majority of alcoholics coming to Alcoholics Anonymous today come through Treatment centers – they don’t pick up the phone and call Alcoholics Anonymous. Wouldn’t we want a sober member of A.A. to be the one attempting to reach the still-suffering alcoholic?

The second area addressed in this tradition is the need for special workers to staff our service centers. Our service centers require paid employees to run these centers in a professional manner. They require people who know bookkeeping, human resources, and insurance. They require people who know how to manage inventory. In short, they require professionals doing professional work. It no longer suffices to have all volunteer staff in our service centers. Bill envisioned the growth in A.A. and knew that we would need to pay skilled people for their labor. Tradition eight spells out that twelfth step work is never to be paid for, but all other work should be paid a fair wage.

Amazing how wise these early-timers were.

Next month: Tradition Nine – Whadayah mean, no organization?

George L., Westminster, CA
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.

Short Form vs. Long Form

Dear Alma:

They read the 12 Traditions at every meeting I attend. Tradition Three is always read as “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.” I just noticed the long form in the back of my “12 and 12”. It seems to say something different. What gives?

Jack J., Sunset Beach

Dear Jack,

When A.A. was in its very early days, Bill W. asked the groups to send in a list of their membership rules. The groups responded with rules that were so restrictive it was a wonder that anybody could join. Bill and others realized that membership rules were denying recovery to all kinds of alcoholics that were “different” or had other problems besides alcohol. This formed the basis for the Third Tradition. As Bill writes in the “12 and 12”, “How could we know that thousands of these sometimes frightening people were to make astonishing recoveries and become our greatest workers and intimate friends.” The long form expands on the simple statement of the short form and gives us a definition of the A.A. group. Both reinforce Bill’s comments that “You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out.”

(See the March Lifeline for as longer discussion of Tradition Three. Also see the April issue for a list of group membership requirements from 1947.)

Remember: It's ok to look back but don't stare

NOTICE FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
Publications Department

“As I am sure you all know, A.A. is not immune to current economic conditions. At the G.S.O. we have seen increases in costs for operations, warehousing and shipping. The A.A. World Services Board asked management to come up with solutions to help keep our prudent reserve at an acceptable level. We presented scenarios for making changes to our shipping and handling charges, and for increasing literature prices. After long discussion, the board approved increasing book prices, while keeping our shipping and handling charge practices the same. The current discount structure will also remain unchanged.”

The price increase was effective July 1, 2009. Please contact Orange County Central Office for a list of the new prices.

Big Book Facts and Trivia

♦ The Original cost of a Big Book in 1939 was $3.50. That is over $40.00 in today’s dollars as adjusted for inflation.

♦ The First Edition was published by Works Publishing, a company started by Bill W. and Hank P. solely for the publication of the Big Book.

♦ Ann Smith suggested the name “Works Publishing” from the line in the New Testament “Faith Without Works is Dead.”

♦ The One Millionth Big Book was given to President Richard M. Nixon in a White House ceremony in 1973.

♦ It took 16 years to sell the first 300,000 printed copies of the Big Book. (The whole run of the First Edition).

♦ There are over 20,000,000 copies of the Big Book in print.

♦ Over One Million copies of the Big Book are sold yearly.

♦ Chapter 8, “To Wives”, was written entirely by Bill W. (much to the disapproval of Lois).

♦ Loans from friends of John D. Rockefeller Jr. helped fund the early printing of the Big Book.

♦ The first paperback edition of the Big Book was published in 1986.

♦ Bill W. and Dr. Bob each received 10% of all the Big Book sales as royalties.

♦ Early considered titles included One Hundred Men, The Empty Glass, and The Way Out.

♦ The total distribution of the 1st Edition of the AA Big Book was approximately 300,426 copies.

♦ The distribution of the Second Edition Big Book was approximately 1,090,416 copies.

♦ The distribution of the Third Edition Big Book was approximately 19,843,221 copies.
March 15th. "Beware the Ides of March," was the soothsayers warning to Julius Caesar of his assassination. Well, my soothsayers were selfishness, self pity, hurt pride, and anger and I drank as much alcohol as I could to stop the voices in my head and numb the pain. It all started after I had been dry for 8 1/2 months and thought I was doing great, key word being "I".

Yes, "I" went to AA. One meeting a week, wasn't that enough? Yes, just enough to get everyone (wife, boss, friends, marriage counselor) off my back. But I was a walking, ticking time bomb waiting for something or someone to set me off. That something was a wall phone and that someone was my 16 year old stepson, who stood 6 feet, weighed 200 lbs and was having a bad day. After an argument with his mother on the phone, he got angry, ripped the phone off the wall and threw it across the kitchen.

Because "I" was working such a great program (one meeting a week, not working the steps, without a sponsor, and no God in my life), I knew all I had to do was sit tight, grit my teeth and let it slide. Like water off a ducks back. I heard this term used many times in AA, about how others dealt with conflict. Well they obviously were NOT as alcoholic as I am, because my stepson walked in front of me and gave me the finger and told me to _____ off. Having had a spiritual awakening after working NO steps, I jumped across the room, picked him up in the air, slammed him down on the floor, proceeded to strangle him until he could no longer breathe and started turning blue. 2 hours later I was in a bar and started to drink as much, as fast, as I could.

After 3 days of staying with my old drinking buddy. He had enough of my BS and told me to go back home and make up with my wife and step children. Did I mention that I was the secretary of that one AA meeting I attended once a week and I had all the secretary's material with me? That night Pat took me to a meeting in Anaheim (as far as I could since I was still handcuffed to the gurney) and gave me the material off at another AA member's house. "And feeling down'n dirty, feeling kinda of mean, my mind was racing with my body was in the lead". I knew what I had to do....go to the nearest bar and continue my quest to get comfortably numb. It was 9:00 am and I found the only bar that was just starting to open "The Frolic Inn". So, I "frolicked" in, or actually stumbled in. It took me seven hours of drinking and playing pool to finally get into a fight and get kicked out of the bar. I was outraged! The other guy started it and I missed him with the cue stick, so he wasn't even hurt. They threw the wrong guy out and I needed another drink.

So after being up for 3 days without any food or sleep and no place to go, I jumped back in my car (a sports car - 67 VW bug) and headed for my friends boat in Long Beach. The 405 is the fastest way and I needed money and a drink, so I was in a hurry. Not to mention I was still angry for getting thrown out of the bar. I entered the on-ramp for the 405 and it was a very tight 280 degree turn. Because I personally built this very fast sports car, I knew I could do at least 60 mph and impress everyone with my driving skills and all the work and money I put into this beautiful car. The car flipped and rolled 6 times, ejecting me out of the car face down in the ice plant. I couldn't move and all these people were standing around me saying "call 911...call 911". The next thing I know I am handcuffed to the gurney in the Fountain Valley Hospital being arrested for DUI (my 3rd). Again all that denial came back. I did nothing wrong. It was that guy's fault in the bar and the bartender who threw me out. Oh, and my step son and his mother. It was their fault too. The doctor approached me and said my alcohol level was at .30 and that I had a real drinking problem. I told him he took the test wrong! Take it over again! Then I passed out.

Somewhere in the middle of the night, I awoke and realized what had happened. My moment of clarity had hit me square in the face and I started to cry. I reached out (as far as I could since I was still handcuffed to the gurney) and said three words I have never spoken before in my life, "God Help Me." And then, I fell asleep. When I awoke, I went straight to a phone and called Pat M. Pat was the only guy I liked in AA and he had given me his phone number. That night Pat took me to a meeting in Anaheim Hills and all of you put your arms around me and told me to keep coming back and that it was going to get better and that they would love me until I could love myself. And I believed you. I haven't had a drink since March 16th 1987. The Grace of God touched me through all of you in AA.

Today I am active in AA. Meetings on a regular basis, not because I have to, but because I want to. I have the privilege of taking guys through the steps and giving back what was so freely given to me. I found a renewed passion in H&I and just received my first jail clearance to carry the message to inmates that can not get to a meeting. I am truly blessed to have this life and pray you join us on this road of happy destiny.

Larry S.

RSM

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-June**

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MEETING CHANGES SINCE

JANUARY 9, 2009

SUNDAY
COSTA MESA
12:00 PM 3RD STEP STUDY 275 Victoria St @ Fairview (Medical Office Building) New location
2:00 PM BOOK DISCUSSION 275 Victoria St @ Fairview (Medical Office Building) New location

NEWPORT BEACH
7:15 AM (C) MEN’S CLOSED BIG BOOK STUDY 798 Dover Dr @ 16th Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) New meeting
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 A.A. 1411 N Broadway/c/17th Street (Old YMCA enter on Syca-more) New meeting

MONDAY
FULLERTON
6:00 PM FULLERTON BIG BOOK 215 N Lemon Btwn Chapman & Commonwealth (In Church House behind 1st Lutheran) New meeting

IRVINE
5:00 PM (C) BIG BLUE WOMEN’S GROUP 5001 Newport Coast Dr c/s Bonita Cyn (Mariners Church, Rm191) New meeting

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

NEWPORT BEACH
6:45 AM (C) ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @ 16th Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) Changed to Closed

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 Washington Ave. c/s Wardman (Church) (LA) Established meeting

YORBA LINDA
8:00 PM (C) OHIO STREET WINNERS 19020 Yorba Linda Blvd @ Ohio St (Church) New meeting

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM (C) WEDNESDAY NIGHT WANDERING WOMEN’S MEETING Varies - South County (Irvine, Laguna Niguel, .....) New meeting

BREA
6:30 AM WOMEN’S 11TH STEP MEETING 300 E Imperial Hwy @ S Brea Blvd (Brea Congrega-tional Church) New meeting

COSTA MESA
6:30 PM (C) 420 BEGINNERS MEN 420 W 19th St.(1st Methodist Church across from Triangle Square) New name & time

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
12:00 AM MEN’S MEETING 23166 Los Alisos Blvd @ Oak Tree Village (#238 above market, park in rear) Change to open

NEWPORT BEACH
6:30 AM CHICKEN COOP ROUND TABLE 414 Old Newport Blvd @ Hospital Rd (Zubie’s Restaurant) New location & Name
6:45 AM (C) ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT II 798 Dover Dr @ 16th Street (Newport Harbor Lutheran Church) Changed to Closed

NEWPORT BEACH
7:00 AM 11TH STEP MEDITATION 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd. (Rm 2) Name change

ORANGE
7:05 AM WOMEN’S DOLPHINS AT DAY 31621 Pacific Coast Hwy (Coyle Grill) (Winter location October - May) New meeting

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12:00 PM (C) MEN’S DISCUSSION 23166 Los Alisos Blvd @ Oak Tree Village (#238 above market, park in rear) Change to closed

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SILVERADO
7:30 PM MEN’S BIG BOOK STUDY - ORANGE 2400 N Canal Street cs Heim Av (Trinity Episcopal Church) New meeting

FRIDAY
COSTA MESA
6:30 PM WOMEN’S CANDLELIGHT RECOVERY STEP STUDY 12&12 393 Hamilton St c/s Harbor (Costa Mirage Appts Clubhouse) New meeting
8:00 PM (C) BIG BOOK ADVENTURERS 2144 Thurin St @ Victoria St (Grange Hall) Address correction

FULLERTON
8:00 PM (G) TRUE COLORS BIG BOOK STUDY 420 E. Chapman Avenue # D New location

HUNTINGTON BEACH
8:00 PM REBOS PARTICIPATION 18631 Chapel Lane @ Ellis (St. Wilfrid's Church) Time change

IRVINE
7:30 PM (C) BROTHERS IN SOBRIETY 4400 Barranca Pkwy btwn Lake Rd & W Yale New name

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

THURSDAY
ANAHEIM
6:30 PM (C) BILLS BABES WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY 311 W South St Bwn S Anaheim & S Harbor (St Michaels Episcopal) New meeting
8:00 PM PIONEER SPEAKER GROUP 202 W. Broadway @ Lemon Time change

LAGUNA BEACH
7:00 AM 11TH STEP MEDITATION 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd. (Rm 2) Name change

NEWPORT BEACH
7:05 AM WOMEN’S DOLPHINS AT DAY 31621 Pacific Coast Hwy (Summer location June - September) New meeting
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SILVERADO
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LOS ALAMITOS
8:00 PM LA PALMA BIG BOOK SPEAKERS 11600 Los Alamitos c/s Orangewood (Good Shepard Church) New meeting

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Two Ounces a Day

After a little sobriety, some of the craziness of the drinking days gets to be fun. It feels good to laugh about it, but it's bittersweet humor with an edge of pathos, and lunacy not far below the surface. When someone bristles at the word “insanity” in Step Two, I remember that I did, too—and I think of this episode.

A few months before I stopped drinking I took my first physical in years. I took a bunch of tests, and my liver put some bad numbers on the board. Did I drink? the doctor asked. Some, I said.

He said he wanted me to limit myself to two ounces a day, or risk serious damage to my liver. Would that be a problem?

No problem, I said.

I didn't want to blow out my liver, but I didn't want to give up martinis, either. So, I tiptoed up the edge of the limit the doctor had set. Each day I took my bottle of gin and my measuring cup and poured precisely two ounces for my single, skimpy martini. I felt deprived, of course, but kept it up for a week.

Then I got to thinking. The doctor had said two ounces of alcohol, and this gin was only eighty-proof—just forty percent alcohol—so I was shortchanging myself. I did the math. To get two ounces of real alcohol, I'd have to drink five ounces of gin!

So I measured out that more generous serving for another week or so, but still felt cramped. I was a busy guy, after all, and didn't have time to fool with measuring cups. What the doctor really meant, I decided, was to limit myself to two drinks per day. So I forgot about the measuring cup and made myself two martinis a day—in a glass the size of a goldfish bowl.

Of course, even that discipline soon was abandoned.

My mental gyrations made perfect sense at the time, but a little sobriety made me see the bizarre episode for what it was. A doctor told me I faced serious health problems because I was drinking too much, and I responded by playing games.

If he had told me that chocolate bars were causing a life-threatening problem, I wouldn't merely have cut back; I would have quit, that day, because chocolate bars weren't that important to me. And that's the insanity. Alcohol had become important enough to me to die for.

G.S., Royal Oak, Mich.

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EVENTS

2009 MAAD DOG DAZE
“We are Not a Glum Lot”
The Doral Desert Princess Resort
Cathedral City, CA
August 7-9, 2009
www.maddogdaze.org

24th Annual
Alcoholics Anonymous
Summer Serenity in the Sierras
Evergreen Conference Center
Oakhurst, CA
August 14-16, 2009

Monterey Bay Area Roundup
Monterey Conference Center
Monterey, CA
September 4-6, 2009

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

Please submit EVENTS and
SPEAKER MEETINGS
To lifelineeditor@yahoo.com
by the 15th of the month.

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 10,864 times. Individual issue files have been viewed 18,948 times.

In June, there were 15,535 "visits" to www.ocaa.org.
From Aug., 2008, through June, 2009, visits averaged 16,071 per month.

Remember, don't run so fast that your guardian angel can't keep up

The longer I'm sober, the drunker I was.
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 September Birthday donations by August 10th to:
Orange County Central Office
1526 E. Warner, Suite 75
Santa Ana California 92705

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The Lifeline is your paper. Your ideas, suggestions, jokes and articles are welcome and needed. We are especially looking for contributors for The Turning Point feature (see page 4 to read about Larry’s turning point.) Or send a question to Alkie Alma. See this month’s query about Tradition Three on page 3. Send submissions to: Lifelineeditor@yahoo.com
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We 7:30P-(M)'s SS, 8th & Central
SILVERADO CANYON
Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 27641 Silverado Cyn

SUNSET BEACH
Su 10:00A-Sunset Bch Mtg, PCH & Warner

Tustin
Dly 6:00A-Jumpstart Disc, 414 E. 32nd St.
M-F 1:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs
M-F 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd
Sa 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On/Beach
Su 7:00P-Primary Purp Grp, Dover&16th
We 7:30P-Spkr, 414 E. 32nd St
Mo 9:00A-(W)'s Step Stdy, 414 E. 32nd
Mo 12:30P-Back Bay (M)'s, 121 Irvine
Mo 7:00P-Language of the Heart (W)'s 2414 Vista
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Mo 8:00P-(W)'s Beg Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd
Mo 8:00P-SS, 414 E. 32nd St
Tu 6:00P-Dover (W)'s 12 & 7, 969 Dover
Th 7:00P-NB/CDM (M)'s, 414 E. 32nd St.
We 6:00P-Men's 414 E. 32nd
We 6:30P-Weekly Mtg W's 12, 83 W. 15th St.
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We 7:00P-BB Stdy, 600 St. Andrew
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Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Grp, 414 E. 32nd
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Fr 7:00P-Friday Q & A, 414 32nd Street

ORANGE
Dly 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Cntry
M-F 5:30P-Tustin Rush Hour, 1800 E. LaVeta @
Su 11:00A-Sun Pumps, 705 W LaVeta
We 7:00P-Spkrk/Orange, 1800 E LaVeta
We 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkr's 1310 E. Walnut
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Steady, 16865 PCH
Tu 7:00P-(W)'s Keep It Simple, 16865 PCH
Th 7:30P-777 (M)'s Stag, 395 S Tustin
Fr 7:00P-(W)'s Bill Sees It, 161 S. Orange

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s, 30605 Ave de la Flores
Tu 7:30P-Online BB Stdy, 30322 VCD
We 6:30A-At Gr & Gat, 30605 Ave D/LoFlores
We 7:30P-RSM StepStdy, 30328 VCD
Fr 7:30P-Roads End Part, 30322 VCD
Sa 10:30A-(W)'s BB Stdy, VCD

SAN CLEMENTE
Dly- Groups, SC Friendship CTR,929 Calle Negoci
Mo 7:00P-N.O. (M)'s, Camino Capist
Tu 6:00P-(W)'s Disc, 190 Ave La Pata
Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Stag/Munchies, 35522 Cam. Capist
Fr 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, Ave.Aragon
Fr 8:00P-Aragon Spkr's, 202 Ave Aragon

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
Dly 7:00A-SGroup Eye Openner, 27514 C Arroyo
Dly 6:00A-Taking a Trip, 27174 Ortega Hwy
Su 5:00P-SGroup 1H Top Disc, 27514 C Arroyo
Tu 7:00P -SGroup Hear Here Part, 27514 C Arroyo
We 6:15P-Speaker Disc Group, 27122A Pasea Es
We 7:00P-SGroup 11th Step Disc, 27514 C Arroyo
Tu 9:30A-(W)'s Back 2 B/B, 27122A Pasea Espa
Tu 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo
Tu 7:30P-(M)'s Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo
Fr 7:00P-Study, 27514 Calle Arroyo

SANTA ANA
Mo-Sa 7:30A-Disc Early Birds, 212 Elk
Mo 7:00P-(M)'s Disc, 1st & Lyon Elks L
Sa 8:00P-Coop Fell Spkr, 417 N Cooper

SEAL BEACH
Mo 7:30P-Seal Bch Spkrs, 500 Marina Dr

Westminster
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s SS, 8th & Central
SILVERADO CANYON
Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 27641 Silverado Cyn

SUNSET BEACH
Su 10:00A-Sunset Bch Mtg, PCH & Warner

Tustin
Dly 6:00A-Jumpstart Disc, 414 E. 32nd St.
M-F 1:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs
M-F 5:30P-Fish Out’a Water, 414 E. 32nd
Sa 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On/Beach
Su 7:00P-Primary Purp Grp, Dover&16th
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To Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Alcoholic who is confined in a Hospital or Institution

South Orange County H & I
On the 2nd Sunday of the month
Garden Grove Alano Club, 714-534-2244
98455 Belize Drive, Garden Grove, CA
For additional info call 714-979-8524
Or Central Office: 714-556-4555
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 than 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.

THE LIFELINE, 1526 BROOKHOLLOW DR., SUITE 75, SANTA ANA, CA 92705- Published monthly by the Orange County Intergroup Association
Purpose: The Orange County Lifeline Committee is a committee of volunteer A.A. members, charged with the responsibility of producing and distributing the Orange County Lifeline, (a publication of the Orange County Intergroup Association). The Lifeline is published monthly and is supported solely through contributions from the A.A. groups and members of Orange County. The Lifeline is published to meet the following needs of the Orange County A.A. membership: to inform the A.A. membership regarding A.A. events, A.A. announcements; also to share experience in recovery, unity and service; to keep the A.A. membership informed regarding the actions, finances and meetings of the Orange County Intergroup Association and other Central Office committees.
Lifeline Committee: Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Central Office. Join us @ 7PM.
Bill W. (Chair), Jim S., Phil F., Nick M., George L., Jack J., Tarcy H. (Editor)
Mail submissions to the above address or send email to: lifelineeditor@yahoo.com

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF AA
Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 06/30/2009

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**INCOME/(LOSS):**

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"Jim, as your doctor, I'm just going to have to tell you to quit drinking. If you don't, you may grow to be stone deaf."

Jim answers: "Well, I guess I'll be deaf, then. I like what I drink better than what I hear."

An old-timer took a newcomer to an AA round-up of about 400 people, and when the speaker had finished, the chair started handing out chips. Three people picked up their one-year chips, and the crowd gave them a nice round of applause. Three more people picked up nine-month chips, and the crowd clapped again. They clapped a little harder for the members picking up chips for six months and three months, and louder still for the person who picked up a chip for one month. Then an elderly man picked up a white chip for the desire to quit drinking for one day, and the roof almost fell in: The crowd yelled and clapped for five minutes.

"Why are they doing all that for the guy getting a white chip?" a newcomer asked. An old-timer smiled and explained: "They believe him."

Nothing on earth consumes a man more quickly than the passion of resentment.