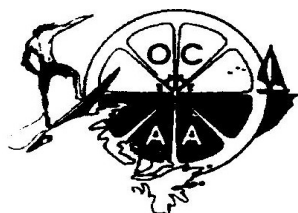


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**HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF
IT IS THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS**

LEST WE FORGET

Some in motels - thrown out by families; some sleeping in weeds or under cars, in jail, in hospitals; trying to do away with ourselves. No money coming in at home - almost on welfare! Step houses? Bum checks? No groceries? Black eyes, broken teeth, bleeding ulcers, heart aches - no father at home, no mother, too. No clean clothes. No baths; Lots of 502s; Lawyers, Divorce: 1st time, 2nd time, 3rd time. Boxes of clothes on porches - some in brown bags. Ulcers, sleepless Nights - White hot fear. Despair - No use, I give up.

Then the MIRACLES

30 days, 90 days, one year, two years, five years.

New cars, new boats, vacations, money in the bank. Out to dinner, take care of the kids. Fix up the house. Good jobs - Driver's license - Smiles - Laughter - Love - Security.

Then where do we turn? Two ways: the old way, or the "AA way"?

Should we forget to give what was given to us, or should we give so that others can have what we were given:



Our time, our love, our understanding, our help whenever asked; Sometimes even our money.

Bob C.

From the December, 1979, Lifeline

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Twelve Suggested Points of AA Tradition

by Bill W.

A.A. *Grapevine*, April 1946

[Bill's first General Presentation of the Traditions to the Groups]

Nobody invented Alcoholics Anonymous. It grew. Trial and error has produced a rich experience. Little by little we have been adopting the lessons of that experience, first as policy and then as Tradition. That process still goes on and we hope it never stops. Should we ever harden too much, the letter might crush the spirit. We could victimize ourselves by petty rules and prohibitions; we could imagine that we had said the last word. We might even be asking alcoholics to accept our rigid ideas or stay away. We never stifle progress like that!

Yet the lessons of our experience count for a great deal -- a very great deal, we are each convinced. The first written record of AA experience was the book "Alcoholics Anonymous." It was addressed to the heart of our foremost problem -- release from the alcohol obsession. It contained personal experiences of drinking and recovery and a statement of those divine but ancient principles, which have brought us a miraculous regeneration. Since publication of "Alcoholics Anonymous" in 1939 we have grown from 100 to 24,000 members. Seven years have passed; seven years, of vast experience with our next greatest undertaking -- the problem of living and working together. This is today our main concern. If we can succeed in this adventure -- and keep succeeding -- then, and only then, will our future be secure.

Since personal calamity holds us in bondage no more, our most challenging concern has become the future of Alcoholics Anonymous; how to preserve among us AAs such a powerful unity that neither weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of these troubled times can harm our common cause. We know that Alcoholics Anonymous must continue to live. Else, save few exceptions, we and our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion.

Almost any AA can tell you what our group problems are. Fundamentally they have to do with our relations, one with the other, and with the world outside. They involve relations of the AA to the group, the relation of the group to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, and the place of Alcoholics Anonymous in that troubled sea called modern society, where all of humankind must presently shipwreck or find haven. Terribly relevant is the problem of our basic structure and our attitude toward those ever pressing questions of leadership, money, and authority. The future way well depend on how we feel and act about things that are controversial and how we regard our public relations. Our final destiny will surely hang upon what we presently decide to do with these danger-fraught issues!

Now comes the crux of our discussion. It is this: Have we yet acquired sufficient experience to state clear-cut policies on these, our chief concerns? Can we now declare general principles which could grow into vital Traditions -- Traditions sustained in the heart of each AA by his own deep conviction and by the common consent of his fellows? That is the question. Though full answers to all our perplexities may never be found, I'm sure we have come at least to a vantage point whence we can discern

the main outlines of a body of Tradition; which, God willing, can stand as an effective guard against all the ravages of time and circumstance.

Acting upon the persistent urge of old AA friends, (Ed. Note - Particularly [Earl T.](#) from Chicago) and upon the conviction that general agreement and consent between our members is now possible, I shall venture to place in words these suggestions for an Alcoholics Anonymous Tradition of Relations -- Twelve Points to Assure Our Future.

Our AA experience has taught us that:

1. Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.
3. Our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group.
4. With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation [now the General Service Board]. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.
5. Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose -- that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. 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 AA should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An AA group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to AA such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. The management of these special facilities should be the sole responsibility of those people, whether AAs or not, who financially support them. For our clubs, we prefer AA managers. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside AA -- and medically supervised. An AA group may cooperate with anyone, but should bind itself to no one.
7. The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous; that acceptance of large gifts from any source or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever is usually unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile

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disputes over property, money, and authority.

8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fee or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those full-time services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recommended. But personal Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

9. Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is usually the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the larger group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central committee, which often employs a full time secretary. The trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation are, in effect, our general service committee. They are the custodians of our AA Tradition and the receivers of voluntary AA contributions by which they maintain AA general Headquarters and our general secretary at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal publication, the AA Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

10. No AA group or members should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues -- particularly those of politics, alcohol reform or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

11. Our relations with the outside world should be characterized by modesty and anonymity. We think AA ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a truly humble modesty. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of him who presides over us all.

May it be urged that while these principles have been stated in rather positive language they are still only suggestions for our future. We of Alcoholics Anonymous have never enthusiastically responded to any assumption of personal authority. Perhaps it is well for AA that this is true. So I offer these suggestions neither as one man's dictum nor as a creed of any kind, but rather as a first attempt to portray that group ideal toward which we have assuredly been led by a Higher Power these ten years past.

Bill W.

P.S. To help free discussion I would like to amplify the Twelve Points of Tradition in future Grapevine pieces.

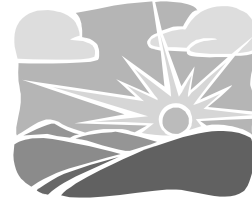
The A.A. Grapevine, April, 1946

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YOU'RE WORTH IT!

"You're worth it. You're worth a good life today!" I exclaim.

As my drinking years progressed, the less I felt worthy of a good life. I love to talk about solutions, though, and that is where I am today. I remember in my first 3 months, a woman said to me, "Look, if you're not seeing a lot of miracles in your life, then you need to lower your standards". She was successful people in that have a nodding humility. Success is days or numbers, but hurdle that we jump if you have made an something different in your life today, you are a success! We all agree that 'nothing changes when nothing changes.'



As I send a message of hope, God shines His light on me and the wonderful things that the fellowship has brought to my life. The passion I have for the program has increased ten-fold over the years. I truly believe that is a sign of progress. I have a new-found joy in my heart from giving and receiving the AA way of life. I get to share love and laughter like never before. I most enjoy making others laugh about my past, so we can see that we don't have to live and die over an alcoholic decision. When we stay sober, we don't make those bad decisions quite so often. There is a special love for my A.A. family that I have never had before. Freedom from the clutches of obsession is truly a gift GOD has sent for us all to have.

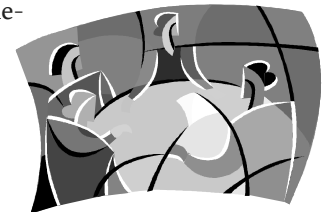
Let us share it with you!!

Molly M.

Huntington Beach, CA

We 'normally would not mix'

One night in my home group, a member shared that he had just returned from his homeland. He was Jewish. The person sitting next to him also shared. He was an Arab.



As the meeting ended, I watched as the Jew and the Arab—born enemies—both stood and held hands as the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

I have pondered this incident many times and I'm still wondering: Where else in this world could that have happened but in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting? I have to smile, look up and thank our God of love and infinite wisdom—our God of second chances, the God who comes when there is no hope, the God who makes house calls.

I thank God and Alcoholics Anonymous for my 30 years of continuous sobriety and I am eternally grateful. I love you all. (Stay in the middle of the herd like a zebra or you'll get picked off.)

Fran K.

Long Beach



CHAPTER 11 A Vision For You

Number 12 of 12 articles from the Big Book

And finally - the "hook". The authors of the Big Book decided that they needed a chapter to basically describe, in their own experience, how they saw the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. Nowhere in this book is the joy of these men and women expressed better than in this chapter. A joy not only for their own sobriety, but even more so for what they had witnessed in the previous 3 years. These people were on fire. And they basically tell the reader that this joy is available to them, also.

It sure doesn't start out like a journey of happy destiny. From Page 151, with its mention of "*the awful awakening to face the hideous Four Horsemen-Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration, Despair*", we are immediately met by the fellowship promises on page 152, my late sponsor's favorite page in the Big Book. When asked if they have a sufficient substitute for alcohol, the authors joyfully exclaim, "Yes, *there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and so will you*". Followed a few sentences later by, "*Among them you will make lifelong friends. You will be bound to them with new and wonderful ties, for you will escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of "Love thy neighbor as thyself."* Pretty powerful stuff, indeed!



A short history of the founding and early growth of the Fellowship follows, describing the early hardships and commitment of these founding members. The Jack Alexander article had not yet been written, and the country was still in the great economic depression of the 30's and early 40's. There wasn't much money, but they seemed to make up for this with a dogged commitment to help other alcoholics. It describes the visits to AA #'s 3 and 4 in hospitals, (the beginning of Hospitals & Institutions work). They describe working with doctors, lawyers, ministers and priests, (the introduction of Cooperation with the Professional Community work).

And finally, the summary of the entire process on page 164: "*Our book is meant to be suggestive only. We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come, if your own house is in order. But obviously you cannot transmit something you haven't got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us.*"

Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you - until then".

Any attempt to describe the expression of joy found in this chapter must surely fail. A.A. wasn't built upon lecturing or teaching, it was built on shared practical experience. I would once again encourage the reader to find a focused weekly Big Book study and share their own joy with the A.A. members who read, study and express their own experience, strength and hope with this chapter and the other chapters and stories in this book.

Thank you for allowing me to describe my own experiences with the Doctor's Opinion and the first 164 pages over the past 13 months.

A member of A.A. in Orange County

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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 8,330 times. Individual issue files have been viewed 14,630 times.



In November, there were 16,251 "visits" to www.ocaa.org. From January, 2008, through November, 2008, visits averaged 16,319 per month.

*If God were small enough to be understood,
He wouldn't be big enough to be God!*

CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-November

Total Calls Handled by Both Offices: 2129

Main and Satellite Office Volunteers

12 Step Calls	16
Meeting Information	842
General Information	352
Walk-in Customers	254

Night Owl Volunteers

12 Step calls	12
Meeting Information	640
General Information	267

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL OFFICE— November

CITY AND MEETINGS	NOV	YTD					
ALISO VIEJO	^	^					
BUENA PARK	^	^					
CAPISTRANO BEACH	^	^					
Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, Doheney		\$327					
Fr 7:00P-Friday Knights, 25976 Domingo		\$434					
Sa 9:30A-Pines Park Disc, Pine Bluffs		\$77					
Sa 6:00P-Keep It Simple, 34381 Portola		\$152					
CORONA DEL MAR	^	^					
Dly 7:00A-Solutions Oasis, 5th & Marg		\$1,838					
Mo 7:00P-Baywood Disc, 1601 Marg	\$143	\$555					
Tu 12:00P-Noonatics, 800 Marguerite		\$175					
Tu 7:00P-(M)'s Part, 611 Heliotrope		\$1,054					
Th 6:00P-Happy Hour (M)'s Pacific View	\$140	\$280					
Fr 7:30P-Rebels Disc, 611 Helio	\$350	\$957					
Fr 8:00P-BB Stdy, 3233 Pacific View	\$119	\$504					
COSTA MESA	^	^					
Dly 7:00A-Daily Reflect, 2040 Placentia	\$50	\$750					
Dly 7:30A-As Bill Sees It, 2501 Harbor		\$2,100					
Dly 12:15P-New Lease/Life, 1545 Nwprt		\$1,190					
M-F 6:45A-Morning Meditat, 183 E. Bay		\$1,202					
M-F 12:00P-Noon Rec, 420 W. 19th St.	\$34	\$1,656					
Su 10:00A-BB Over Donuts, 301 Victoria		\$115					
Su 3:30P-BB 3rd Step, 275 Victoria St.		\$130					
Su 7:00P-12 S/ S M's Stag, 2015 Charle St.		\$50					
Su 7:00P-Sun Speaker, 678 W. 19th St.	\$100	\$100					
Mo 12:00P-Clean & Serene BB, 183 E. Bay		\$120					
Mo 12:00P-High Noon Step, 660 Baker		\$59					
Mo 7:00P-Livg Sober Grp, 2040 Placentia		\$150					
Tu 6:00P-Living Sober, 2040 Placentia		\$70					
Tu 7:00P-A 11th Step Sol, 2850 Fairview		\$200					
Tu 7:30P-Balboa Broads, 420 W 19th St		\$155					
Tu 7:30P-Men's One Hour 1865 Anaheim		\$70					
Tu 7:30P-(M)'s Last Gasps, 695 W 19th		\$60					
We 12:00P-High Noon Step, 183 E. Bay St.	\$100	\$140					
We 7:00P-(W)'s Source Str, 3116 Van		\$75					
We 7:30P-Day By Day Serenity, 1865 Anaheim	\$50	\$50					
We 7:30P-BB Trivia (M)'s Stag, 1545 New		\$294					
Th 5:30P-(W)'s Its/Book Study, 2040		\$64					
Th 5:30P-Topic Disc, 3151 Airway Ave.	\$100	\$100					
Th 7:00P-12 Steps & 12 Trads, E Bay		\$180					
Th 7:30P-Candlelight Disc, 420 W. 19th		\$175					
Fr 12:00P-Bizman Stag, 660 Baker		\$75					
Fi 6:30 P-FGIF Women 183 E.Bay St.		\$152					
Fr 7:30P-(M)'s Back to Bas, 420 19th		\$47					
Fr 8:00P-BB Stdy, 1865 Anaheim		\$100					
Sa 9:30A-(M)'s, Charle Street		\$120					
Sa 9:30A-Charle St. Overflow, 2025 Charle		\$542					
Sa 9:30A-(M)'s By The Book, 3080 Airway	\$199	\$614					
Sa 9:30A-Sat Morn (W)'s Gr, 2040 Placen		\$315					
Sa 6:00P-Cover-To-Cover, 183 E. Bay St.		\$170					
Sa 8:00P-Keep It Simple, 2850 Fairview	\$60	\$273					
CYPRESS	^	^					
Su 5:00P-Happy Hour Topic, 4552 Lin		\$100					
Tu 8:00P-BB Study, 8615 Walker St.		\$70					
We 7:00P-Cypress Women's S/S, 5100 Cerritos		\$100					
Fr 6:00P-Living Sober, 5201 Evergreen		\$65					
DANA POINT	^	^					
Dly 7:00A-Hard Core Harbor, 34451 Ens		\$13,345					
Su 9:30A-DP Spkr 1st/mo Wind & Sea		\$60					
Mo 5:30P-(W)'s Disc, Ensenada & DPH		\$921					
Mo 7:00P-Promises, 34052 Del Obispo		\$263					
Tu 9:30A-(W)'s Back/Basics 24642 SJ		\$817					
Th 10:30A-(W)'s Bk Stdy, 33501 Ston		\$103					
Th 7:00A-(W)'s Harb Topic Disc, S Juan	\$200	\$472					
Fr 12:15P-Fri Lunch (W)'s BB, 3384		\$25					
Fr 7:00P-GV, 33926 Calle Primavera		\$612					
Sa 7:00P-Spkr, 33926 Calle Primavera	\$180	\$522					
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	^	^					
We 7:30P (W)'s Do Recover, 16581 Brook		\$50					
We 8:00P-Disc, 10280 Slater	\$100	\$340					
FULLERTON	^	^					
Th 6:00P-(M)'s Stag, 216 N. Malden		\$100					
Su 8:00P-Sun Nite Spkr Mtg, 1115 Orange		\$50					
GARDEN GROVE	^	^					
Su 7:30A-Red Eye Grp, 9845 Belfast		\$138					
Tu 7:00P-Top/Key Book Stdy, 9th & Lamp	\$70	\$310					
Tu 7:30P-HeartSpeak (W)'s, 9845 Belfast		\$100					
We 10:00A-Ovr 50 Sin/Purp, 9845 Belf		\$45					
We 12:00P-(W)'s, 9845 Belfast		\$40					
Th 10:00A-Over 40 Disc. Grp, 9845 Belf		\$100					
Th 7:00P-SS, 12432 9th St.		\$85					
Th 8:00P-Spkr, 9845 Belfast Dr.		\$60			\$20		
Fr 10:30A-(W)'s (C)12 & 12, 9845 Blfst	\$120	\$228			\$120		
Sa 10:30A-BB Stdy, 9845 Belfast		\$165					
Sa 8:00P-Sat Nite Spkrs, 9845 Belfast		\$20					
HUNTINGTON BEACH	^	^					
Dly 6:00A-Early Birds, 18582 Beach #2		\$44					
Dly 7:00A-Hggrs/Bill Sees It, 8200 Ellis		\$2,775					
Dly 7:30A-Attitude Mod., 18582 Beach		\$52					
Dly 8:00A-Hggrs II, H.B Lifegr Tower 11		\$1,534					
Su 6:00A-Cover/BB Stdy, 18582 Beach		\$150					
Su 9:00A-On/Beach, Lifegr Tower 11		\$270					
Su 10:00A-Sober Sharing, 18582 Beach		\$50					
Su 5:00P-Creative Sharing, 18582 Beach		\$210					
Su 7:30P-Disc, 20444 Magnolia	\$120	\$840					
Mo 12:00P-(W)'s Bill Sees It, 18631 Chap		\$310					
Mo 6:00P-Spkr/Q&A/Part, 6622 Lakeview		\$420					
Mo 6:30P-Both Books, 16871 BolsaChic		\$50					
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Sans, 18631 Chapel Ln.		\$465					
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s BB & 12&12, 1912 Florida	\$45	\$585					
Mo 7:30P-BB Stdy, St Simon & Jude		\$140					
Tu 1:00P-Harmony (W)'s, Edinger/Denney's		\$200					
Tu 6:00P-Disc, 18582 Beach Blvd.		\$20					
Tu 6:00P-(W)'s 12&12, 18582 Beach		\$100					
Tu 7:30P-Beginners (M)'s, 19822 Beach	\$406	\$1,873					
Tu 7:30P-(W)'s Disc., 8200 Ellis		\$152					
Tu 7:30P-(W)'s Serenity BB, 20444 Magn		\$354					
Tu 8:00P-Newcms (M)'s Grp, 20444 Magn	\$65	\$372					
Tu 8:00P-Tues Nite Zeider Ln, 17461 Z Ln		\$211					
We 7:30A-Attitude Mod, 18582 Beach		\$210					
We 2:00P-Seniors & Friends 1718 Ormg		\$432					
We 6:30P-(W)'s Step Stdy, 7641 Talbert	\$120	\$120					
We 7:00P-Triangle Grp B/B Study, 2721 Delaware		\$60			\$60		
We 8:00P-Here & Now, 16871 Bolsa Chi		\$45					
We 8:00P-HB Part, 20444 Magnolia		\$225					
Th 7:30A-Attitude Mod, 18582 Beach		\$180					
Th 10:00A-(W)'s BB Stdy, 18631 Chapel	\$60	\$270					
Th 6:00P-Ovr 40/Going Strong, 18582 Bch		\$100					
Th 7:30P-11th Step Disc., 1912 Florida		\$167					
Fr 10:00A-Step Sisters, 18631 Chapel Ln.		\$384					
Fr 6:00P-(M)'s/Solution, 17461 Zeider		\$210					
Fr 6:30P-BB Stdy, 16400 Springdale	\$160	\$460					
Fr 7:30P-BB Stdy, 16650 Saybrook Lane		\$280					
Fr 8:00P-HB Dntowners, 2000 Main		\$60					
Sa 7:30A-Attitude Mod, 18582 Beach		\$240					
Sa 7:30A-(M)'s Stag, 18582 Beach		\$235					
Sa 7:30A-(M)'s Disc, 9812 Hamilton	\$30	\$150					
Sa 7:00P-SatNiteLiveSpkr, 18631 Chapel	\$80	\$230					
Sa 9:30A-W BB Stdy, 18582 Beach		\$346					
Sa 10:00A-(W)'s BBStdy, 18631 Chapel		\$321					
Sa 7:00P-Sat Nite Live BB, 18631 Chapel		\$90					
IRVINE	^	^					
Dly 6:30A-Sunrise Sobriety, 4400 Barr		\$6,923					
Dly 7:00A-Solu Grp Mar, 5001 Newport Coast Dr		\$3,500					
M-F 12:00P-Irvine Noon Grp, 5101 Alton	\$300	\$2,920					
M-F 5:30P-On/Way Home, 2777 McGaw		\$30					
Su 10:00A-Donut Mtg, 6670 Alton Pky		\$624					
Mo 6:30P-Easy Does It, 4949 Alton		\$638					
Mo 6:30P-Gypsies (W)'s, Turtlerock CC		\$130					
Mo 7:30P-(W)'s Disc., 15 Orange Tree		\$193					
Tu 12:00P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 5101 Alton Pky		\$137					
Tu 6:00P-Courage To Change, 18182 Culv	\$90	\$419					
Tu 7:00P-(M)'s K.I.S. 12X12, 14301 Yale	\$70	\$420					
We 6:30P-B. B. Topic Disc., 5001 Nwprt		\$755					
We 7:30P-Wild Bunch Beg's, 10 Federat		\$144					
We 8:00P-12 Solutions SS, Harvard	\$100	\$370					
Th 12:00P-Irvine (M)'s Lunch, 5001 Nwprt		\$403					
Th 6:30P-(W)'s Gypsies, Deerfield & Turtle	\$105	\$650					
Fr 10:30A-Over 50 Grp, 6670 Alton		\$654					
Fr 12:00P-(W)'s Topic Disc, 5101 Alton P		\$275					
Fr 5:30P-Topic Disc.Grp, 6670 Alton (Kaiser)	\$87	\$798					
Fr 7:00P Winning Tkt Bk Stdy, 1 Sunnyh		\$551					
Fr 7:30P-Boys in Sobriety, 4400 Barranca		\$483					
Fr 8:00P-Nite Wild Bunch, 18422 Culver		\$100					
Fr 8:00P-Little Grp, 18422 Culver		\$345					
Sa 9:15A-SS, 5101 Alton Pky		\$987					
Sa 11:00A-Acceptance, 3 Ethel Cop		\$983					
Sa 11:00A-B.B Stdy, 1 Sunnyhill - Turtle	\$102	\$354					
Sa 7:00P-Spkr, 1 Sunnyhill - Turtle		\$310					
LAGUNA BEACH	^	^					
Dly 7:00A-Attitude Adj, 20456 LCR		\$450			\$1,450		
Dly 7:05A-Attitude Adj, 31872 PCH		\$2,656					
Dly 7:05A-Attitude Adj, 31106 PCH (C)		\$451			\$848		
M-F 7:00A-Meets/Ruby's, 30622 PCH		\$16					
M-Sa 7:00A-Horse Thieves, 30622 PCH		\$30					
Su 7:05A-Montage Grp, (Montage)		\$110			\$2,629		
Su 10:00A-Heisler Park Disc, Cliff		\$70			\$395		
Su 10:30A-Sunday Q&A, 31872 PCH		\$30					
Su 6:00P-Disc, 20456 LCR		\$150					

Group Contributions continued

Sa 8:00P-Endless Sum II, 21540 Wesley	\$745	
Sa 8:00P-Night Spkr Mtg, 20456 LCR	\$900	
Sa 8:00P-Living Sober Spkrs, 428 Park	\$100	
LAGUNA HILLS		
Mo 6:00P-(W)'s Disc, 23802 A D Carlota	\$155	\$367
Tu 7:00P-(M)'s Stag, 23802 A D Carlotta		\$622
Tu 7:30P-(W)'s BBStdy, 24566 Ashland		\$60
We 7:00P-Get Happy 12&12 Stdy, A D C	\$34	\$131
Th 12:30P-(W)'s Topic Disc, 23181 Verdugo		\$200
LAGUNA NIGUEL		
Mo 7:00A-Morn (M)'s Stag B2B, 30121 Nig	\$300	\$380
Mo 10:30A-(W)'s 12X12 Stdy, 27802 El Lazo		\$500
Mo 8:00P-12&12 Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd		\$280
Tu 6:00P-Chicks/Run SS, 2702 El Lazo		\$70
Tu 6:30P-(M)'s Disc/Munch L N Reg Park		\$250
Tu 7:30P-Book Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd.		\$80
We 6:00P-Book Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd.		\$495
We 7:30P-Book Stdy, 30121 Niguel Rd.		\$32
Th 7:30P-Primary Purpose BB 30071 Ivy Glenn		\$32
Fr 10:30A-(W)'s Disc., 30071 Ivy Glenn		\$640
Fr 7:30P-Here & Now, 24360 Yosemite		\$50
Sa 6:00P-Candlelight Disc, 30121 Niguel		\$40
LAGUNA WOODS		
Dly 7:30A-Do It Sober, 24442 Moulton	\$62	\$5,163
Mo 7:30P- Nite SS Grp, 24442 Moulton		\$182
We 7:30A-BB Meeting, 24442 Moulton		\$120
We 1:15P-(W)'s BB Stdy, 24351 El Toro		\$260
Fr 10:00A-Top/Hill Gang, 24252 El Toro		\$235
LA HABRA		
M-F 6:30A-Topic Disc, 100 W. La Habra	\$100	\$160
LAKE FOREST		
Daily Saddleback Valley Grp, 24601 Raymond		\$200
We 7:45P-Back To Basics, 23262 El Toro		\$60
Th 7:30P-Mustard Seed SS, 23262 El Toro		\$302
LA MIRADA		
Su 8:00P-(M)'s BB Stdy, 15700 Rosecrans	\$40	\$65
LAS FLORES		
Sa 7:15P-Mission Spkrs., 26111 Antonio	\$120	\$460
LOS ALAMITOS		
We 7:30P-Ice Breakers Grp, 4111 Katella		\$300
Th 7:30P-Cover/Cover, 11082 Wallingsford		\$20
MISSION VIEJO		
Mo&Th 7:30P-BB Stdy, Jeronimo & Marg.	\$105	\$1,051
Mo 7:00P- (W)'s SS, 26051 Marg.		\$120
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy, 26558 Marg.		\$271
Mo 7:30P-B/Ring (M)'s Stag, 27641 Aqua		\$75
We 9:30A-(W)'s, 26051 Marguerite Pky		\$150
We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc, 26558 Marg.	\$15	\$199
Th 9:30A-(W)'s 12 x 12, 26001 Blascos		\$200
NEWPORT BEACH		
M-F 6:30A-Balboa Round Table, 605 Balboa		\$500
M-F 6:45A-Attitude Adj, Bayside Dr (Yacht Club)		\$1,400
M-F 12:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs		\$2,350
M-F 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd		\$150
Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On/Beach	\$175	\$1,014
Su 11:30A-Here and Now, 414 E. 32nd St.		\$95
Su 7:00P-Primary Purp Grp, Dover&16th	\$290	\$684
Mo 9:00A-(W)'s Step Stdy, 414 E. 32nd		\$240
Mo 12:30P-Back Bay (M)'s, 1201 Irvine		\$1,400
Mo 3:30P-Living Sober, 414 E. 32nd St.		\$735
Mo 6:45P-Beg.&Trad Grp, 1400 Balboa		\$469
Mo 7:00P-Over 40 Disc, 1099 Bayside Dr.		\$200
Mo 8:00P-(M)'s Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd		\$1,653
Mo 8:00P-(W)'s Beg Disc, 301 Nwprt Blvd		\$217
Tu 3:30P-Disc, 414 E. 32nd St		\$372
Tu 6:00P-Dover (W's) 12 & 12, 798 Dover		\$140
Tu 7:00P-B St Bonfire-1st Fire Ring/Ocean		\$200
Tu 7:00P-NB/CDM (M)'s, 414 32nd St.		\$632
Tu 7:00P-(W)'s B/Stdy, 2414 VistaDelOro		\$166
Tu 7:30P-(M)'s 12&12Stdy, 2100 Mar Vista		\$69

We 3:30P-SS, 414 E. 32nd Street		\$42
We 6:00P-Men's, 414 E. 32nd Street	\$29	\$215
We 7:00P-Steps&Trads, 2100 Mar Vista		\$60
We 7:00P-Strong(W)'sGrp, 414 E. 32nd		\$50
We 7:30P-Wed Night (M)'s, 2401 Irvine		\$300
We 7:30P-BB Stdy, 600 St. Andrew		\$130
We 8:00P-Recovery Radicals, 301Nwprt	\$199	\$199
Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street		\$236
Th 7:00P-(W)'s Candlelight S/B Study, 798 Dover		\$36
Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Grp, 414 E. 32nd		\$84
Fr 12:15P-(M)'s Business Disc, 414 32nd		\$350
Sa 6:00P-Discover Grp, 1 Whitecliff Dr.		\$400
Sa 8:30P-Hoag Hut Spkr, 301 Nwprt Ave	\$1,000	\$1,780
ORANGE		
Dly 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Cntry	\$160	\$1,972
Su 11:00A-Sun Pumpers, 705 W LaVeta	\$70	\$1,050
Su 6:00P-Chapter 9 OBS, 250 Prospect		\$50
Su 7:00P-Spkr/Orange, 1800 E LaVeta		\$284
Su 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 1310 E. Walnut	\$61	\$61
Mo 7:00P-(W)'s Step Stdy, 161 Orange	\$24	\$740
Mo 7:30P-Beg Disc, 705 W La Veta		\$182
Tu 7:00P-Double Scoop Bk Stdy, W La Veta		\$35
Tu 7:00P-(W)'s Keep It Simple, 1310 E Walnut		\$51
We 7:00A-New Beg (W), 812 Town & C.		\$60
Th 7:30P-777 (M)'s Stag, 395 S Tustin		\$500
Fr 7:00P-As Bill Sees It, 161 S. Orange		\$90
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA		
Su 7:00P-Old Time AA 12&12, 30605 FI		\$286
Mo 7:00P-(W)'sSta/Sober, 30382VCD		\$100
Tu 7:30P-Old Time BB Stdy, 30322 VCD		\$599
We 7:30P-RSM StepStdy, 30382 VCD		\$330
Th 7:30P-11th Stp Spt Disc, 22521 Emp		\$245
Fr 7:30P-Roads End Part, 30322 VCD		\$360
Sa 10:30A-(W)'s BB Stdy, VCD		\$200
SAN CLEMENTE		
Dly-All Groups, San Clemente Friendship CTR	\$47	\$47
Su 7:30A-What's Good... 929 Calle Negocio		\$88
Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. (M)'s, Camino Capist		\$630
Tu 6:00P-(W)'s Disc, 190 Ave La Pata		\$293
Fr 8:00P-Aragon Spkrs, 202 Ave Aragon		\$479
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO		
Dly 7:00A-SJGroup Eye Opener, 27514 C Arro	\$5,289	
Dly 6:00A-Taking a Trip, 27174 Ortega Hwy	\$1,145	
Su 5:00P-SJGroup 1 Hr Top Disc, 27514 C Arr		\$498
Tu 7:00P- SJGroup Hear Here Part, 27514 C		\$733
We 7:00P-SJGroup 11th Step Disc, 27514 C A	\$160	
We 7:30P-BB Stdy, 26283 Shadybrook		\$70
Th 9:15A-(W)'s Back to Basics B/S, 31882 C C		\$279
Th 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo		\$280
Th 7:00P-Joy of Sobriety, 31495 E C Real		\$147
Th 7:30P-(M)'s Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo		\$784
SANTA ANA		
Mo-Sa 7:30A-Disc Early Birds, 212 Elk		\$48
Su 5:00P-Two Or More, 721 Euclid	\$30	\$100
We 8:00P-Disc, 417 N. Cooper		\$30
Fr 8:00P-51/50, 614 Bush Street		\$145
SEAL BEACH		
Mo 7:30P-Seal Bch Spkrs, 500 Marina Dr	\$1,035	
We 7:30P-(M)'s SS, 8th & Central		\$100
Fr 6:30P-Step Study, 183 8th St.		\$100
SILVERADO CANYON		
Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 17641 Silverado Cyn		\$192
SUNSET BEACH		
Su 10:00A-Sunset Bch Mtg, PCH & Warner	\$114	\$264
Su 1:00P-(W)'s 12 Step Study, 16865 PCH		\$50
Su 7:00P-11th SS, 16865 PCH		\$60
Mo 7:00A-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$60
Mo 12:00P-Noon BB Stdy, 16865 PCH	\$60	\$60
Tu 7:00A-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$50
Tu 6:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$150

Tu 8:00P-BB Study, 16865 PCH		\$65
We 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH		\$152
We 12:00P-Promises Meet, 16865 PCH		\$90
Th 7:00A-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$60
Th 7:30P-Participation, 16865 PCH		\$120
Fr 7:00A-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$60
Fr 12:00P-Disc, 16865 PCH	\$50	\$130
Sa 7:30A-Disc, 16865 PCH		\$364
Sa 3:00P-Step & Trad, 16865 PCH	\$30	\$30
Sa 7:00P-Rule 62 Spkrs, 16865 PCH		\$200
TUSTIN		
Dly 6:00A-Foothill Early Risers, 19211	\$250	\$1,150
Dly 6:00A-Attitude Adj, 14662 Nwprt		\$835
Dly 6:00A-Attitude Mod, 1221 Wass		\$3,788
Dly 12:00P-Brown Baggers, 130 W. Main		\$1,156
Dly 5:30P-Rush Hour, 130 W. Main.		\$2,490
M-F 12:00P-Alkies Winners, 555 W.Main	\$409	\$3,399
Su 9:02A-Spkrs, 130 W. Main		\$290
Su 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 130 W Main		\$831
Mo 7:30P-(M)'s Disc, 130 W Main		\$232
Mo 6:16P-Tustin (W)'s 12X12, 1221 Wass		\$42
Tu 12:00P-(W)'s 12 & 12, 19211 Dodge A	\$5	\$35
Tu 7:00P-BB Stdy, 19211 Dodge		\$234
Tu 8:00P-Steps 1-4, 1201 Irvine		\$40
We 7:00P-Lucky Stiffs (M)'s, 18542 Vander	\$94	\$256
We 7:00P-(W)'s Solutions, 19211 Dodge		\$545
Th 9:00A-(W)'s SS, 14402 Prospect		\$70
Th 12:00P-(W)'s 12 & 12 BB, 19211 Dodge		\$102
Th 6:15P-(W)'s Living Sober, 1221 Wass.		\$400
Th 7:00P-12 Steps & 12 Trad, 225 Main		\$63
Fr 7:30P-Turning The Comer, 1221 Wass	\$70	\$553
Fr 8:00P-Disc, Pinetree Park (130 W Main)	\$100	\$400
Sa 8:00P-Visiting Spkrs 1221 Wass	\$100	\$709
VILLA PARK		
Dly 7:30A-24 Hour Book Grp, 17855 Santia		\$1,278
Su 7:00P-11th Step Prayer & Meditation		\$25
WESTMINSTER		
Mo 7:30P-12&12Beginners, 15750 Mag	\$45	\$301
WHITTIER		
UNLISTED GROUPS		
Santa Ana 12-Step Bk Stdy P Laceys Hse		\$157
Su 5:30P-H.B. Creative Sharing, 18582 Bea		\$210
Su 7:30 P-St Marks Disc. Mtg.		\$123
Mo 7:00 P- Mens Accountability Gr. YorbaL		\$40
Tu Moore Village BK Stdy (UL)SA		\$300
Tu 5:30P-BB Tape Stdy (UL) IR		\$851
Tu 7:00P-Tu Night Roving Surfer's Stag		\$300
Tu 7:30P Balboa Broads (W)		\$80
We 8:00P-Beginners (UL) GG		\$30
We Women (UL) IR		\$165
We 7:00P-(W)'s Book Stdy (UL)Monarch Bc		\$50
Th J. Q. BK Stdy, (UL) LB		\$20
Th 7:00P-BB Stdy (UL) LB		\$40
Th 7:30P-Spkr, Leisure World (UL)	\$190	\$190
Fr 8:00P-Family Afterward (UL) Sunset B		\$210
Fr 8:00P-Lag.Nig. (M) 658041 BallPark		
Pizza		\$675
Sa-HB-Camel Men's		\$120
We-6:00P-SC-Kampfyre Girlz UL	\$84	\$533
Mo 7:00P YL (M)'s Surrender UL		\$20
WANDERING GROUPS		
Sa 8:00P-Orange County Wandering Grp		\$60
Tu 6:00P-Wandering Step Sisters		\$270
(W)'s Wandering-Irvine	\$85	\$328
Th 6:30P-RSM (3rd Thurs) Wandering		\$70
MISC. DONATIONS		
OCCO Change Can		\$105
Satellite Office Change Can	\$11	\$178
Intergroup Meeting	\$142	\$1,041
AOCYPAA		\$334
4th Step Workshop, Laguna Beach		\$366

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Group Contributions continued
PERSONAL DONATIONS

Anonymous 9th Sep		\$260
Anonymous/January		\$30
Anonymous/March		\$37
Anonymous/March		\$250
Anonymous/April		\$50
Anonymous/April		\$250
Anonymous/May		\$250
Anonymous/June		\$250
Anonymous/July		\$308
Anonymous/August		\$250
Anonymous/August		\$170
Anonymous/October		\$250
Anonymous/October		\$56
Anonymous/November	\$360	\$360
Anonymous/Wed Night BB CM		\$70
Anonymous/Huntington Beach		\$250
Anonymous/LB		\$50
B. H, Dana Point		\$20
Bill D. Laguna Nigel		\$160
Bill W./ Michigan		\$100
Crystal B, Rancho Santa Margarita		\$70
Ed M., San Clemente		\$1,032
David S, Fountain Valley		\$100
Janis L., Irvine	\$250	\$250
June L., Irvine		\$300
Laura D. San Juan Capo Bch		\$30
Linda L, Lake Elsinore		\$360
Mary J., Mission Viejo		\$250
Patricia G.		\$100
Robert McD., SJC		\$20
Theresa W., Newport Beach	\$150	\$235
Thomas N., Newport Beach		\$90
Virginia S, Irvine		\$160
Wanda R., Huntington Beach		\$20
IN LOVING MEMORY		
Memorial to Daniel G. 1985-2008	\$23	\$23
Memorial to Violet M/40 yrs. 6/10/1968		\$40
Memorial to Pat McA Laguna Woods		\$79
Memorial to Leo T. Irvine	\$50	\$50
GROUP INFORMATION REQUESTED		
Receipt # 8953		\$108
Receipt # 9326		\$20
Receipt # 9340		\$150
Receipt # 9389		\$60
Receipt # 9787		\$175
Receipt # 9772		\$396
Receipt # 9838		\$422
Receipt # 42		\$250
Receipt # 67		\$40
Receipt # 97		\$180
Receipt # 118 - Seal Beach Fri Night		\$256
Receipt # 147		\$68
Receipt # 178		\$532
Receipt # 170 Saddleback Valley Grp		\$40
Receipt # 280 Lag Bch AA Miracles Happen		\$386
Receipt # 282		\$60
Receipt # 330		\$100
Receipt # 700		\$120
Receipt # 701		\$50
Receipt # 607		\$50
Receipt # 694 (Joy of Sobriety) UL		\$334
Receipt #340		\$175
Receipt #538 Sat AM 142281 (Pines Pk)		\$81
Receipt #552 CapoBch Robert P.		\$200
Receipt #786 Costa Mesa, James G.		\$105
Receipt #811 Dana Point, Michael C.		\$140
Receipt #851	\$60	\$60
Receipt #846 Leon W.	\$48	\$48
TOTALS	\$11,581	\$192,930

Tradition One

Long Form: Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of use will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
Short Form: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

The left side of the equilateral triangle that lists our Three Legacies in Alcoholics Anonymous, (Recovery, Unity and Service) is Unity - and the 12 Traditions are the basis for this legacy. An equilateral triangle is defined as having three equal sides. When speaking about AA's Three Legacies, equal is the key word in that statement. None is more important than the other. Of course, if we don't have the 1st one, Recovery, none of the rest matter. I believe that it is equally true of the 2nd and 3rd Legacies, Unity and Service. If we don't have these, in addition to Recovery, the whole thing will collapse.



Tradition One is the statement of purpose for the 12 Traditions – as a society, our goal is the continued common welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous, for without Alcoholics Anonymous, most of us would surely die. In an article in the April 1946 AA Grapevine titled, "Twelve Suggested Points of AA Tradition", Bill W stated the following, "Since personal calamity holds us in bondage no more, our most challenging concern has become the future of Alcoholics Anonymous; how to preserve among us AAs such a powerful unity that neither weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of these troubled times can harm our common cause. We know that Alcoholics Anonymous must continue to live. Else, save few exceptions, we and our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion".

An AA member who served as a lightning rod for the discussion of AA's Twelve Traditions, Ken '45, once told me that each Tradition, excepting Tradition 12, asks me to surrender something for the common welfare of AA. Sort of "addition by subtraction". How true that has proven to be. Tradition One, tells me that any idea that I might be more important than anybody else in AA was simply self-centeredness on my part. That's an easy one to see, but also an easy one to lose track of. And how do I know when I might possibly be more important than someone else in AA – usually it is because I am feeling a little warm in the face and my ears, and I can feel my blood pressure rising and pounding in my ears and – I am angry! Someone has deviated from their rightful place – that of being in total agreement with me!



The next lesson I learned about Unity – it doesn't necessarily mean agreement. In AA, I have come to understand that, (NO!) I am often wrong, or at the very least, out of step with the Group. This Tradition serves to remind me that for all those times I have held the Group in thrall with my tearful expressions of gratitude for AA, there comes a time when I must actually practice that gratitude with my actions – doing what is best for the Group and AA as a whole.

If you want to read more about the history behind the development of the 12 Traditions, and Bill's essays presenting the Traditions to the Fellowship in the AA Grapevine, you can go to the AA Grapevine Digital Archive at www.aagrapevine.org/da/ and sign up, (\$20 for one year, or \$4 for one month) to the AA Grapevine online archive in which you can search on any topic from the AA Grapevine, (excepting the current year issues).

Next month: Tradition Two – Oh, No! Leaders & Authority

A member of A.A. in Orange County

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Key Words Contained in the "Promises" (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, 3rd edition, p. 83)

F W L U P E W T N E O E C N E I R E P X E
 U E R I C E V A E Y U E T R Q U D S P A N
 L T T Y F K W M P E T D B E O P I Y O E N
 F Y W A S E S S G T L L R I W A D L P H R
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 S I B A M A E S Q U D M F R C G L U V O F
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- Painstaking
- Development
- Amazed
- New
- Freedom
- Quickly
- Happiness
- Regret
- Serenity
- Peace
- Experience
- Slowly
- Benefit
- Fellows
- Attitude
- Outlook
- Life
- Work
- Change
- Situations
- Realized
- Promises
- Fulfilled
- Materialized

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Farewell to Someone Else

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our more active members-Someone else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that has been with us for many years, doing far more than a normal person's share of the work of keeping our Fellowship active, growing and strong.

Whenever there was a job to do or a meeting to attend, one was on everyone's list: "Someone Else will do it."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most active supporters of the Fellowship. Whenever there was a need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would respond to that need.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes even appearing superhuman. But a person can do only so much. If the truth were known everyone expected too much of Someone Else.

Someone Else has served our Fellowship for years. And someone Else has served in every position on every committee.

Now that Someone Else is gone, what are we going to do? Someone Else has left us with a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do all the things that Someone Else used to do?

If you should see a need or if you are asked to help with something, please remember that we don't have Someone Else to depend on anymore. We hope that our Fellowship won't have to be closed while we wait for Someone Else to fill in. Joys and jobs are waiting.

Roger G., Los Alamitos

From the *Harbor Light*, Long Beach. 1994

Step 1 – The War Is Over

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.

Step 1, Alcoholics Anonymous, p59.

For the last six-plus years of my adventure with alcohol, I spent each day trying to prove to parents, wives, family, bosses, judges, law enforcement officers and -- above all else -- myself, that I was not an alcoholic.

I kept losing the debate with me because alcohol had clearly stopped working for me. Still I persisted. Those same judges who admonished me about my lack of control also kept sending me to meetings of that curious organization called Alcoholics Anonymous.

Because I was capable of lying, cheating and stealing, I perfected a method of satisfying those judges without having to stop drinking. When the leader asked for newcomers, my hand remained in my lap. After meetings when approached by old-timers, I told them I was on Step 2 and my sponsor was helping me move through the Steps. It worked. Those old-timers congratulated me and left me alone. And I kept getting drunk. I also kept getting in numerous difficulties related to my drinking.

My last drunk driving arrest in 1982 became a bottom for me. My lawyer told me that the deputy D.A. in Orange County had expressed the opinion that I was either dumb or had a death wish and she said she was going to recommend a year at the California Institution for Men in Chino as a way of convincing me that driving drunk was unacceptable. That got my attention. One of the meetings I was attending to satisfy the court was a Big Book study and I got there a little early on a Friday evening and asked one of the members what I could do about my situation.

“You might try praying,” said Don M. “It usually works.”

“Great for you,” I responded. “But I’m an atheist.”

“You can borrow my God,” Don said.

I told him I thought that sounded pretty dumb.

“When you get ready, let me know,” he said.

A week later (and after another depressing conversation with that lawyer), I returned to the Friday night meeting and told Don I was willing to pray but hadn’t done so since I was about five or six-years-old.

“Just say ‘Hi, God, this is George. Please don’t let me drink today.’”

“That’s it?” I asked.

“Almost,” Don said. “Before you go to bed, if you haven’t drank, say ‘Hi, God, this is George. Thanks for not letting me drink today.’”

“That’s it?” I asked.

“That’s it,” said Don.

On the following Friday I was able to tell Don that for the first time in my adult life I had gone seven days without a drink.

“That’s because you prayed,” he said.

Twenty-three days later I took a chip in an A.A. meeting for my first 30 days alcohol-free. I still keep that chip in an envelope in a box in my dresser. It is more than a piece of metal. It is moot testimony to the power of prayer. P.S. – Just to make sure that I don’t get too cocky about a long period without drinking, I say those prayers morning and night. They still work.

George L., Westminster

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Costa Mesa

Sunday Night Speaker Meeting
7:00 pm
Bethel Towers, Social Hall
678 West 19th St.
Contact: Pat M.

Garden Grove

Thursday Night Speaker Mtg
8:00 pm
Garden Grove Alano Club
9845 Belfast Dr
Contact: John S.
01/01 Casandra P., Anaheim

Saturday Night Speakers

8:00 pm
Garden Grove Alano Club
9845 Belfast Dr
Contact: Jon W.

Huntington Beach

Saturday Night Lite Speakers
7:00 pm
HOW Hall, 18582 Beach Blvd
Behind Flower Kiosk @ Ellis
Contact: Kevin B.

Orange

No Puffers Speaker Meeting
8:00 pm, Friday
Community of Christ Church
385 S. Tustin Ave
Contact: Garry B.
01/02 Susan J., Orange
01/09 Jim P., Orange
01/16 Heather V., Los Alamitos
01/23 E.J., Huntington Beach
01/30 Karen W., Orange
02/06 Dawn M., Orange

02/13 Jennifer M., Orange
02/20 Frank M., Orange
02/27 Jaci W., Irvine

Sober & Crazy Sunday Night Speakers
7:00 PM

7th Day Adventist Church
1310 E. Walnut Ave, near Tustin Ave
Contact: Betsy S.
01/04 John B., Huntington Beach
01/11 Charlotte B., Fullerton
01/18 Mark & Shannon H.
Redondo Beach
01/25 Liz H., Brea

San Clemente

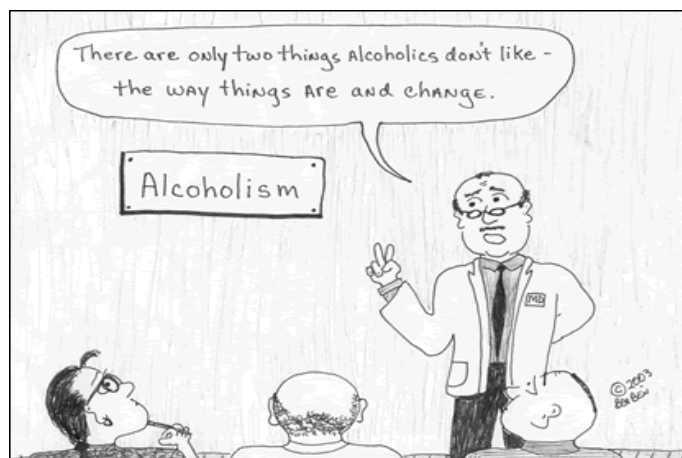
Thursday Night Big Speaker Mtg.
8:00 pm, Thursday
San Clemente Friendship Center
Contact: Bob B.

Tustin

Saturday Night Visiting Speaker
8:00 pm
St. Paul’s Church, 1221 Wass St.
Contact: Keith S.
01/03 Christina G., Yorba Linda
01/10 Cesar F., Corona
01/17 Linda H., Torrance
01/24 Fernando M., Tustin
01/31 Michael M., Brea
02/07 Rich W., Garden Grove
02/14 Steve H., Orange
02/21 Teresa R., Santa Ana
02/28 Rick H., Homeland
03/07 Ken G., Fallbrook
03/14 Tammy A., Santa Ana
03/21 Brenda P., Tustin
03/28 Scott R., Buena Park

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Submit speaker info to lifelineeditor@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month



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Welcome 2009 Orange County Intergroup Service Board



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Who? What? When? Where?

Public Relations Committee, David S.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Group Relations Committee, Carlos T.

Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Lifeline Committee, Bill W.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

Special Events Committee, Ann M.

Meetings scheduled as needed

H & I Committee, Nick M.

Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Institutions meet at 4:00 pm; Hospitals meet at 6:00 pm. South Orange County H & I meets at the Laguna Beach Canyon Club the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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

The Orange County Intergroup Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM

Kaiser Hospital

6650 Alton Parkway @ Sand Canyon, Irvine

The meeting will be held in the MOB2

(New Building 5th Floor)

Rooms ASN-5209 + 5210

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

Derrick	Dana Point	2 years
Melanie K.	Mission Viejo	3 years
Greg W.	Dana Point	6 years
Sue Anne	Aliso Viejo	8 years
Rob H.	Laguna Niguel	10 years
Susie S.	Buena Park	18 years
David M.	Laguna Hills	21 years
Pam K.	Laguna Niguel	21 years
Steve W.	Laguna Niguel	21 years
Cyndi C.	Laguna Niguel	22 years
Steve M.	Mission Viejo	23 years
Lucille R.	Costa Mesa	31 years



Orange County H & I

On the 2nd Sunday of the month

Garden Grove Alano Club, 714-534-2244

9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove, CA

For additional info call 714-979-8524

Or Central Office: 714-556-4555

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

Thoughts to Ponder...

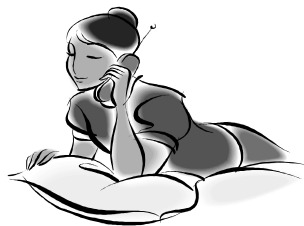
- Funny how a \$1.00 bill looks so big when you take it to a meeting, but so small when you take it to the mall.
- Funny how big an hour serving of AA looks, and how small 60 minutes are when spent playing golf or fishing.
- Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into overtime, but we complain when a meeting is longer than the regular time.
- Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Big Book, and how easy it is to read a 200 or 300 page novel.
- Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Big Book says.

- Funny how we cannot fit a service commitment into our schedule, but we can schedule for other events at a moments notice.
- Funny how much difficulty some have learning a simple program well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and explain gossip about someone.
- Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take our sponsor's direction.
- Funny how people think they can get more accomplished in a lifetime without God, than in an hour with Him.
- Funny how everyone wants to be sober, provided they don't have to believe, think, say or do anything.

Anonymous

CALL FORWARDING

“Alcoholics Anonymous, how may we help you?”



CALL FORWARDING:

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

SHIFTS:

Monday thru Friday shifts are 6am to 9am, 6pm to 9pm and 9pm to 6am. Saturday shifts start with the 6am to 9am. The Central Office opens and covers from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. The phones are than 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.

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

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.

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF AA

Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 11/30/2008

	NOV	YTD
INCOME		
Group Donations	10,593.40	186,254.30
Individual/Fellowship	771.00	6,945.43
Literature Sales	9,342.57	122,592.67
Birthday Donations	240.00	6,069.29
In Memoriam	73.00	192.00
Intergroup Donations	142.00	1,144.50
Special Events	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	192.76	2,732.76
Misc. (Repaid Bounced checks)	18.79	993.14
TOTAL INCOME:	21,373.52	326,924.09
EXPENSES		
Audits/Accounting	0.00	5,100.00
Auto (All Managers)	64.14	846.45
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Cash/Invoices Over/Short	-1.45	-46.45
Insurances	0.00	28,429.54
Intergroup Expense	78.50	1,715.10
Lease Expense	389.07	4,279.77
Maintenance & Repairs	34.95	879.79
Volunteers Coffee + Water	121.82	922.59
Offices' Supplies	219.52	2,853.39
Pension Expense	166.68	1,833.48
Postage	84.00	738.36
P/I, Donated Literature	0.00	1,515.58
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	3,661.75	39,923.97
Salaries	9,856.43	115,150.33
Reimb. Health	354.57	354.57
Payroll Tax Expense	754.03	9,882.74
Taxes & Licenses	0.00	175.87
Telephone Expense	522.10	5,232.60
LIFELINE Expense	1,200.90	13,244.35
Cost of Literature Sold	8,296.39	108,864.51
Special Events	-100.00	2,734.96
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	60.00
Misc. (Returned Checks)	0.00	1,384.61
TOTAL EXPENSES:	25,703.40	346,076.11
INCOME/(LOSS):	-4,329.88	-19,152.02

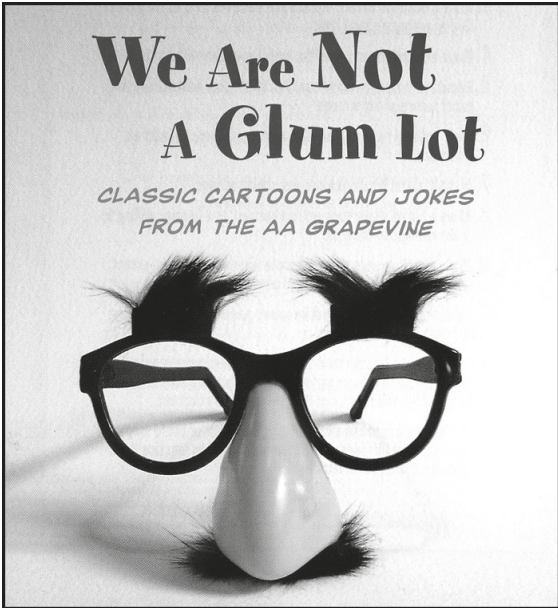
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Lifeline Committee: Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Central Office. Join us @ 7PM.

Bill W., (Chair); Jim S., Phil F., Nick M., George L., Dave H., Tarcy H. (Editor)
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CLASSIC CARTOONS AND JOKES FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE



There's nuzzing more disgusting than a man who can't hold his licker!



"But, he's buying"



"Joining AA was an excellent move, Fenton. But let's not overdo the 'easy does it'!"