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## Concept 10

***Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined...***

Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be *delegated* at every level—and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood.

As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” reside with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). ...

“It is perfectly clear,” says Bill, “that when *delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with.*” Otherwise, he warns, “those charged with operating responsibly will be demoralized.” For example, the General Service Board owns the two operating corporations and its authority over them is absolute. “Nevertheless, so long as things go well, it is highly important that the trustees do not unnecessarily interfere with or usurp the operating authority of these entities.

“To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities.”

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## Tradition Ten

**Long Form:** *No AA group 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 AA groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatsoever.*

**Short Form:** *AA has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*

### **Bill Wilson's words on Tradition Ten from the September 1948 Grapevine©**

To most of us, AA has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever? If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our AA traditions are those attributes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our Tenth Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy — serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have died even recently in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society, and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else." Political controversy and reform by compulsion have reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension. *(This was written in 1948!)*

### *Tradition 10 (cont'd)*

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm AA. We know that AA must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct, we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to this sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

## MY TRADITION 10 CHECKLIST

From the AA Grapevine

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antibuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. How can I manifest the spirit of this tradition?

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*Contributions from AA members are welcome and will be printed as space allows. Submissions can be sent via email or should be typed or neatly handwritten. The editors reserve the right to edit content for length, clarity, and relation to AA Traditions. All material, including announcements, should be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.*

## STEP TEN

***Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.***



Experience, Strength & Hope from AA members..

When I came into this program at a young age, I knew I was a “problem drinker” but I never thought of myself as an alcoholic. Needless to say how surprised I was when I learned that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking. When I heard the word abstinence, I nearly fell off my chair. I am grateful to my higher power for putting the spark in my heart that kept me coming back to AA meetings until I was able to eventually accept my alcoholism. Over the years the steps have been instrumental in giving me tools in which to live a productive life.

Step 10 was a key factor of my recovery in regards to personal relationships. This step is called by some as “maintenance” step because it focuses on maintaining emotional balance by taking personal inventory on a regular basis and admitting promptly when we have harmed another. The kernels of wisdom that I have gleaned from step 10 in the 12x12 (i.e. acid test, spot check inventory, self restraint, true tolerance, check motives), have helped in all areas of my personal relationships.

The areas that I have grown in because of this step are with my core family relationships and how I interact with the people at work. There has been an amazing improvement in my relationship with my mother over the years because I practice restraint of tongue and remember that she too suffers from pains of growing up. In my work, this step often comes into practice when I am upset at someone (I believe justifiably so), I stop and evaluate my part in the scenario and make amends promptly if needed. This step contributes greatly in my ability to maintain healthy friendships at work.

For me the biggest benefit from step 10 is peace of mind. Whenever I am agitated, I remind myself to focus on what is causing the disturbance and consider what action I can take to work on this problem. Step 10 reminds me that I am sober today by the grace of God and that all the gifts I have are a direct result of working the steps in AA.

Cheryl F



## Another experience

When I took my first 10th step I closely followed my interpretation of the words in the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve. I carefully listed anything that I had omitted from my 4th step and everything that I could remember that I had done since that time that had harmed others. It was not until much later when I began attending step study meetings on a regular basis that I realized that the 4th step had to do with a fearless moral inventory and the 10 step was referring to a personal inventory about how my actions and my character defects were affecting my daily life.

It was now time to insert into my life those principles I had learned from steps 1 through 9 because they would assist me in living life on life's terms so that I wouldn't slip back to step zero and once more prepare for step one. I know that when my character defects overpower my good intentions it will affect my daily life and will usually have a detrimental effect on others. I know this yet I still do it, and usually I ignore the consequences.

Step 10 told me I need to pay more attention to what I am doing and the ensuing consequences: I know when I accept too much change from a busy grocery clerk; when I take advantage of someone because their attention is diverted to their cell phone conversation; when I accept a compliment someone else deserves; when I gossip about someone because I want to be known as the person you seek out when you want to know the “real” truth; or when I lash out with a hurtful remark because I want to end a conversation and make the other person feel guilty. It is at that moment, when my action occurs, that I need to STOP, review the situation, admit I was wrong and rectify the situation. It is not easy but when I practice step 10 as best I can, I find my serenity improves. This is not an act of self-righteousness; it is an act of self-preservation.

Sometimes my life is moving so quickly—work, family life, medical problems, meetings there just isn't time to stop and review what just happened. I didn't have time to recount the change I received from the clerk—besides that is their job not mine, I jumped in line because I was in a hurry—if that person wants to concentrate on their cell phone conversation too bad, I said what I said because I didn't want to continue the conversation I was in a big hurry, or I will tell you what I think you want to hear and not anything that would embarrass me. The 10th step tells me that at the end of the day, when I do have some time, I should take an inventory of the activities of my day and determine whether any of my actions injured others and determine how I will take responsibility for my actions. These daily inventories and my admission of the wrongs I commit, help me get on with my life. JP



**One more Step 10 experience...**

Perseverance: *The act of persisting or persevering; continuing or repeating behavior.*

“Then comes the acid test: can I stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions? **first objective: develop self-restraint. Restraint of tongue and pen....**Avoid quick-tempered

criticism and furious, power-driven argument. ...**sulking or silent scorn**, “...emotional booby traps baited with **pride** and vengefulness.” **Step back and think!** Practice the habit of **self-restraint! Self-searching! LOOK out for:** negative emotion - anger, fear, and jealousy.

Practice spot-check inventory: **“sins of omission or commission”** **“What about “justifiable” anger?”** ATTITUDE: *justified anger ought to be left to those better qualified to handle it than myself.*

**“Few people have been more victimized by resentments than have we alcoholics.”** These emotional “dry benders” often led straight to the bottle. Other kinds of disturbances - jealousy, envy, self-pity, or hurt pride - did the same thing. Look for progress, not for perfection.

**“As an insurance against “big-shot-ism” we can often check ourselves by remembering that we are today sober only by the grace of God and that any success we may be having is far more His success than ours.”**

Carefully examine my motives. When I am **prideful, angry, jealous, anxious, or fearful**,... I try to visualize how I might have done better, and resolve with God's help to carry these lessons over into tomorrow, making, of course, any amends still neglected. Closest scrutiny will reveal **what my true motives were**. My **ancient enemy is self-rationalization!** I see that **self-righteousness** can underlie the smallest act or thought. My inventory is to spot, admit, and correct these flaws: This is **the essence of my character-building** and good living. I can truly thank God and AA for the blessings he has received. Amen

Russ



**Mysterious Paradoxes**



- When I face a fear, I am given courage;
  - When I support a brother or sister, my capacity to love myself is increased;
  - When I accept pain as part of the growing experience of life, I realize the greater happiness;
  - When I look at my dark side, I am brought into a new light;
  - When I accept my vulnerabilities and surrender to a Higher Power, I am graced with unforeseen strength.
- I stumbled through the doors of AA in disgrace, expecting nothing from life, and I have been given hope and dignity. Miraculously, the only way to keep the gifts of the program is to pass them on. 1990 AAVS, *Daily Reflections*, p. 62 with permission, A A World Services, Inc.



**CENTRAL OFFICE CORNER**

The office paint job is now completed and looks terrific. Thanks to Ken and his crew and to the many volunteers who, with roller or brush in hand, splashed on paint with great skill.

Chuck recently revised the Archives Corner and the display is something that is both worthwhile and enjoyable. Our roots are deep and often chaotic; explore these treasures for yourself.

All the items we offer for our members are now on display. You might just be pleasantly surprised at what we have. Come take a look, and while you're here, visit the Gold Room and the “Grave Emotional and Mental Disorders” Room.

Look for our Open House in January. We'll get the full details to you as soon as we're certain this event won't conflict with too many others.

## Ask Auntie Alkie

Dear Auntie Alkie,

If it is suggested to us to find a God of our understanding, why do the steps (twice in italics) use the word “.....Understood”. If we are in the present, why is this in the past tense? Or could they have made a mistake?

Confused

Dear Confused,

No mistake...they are telling us what **THEY did** so we can do what they did—if we want what they got!

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I am having a hard time staying in today and not feeling guilty about the past. I know the promises say we will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it so what can I do?

Not in today

Dear Not,

There is a famous Zen story about two monks who had taken vows not to associate with women. While out walking one day, they came to a river that had to be forded. A woman on the bank needed to cross as well but couldn't do it by herself. One of the monks carried her across on his back. Once on the other side, he put her down and the two monks resumed their journey. After about ten miles, the other monk finally spoke, saying angrily, "You shouldn't have carried that woman." The first monk just smiled and said, "I put her down ten miles ago. Why are you still carrying her?"

Preceding the promises we are told that we must be painstaking about this phase of our development. This means taking the steps. After the steps we can be like the first monk—just doing the logical next right thing and moving on with NOW.

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I just received a book review about the son of a prominent personality writing a book about alcoholism. He defends talking about his AA membership and breaking anonymity at the public level by saying it is to help others. He says not to reveal it would be like being a marathon runner and not talking about training. What do you think?

DB

Dear DB

Ego always says “I am different”. One of our early members, Marty M., started NCA (now NCADD) in order to take the message of alcoholism and recovery to the public. There are ways to talk publicly about recovery in AA without violating our Traditions.

I have never been part of the “Ends justify the means” camp. There are good and proven reasons for the humility of anonymity. The son

of a well known celebrity wrote about his life and his alcoholism and recovery. I had the opportunity to ask him how he was able to reconcile our tradition with his public identification of his AA membership. He told me it was to help people. He was sincere in his desire but also didn't remember this is a program of attraction rather than promotion. Unfortunately he did drink again and died in 1995. I don't know if he was able to get back to AA. We have a wonderful pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity”, that should be read by all.



Dear Auntie Alkie,

I have read some really good books lately and wanted to leave them on the table with the literature at my home group. The secretary told me that we don't promote anything that is not “conference approved”. What does that mean?

Bookworm

Dear Bookie,

To answer your question directly, “conference approved” means the literature was approved by the A.A. General Service Conference. Much literature is produced that is not “conference approved”, for example, the Grapevine. Our Traditions do ask us to limit our use of materials to those that are produced by A.A.

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I still don't understand why we aren't supposed to mention AA membership while fully identifying ourselves at the public level. I'm not ashamed of being a recovered\* alcoholic.

Proud to be sober

Dear Proud,

We don't identify ourselves at the public level for several reasons. Among them: No one is authorized to speak for AA. This is a good policy for many reasons. It keeps us from controversy, from aligning ourselves with any cause and because it can harm the journey to recovery when people misrepresent AA. It can also be problematic when people drink again.

### **Recovered, recovering, in recovery....etc.**

\*we have **recovered** from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. (Foreward to the First Edition of the Big Book 1939)

Title page of the Big Book:

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Story of How Many thousands of Men and Women have **Recovered** from Alcoholism

**Telephone Calls Received During August**

Daytime at Central Office: 475  
Daytime 12 Step Calls: 8  
Evening and Weekend calls: 486



Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.  
**WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. TO BE THERE. AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

Groups contributing to your Central Office make it possible to provide telephone service and coverage so that someone is always available to the caller in need. We also have a listing in the white and yellow pages of the phone books for all the cities in Santa Clara County.  
**WE THANK YOU!**

**SPEAKER MEETINGS**

**Weekender Speaker Meeting**

Sundays at 6 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1735 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

**Grapevine Speakers Meeting**

Fridays at 8 p.m.  
Presbyterian Church  
San Tomas & Homestead, Santa Clara

**Second Tradition Group of AA**

Saturdays at 8 p.m.  
Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

**Saturday Night Speakers—8 p.m.**

Alano Club of San Jose  
1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose

**Remember We Deal With Alcohol**

Saturdays at 8 p.m.  
St. Mark's Church  
1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

**Saturday Nite Live Group**

Fridays at 8 p.m.  
1388 S. Bascom at Stokes, San Jose

**Speaker Meeting—VA Hospital**

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.  
3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto

**Saturday Morning Fellowship**

Saturday at 10 a.m.  
United Presbyterian Church  
Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

**MEETING CHANGES**

**Deleted -**

Sandia Big Book Study, 1251 Sandia Ave., Sunnyvale, Wednesday 7:00PM

Fast Start Group moved to 581 Fremont Sunnyvale, Friday 5:30PM



**Moved -**

449 Acceptance Group, Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, 1155 Reed Ave., Sunnyvale, Tuesday, Noon.

**Changed -**

Men's Single Problem Discussion, Thurs., Campbell. Time changed to 8:00 PM

**New:**

**SCCYPAA Speaker Meeting,**  
3rd Saturday each month, Mid-Peninsula Alano Club,  
1155 Reed Ave., Sunnyvale, 8:00PM





# Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Ed V.	9	Rebecca S.	07/11/1997
Jan T.	10	Rita R.	08/27/1996
Stephen R.	14		09/09/1992
Laila M.	30	Pat G. & Pat C.	09/03/1976
Phil R.	4		09/11/2002
Pam N.	23	Rita R.	09/15/1983
Don D.		In Memoriam Pat C, Gene M. & Pat G.	09/19/1982
Lenore M.	4	Pat C.	09/26/2002

**Special Thanks to the Roots Group for their generous contribution in memory of Diane E.**



The Birthday Plan has been a part of the AA Tradition since the 1955 Conference. Individual contributions help ensure that the AA message is carried from one member to another.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

### 64 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

and for a total contribution of **\$165**

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office.



Direct line to Higher Power AA = Always Available!

The smallest packages in the world are alcoholics all wrapped up in themselves.

"What happened in the past is over, you can't unscramble scrambled eggs!"

Even if you remove all the rum from a fruitcake, you still have a fruitcake!"

Change your attitude or change your sobriety date!"

Worrying is praying for something you don't want."

I came into this program to save my butt and found it was attached to my soul."

I'd rather live sober in AA wondering if I'm really an alcoholic, than die drunk trying to prove I'm not."

"Dear God I understand No, I understand Yes, I don't understand WAIT."

The definition of faith is believing what you cannot see. The reward of faith is seeing what you believe."

Alcoholics need 2 things; something to believe in and something to do."

Humility is a perpetual quietness of heart." *From Dr. Bob's desk plaque*

Don't develop the "yeah but, habit"

**Every Slip has a beginning: Know your Danger Signals.** ( From AA friends in Scotland)

- Start MISSING meetings for any reason, real or imaginary.
- Become CRITICAL of the methods used by other members who may not agree with you in everything.
- Nurse the idea that someday, somehow, you can drink again and become A CONTROLLED DRINKER!
- Let the other fellow do the 12th Step work in your group. YOU ARE TOO BUSY.
- Become conscious of YOUR A.A. SENIORITY and view every new member with a skeptical and jaundiced eye.
- Become so pleased with YOUR OWN VIEWS of the programme that you consider yourself an ELDER STATEMAN.
- Start a SMALL CLIQUE within your own group, composed only of a few members who see eye to eye with you.
- Tell the new member in confidence that you yourself do not take the 12 Steps seriously.
- Let your mind dwell more and more on how much you are helping others RATHER THAN ON HOW MUCH A.A. is helping you.
- IF AN UNFORTUNATE MEMBER HAS A SLIP, drop him at once.
- Cultivate the habit of borrowing money from other members, and THEN STAY AWAY FROM THE MEETINGS to avoid embarrassment.
- Look upon the 24 hour plan as a vital thing for new members, but not for yourself. You have outgrown the need of that long ago. (Guess it's Universal!)



**Overheard at a coffee shop:**

"People who don't understand this disease look at us as handicapped. However, you don't see them giving us our own special parking places at the Mall."





**Gratitude**

I am grateful to be free from the slavery of alcohol.  
 I am grateful for peace of mind and the opportunity to grow, but my gratitude should go forward rather than backward.  
 I cannot stay sober on yesterday's meetings or past Twelfth-Step calls; I need to put my gratitude into action *today*.  
 c. 1990 AAWS, *Daily Reflections*, p. 154  
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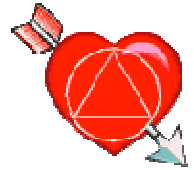
**Thought to Ponder . . .**

*Gratitude is not a word in AA; it's an action.*

AA-related 'Alconym' . . . A A = Always Awesome.

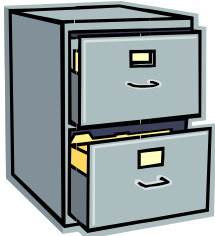
**An alcoholic grammar lesson,  
 or how an alcoholic conjugates a verb:**

I **am** in pain, so I drink.  
 I **was** in pain, so I drank.  
 I **might be** in pain, so I will drink.  
 Oh, look! There's **someone else in pain**, so I should drink.



And the way a recovering alcoholic conjugates a verb:

I **am** in pain, I **will** pray.  
 When I **was** in pain, I **prayed**.  
 What I am **walking through** may be painful, so I **will** pray.  
 Oh, look! **Someone else is in pain**, I **will** pray!



**October Archives**

In October of 1951 Harry C., Jack O'N and Bill G. thought it was time to start an Eastside meeting. Al E. had sobered up in July of 1951 and they told Al that he had been selected to secretary the new meeting. Al said that he had too little time sober but these three men informed him that they were the steering committee and it was the Group conscience for him to do that job. The Group first met on Friday night in the basement of the Foothill Community Church at the corner of White and Alum Rock Roads.

One of the members named Dean McA. never included himself in the Lord's Prayer. Knowing this, Al asked Dean to lead them in the Lord's Prayer. Dean replied "I don't say that G....D....

Thing". Al never tried again!

In October of 1954 the Lasker Award was awarded to AA at San Francisco by the American Public Health Association. Bill W came to San Francisco for the occasion.

In October of 1954 the Alcoholic Foundation became the General Service Board of AA. *Thanks, Chuck*

**Spats and Snits**

Within AA, I suppose, we shall always quarrel a good bit.  
 Mostly, I think, about how to do the greatest good for the greatest number of drunks.  
 We shall have our childish spats and snits over small questions of money management and who is going to run our groups for the next six months.  
 Any bunch of growing children (and that is what we are) would hardly be in character if they did less. . .  
 Surmounting such problems, in AA's rather rugged school of life, is a healthy exercise.

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**Thought to Ponder....**

Our differences, not our similarities, enable us to learn and grow.



# October 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 IG Meeting Outreach Comm. PI/CPC Comm.	5	6	7 Secretaries Workshop
8	9	10	11 North County General Service Mtg.	12	13	14 PI Workshop
15	16	17 South County General Service Mtg.	18	19	20	21 Newsletter Comm. SCCYPAA
22	23	24 H&I Committee	25	26	27	28
29	30	31* 				

## LOCAL EVENTS

“Friends of Bill & Lois” AA/Alanon Ladies Holiday Luncheon  
December 3, 2006. This annual holiday event will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara. There will be 3 wonderful speakers each from AA & Alanon, a great lunch and entertainment!  
Contact patg40175@comcast.net for info.

## EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

**NCCAA Fall Conference**—Chico—October 6-8, 2006

### **River City Roundup 2006**

Hosted by Gay and Lesbian members of AA  
November 10—12, 2006, Sacramento, CA [www.rcru.com](http://www.rcru.com)

### **23rd Annual Serenity In Yosemite**

November 17—19, 2006, Yosemite National Park  
Call (209) 966-8300 or Email: [serenityyosemite.com](http://serenityyosemite.com)

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### **43rd International Women’s Conference**

February 15—18, 2007, Detroit, MI [www.iaawc.org](http://www.iaawc.org)

\* Trick or Treat! Happy Birthday Rose W. 30 years today!

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

## MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

October 4, 2006

- Xavier, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8pm, followed by A Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Mike read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 51 people attending, including 39 voting representatives.
- Jessica read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections/additions to the agenda.
- There was one correction to the previous month's minutes: the date was incorrect.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	09/04/06	\$112.86	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
Contributions:	09/04/06	64.00	
Refreshments:	09/04/06	30.12	
Rent is paid to December 31, 2006		90.00	
Balance:	10/01/06	56.74	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
- Announcements: SCCYPAA Halloween Dance on October 27 in Belmont.
- Birthdays: Raymundo, 20yrs; Winston, 15yrs; Abby 17yrs; Tina 5yrs; Doug, 19yrs; and Tom, 21yrs.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Prospective Officer and Board Member Presentations
  - Doug G. introduced the nominees for the positions of Intergroup Council Chair, Alternate Chair, and three Board Members. Each nominee introduced himself; two nominees were introduced in absentia.
  - The nominees for Chair were Bill D. and Brian K.
  - The nominees for Alternate Chair were John P. and Brian K.
  - The nominees for the three Board Member positions were Dave J., Rosemary T. (absent), Tom U., Tom C. (absent), Brian M., and Bill M.
- New Officer and Board Member Elections (Third Legacy Procedure)
  - Doug G. officiated the election process.
  - Bill D. was elected Chair.
  - Brian K. was elected Alternate Chair.
  - Dave J., Brian M., and Rosemary T. were elected Board Members.

### OPEN FORUM – NONE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison S.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

September 2006

	<u>Sep 06</u>	<u>Sep 05</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 06</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	5,667.81	5,759.79	89,683.57
8010 · Literature Sales	6,175.62	6,848.89	55,076.29
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	20.00	20.00	670.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>11,863.43</u>	<u>12,628.68</u>	<u>145,429.86</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	4,233.41	4,206.74	34,351.03
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories (After 6/1/06)	-1,394.55	0.00	-0.73
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<u>2,838.86</u>	<u>4,206.74</u>	<u>34,350.30</u>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>2,838.86</u>	<u>4,206.74</u>	<u>34,350.30</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>9,024.57</u>	<u>8,421.94</u>	<u>111,079.56</u>
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	531.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	51.93	0.00	5,640.08
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25	3.25	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	41.50	0.00	96.28
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,073.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	137.54	86.85	1,490.19
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	590.00
6160 · Copier Expense	111.91	265.96	786.27
6190 · Depreciation Expense	-800.00	419.00	2,422.75
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	512.02
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	399.75	399.75	964.84
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	549.70	0.00	5,347.02
6245 · Internet Access Charges	0.00	19.95	159.60
6280 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
6330 · Office Expense	490.21	118.40	4,083.47
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	700.00	516.33
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	436.62
6380 · Payroll Taxes	501.88	467.92	4,715.15
6410 · Postage	78.00	200.00	1,697.26
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	19,891.90
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	88.21
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,378.49	6,055.35	55,786.58
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	250.00	1,800.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	305.59	390.11	1,127.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>10,467.00</u>	<u>11,530.44</u>	<u>109,823.06</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-1,442.43</u>	<u>-3,108.50</u>	<u>1,256.50</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	185.66	26.78	1,731.14
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>185.66</u>	<u>26.78</u>	<u>1,731.14</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>185.66</u>	<u>26.78</u>	<u>1,731.14</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-1,256.77</u></u>	<u><u>-3,081.72</u></u>	<u><u>2,987.64</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2006

	<u>Sep 30, 06</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	8,935.20
1036 · Bank of America CD 5247 (10 mo CD @ 4.16%, 01/17/07)	12,418.60 *
1039 · Bank of America CD 5717 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,761.99 *
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,776.84 *
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,528.51 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	<u>3,206.74 *</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	68,852.88
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	<u>-723.07</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	-723.07
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1250 · Literature Inventory	13,978.31
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	<u>1,232.66</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>15,210.97</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	83,340.78
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-16,834.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	<u>-127.50</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	23,686.64
<b>Other Assets</b>	
1860 · Deposits	<u>1,993.85</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>1,993.85</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>109,021.27</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	<u>1,196.63</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,196.63</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,196.63</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,196.63
<b>Equity</b>	
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3900 · Retained Earnings	10,393.73
Net Income	<u>1,653.00</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>107,824.64</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>109,021.27</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: <b>\$59,692.68</b> This represents 5.42 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 9 months operating expenses.</p>
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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions\*\*

September 2006

	Sep 06	Jan - Sep 06		Sep 06	Jan - Sep 06
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	578.40	Mon. Joy of Living Meeting 92	0.00	349.56
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,050.00	Mon. Los Altos Men's Group 59	0.00	262.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	265.35	1,826.93	Mon. Los Gatos Big Book 664	0.00	87.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	140.00	1,706.78	Mon. Men's Group 97	0.00	308.00
ACYPAA	0.00	628.75	Mon. Men's Single Problem Study 89	0.00	2,335.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	165.00	3,674.50	Mon. Men's Single Topic Discussion 582	0.00	595.00
Copier Contributions	0.00	900.00	Mon. Midday Meeting 714	0.00	105.00
Fri. 12 Steps at Noon 303	0.00	230.00	Mon. Midday Women's Group 91	151.64	544.40
Fri. Big Book Speakers Group 289	0.00	34.04	Mon. Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61	227.50	227.50
Fri. Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284	0.00	120.00	Mon. Signs of Sobriety 402	0.00	25.00
Fri. Easier Way Group 290	309.49	829.29	Mon. Source of Strength (Women) 501	0.00	70.00
Fri. East Valley Group 322	100.00	575.00	Mon. South Valley Women's Surrender 88	0.00	60.20
Fri. Fireside Group 297	0.00	41.00	Mon. Villages Group of AA (The) 406	98.00	1,044.00
Fri. Gut Level Group 288	0.00	140.00	Oldtimers Meeting 80935	71.00	71.00
Fri. In the Chapel 13	16.00	41.00	Personal 00911	7.11	1,162.25
Fri. Lakewood Group 332	0.00	97.30	Sat. Attitude Adjustment 443	0.00	170.00
Fri. Lesbians Living the Promises 349	0.00	288.46	Sat. Beginners & Beyond 345	0.00	314.00
Fri. Living Solutions 728	0.00	101.63	Sat. Big Book Study 8.00P 347	0.00	100.00
Fri. Men's 4th Step Group 320	50.00	50.00	Sat. Cambrian Saturday Night 376	297.00	1,854.44
Fri. No Bull Big Book 655	0.00	280.00	Sat. Early Bird 414	0.00	160.00
Fri. Saratoga Group 328	0.00	566.00	Sat. Get Up and Go (Women) 187	0.00	316.28
Fri. Saratoga Serenity Group 329	0.00	315.00	Sat. Grace Group of AA 352	0.00	467.40
Fri. Starting the Steps 753	0.00	380.00	Sat. High Hope 239	0.00	551.20
Fri. Suit Up and Show Up 126	0.00	30.00	Sat. In the Solution 647	0.00	140.00
Fri. T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298	0.00	772.40	Sat. Living in the Solution (Women) 33	0.00	60.00
Fri. Women Preparing for the Weekend 691	0.00	143.50	Sat. Meditation Meeting 39	0.00	91.00
G Agnews Noon Meetings 70921	0.00	1,895.95	Sat. Men's Honesty Group 26	0.00	854.70
G Cornerstone Service Group 70908	0.00	2,020.46	Sat. Morning Fellowship 381	0.00	60.00
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	242.91	2,222.51	Sat. Morning Los Gatos 777	0.00	1,330.00
G Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	560.00	Sat. Mountain View Group 350	0.00	404.87
G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	490.00	Sat. Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769	0.00	227.50
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	0.00	1,083.45	Sat. Night Promises 847	0.00	325.00
G Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,645.00	Sat. Positive Outlook Group 368	0.00	317.80
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	200.00	Sat. Roots 344	560.00	560.00
G Sober & Free Conference 70928	0.00	397.20	Sat. Saturday 6PM Meeting 413	0.00	136.50
G South County Fellowship 70954	140.00	1,260.00	Sat. Second Tradition Group Spkr 721	0.00	815.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	483.00	Sat. Think Tank (Men) 361	0.00	2,100.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	491.41	3,993.61	Sat. Trinity Group 370	0.00	93.66
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	1,585.00	Sat. Wake Up Meeting 342	0.00	70.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	565.00	Sat. Women's Brunch 640	0.00	631.57
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	44.00	Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	409.20
Memorial Contributions	350.00	913.00	Sun. AA Birthday Gilroy Group 4	0.00	70.00
Mon. A.B.C. Women's Group 58	0.00	269.20	Sun. Almaden Valley Discussion 30	0.00	259.00
Mon. As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518	280.00	449.40	Sun. Eastside Step Study 45	0.00	182.00
Mon. Downtown Steppers (Men) 392	0.00	96.65	Sun. Gay Reflections on the Solution 841	0.00	43.00
Mon. From Within 863	0.00	413.04	Sun. Get Well Group 17	0.00	175.00
Mon. Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896	0.00	118.30	Sun. Humbly Asked 8.00A 87	0.00	210.00
Mon. Gay Men & Women Together 85	0.00	145.19	Sun. In the Basement 545	0.00	60.00
Mon. Grateful Live Group 535	0.00	866.60	Sun. Invaders Group 44	0.00	100.00
Mon. HOW Group 71	0.00	643.00	Sun. Live and Let Live 24	140.00	140.00



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Group Contributions\*\*

September 2006

	Sep 06	Jan - Sep 06		Sep 06	Jan - Sep 06
Sun. Living Sober 21	0.00	311.81	Tues. Early Tuesday Group 119	0.00	194.60
Sun. Men's Underground Book Study 401	0.00	115.00	Tues. El Camino Group 108	0.00	317.32
Sun. New People's Group 3	0.00	158.00	Tues. End of the Line Men's Group 147	0.00	1,544.18
Sun. New Steps for Living 20	0.00	474.84	Tues. Fireside Big Book Study 809	0.00	21.00
Sun. Pass It On Group Los Altos 418	0.00	257.95	Tues. Freethinkers of the Valley 29	0.00	280.00
Sun. Plaza Del Rey Group 52	0.00	70.00	Tues. Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Disc 146	0.00	218.62
Sun. Progress Not Perfection 229	0.00	385.00	Tues. Happy Destiny (Women) 109	0.00	1,232.93
Sun. Sizzler Group 27	0.00	280.00	Tues. Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110	0.00	210.00
Sun. Speaker Meeting 18	0.00	205.00	Tues. Men's Basic Step Study Group 891	0.00	545.88
Sun. Spiritual Step Study Group 233	0.00	850.00	Tues. Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525	0.00	140.00
Sun. Step by Step Group 5	0.00	70.00	Tues. Palo Alto Step Study 752	0.00	448.20
Sun. Sunday Early Evening 682	0.00	630.00	Tues. St. Luke's Group 113	250.00	1,370.00
Sun. Sunday Night Recovery 23	0.00	100.00	Tues. Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152	0.00	509.23
Thurs. Basic Big Book 710	0.00	350.00	Tues. Veterans of Alcohol (open) 874	0.00	420.00
Thurs. California Avenue Supper Group 715	0.00	525.00	Tues. We Are Not Saints 520	0.00	45.00
Thurs. Campus Group 234	0.00	625.00	Tues. We Care Step Study 128	0.00	662.90
Thurs. Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276	0.00	90.30	Tues. Winchester Mystery Meeting 102	0.00	140.00
Thurs. Evergreen Group 884	0.00	70.00	Unknown	0.00	906.66
Thurs. Evergreen Women 36	0.00	110.00	Wed B.F.E. Book Study (in residence)	0.00	750.00
Thurs. Fireside Men's Book Study	0.00	402.67	Wed. Berryessa Group 527	0.00	426.40
Thurs. Free to Be Me (Women) 736	0.00	105.00	Wed. Chip Winners Group 168	0.00	575.57
Thurs. Gay Men's Freedom 262	0.00	469.70	Wed. Eleventh Step Group 167	0.00	70.00
Thurs. Just For Today 238	0.00	260.00	Wed. Gay Alcoholics Living / Sobriety 742	70.00	140.00
Thurs. Los Altos Group 225	0.00	140.00	Wed. Inspiration Big Book 195	0.00	150.00
Thurs. Men's Single Problem Study 220	0.00	1,314.00	Wed. Jaywalkers	0.00	43.40
Thurs. Mountain Miracles 882	0.00	714.00	Wed. Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749	0.00	140.00
Thurs. Noon Discussion 272	0.00	331.55	Wed. Living with Serenity (Chip) 599	0.00	105.00
Thurs. Pathfinder 543	0.00	65.00	Wed. Lodestar Group / Sober Thoughts 499	0.00	100.00
Thurs. Rincon Men's Fellowship 567	0.00	280.00	Wed. Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606	0.00	350.00
Thurs. Sisters in Sobriety 548	0.00	155.74	Wed. Midweek Spiritual Progress 213	350.00	700.00
Thurs. Sober Times 227	0.00	151.20	Wed. Noon Discussion 177	105.00	245.00
Thurs. South Valley Group (Chips) 267	168.00	168.00	Wed. Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209	0.00	1,124.20
Thurs. South Valley Men's 845	0.00	290.00	Wed. Serenity Discussion 210	0.00	905.22
Thurs. Spiritual Progress 269	420.00	770.00	Wed. Sober Thoughts 499	0.00	80.00
Thurs. St. Mark's Group 270	0.00	380.61	Wed. Step Study (Women) LG 820	0.00	156.80
Thurs. Starlight Solutions (Home) 750	29.70	72.68	Wed. Women on the Move 570	0.00	353.91
Thurs. Sunshine Group 243	0.00	210.76	Wed.. 4th Dimension Grp (in residence)	0.00	40.00
Thurs. There Is a Solution (Men) 732	0.00	482.20			
Thurs. What's Happening Today 552	0.00	569.10			
Thurs. Women Sharing the Solution 519	147.70	601.30			
Tues. 12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25	0.00	308.00			
Tues. 449 Acceptance Group 157	0.00	100.00			
Tues. A Vision for You Women's 802	0.00	148.37			
Tues. AA Love & Tolerance Big Book 416	0.00	100.00			
Tues. Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151	0.00	285.50			
Tues. Big Book Discussion Group 107	0.00	274.70			
Tues. Caring & Sharing 148	0.00	40.00			
Tues. Design for Living 200	0.00	210.00			
Tues. Down to Earth Group 563	0.00	139.00			
				<b>5,667.81</b>	<b>89,683.57</b>