



FOCUS: LOVE - A TWINKLE

I finally figured it out on the third try – this business of marriage is not based on persuasion, dominance or influence by one party on another, nor is it a matter of need or sexual attraction; it is a matter of similar pastimes or likes and a genuine interest in and love for each other. It is kindness and consideration, and the adoration of one person for another, accepting him or her exactly as (s)he is.

The first time I saw him I heard his deep basso profundo voice that was neither too loud nor too soft, and loved it...it rippled with the appeal of a country western singer who held up his singing group with his low tones. His jean jacket and pants seemed to fit the man. His six-foot-two-inch frame was easy to look up at, and I was immediately pulled into his blue eyes, which twinkled with a liveliness that declared a joy for living, and a love of fun.

I sat two tables away from him that first day during the hour we spent in that spiritual meeting together, and I looked over at his table wondering why I'd never seen him before. When he looked back at me, I ducked behind someone's head rather than look like I was staring. A few minutes later I ventured another peek, and he was looking at me again. I averted my eyes and tried to focus on the speaker at the head of the room, all the time thinking that he was really attractive. The next time I dared look at him, his eyes held mine and twinkled. They didn't wink, they just twinkled. I was hooked.

The speaker called on him to talk, and he sauntered to the front of the room and rubbed his hands over his eyes before he began talking. It was a gesture I would come to expect every time he spoke, but now it was just interesting, and it commanded attention. When he spoke, the room

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Monthly Topics

Here's lookin' at you!! Happy February to all you groundhog-lovers...awaiting Spring breathlessly. Or frostily, as indicated by my car's white coating on some of these mornings. This is the month of love in the air (okay, maybe not in the air; it's called Valentine's Day on the 14th) and starts off with the SuperBowl, Chinese New Year, and Mardi Gras, then Lincoln's & Washington's birthdays celebrated as Presidents Day on the 21st. Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 13th-19th.

In this issue we have some love stories and more "Dear Alky" letters and responses by our "D.A." anonymous contributor. Please send your questions if you have any you'd like to ask...

Our topic this month is "13th Step or True Love? What's the diff?" and our stories start on this page and continue on pages 4-5, 7,8.

March's topic is What Does A Higher Power Mean to You? and the deadline is February 20th. March also has Tradition Three, "A Desire to Stop Drinking," as its alternate topic for consideration. Send your stories to ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com and we'll get them into the March issue. If you can't write on those subjects, check page 6 for upcoming topics -- or write on any topic, and we'll see that it gets into the newsletter at some point in time...we like the insurance of extra writing in our database...

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GET UP 'N GO



We got up and we're still going strong every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30. This summer, the Get Up and Go Women's Meeting will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. Currently, 85 to 100 regular attend every Saturday morning – while the number of regular attendees has grown significantly since the beginning, our primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery remains the same.

Our meeting informally began in the mid- 1980's at the chemical dependency treatment center operated at the O'Connor Hospital Annex that was located at the corner of Winchester Blvd. and Hamilton Ave. H&I brought meetings to that facility on Thursday nights where a few women would gather to talk about recovering from alcoholism. Two members of our fellowship worked at this in-patient treatment facility.

When the in-patient treatment program moved from the Annex to the 4th floor of O'Connor Hospital on O'Connor Drive, we began to meet on Saturday mornings either in a small meeting room or an alcove on the 4th Floor of the hospital. AA women came "from the outside" to share



their experience, strength and hope with the patients. Our meeting grew as more women from the "outside" began regularly attending, and so we moved downstairs to a conference room adjacent to the hospital cafeteria. In those early days, the hospital provided us coffee; however, that ended quickly after they realized what coffee drinkers we are! Many meeting goers did enjoy a hot breakfast given the convenience of the cafeteria.

The first time the meeting was listed in the AA schedule was the Spring/Summer 1993 Meeting Directory. At the time of the first listing, the meeting was named the "Get Up and Go Women's Meeting." As an early member often commented when called upon, "There is no better way to start my weekend than to be here with you." Until that time, we had

been a meeting with no name and simply focused on sharing the solution to alcoholism found the 12 steps to women hospitalized in the hopes of recovering.

We remained at O'Connor Hospital

for many years but steadily grew to the point we could no longer fit in the available space. As well, the in-patient treatment program had been closed some years earlier and the hospital needed the space we were using on Saturday mornings. So, in the spring of 2005, we moved to St. Mark's Church on Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara. This has remained our meeting place for the last 7 years.

Initially, we met in the small fire-side room at St. Mark's wanting to retain an intimate setting for our meeting that was then attended by 25 or so women. But, it wasn't long and we were adding 3 rows of chairs every Saturday to accommodate our members and soon had to move to the "big room" to accommodate our growing membership.

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A few of the women who attended the meeting from its early days remain in service to our group and can be found at the meeting most Saturday mornings. One woman who still regularly attends was the meeting secretary in 1993.

Unlike some meetings that wax and wane in attendance, this meeting has steadily grown in size but has never strayed from its primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery to other alcoholic women. Our membership is a great mix of new and seasoned members. Members actively serve our AA community with all the local service entities represented: General Service, Intergroup, and H&I. At one point, we were concerned about the meeting's ability to

contribute to the AA service structure and so we instituted a volunteer list to bring snacks in order to increase the group's capacity to donate to Intergroup and General Service. This tradition is still practiced today and has proved to be one more way for members to participate. Sponsorship is strongly encouraged. We commemorate AA "birthdays" on the last Saturday of the month by passing out chips. We conduct a steering committee meeting once a month, without fail.

In its early days, before it became a formal meeting listed in the directory, our meeting had the look and feel of the iconic image of Dr. Bob and Bill W. meeting at the bedside of Bill, who was to become the third member of

AA. In our beginning, a few women gathered at the hospital to share with other women who were hospitalized in the O'Connor in-patient program. Once downstairs in the cafeteria, long time members can recall women shuffling in with IVs or being wheeled into the meeting rooms in wheelchairs from upstairs as they began their road of recovery. Today, although the meeting is much larger and no longer meeting in close proximity to an in-patient facility, the Get Up and Go Women's Meeting remains committed to carrying the message of recovery and hope to women afflicted with alcoholism. Many of us have discovered, there really is no better way to start the weekend!

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literally quieted down to focus on his voice. He looked at everyone in that room and he told a bit of his story which made us laugh, inserted an emotional anecdote that had us crying and finished his tale with a heartfelt ending, summing everything up in three minutes.

Wow. He captured his audience, all right. He had me in the palm of his hand, and I knew it -- but he didn't know it. The following week I returned to that same meeting and when I drove into the parking lot he was already there, even though I was early. When the meeting started, he was sitting at the front of the room and I got to hear his story for 15 minutes. He told a story similar to mine -- long marriage, children, shorter relationship recently, and now he was free of any relationship, as I was. Once again, he had the audience captive with his ability to draw tears and sorrow and laughter and hope out of everyone, all in the same breath. We all could relate to his stories, and his vocabulary intrigued me -- I love the English language.

After that meeting, I hung around and

told him I really enjoyed hearing him. I saw him again later that week at a different meeting -- this time where I was the speaker, and he got to hear my story. I wondered if he was following me, but how would he know where I would turn up? It was just a coincidence.

The following week he spoke again, and I was fascinated with his personality and speaking ability, and told him so. He said a few pleasantries, then hesitated and said, "I'm really embarrassed -- I don't even know how to ask the question. Could I have your phone number?" "Sure." I handed him my personal card with my address and phone number on it.

He called that night, asking for a date the following week. I told him I only had Monday evening available, so he offered to pick me up at 6:30. My older daughter was out washing her car in the parking lot while I played the piano, and she knew I had a date coming. He immediately detected that she was my daughter (although the complex was huge and there was no way for him to know that she belonged to me) and asked

for directions to the front door. She told him, "First door on the left and listen for the piano -- just walk in." (Both my girls took an instant liking to him.)

When he walked in, he said, "I love piano music!" I told him I just played for myself, and he said he'd like to have me play for him.

That night he took me to an Italian restaurant not far from my house, and our conversation was stilted, limping along in a disjointed way, so I figured this may be a mistake. However, before he brought me home he took me to see his apartment, which he'd mentioned was very close to my condo, and he took me inside. I was unimpressed with the retro-beatnik look, the board-and-brick bookshelves, the hanging plants that appeared to have died in another lifetime, and the saggy furniture with cookie crumbs stuck in the cushions. He asked if I wanted to see the upstairs bedrooms and I responded with a curt, "No thanks." The one thing in his favor was that he had washed and rinsed the dishes.

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AA ON THE ROAD

When I was first asked to write this article, of course, I said in my head: “I don’t have anything to write, who wants to hear from me?” And in that moment I realized once again that I am just like the many people that I have met in AA across the country. “I can’t do this or that!” “I can’t be of service while I am traveling!” “What do I have to offer to these folks that are all friends and all know each other so well?”

The truth is that we all have our stories and it is our stories and our sharing that bonds us no matter where we are or what meeting we are attending. I can’t help but remind myself what it was that Dr. Bob found so intriguing about Bill when he first met him. It was his story. That Bill knew what he was talking about because he had lived it and it was basically the same as Dr. Bob’s. And that is what I have found on the road in AA meetings all over the country. What I have also found is that in California (especially in the Santa Clara County) we are very fortunate to have the amount of meetings that we have. In many parts of the country, even in relatively well populated areas, meetings are spread out and people travel a good deal for those meetings. On the drive to the meetings is where the meetings before and after the meeting take place. And I am not one that will tell you that we only do AA right in California; that the only good AA is here. Not true. AA is flourishing and doing quite well all over the country. I believe it is the consistency of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions that help that to happen. And it is because of our stories as well! It works, and it works real good!

I went to meetings in Lincoln, NE that were really small and some that were pretty big. Now small is still small on the road with six or seven in attendance and all members getting to share. However, being a big meeting is a relative term in some cities. In Lincoln that number may be as many

as 50 or sixty or as small as 20 or 30. In Williamsburg, VA, the number may be as many as 70 or 80 or as few as 15. At the campground that we stayed at in Virginia they had a Thursday night meeting that was attended by about 15 people the night that I was there and they said that it was a big turnout! In the Clear Lakes area of Iowa they had a meeting that was attended by about 15 as well and they said it was a little light that night.

But large or small, open or closed, I found the meetings all very similar in several respects. All start with the typical moments of silence, book readings (Chapter 5, 12 Traditions and Promises perhaps), announcements and AA birthday announcements. In that regard they are very much like the meetings here in San Jose. Where they are different is what happens after the opening. For the most part the “chairperson” is the secretary of the meeting and there is no speaker in a topic discussion meeting. The chairperson will ask if anyone has a topic they would like to talk about that day and if there is, then that person brings it up and shares on it for only a few minutes. Then the chairperson will point to someone to share and the sharing then proceeds around the room.

I have been to quite a few meetings where just about everyone is able to share in the meeting. And it seems as if when more people share, the meetings carry more weight and meaning. One meeting in Apache Junction that is an open meeting had over 35 people share in an hour and a half meeting! It was awesome! And that is another thing: Open meetings usually mean that members of Al-Anon are welcome to attend AND TO SHARE at those meetings. Al-Anon and AA are really close in other parts of the country, especially the Mid-West and East Coast. If there isn’t anyone willing to open the meeting up with a topic then the chairperson will get out some literature (Big Book – 12 and 12

– As Bill See It or Daily Reflections, usually) and read from the literature and get the meeting going. Again, no one talks for more than 3 or 4 minutes and many only for a minute or two and this allows for maximum sharing at the meeting.

Finding meetings really wasn’t that hard either. Most towns or cities have web sites now that list their meeting directory and have local phone numbers to call if you need help. And of course if you are close to a meeting, but don’t know EXACTLY where it is, you can always look for smokers hanging out by a door with Styrofoam cups of coffee in their hands. This is true in almost any town in the U.S. Having a greeter is common in larger meetings. But I always felt welcomed no matter if there was an “official greeter” or just someone to say; “Hello, welcome to the meeting”. And of course when newcomers are asked to stand and introduce themselves, out-of-towners are asked the same thing. Many of the meetings are still held in churches throughout the country. Some have the Steps and Traditions hanging from the wall but it was interesting that a number of them didn’t. Maybe it was more about setting up the meeting than it was about having them on hand. I don’t know.

I would like to tell you that there are a whole lot of long timers still going to meetings and this is true. But the 35/40 year sober folks are few and far between. With 29 years sobriety, I found myself one of the long timers in many meetings. Lots of people are still in the program, staying in service and carrying the message with over 25 years of sobriety. It does seem that at about 35 or 40 years, the number thin out. Don’t know why, just an observation. And one other observation is that the traditions are rarely talked about at meetings. And it doesn’t matter if there are long timers in the meeting or not. I remember one meeting where a woman with

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The following evening he left a message for me saying he'd had a lovely time and could he take me out again. Coincidentally, my Tuesday night commitment to go to San Francisco for improvisational workshop was canceled due to the driver being sick.

I called Don back and we just started talking, for about an hour. I loved speaking with him, and I loved his vocabulary. We were beginning to throw out words that were not our norm in conversations, hoping to get a rise (what does that mean?) from the other person. At some point in the conversation he began singing a line from "Oklahoma" and I said, "Oh, I love that musical!" He responded, "I have it on tape." I responded, "I'll be right over." And now that I knew he lived less than a mile from me, I dashed over there and we sat on opposite chairs in the living room watching and singing the entire Oklahoma score...

I'd never met anyone who knew as many words to songs as I did, and he knew more. He also had an extensive opera collection and he told me he'd fallen in love with opera when he was in the Air Force and had been in charge of the key to the theater in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they held all kinds of musical productions.

I was smitten, then and there. The next week I invited him to see a local play called "Angry Housewives,"

which sounded like a feminist thing a man may not appreciate. He not only loved the play, but made instant friends with one of the cast who sat near us.

I wanted to get to know him, and I wanted answers to questions before anything turned physical, so every evening, after my usual meeting, I would stop at his house and visit for an hour to talk. We took turns delving into past relationships on each of our parts, talked about things we liked and didn't like, and asked more questions than we'd ever asked anyone else, right out there up front before we even kissed.

I brought him the record, "The Best of Phantom of the Opera" which he'd never heard, and he offered to buy season tickets to the Center for the Performing Arts series of musicals in San Jose, as well as season tickets to the San Jose Symphony. I said I'd LOVE to go.

I woke up one morning at 4:30 and picked bunches of flowers from my back yard, drove to his apartment in my convertible, and filled his porch with vases of flowers, and petals from others all around his front door. At 6:00 I called him and told him to get the paper and call me back...when he did and asked what this was all about, I sang the song "Don't Throw Bouquets at Me" from Oklahoma, my hint to him that people may just say

we're in love. He proposed a week later, even before we had a thorough test of the equipment, and we were married a mere five months after our first date.

He took his son, my daughters and one of my daughter's boyfriends to Lake Tahoe for a week over Christmas so we could get married, have a honeymoon/vacation, and celebrate Christmas and his birthday on the 24th with family. He hired a limo for the evening, and he always did MORE -- like arranging for a Caribbean cruise in April to have a REAL honeymoon without kids around.

He was genuinely kind to everyone in my family and when he died 16 years later, we all lost a gentle man who loved music, books and life in general. His zest for learning, his capacity to recall all sorts of facts and figures, his incredible humor and dry wit, his love for me that never went away or even faltered, and his loving smile until the very last day he was alive, are all the things I'm glad to have found in one man. Should I ever be fortunate enough to find another man who is charming and funny and loving, I'll still be looking for the twinkle in his eye...

Anonymous

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35 years commented that she had not even heard of the 12 Concepts of World Service. I would think that this is something that can be changed by more and more workshops.

I really enjoyed our tour of Dr. Bob and Anne Smith's home in Akron. To be there in the home as it was

back in 1935 was a real joy. Gail L. (former Akron Archivist) gave us a personal tour and to hear her talk of all the "God coincidences" that occurred during the first few days of our Fellowship made me realize once again, that God has a plan for us drunks and it includes us staying

together and meeting to talk about what is happening in our lives. With that process in place and the 12 Steps, there is a real good chance that we all can stay sober.....Take care....

John H. - DOLD 11/11/83

Editor's Bag

February is the ground-breaking month for bulbs like jonquils and narcissus to herald more flowers in the months ahead. It's also the month for Academy Awards, and people to catch up on all the movies they forgot to watch over the holidays or missed throughout 2012. Lincoln initiated the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery. The movie is supposed to be a winner, too...we'll see. And it's the topic of Love...

This month is Tradition Two: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." This is where the rubber meets the road, and I need to look at the Traditions carefully to make sure I'm not stepping on toes whenever I think I know how a meeting is run, and want to let everyone else know, too. Fortunately, we have steering committees which in essence can bring "issues" to the group when there is disharmony. Then we have those who disagree with the whole idea of "steering committees" because they carry too much weight and the committee itself runs the meeting. Or we have NO steering committee and the group runs into a snag (like the treasurer goes off to Hawaii with the group's funds because no one is paying attention to the deposits of money) and suddenly the group really needs to pay attention, thereby initializing a "committee" to address any problems that may arise. We have elder statesmen and we have bleeding deacons (see page 135 of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of AA's book) and the combination of these two will ultimately level off to become the "group conscience."

At an earlier time in AA: In February of 1938, Frank Amos, a close friend of John D. Rockefeller, spends several days in Akron to explore the possibility of opening a small hospital for alcoholics, which would be run by Dr. Bob. He is impressed with their recovery rate, and



suggests that Rockefeller donate \$25,000, but Rockefeller thinks the Fellowship should be self-supporting, and contributes \$5,000 toward Bill & Dr. Bob's basic needs.*

* source: www.AA.org/aatimeline

Today I am grateful for another someone I can love in my life on a daily basis, and the ability to know that I need AA every day, my sponsor and the Steps to guide me, and the willingness to do what is right, every day. And my Higher Power, prayer and the 10th Step to ensure that I don't stray too far off the beam....

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Topics Upcoming & Deadlines

March	What Does a Higher Power Mean to You?	2/20/2013
	Tradition Three: A Desire to Stop Drinking	
April	What is Your Service in AA?	3/20/2013
	Tradition Four: Each Group Should Be Autonomous	
May	How'd I Get Into this Predicament? Me?	4/17/2013
	One primary purpose: Carry the message	

LOVE - A MANY SPLENDERED THING

“Once upon a time, a very long time ago...” The Four Aces sang a song about Love being a many splendored thing. These words, engraved in my memory from girlhood, make me happy, melancholic, reflective, depending on the time of year, the weather, events in the world and my life all these many years later.

I remember fondly my first experience with the romantic many splendored thing. We were both in the 6th grade and I thought him to be the handsomest, cutest boy ever. In June I left that school and that ended that romance! Then, years later, in high school, my first hostage situation happened. ‘Back in the day...’ I believe most women waited ‘to be chosen.’ Social mores prescribed that men asked women out, or asked for their phone number, or made ‘the first move’ in some way. For me this deepened my sense of unworthiness, helplessness, and powerlessness; having a drink meant I didn’t have to wallow in the feelings, just let alcohol change them. Of course, sometimes there were moments of ecstatic delight, when “he” would call or ask for a date. This hysterical adrenaline rush was clearly not tied to reality, but to Madison Avenue’s Valentine’s Day portrayal of love as roses, candy, ribbons, and happy ever after. Perhaps these ideas were part of the Four

Aces, ‘April Rose’ kind of love.

As I matured and heard of divorces, addiction, suicides among my friends and family and I personally experienced loss and desperation, I came to understand love other than Valentine’s Day -- young love. I learned of friendship and the rich blessings and deep bonds that can flow from it. I learned of the ways parents love their children, teachers their students, co-workers their colleagues, alcoholics their buddies and sponsees. My understanding and experience of love expanded as my hair turned gray.

I do not remember much in my religious upbringing that talked about ‘Love.’ Mostly I heard: Be good, Obey your Parents, Make sacrifices so God will know how much you love Him, Pray. Only as an adult did I hear about 1Jn.4:8 “God is Love.” I didn’t experience this much in church; rather, I felt mostly judged and criticized. It wasn’t until I got to AA that I found love – the kind that comforts, doesn’t judge, supports, and doesn’t criticize. This experience was Good News to me and my spiritual growth, and allows me to feel amazingly free.

Now, a new intensity has begun to shine in the “Many Splendored Thing.” Recently I suggested to an older woman that she write an article about Love for this addition of the

COIN. She said she didn’t think she was the one to do that. I queried, “Why not? You’ve been married over sixty years, you have three children who are speaking to you, and you are a respected and loved member of AA and the wider community.” She replied she believes love is mostly about commitment.

For me this provided yet one more facet of the “Many Splendored Thing.” I believe there is April Love and then as the years go on, and if folks are able, willing, wise and blessed enough, I believe love can flower into commitment. To wit, the alcoholics who do service on the diverter, so day or night phone calls for help are responded to with love and understanding. Lovely celebrations for all of life’s events are mysteriously planned and pulled off with love and attention to detail. The folks who do these things are the real lovers. Their love and compassion are shown in the everyday actions of gentleness and caring, feeding, cleaning, transporting supporting their loved one who needs care, their friends and family and fellow AA members. April love will grow and mature into a many splendored thing with the Higher Power’s blessing and the love and support of AA.

Anonymous

THIRTEENTH STEPPING

In a technical sense, “to thirteenth step someone”, the predator who initiates and drives the experience starts the chase under the guise of wanting to help a new or unfamiliar person stay sober and learn about alcoholism. Alas, that is only a cover motive. Over time the conversations and experiences will become more about love and sex and less about staying sober and the tools that will help

up to stay that way. Next thing you know, the whole situation crumbles apart and desolves into what most newcomers know how to share the best: unhealthy ways of the disease and spiritual sickness! Most of the time these situations harm everyone around who got involved in it.

One of the best bits of advice I was given was three-fold:

First, I ought to have developed solid sobriety for myself, and know what I want out of a relationship first before getting into one.

Second, I ought to make sure that the one I wish to get further involved

LOVE ... THAT'S A BIG WORD

I am about the last person to give romantic relationship advice. Lots more work needed in that area. What I CAN talk about is the love that I experience in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. I felt it in the first meetings I ever attended. A family member brought me into a women's meeting on a rainy night and because I announced myself as a newcomer, I was surrounded by women after the meeting. They gave me words of encouragement, phone numbers, and told me to "keep coming back." The same thing happened the next night, and the next. I was in a fog, still pretty miserable, but all that warm affection gave me hope. I could see and feel that they really cared.

Since then I have seen innumerable examples of love in its various

forms. The hugs and smiles when we greet each other. The conversations at the coffeepot where we get right to the heart of things. The tears of sympathy and compassion when someone shares a painful experience. The altruism of one drunk going out of his/her way to help another, whether it is to give a ride, to spend time just listening, or to serve a meal at a homeless shelter, with no expectation of thanks or payment. The joy of romantic love blossoming, followed by marriage, followed later by the arrival of a baby. We show up at the door wrecked and wretched, but how beautiful we can become!

Just tonight I was able to share about a difficult phase I'm going through because I trust the women in the room. I know I can open up and be

vulnerable, even cry, and they love me anyway. They have taught me that we need to share our secrets and our feelings. Not only does it help us but it can help someone else, too. Afterwards came the hugs, the words of support and encouragement, the sharing of their own similar experiences and how they got through. Each woman has a spark of the Divine Power in her, and I could see it shining tonight. That helps me know that I can do what I need to do, and it will be okay. It reinforces what I have been taught by my sponsor and the Steps. Trust God, clean house, work with others. I hope you, too, can live that common solution and give that unconditional love.

Anonymous

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with has done the same thing for themselves. People change quickly in early recovery.

And lastly, somebody new has so much on their table, so many things that are of far greater importance.....i.e; the nature of this disease, the many ways it has

affected/ infected every close relationship we ever had, building invaluable bonding relationships with members of the same sex (often for the first real time in our lives), building or rebuilding education or careers or family. It really is the for the best to put these thing on the back burner

until we reach the healthy point in our lives for it to begin.

The bottom line is if I'm living relatively healthy and doing right by my Higher Power, the right person comes along.

Jimbo

DEAR ALKY

Dear Alky,

I'm a 30 year old woman with 8 weeks of sobriety. Right before I quit drinking I had just left a five year relationship with an abusive man. I really enjoy the meetings, especially the really social groups. Recently a really cool guy started hitting on me. My new girlfriends have warned me about him, but he is so CUTE! I've been advised to avoid romantic relationships for a year, but I really want to date this guy. What should I do?

Susy Q.

Oh Susy, Susy, Susy.

I have to tell you that reading your note made me feel a little nostalgic for my own early sobriety . . . going to certain meetings hoping to run into certain people... Getting warned (and ignoring those warnings) about the perils of dating in early sobriety. Ah, the "good old" days...

So, here's the scoop. There are no rules in AA! (Have I mentioned this before? Because it seems vaguely familiar.) And

as many wise alcoholics have reiterated through the years, you can do anything in sobriety so long as you are willing to live with the consequences. However, I can tell you from my own experience that the consequences can hurt.

Given that you've just gotten out of an abusive relationship, I'm sure you have plenty of work to do before you'll really be interested in someone that's actually going to be a healthy choice for you. So, focus on making friends in sobriety, learning who you truly are deep down and finding out what you want to have and what you want to be in a relationship. If you focus on your step work, odds are that just when you least expect it, you'll meet someone great. Or someone horrible, but at least you won't need to drink over them!

All the best, Alky

If you would like to ask Dear Alky something, please do so and email to ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com, with subject line: Dear Alky.

ARCHIVES

As the new Archives Liaison for Santa Clara County, I started with a topic that interests me: How did the prayers we use in Alcoholics Anonymous come into general practice? This is what I dug up.

3rd Step and 7th Step Prayers

“As far as we know, Bill wrote the Third and Seventh Step prayers himself. From the first typed manuscript, which Bill completed in 1938, these prayers contained the same wording they do in the book today. We don’t know of the prayers’ prior presence in any religious movement, though it is likely that their central message – if not their exact wording – might be from the Oxford Group.”

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Frequently Asked Questions About AA History

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi (11th Step Prayer)

This prayer was attributed to St. Francis, but is not actually believed to be written by him. It was written on a holy card of St. Francis during World War I. The author of the prayer was not named, so the prayer was designated the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

<http://www.franciscan-archive.org/patriarcha/peace.html> The Story behind the Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Bill obviously had an affinity for this prayer, which is most likely why it was included in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book. AA was awarded the Franciscan Award in 1950, for recognition of the “outstanding contribution to humanity” that A.A. makes to “the field of social service.” In response to this award, Bill said, “As I told you, this happy concept was not mine at all. It really came from the Founder of your order,

St. Francis of Assisi, whose example and spirit have already done so much for me and for A.A.”

<http://aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=400> Awards and Recognitions

Serenity Prayer

In 1942 a New York member, Jack, brought the Serenity Prayer to everyone’s attention from a caption in a routine New York Herald Tribune obituary.

“Everyone in A.A.’s burgeoning office on Manhattan’s Vesey Street was struck by the power and wisdom contained in the prayer’s thoughts. ‘Never had we seen so much A.A. in so few words,’ Bill writes. Someone suggested that the prayer be printed on a small, wallet-sized card, to be included in every piece of outgoing mail. Ruth Hock, the Fellowship’s first (and nonalcoholic) secretary, contacted Henry S., a Washington D.C. member, and a professional printer, asking him what it would cost to order a bulk printing.”

“Henry’s enthusiastic response was to print 500 copies of the prayer, with the remark: ‘Incidentally, I am only a heel when I’m drunk... so naturally, there could be no charge for anything of this nature.’”

“‘With amazing speed,’ writes Bill, ‘the Serenity Prayer came into general use and took its place alongside our two other favorites, the Lord’s Prayer and the Prayer of Saint Francis.’”

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Lord’s Prayer

“It is mentioned in Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers that the prayer was used from the very beginning in the Fellowship, at least as early as 1938 and 1939. In those days there was no AA literature, so the early groups relied heavily on existing prayers, and on the Bible and Oxford Group literature, for inspiration and guidance.

Bill W. commented several times in his correspondence about the early use of the Lord’s Prayer. He wrote a letter to a member in 1959 in which he stated:

“This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in A.A. Comes of Age what the connection of these people with A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord’s Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us.”

There are multiple Grapevine articles and Box 459 articles addressing the use of the Lord’s Prayer in A.A. Meetings.

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I hope you enjoyed reading about our A.A. prayers. If there are any other topics you would like me to cover, please let me know by emailing me at nicholelee4@aol.com.

Santa Clara County Archives Liaison
Nichole L.

February 2013

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LOCAL EVENTS

Mar. 16 6th Annual Intergroup Chili Cookoff, 12-3PM, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

Apr. 5-7 "Sobriety Inside" 42nd Annual Hospitals and Institutions Conference, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Dr., Foster City, CA 94404

Jun. 6-9 A.A. Desert Pow Wow, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort, 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE

Feb. 14-17 49th International Women's Conference, Reno, NV <http://internationalwomensconference.org>

Mar. 1-3 PRAASA 2013, Boise, ID www.praasa.org

July 11-14 55th ICYPAA, Arizona Biltmore, 2400 East Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 55th.icypaa.org

WE WANT TO HELP YOU SPREAD THE WORD!!

Please send news and information about your group's activities before the end of the month so we can get them in the COIN. We accept them in any form, But emailing a flyer is best: asaanjose@comcast.net

March 2013

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CLASSIFIED – HELP WANTED – ON-GOING

YOU ARE NEEDED !!!

Bill Wilson learned that in order to stay sober he had to work with other alcoholics. My sponsor sent me down to Central Office on the day I had six months, and told me to sign in as a 12th Step volunteer. I did, and I stayed sober.

Today in Santa Clara County we need 12th Step volunteers. In May of 2012 we had 115 volunteers willing to take calls (on the phone or going out on 12th Step calls.) Today, December 2, 2012, we have only 85 members on the 12th Step list – a loss of thirty volunteers, or 25% less than six months ago.

Please pass the word at your meetings and to your sponsees that A.A. needs 12th Step volunteers with six months or more of sobriety willing to 12th Step and to return calls from suffering alcoholics asking for the hand of A.A.

To become a 12th Step worker, come to the 12th Step Workshop on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Central Office (274 E. Hamilton, Suite D, Campbell.)

Note the importance of this service: Recently a suffering alcoholic called the hotline at 7:00 a.m. The diverter worker who took the call spent two hours trying to find someone to take his call. The 12th Step worker was able to take the individual to his first meeting. We need YOU!

Telephone Calls Received During January 2013

Daytime at Central Office.....**353**

Daytime 12 Step Calls.....4

(Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.)

An average of just over 8,000 hits are made on our website each month!!

**I AM RESPONSIBLE...
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE,
REACHES OUT FOR HELP,
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A.
ALWAYS TO BE THERE.
AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

To all the members and groups who support us,
WE THANK YOU!

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church

728 W. Fremont Ave. (at Hollenbeck), Sunnyvale

Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, 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

NEW

Sobriety First Big Book Study: Tues., 10:30AM, Center for Training and Careers, Day Worker Center, 749 Story Rd., San Jose

South Side Group: Thurs., 8PM, The Father's House Church, 133 Bernal Rd., San Jose.

Waves of Healing: Mon., 7:45PM, Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center, 5755 Cottle Rd., Bldg. 3, Rm. 2, San Jose.

Tuesday Tea Totalers: 12 Noon, Tues., Gilroy Groups, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy.

Back to Basics (Big Book Study): 12 Noon, Wed., Gilroy Groups, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy.

Consious Contact Meditation Group: 7:45AM, Sat., Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Red Brick Building, Los Gatos.

CHANGED

ALL Meetings Held at Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital: Central Office has received word that meetings will no longer be held at the Kaiser location on Santa Teresa. We have information on some of these meetings. Please see below. And, will keep you posted as we receive updates. Also, check the website for latest news.

Gathered Together for Sobriety: Sun., 8PM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to St. Edward's Church, 15040 Union Ave., San Jose.

Positive Outlook Group: Sat., 8PM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Red Brick Bldg., Los Gatos.

South Valley Men's: Sun., 8PM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center, 5755 Cottle Rd., Bldg. 3, Rm. 2, San Jose.

Humbly Asked: Sun., 8AM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to San Jose Masonic Temple, 2500 Masonic Dr., San Jose.

Thru the Big Book: Fri., 8PM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center, 5755 Cottle Rd., Bldg. 3, Rm. 2, San Jose. Also, time has changed now to 7:45PM.

****Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women):** Sat., 6PM, Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital, 275 Hospital Parkway, San Jose. Location has moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave., San Jose.

Underground Book Study (Men's): Sun., 7PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church: 41 W. Rincon at Winchester Blvd., Rincon Room. Meeting has changed to men's only, open meeting.

Grateful Live Group: 12 Noon, Mon., Jerusalem Baptist Church, 398 Sheridan Ave., Palo Alto. Location has moved to Mental Health Services, 231 Grant Ave., Palo Alto, in the Dayroom.

Women's Step Topics: 6:30PM, Thurs., First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose. Meeting has moved to Room #14.

How It Works: 7:00PM, Sat., Saturday Nite Live Group, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose. Time of meeting is actually at 6:30PM.

A Better Life: 6:00PM, Wed., Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard St., San Jose. ADULTS ONLY. Meeting time has changed from 6PM to 7PM.

Bottom Up: 6:30PM, Sat., Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard St., San Jose. ADULTS ONLY. Meeting time has changed from 6:30PM to 7PM.

Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Discussion: 7:30PM, Tuesday., First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., at Leigh, San Jose. Meeting has moved to United Church of Christ, 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell.

Solutions for Gay Women: 7:30PM, Thurs., First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose. Meeting has moved to Church of Christ, 400 W. Campbell Ave. in the Fireside Room, Campbell.

NO LONGER MEETING

Promises Kept (Women's Mtg.): 7:00PM, Mon., East Valley United Pentecostal Church, 2715 S. White Rd., San Jose.

T.G.I.S.: 6:30PM, Sun., Alano Club of San Jose, 1100 Fair Ave.,

Birthday Contributions

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS	BIRTHDAY
Marcella M.	30	Nancy S., Evelyn M., Jean E. and Aileen B.	01/24/1983
Mary Pat P.	30	Nancy S., Elfrida S., Susette D., Carol B., Evelyn M., Jean E., Allegra & Mike R. and Aileen B.	01/28/1983
Tom K.	43	Tom K.	01/15/1970
Julie S.	36	Julie S.	12/07/1976
Bob S.	50	Anonymous and Jean E.	01/24/1963
John S.	21	John S.	01/25/1992
Caesar G.	36	John S., In Memorium	01/25/1977
Margaret W.	19	Evelyn M.	01/16/1994
Susan S.	8	Carol B.	02/09/2005
Larie S.	30	Aileen B.	01/17/1983
Lee C.	28	Lee C.	12/25/1984
Kathleen H.	13	Kathleen H.	01/01/2000
Allegra R.	29	Allegra R.	02/03/1984
Reba R.	24	Reba R.	01/09/1989
Paul C.	34	Paul C. and Robbie R.	01/10/1979

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

431 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!!

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

SPEAKERS:

Remember We Deal With Alcohol Group: Saturday Night Just Plain AA Speaker Mtg.

- 2/9: Patrick P., SNL, 5 Years
- 2/16: Hask K., Cahalan Mtg., 41 Years
- 2/23: Blaine O., Think Tank, 22 Years



A. A. Needs Your Help!

We are in need of 12-Step volunteers. If you are available to take 12-Step phone calls and/or go out on a 12-Step call (although, never alone!), come to the workshop and sign up!

We are especially in need of Women 12-Step Volunteers

Every 3rd Saturday of each month
10 AM
Central Office
274 E. Hamilton Ave. Suite D., Campbell
408-374-8511

InterGroup Minutes: January 2, 2013

- Gloria V., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a Moment of Silence and the serenity prayer.
- Hatch read the definition of Intergroup.
- Michael read the 12 traditions.
- New Intergroup Reps: Leona, Palo Alto Monday Night Chip Group; Kathy, St. Luke's; Philip, Forged from Adversity Group; Scott, Palo Alto Sunrise Group; Steve, Men Seeking Guidance Group; Hatch, Gay Men & Woman Together Group; Allison, Gay Meeting Sunday Night
- Visitors: Pat
- Birthdays: Tommy O., 6 yrs.; Gavin, 4 yrs.; Larry, 7 yrs.; Mary Kate, 20 yrs.; Kathleen, 12 yrs.; Barb, 6 yrs.; Kate, 2 yrs.; Ramon, 4 yrs.; Amy, 7 yrs.; Rich, 33 yrs.
- 7th tradition.
- Addition to the agenda: Larry introduced an agenda item re Intergroup General Fund support for the CPC chair to attend area meetings and one-time support to attend PRAASA.
- Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes (None): The minutes were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Laura will make her next report in March.
- 53 voting representatives in attendance.

REPORTS

Intergroup Chair, Gloria V.

- I wish you Happy New Year! Please continue to keep your reports confined to 2 minutes. We will be discussing New Business tonight.

Central Service Board, Annie

- The Board met after Christmas. In 2012, Central Office had net income of \$14,000. We have collected \$4,000 in donations already in January. Central Office should reach its established prudent reserve goal of 6 months of operating expenses. For the year, donations were up \$10,000 over the prior year, and expenses were lower. The Central Office lease is up for renewal in February. Bruce is has been doing research on comparable rent rates. We are going to use this information to negotiate a lower rent with the landlord and tenant improvements (such as a new ceiling).

Central Office, Bruce

- Bruce delivered a "State of Intergroup Central Office" report. Due to group and individual support, we are building our prudent reserve instead of dipping into it.
- The Activities Committee put on three really successful events in 2012. "Success" is defined as well attended, lots of fun, and promoting our Unity. (Being cash flow positive is also a plus.)
- The PI/CPC Committee, although understaffed, has done wonders getting the word out in our community.
- If you missed the Central Office Tamale Party, you missed the holiday event of the year.
- The COIN just keeps getting better.
- Our Diverter and Office Phone volunteers are fully staffed, doing fine work. The 12th Step list is growing.
- The workshops for new Secretaries, Diverter and 12th Step volunteers, PI/CPC volunteers, and new IGRs have proven most valuable.
- The staff and volunteers at Central Office are cut from the finest cloth.
- Every single one of our Trusted Servants in Intergroup was stellar in 2012.
- If these conditions continue, 2013 will be another great year.
- A reminder: Personal contributions to A.A. entities are still limited to \$3,000 per year, while the limit for bequests in a Will or Trust has been raised to \$5,000.

PI/CPC, Ramon A.

- PI is requesting support for PAC (Parole Action Committee); it meets Tuesday morning at 10:00; if you can come, please let Ramon know.
- There will be a presentation January 10, 8:00am at Daniel Lairon Elementary School in the Seven Trees area. We need Spanish speakers; contact Larry or Ramon if you are able to support this presentation.
- Project Homeless Connect will meet January 18 in Gilroy.
- A PI/CPC Workshop is held the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00am at Central Office.

12 Step Committee, Bill

- Tommy O gave the report for Bill. Seven people (all men) attended the December workshop for 12-Step volunteers. The workshop is held the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00am at Central Office to train diverters and 12-Step volunteers. There will be a special workshop Saturday, January 19, at 11:00 at Central Office to accommodate women attending a recovery meeting from 9:30-10:30 Saturday morning.

Daytime Coordinator, Mike M. No report—all is well.

Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Tommy O. All shifts are staffed.

Outreach Committee (need chair)

- The Outreach Committee visits meetings listed in the meeting directory to confirm the meeting is still functioning. We need an Outreach Committee Chair. Please contact Gloria if you have any suggestions.

COIN, Fran

- There is no featured meeting in the January issue of the COIN. If you would like to feature a particular meeting, Fran can help with the writing. January's feature is an Advice column called "Dear Alky." The topic for February is "13th Step or True Love? What's the Diff?" Everything is going well, but Fran always needs more stories. Assign your sponsees the task of writing something for the COIN. Write your true feelings. You can pick up a copy of the COIN at Central Office, or subscribe for \$5/year.

Activities Committee, Robby W.

- The Chili Cook-off is scheduled for March 16. Robby needs 4 teams for cornbread and 12 teams for chili. The band and speaker are lined up. Robby is compiling a list of events for the year, including the Take Your Sponsor to Brunch event, the Old-timers' Meeting, and a Founders' Day event.

Communications Committee, Steve S.

- The Communications Committee is focusing on our website. We had a great first meeting, but the group is fragile. Now we are back to where we were in the August-September timeframe. It seems this committee has made zero progress for more than one year. Steve is going to try to mend relationships to get the website committee back on track so he can give a progress report in February. Initially he wanted to have the new website up and running by the end of Q1; now it may be launched at the end of Q2. The Communications Committee has been meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The 1st Thursday meeting was held at 6:00 at Central Office (since Central Office is not open at 6:00pm, this meeting may switch to Denny's). The 3rd Thursday meeting was held online, but this was not successful.

OLD BUSINESS

- We have not paid rent at this facility since we started holding meetings here in April 2012 (there was no meeting in July). At year-end, we had \$1114 in our treasury account plus \$300 set aside as a prudent reserve. We average ~ \$100/month in our 7th tradition collection. A motion was made that we set \$50/month as our rent rate. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. Action: We will pay \$800 to cover our rent retroactive to April (excluding July). Laura will let site personnel know that we made a decision to give a \$50/month donation. We're doing well now; but if things change in our fiscal status, we'll let them know. Once we have paid the rent and paid any other outstanding expenses, the rest of our treasury account at year-end (minus the prudent reserve) will be donated to Central Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry proposed that he receive support from the General Fund to attend area meetings in his role as CPC chair, as well as \$100 for one-time assistance in attending PRAASA in Boise, ID the first weekend in March. After discussion, two motions were made and seconded:

Motion 1 – the Intergroup General Fund will fund CPC members to attend area meetings once/month for 2013; the maximum reimbursement will be \$50/month to cover gas and bridge tolls.

Motion 2 – the Intergroup General Fund will donate \$100 to Larry in his role as CPC chair to help him attend PRAASA.

These motions will be voted on during the February meeting.

- Brainstorm Session: How do we promote and build a community of service? If 10% of the community is alcoholic and there are 1.8 million people in Santa Clara County, why do we have only 92 people on our 12-step list? Why do we have only 53 voting Intergroup reps at this meeting, when there are over 500 AA meetings in Santa Clara County? Here are suggestions resulting from our brainstorming session:
- Mentoring your service position
- Traveling workshops / move workshops from Sat. at Central Office to locations where large meetings are held--e.g., Alano East to enable more people to attend
- When chairing a meeting, have your topic be Service
- Testimonials of your service commitment and how it has enhanced or influenced your sobriety
- Sponsor to Sponsee communication
- Build a community of service at meeting level
- Educate your groups on AA's service entities
- Educate on where to find service commitments listed in the COIN and meeting guides
- Hand out your written report / leave copies at meetings
- Make a list of available service positions and benefits of service
- Calculate time to service vs. time you spent drinking
- Announce 1 week in advance upcoming service workshops
- Make your Intergroup announcement more than one time during the month (break it into small pieces)

OTHER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Unity Day, Josh

- Gloria has appointed Josh as our Unity Day liaison; his work will begin in March.

NCCAA, Open

Hospitals and Institutions, Bret: No report

Bridging the Gap, Julius: No report

North County General Service, Eric L

- California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA) will begin the process of making a bid to host the 2025 International Conference of AA at the new 49ers Stadium in Santa Clara. Copies of the new edition of the Living Sober book are now floating around and available for purchase. The new edition modernizes some language and removes colloquialisms no longer used today. A new public service announcement, "Tengo Esperanza," is a Spanish language PSA geared to Latina women. It can be viewed at the aa.org website.

South County General Service, Miguel: No report

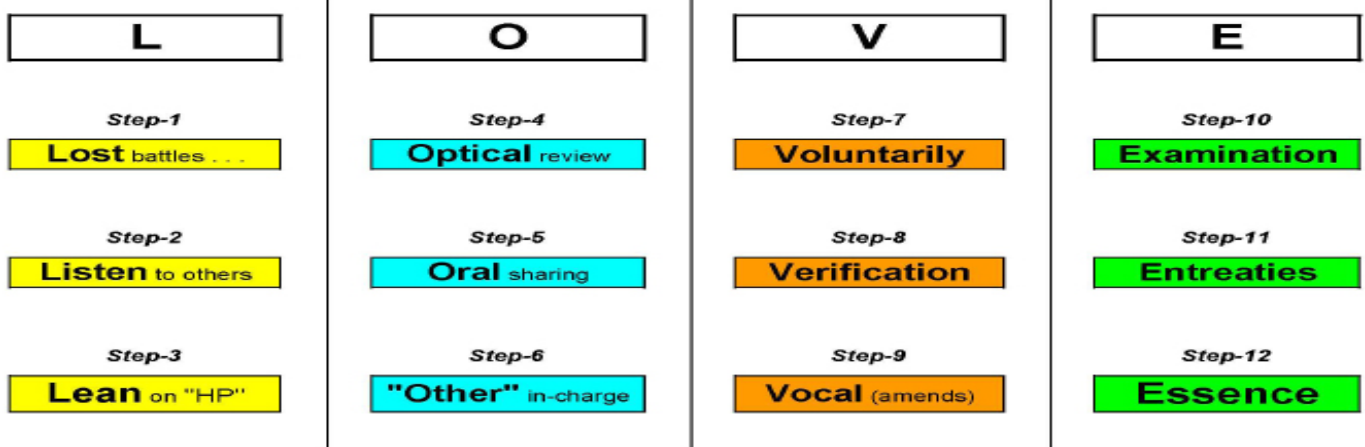
SCCYPAA, Caitlyn

- SCCYPAA will be hosting a speaker meeting and comedy show January 19 at the Masonic Lodge in Mountain View. ACYPAA will be held March 14-17 in Fresno at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

OPEN FORUM

- Colin shared that Central Office has received notification that recovery meetings will no longer be held at Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital. Specifically, the Gathered Together for Sobriety meeting will now be held Sunday at 8PM at Primera Baptist Church, 145 Martinvale Lane, San Jose.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.



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