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The COIN Team

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Members,

By now, you've had a chance to peruse the new COIN format. Thank you so much to all of you who've taken the time to comment on it, both online and in person. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to improve The COIN while maintaining the quality and consistency that you have come to expect.

This month's issue was a particularly poignant one for me to prepare, as I've been reflecting on perseverance and the importance of my own daily maintenance of my spiritual condition. I'm grateful to this month's contributors for sharing their experience, strength, and hope with our readership. We all have so much to learn from one another, and I hope that you all get as much from reading The COIN as I do!

We'd really love to hear from more of you about what you would like to see in The COIN each month, and as always, we welcome you to submit your contributions for consideration. We're also trying to expand our events coverage and we're looking for some on-the-ground "reporters" to cover AA events in and around Santa Clara Valley. If you are interested in getting involved, please give Central Office a call (408.374.8511) or email us at coin@aaanjoze.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Stephanie L.



She Goes to Sleep and Wakes Up With Step Ten on Her Mind

Every night I try to practice Step Ten, and some nights I succeed. If I'm being truthful, most nights I fall asleep somewhere in the middle of my Tenth Step. But on my better nights, I take the time to review my day before I'm too exhausted. And when I wake up, I use that information to guide my prayers and my intentions for the new day. Here's how it works for me:

My sponsor gave me an actual piece of paper to use to start doing my daily inventory, and I was very diligent about pulling it out at bedtime and answering each of the questions about defects and improvements and gratitude. I would start by identifying which of my many defects had most impacted my day that day. That would cue me to really look for my part in whatever might have upset me and those around me. Then I would list three things that I could do better the next day. Next was to remember three moments I really enjoyed about the day, and three reasons to be grateful. I always found that my gratitude list goes well beyond three items. Then I'd fold that piece of paper back up and put it away until morning. First thing each morning, I'd check the guidelines I wrote down the night before. And in my prayers, I would ask God/the Universe to help relieve me of whichever defect(s) tripped me up the day before, asking for guidance on what I could do better. And of course I'd finish with my usual prayers.



I found that I enjoyed the ritual of it and I stuck to it for at least a month, probably close to two months. Now, I have it so ingrained that I don't need that piece of paper anymore; I just need the willingness to take the time to review my day. Most nights, I am able to do so. I find that it really helps me come

to peace about my day, particularly if it was a trying one.

And it sets me up to start with some prayers and action for the next day. It may seem a little rigid to others, but for now, it works just fine for me. I have even tried do-

ing inventories with others, if they're interested! I was away on a girls' weekend with some longtime friends and I told my best friend about reviewing my day each night, and she said, "Let's do mine!" So I walked her through it, and in the morning we chuckled about how she was going to follow up that day. I have also tried it with my 7-year-old son. Of course, it's shorter for him: "What was the best part of today and what could you do better tomorrow?" He kind of enjoys it, too. And of course, I catch myself during the day sometimes, and I have to admit my wrongs, which sometimes I can do more promptly than others. This helps me keep my side of the street as clean as I can.

It's tough work, having a conscience. But I think I'll keep at it.

— Katie S.

She Strives to Take Personal Inventories More Regularly

Admittedly, when asked to write about my experience, strength, and hope with regard to Step Ten, my immediate thought was “What am I going to say about Step Ten?” The thought flashed through my mind to just say that this was a bad time and how about signing me up for a future issue, but in the moment, I agreed to write. Of all of the steps, it’s one that I could improve upon.

As I write, I’m realizing that this might be my Higher Power’s way of helping me see the benefits of practicing this Step with more thoroughness. I do a fairly good job of practicing Step Ten throughout the day; however, spending time at night to do a thorough review of my day the way that it is described in our AA books as well as the way I hear people talk about it at meetings isn’t what I do.

I do a “spot check” inventory at those times during the day when I feel angry, hurt, wronged, ignored, or bad about the way I’ve treated another or handled a situation. I know right away when I’m not feeling at peace inside, or my mind is swirling and I can’t seem to get present. It’s usually after some interaction that I’ve had, or some action that I’ve failed to do, or perhaps a commitment that is not being met. Having completed Steps One through Nine, I know

that 1) taking action as soon as it’s possible to quiet my angry, hurtful, resentful emotions is necessary in order to maintain my sobriety and sanity; 2) I have the tools to resolve my unrest; 3) help is always there if I just ask for it; and 4) God (the name I use for my inner divine wisdom, the universe, a power greater than myself) will restore my mind to sanity.

In order to do a thorough assessment of any situation that is causing me unrest, taking action to get quiet and disengage myself from the problem (Step Eleven) is the first step. For me, it may be going for a walk, going for

a swim, calling my sponsor, going to a meeting, or just breathing in a quiet space. I then ask God for help (Step Three), and look at the cause for my negative feelings, asking myself where (*not* “if”) I was to blame and/or what part I played (Step Four). Maybe talking about it with my sponsor or a trusted friend is needed to help me understand what happened, to look at what my part was, and to find the courage to make it right (Step Five). I admit my error, and then take action to correct it (Step Nine). On numerous occasions, I have found myself returning to a place to admit the inappropriateness of my actions to a person I have wronged because I didn’t get what I wanted, when



I wanted it. Ideally, catching myself before walking away from this kind of situation – or better yet, catching myself before I open my mouth with harmful words – is my goal. That way, there are no later regrets, and the interaction ends without hurtling my justified anger at some innocent target who isn't even the cause of the problem.

In the past, walking away from a store, hospital, school, doctor's office, institution (like the DMV!), or person (my husband, too many times to count!) with self-righteous anger has been part of my solution. And the feelings would fester and fester, and stay unresolved in all my righteousness and pride, probably followed by a glass of wine to take those feelings away. Since being in AA, I will return to a place or make a phone call to make amends with whomever I've wronged. That doesn't mean that I am excusing the institution or person for their actions or how they handled the situation, however inappropriate I think they were. I know that I have no control over how someone has treated me; I *do* have control over the way that I react to another, my choice of words, and the tone of my voice. More often than not, after admitting my wrong, the person on the other end feels enormous gratitude for my willingness to try to make things better. As important is the relief and peace that I feel inside as the heavy weight gets lifted.

As for setting aside time each evening to "put the day to bed," as some call it, I have not been thorough or established a regular routine. Most evenings, I do lay in bed before going to sleep and take a few minutes to look at the day, asking myself when did I serve

others, where did I encounter God, what did I do that I'm feeling good about, did I harm another, and what am I grateful for today? And while it's good for me to look back and recognize good actions and encounters during the day and where there is room for improvement, as well as remind myself of the gifts of the day, it is not as thorough a review or inventory as it could be. Just adding an extra five minutes to my routine might help me to see where there is room for just a little improvement, and help me to overcome whatever barrier makes it challenging for me to establish and maintain a regular evening practice.

I might just write a few words down on a piece of paper about this challenge, and then put it in my "God Box," knowing that when I ask for help and guidance, I always receive it (that is, if I'm present enough to notice it and not tangled up in emotions and resentments). Thank you for allowing me to tell you about my experience and the learning that I have gained from writing about it.

– Nancy T.



She Lives by the Principle of Perseverance in Action

Perseverance is the underlying principle of Step Ten that I have learned more about as I try to maintain my sobriety, a day at a time.

The definition of perseverance, according to one online dictionary, is “steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.”

With respect to the Tenth Step, the Big Book states, “We continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear...” (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 84).

When I first came into AA, like so many of us, I was extremely self-centered, impetuous, and impatient. I wanted results in a New York City minute and didn’t work toward a goal if there were obvious obstacles.

In my early days in the program, I often heard people say, “Sobriety is our Priority.” I wasn’t exactly sure what that meant, but I gradually came to understand that my dedication to the program – attendance at meetings, daily working of the Steps (including time for prayer and meditation, first thing in the morning as outlined on page 86 of the Big Book), working with others, and always having service commitments – had to be priorities.

The Big Book goes on to state, “When we retire at night, we constructively review our day. Were we resentful, selfish, dishonest, or afraid? Do we owe an apology? ... After making our review, we ask God’s forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken” (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 86). These priorities were things I had to do a day at a time, but I had to do them everyday if I didn’t want to drink.

Dovetailing the above, the AA slogan “First Things First” further helps us persevere and maintain a happy and rewarding sobriety. The book *Living Sober* explains that, “Not drinking is the first order of business for us, anywhere, any time, under any circumstance.... In practical, day-to-day matters, this means we must take whatever steps are necessary, at whatever inconvenience, not to drink.” This allows us to look at our behavior, attitudes, and choices and place the program as the most important aspect of our lives.

For me, this meant priority over my husband, my son, my work, etc. This suggestion sounded crazy when I first heard it, but I have grown to accept and realize that it is excellent advice, because without a firm foundation and a solid program, I would likely start to drink and wouldn’t have a husband or be fit to be a mother, hold a job, etc.

Perseverance for me didn’t come right away, but has grown with practice and intention as a way to enhance the maintenance of my spiritual condition. At first, my quiet time in the mornings was brief; about five minutes or so was all I could manage to do to sit still. I was told I

needed to memorize the Third and Seventh Step prayers and write a gratitude list of at least five things each day on paper so that I could improve my conscious contact with a Higher Power and turn my will and my life over for that day. It took months to memorize the prayers, but I committed to it every day until I finally was successful. In time, my spiritual quiet time has grown much longer and continues to evolve, and I relish taking time out of my day first thing to get centered and get in touch with my Higher Power. The time I spend in prayer and meditation helps me find inner solace so that I can more easily make decisions without a lot of worry or nervous energy and set priorities.

How to persevere and not take the first drink when life shows up with stresses or unexpected hardships is an ongoing challenge each of us faces every day to one degree or another. But the most challenging days are opportunities to connect with and rely on a Higher Power to “match calamity with serenity.”

Relying on the Serenity Prayer has become one of my favorite tools to get through difficult times. In *Living Sober*, it says “...Whether we use the Serenity Prayer as an actual prayer or just as a fervent wish, it offers a simple prescription for a healthy emotional life.” The prayer helps us look at acceptance, our attitude toward a given situation, cour-

age, and wisdom. *Living Sober* goes on to say that the word “serenity” further invokes “...a clear-eyed, realistic way of seeing the world, accompanied by inner peace and strength.”

Perseverance as a spiritual principle pays off in helping us live happy, joyous and free – a day at a time. As it says in the Big Book, “It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the



maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities. ‘How can I best serve Thee – Thy will (not mine) be done. These are thoughts

which must go with us constantly. We can exercise our will power along this line all we wish. It is the proper use of the will” (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 85).

I appreciate the AA literature and all the people in the AA fellowship, especially my current and previous sponsors, who I learn so much from a day at a time and who continue to share their experience, strength, and hope in passing along the spiritual tenets of the program and helping me persevere to the best of my ability. I wouldn't trade my sober life for anything.

– Vicky C.

Perseverance Was Her Path to a New Life in Recovery

The morning I woke up from my bottom, I knew drinking was no longer an option if I wanted to live. It finally became clear to me that I was actually never living at all; I was existing day to day without a clue that this was what my life had come to. I realized quickly that if I was to take steps in the right direction, perseverance was key.

I never thought of not drinking as an option in life. I remember meeting two young and successful colleagues at the tech company I worked for at an event who did not drink and were members of AA. I thought they were completely out of their minds when the CEO said “Drinks on me!” and they ordered Sprites. I now see that they were achieving their dreams by persevering one day at a time. At that time I was focused on hitting my quota and numbing out with alcohol any chance I had. I was depressed and desperate, but I had no clue.

I think one of my insecurities my failure to stick to anything for the long haul. Alcoholics Anonymous has taught me to look at the bright side of things and give myself credit where it is due. Before en-

tering the program, I would beat myself up constantly throughout the day. Even when I was doing well, I would find the one bad thing in the good I did. This transformation of being able to see the positive would never have been possible if I had not learned to put one foot in front of the other, day after day, in my early sobriety.

The days where I least wanted to wake up or face a fear I had or even go to a meeting were the most crucial days to push myself to just do it. I would find that after I did that thing I was dreading, I felt a natural high afterwards. When I think of the word “perseverance,” I think of the Nike slogan, “Just do it.” Before getting sober, I was the world’s biggest procrastinator. It didn’t matter if it was a big or a small thing, I would put it off till it turned into a problem, when initially it was just a task that needed to be handled.

I have come to realize that to give up and procrastinate are the things that actually end up hurting me. When I think about it, the happiest times of my life are when I have persisted and followed through – when I have persevered. The times I threw in the towel led me to doubt myself.

I’m thankful for the people in the program who have showed me what it looks like to live a happy and full life. The people who practice the principles and glow with compassion and love are what push me to persevere daily. If I ever get lazy or depressed and the thought of slipping comes into my mind, I just think of my last drunk and of my role models in the program.

– Meredith D.



How Two New Members Found Their Place in the Rooms

Even though AA was “the last house on the block” for me, I knew I had to do something. When I heard some guy sharing that he suffered from being ego-maniac with an inferiority complex,” I really related to that. When I bought my first Big Book, people in the meeting wanted to sign their names and numbers in it. I felt so wary and suspicious that I never called anyone, even though I was so scared and lonely. I felt like a spy who came in from the cold.... “I’m just checking it out,” I told myself.

A member once asked me to read “How It Works,” and I really didn’t want to but my fear of displeasing him was greater than my discomfort. My feet were shaking as I stood behind the lectern in front of the whole group. But I did it. I now had to ask this motley crew for help.

I sat back down with great relief and listened to the speaker give his spiel. There were many similarities, more than I was ready to face. He then opened the meeting up, asking the room, “What would you tell the newcomer?” Many years later, I still ask the floor the same question after I chair a meeting. It really made me feel less isolated and a member of the group. I was less cold.

– Lorin K.

“How dark it is before the dawn.” When I first read those words, I immediately related to coming into Alcoholics Anonymous, but it wasn’t until nearly two years into sobriety that I realized they also apply to my life in recovery. I have had many ups and downs and many

jealous resentments as I watched people regain their lives. What I thought getting my life back meant was only external: the job, the car, the home, and the wife. It took a long time for me to realize that what I really want is to be happy. What is the point of having those things if I can find no joy in life, with or without them?

Over these past two and a half years, I have seen people come and go. I have seen people fall and people rise. When I feel hopeless for one reason or another, be it my friends have moved away or a meeting descends into anarchy, I can utilize the tools of the program to help me deal with it. That may mean talking to someone I trust, prayer and meditation, reading an inspirational book, or sharing with the group in a tactful way that I am just not having a good day and that their support is greatly appreciated.

Sometimes a common AA phase just doesn’t cut it. Sometimes not even the Big Book is enough. Sometimes just being there, willing to listen, sacrificing some of my time, means the most to someone who is suffering. When that happens, it gives me hope and reminds me that this program does have people at least attempting to change their lives. I find hope in that.

When things seem bleak and hopeless, I can call on the friends that I trust in this program, and it reminds me that there is someone in this world who understands me, and that I am not alone.

– Anonymous

Tradition Ten: AA has no opinion on outside issues, hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for as one old-timer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political or reform argument among AA members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

As by some deep instinct, we AAs have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Others fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind some millennium of their own specification. In our own times we have seen millions die in political and economic wars often spurred by religious and racial difference. We live in the imminent possibility of a fresh holocaust to determine how men shall be governed, and how the products of nature and toil shall be divided among them. That is the spiritual climate in which AA was born, and by God's grace has nevertheless flourished.

Let us re-emphasize that this reluctance to fight each other or anybody else is not counted as some special virtue in which we feel superior to other people.

Nor does it mean that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to AA as a whole, that's quite a different matter. In this respect we do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our society will perish if it does. We conceive the survival and spread of Alcoholics Anonymous to be something of far greater importance than the weight we could collectively throw back of any other cause. Since recovery from alcoholism is life itself to us, it is imperative that we preserve in full strength our means of survival.

Maybe this sounds as though the alcoholics in AA had suddenly gone peaceable, and become one great big happy family. Of course this isn't so at all. Human beings that we are, we squabble. Before we leveled off a bit, AA looked more like one prodigious squabble than anything else, at least on the surface. A corporation director who had just voted a company expenditure of a hundred thousand dollars would appear at an AA business meeting and blow his top over an outlay of twenty-five dollars' worth of needed postage stamps. Disliking the attempt of some to manage a group, half its membership might angrily rush off to form another group more to their liking. Elders, temporarily turned Pharisee, have hurled rocks. Bitter attacks have been directed against people suspected of mixed motives. Despite

their din, our puny rows never did AA a particle of harm. They were just part and parcel of learning to work and live together. Let it be noted, too, that they were almost always concerned with how to make AA more effective, how to do the most good for the most alcoholics.

The Washingtonian Society, a movement among alcoholics of a century ago, almost discovered the answer to alcoholism. At first the society was composed entirely of alcoholics trying to help each other. The early members foresaw that they should dedicate themselves to this sole aim. In many respects, the Washingtonians were akin to AA of today. Their membership passed the hundred-thousand mark. Had they been left to themselves, and had they stuck to their one goal, they might have found the rest of the answer. But this didn't happen. Instead, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, to use the society for

their own purposes. Abolition of slavery, for example, was a stormy political issue then. Soon Washingtonian speakers violently and publicly took sides on this question. Maybe the society could have survived the Abolition controversy, but it didn't have a chance from the moment it determined to reform America's drinking habits. When the Washingtonians became crusaders, within a very few years they had completely lost their effectiveness in helping alcoholics.

The lesson to be learned from the Washingtonians was not overlooked by Alcoholics Anonymous. As we surveyed the wreck of that movement, early AA members resolved to keep our society out of public controversy. Thus was laid the cornerstone for Tradition Ten: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

— Bill W.

Excerpted from *AA Grapevine*



Going on a 12-Step Call: A Longtime AA Makes a Difference

A longtime member of AA received a call, a call from a friend and 12-Step volunteer, asking him if he could accompany him on a 12-Step call. A 12-Step call is when two alcoholic members go to the home or location of a person who has called AA for help and wants a visit.

Some people on the 12-Step list complain that they do not get many calls from Central Office or the Diverter. The Longtimer had been on the 12-Step list for 43 years. He had his first call early in his sobriety. While he had received many calls over the years, this was only his second time to go on a 12-Step call to a wet drunk.

While driving, he and the younger member reminisced about some of the past calls they had worked by phone or by taking someone to a meeting. They made it to the home of the caller and spent several hours with him. They made

sure he attended a meeting and was able to obtain a Big Book. They heard a short time later that the new member had 35 days sober.

Both of these 12-Step workers have remained on the 12-Step list since the time they first got on. Some members have asked why they have stayed on the list for so long, and they both have the same answer: "My

sponsor told me to; you have to give it away to keep it."

If you are interested in carrying the message to a suffering alcoholic and have at least six months of sobriety, please attend the 12-Step/Diverter workshop held on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Intergroup Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite D, in Campbell. We look forward to seeing you there.

– Anonymous



Extra, Extra – We Need You!

We're looking for members who can report on AA happenings in and around Santa Clara Valley as well as state and national events for The COIN. If you attend an official AA event (like Take Your Sponsor to Brunch or a conference, for example) and you're will-



Public Information Committee Carries the Message of Recovery into the Community

The annual Many Paths One Destination event was held at Lincoln Glen Church on Saturday, September 12, celebrating recovery, spirituality, and fellowship, and the Public Information (PI) Committee was there representing Alcoholics Anonymous as one of the avenues for people searching for their path.

The PI Committee offers literature covering everything from basic topics like “What is AA” to understanding anonymity to AA for the older person, the inmate, the gay/lesbian, the black/African-American.... The list goes on.

The event featured four speakers who addressed different aspects of recovery,

covering subjects such as “I survived all sorts of things in my life, the worst which never happened”; “Because we participate in a recovery program, it is a privilege to have our disease”; and “Change the 20 Questions from Drink to Think, and see how you do.”

If this type of service is calling to you, it’s easy to become a part of the PI committee. Just attend one of the training workshops on the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at Winchester Fellowship in Santa Clara, and you too can attend school meetings, community events, and health fairs to share our program of recovery.

Old Timers Meeting Celebrates Long History of Recovery

Saturday, August 29 marked the 29th Old Timer Meeting at the Lincoln Glen Church in San Jose, featuring an exciting new format that shortened the overall meeting time yet allowed more than 15 long-time members of AA with between 35 and 50 years of sobriety to share their experience, strength, and hope.

According to an official tally taken by volunteers as members entered, the meeting represented an awe-inspiring 2,378 years of sobriety under one roof. MC Mark V. asked everyone to stand up according to the amount of time they had, and presented a brand-new Big Book to a woman named Debbie, who announced to overwhelming applause that she had four days – the “youngest” member among the 292 in attendance.

The person with the longest sobriety in the room, a woman named Arty, with 53 years, told the group, “I had to go through what I had to to get here, and it was worth every step.”

Larry T., with 50 years, said, “If you’re here, you’ve been given the greatest gift that any alcoholic can be given.”

Linda A., activities chair of the Santa Clara Valley Intergroup, said that nearly 20 volunteers spent countless hours organizing the new event format.

“I feel that the Old Timers Meeting went well – better than expected,” Linda said. “Changing the whole format had me nervous that I would be upsetting people, but I had so much love and support from all the people who were in service that day and many of my AA mentors.”

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office
4 PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	5	6 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm	7 INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ OUTREACH MEETING: 6:30pm	8	9	10 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH: 11am-2pm Lincoln Glen Church
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MEETING CHANGES NEW



September 2015 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office.....343

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....11

(Evening 12-Step call information is not available.)

The Central Office website
receives an average of
8,000 hits each month!

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

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

Serenity Circle: Thursday, 8pm, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, Building K, near Alma, San Jose.

Big Book Study: Saturday, 6pm, FFG, Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak Avenue, Los Altos.

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Attitude Adjustment: Saturday, 6am, Cornerstone Fellowship Group, 1600 Dell Avenue, (2nd Floor), Campbell.

Saturday Sanctuary: Saturday, 6pm, Cornerstone Fellowship Group, 1600 Dell Avenue, (2nd Floor), Campbell.

Donuts & Steps: Monday, 10am, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, near Alma, San Jose.

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Open AA: Monday, 6pm, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, Building K, near Alma, San Jose. **Time changed to 6:30pm.**

Saratoga Family Group: Friday, 8:15pm, Federated Church, 20390 Park Place (entrance off of Oak Place), Saratoga. **Time changed to 7pm**

MidWeek Spiritual Progress: Wednesday, 8pm, Church of Christ, Campbell. **Moved to Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose.**

Better Way of Living Wednesday, 6pm, Church of Christ, Campbell. **Moved to Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose.**

Newcomers Spiritual Progress: Sunday, 9:15am, Masonic Hall, Los Gatos. **Time changed to 9:30am and moved to Neighborhood Center, 208 E. Main Street & Fiesta Way, Los Gatos.**

NO LONGER MEETING

Primary Purpose Group Beginners Big Book Workshop: Monday, 7pm, Morgan Hill Bible Church, 15055 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill.

Coming Out of Your Shell: Sunday, 6pm, Freedom Fellowship, Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak Avenue, Los Altos.

The Family Afterwards: Wednesday, 6pm, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte at Cuesta.

Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Vicki G.-C.	26	Vicky C.-G.	08/25/89
Sheila T.-C.	32	Anonymous	
Jenny C.	35	Anonymous	
Jerry G.	50	Jerry G.	09/01/65
Serenity Sam	30	Anonymous	09/02/85
Jaymie M.	11	Kristin R.	09/15/04
Pat S.	20	Anonymous	09/17/95
Eva Z.	4	Eva Z.	09/19/11
Marianne G.	29	Carol B.	09/21/86
Eric L.	6	Eric L.	09/23/09
Jean E.	30	Aileen B.	09/29/85



273 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use the birthday forms at your meeting or at Central Office. Birthdays are listed in recognition of contributions made to Central Office on a member's behalf for a sobriety milestone, either by themselves or for a friend, and will be listed in this section unless requested otherwise.

INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

- Carol B., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Stacy read the definition of Intergroup
- Nancy read the 12 Traditions.
- 2 New Intergroup Reps:
 - Nancy. Entire Abstinence (Monday 8 p.m., Campbell)
 - Stacey, Women to Women (Saturday 7:30 a.m., Willow Glen/San Jose)
- Visitors
 - (none)
- Birthdays:
 - Jim, 9 years
 - Bill, 28 years
 - Ann, 14 years
 - Stephanie, 1 year
 - Linda, 2 years
 - Vicky, 26 years
 - AJ, 5 months
 - Julie, 19 years
 - Nancy, 6 years
- 7th Tradition
- Corrections or additions to the agenda (None)
- Corrections or additions to the previous month's minutes (Minutes approved as submitted.)
- Treasurer's Report – Joe B (Next Quarterly Report will be in October.)
- 53 voting Intergroup representatives in attendance.

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Carol B.

- Intergroup reps, please be sure to sign in and verify that email addresses are correct. Thanks to Bradley for making coffee and to Ryan for being clean-up coordinator.
- Unity Day was a success, as was the Old Timers Meeting.
- A new service position is available: Intergroup Sound Engineer, who can store and set up our PA system at Intergroup meetings and other events.
- *Remember takeaway messages and limit reports to 2-3 minutes.*

Central Service Board, Ross J.

- The Board met August 27. Four members were in attendance, and the Treasurer's report was reviewed.
- QuickBooks continues to cause some issues. Contributions are still down 10% from last year; please communicate this to your groups.
- The IGSB completed the Executive Director's performance review.

Central Office, Bruce

- QuickBooks payroll continues to cause reporting problems; a fix has been promised by Friday and because of the delay, Intuit is offering two years of assisted payroll support. Credit card payments are still not supported.
- Julie and Stephanie have been working on updating the COIN format.
- Unity Day attracted 660 AAs and Alanons; unfortunately the Scottish Rite Center is slated to be torn down, and we'll need to find a new location for next year.

- The Old Timers Meeting was one of the best ever – the new format made a great impression.
- We hosted the Northern California Office Managers' meeting August 21; thanks to Lisa and Kristen for setting up a delicious banquet.
- Topics included access to meetings for service and therapy dogs. Therapy dog access is an open question. Bruce would like to hear any experiences members have had at meetings.
- The Central Office Tamale Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 5; this is a great opportunity to visit Central Office, meet the staff, and enjoy some of the finest tamales in town.
- Bruce will attend the 30th annual Central Office/AAWS/GV seminar on September 16-20.
- Central Office fares well.

PI/CPC

- Chris is stepping down as PI chair. A new PI chair is needed (two-year sobriety requirement, knowledge of the Steps and Traditions, ability to create the agenda for monthly business meetings).
- As of October, the monthly business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at 1224 N. Winchester @ Tulip in Santa Clara.
- The GSO poster for libraries was not suitable; local graphics designers are creating a new poster, which will be presented.
- The Many Paths/One Destination event is coming up September 12; it is open to the public for those curious about recovery.

Bryan (CPC)

- Hospitals and schools are ramping up this month. We need more people as presenters, speakers, and liaisons. See Bryan for details.
- Why is PI/CPC under Intergroup as opposed to General Service?

12th Step Committee, Bill D.

- This past month one person showed up for the 12-Step committee workshop and signed up; seven people volunteered at Unity Day. The committee is always looking for more volunteers.
- A gentleman called who had been around AA for 30 years but with no sobriety and said he was ready; a person with 45 years of sobriety went along on the 12-Step call and was elated, as he had participated in only one before.
- The 12-Step workshop is held at Central Office every third Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Dominic

- The Diverter is AA's 24/7 telephone outreach to connect those looking for sobriety and/or finding a 12-Step committee member to work with them. Sobriety requirement is one year.
- The Diverter has one open shift: the first Wednesday of the month from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Unity Day had seven folks expressing interest and filling out applications.
- Diverter workshops are every third Saturday at 10 a.m. at Central Office and also just before the Intergroup Meeting at 7 p.m.

Outreach Committee, Bunny and AJ

- The Outreach Committee can use volunteers; sponsees are encouraged.
- Thanks to the new co-chairs, Bunny and AJ!

The COIN, Stephanie

- The COIN has migrated to a new, simpler application offering flexibility in content and design. Stories are welcome but so are art, cartoons, and poems. Topics for the October issue are Step 10, Tradition 10, the Principle of Step 10 (perseverance), and the 10th Concept. Off-topic stories are also welcome! Deadline for October is September 23.
- Submit your stories to Stephanie at coin@asaanjose.org.

Webmaster, Josh

- Thanks for the approval to go to the National AA Technology Workshop event in St. Louis. My goal is to build contacts with other webmasters and to help standardize the format for meeting directories. I met with a graphics designer to possibly work on some visual enhancements to the site. (Josh fielded enhancement requests for the phone app and website.)

Activities Committee, Linda

- Thanks for your input on the Old Timers meeting, and thanks to the team of volunteers who help put it together.
- Our next event is Take Your Sponsor to Brunch on Saturday, October 10; please circulate the flier, and we can use donated raffle prizes. We need service volunteers for all kinds of positions. Contact Linda for a one-day service commitment that is loads of fun!

Nominating Committee, Mary Pat

- Nominating committee candidates gave their qualification presentations.
- The Secretary and Alternate Secretary nominees are Debra, Mary D., and Corina.
- The Nominating Committee has placed five names in nomination for two Central Service Board positions: Mike B., Judith, Greg, Darcy, and Larry.
- If your group/meeting has anyone to recommend to serve on the Central Service Board or as Intergroup Secretary/Alternate Secretary, please tell your groups that nominations will also be taken from the floor at October's Intergroup meeting.

Old/Ongoing Business

Intergroup Group Inventory, Rose

- Central Office is going to email the questions used in the previous Intergroup Group Inventory in 2008 to our current list of Intergroup Reps. Please review the questions and email back to Central Office the five questions you would like to see Intergroup discuss in November. The results will be culled to an appropriate size. Please respond by October 14. The top five points of discussion will be circulated by email again one week before the November Intergroup meeting. (November 4).

New Business

- No new business.

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day 2016

- The Unity Day liaison will be appointed next year.

NCCAA, Dennis (not in attendance)

- No report.

Hospitals & Institutions, Tina

- The purpose of H&I is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined. H&I meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of San Jose, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, San Jose 95025. Orientation for new H&I representatives is at 6:30 p.m. before the regular H&I business meeting.
- We need service volunteers for secretaries, speakers, and coordinators. Please contact Tina.

Bridging the Gap, Jan

- No report.

North County General Service, Marianne

- Deferred in respect to time allowance.

South County General Service, Paul

- We have a General Service Workshop on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church at Hamilton and Leigh in room 14. This month we had a great presentation on the 7th Tradition and its importance. Next month is all about the General Service Conference and what went on.

SCYPAA, Melody

- Currently SCYPAA is putting together a bid package for ACYPAA, to be held in Orange County. An upcoming event September 19, "Revenge of the Sick," will be a *Star Wars*-themed dance and speaker meeting. Tickets cost \$10 and will be sold at the door.
- Business Meetings are held the second and fourth Saturday of each month at noon at Calvary Church in Los Gatos (the Red Brick Building), 16330 Los Gatos Blvd.

Open Forum

- Report: The 7th Tradition collection this evening: \$117.
- Bruce restated the importance of sending Josh to the National AA Technology Workshop; we need to reach the latest generation in an appropriate fashion!

Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement at 9:00 p.m.

LOCAL EVENTS

- October 10 9th Annual Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose
- October 17 SNL Halloween Party and Dance, 9:00 p.m. Raffle and Costume Contest, Maplewood Plaza, 2634 Union Ave., San Jose
- October 24 Stayin' Alive 8! Monster Ball, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Masonic Hall, 131 E. Main Street, Los Gatos
- December 5 4th Annual Tamale Party, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite D, Campbell

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- October 30-November 1 Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, Double Tree by Hilton, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

September 2015

	Sep 15	Sep 14	Jan - Sep 15
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	12,086.41	9,874.00	110,558.66
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	37.50	130.00	4,882.50
8010 · Literature Sales	4,173.33	4,570.24	38,106.12
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	497.50	391.50	5,102.26
8050 · Activities Committee	50.00	307.00	5,978.42
8055 · Central Office Events	0.00	500.00	3,617.00
8060 · Newsletter	0.00	10.00	600.00
Total Income	16,844.74	15,782.74	168,844.96
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,588.10	2,981.05	30,916.54
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	0.00	346.52	3,886.18
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,588.10	3,327.57	34,802.72
Total COGS	3,588.10	3,327.57	34,802.72
Gross Profit	13,256.64	12,455.17	134,042.24
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	621.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	728.02	1,906.99	3,495.24
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00	2,607.18
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	975.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	73.24	107.06	868.37
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	669.91	899.86
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
6160 · Copier Expense	0.00	177.59	2,749.13
6190 · Depreciation Expense	236.00	236.00	708.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	211.00	198.75	698.49
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	967.90	0.00	2,419.75
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	0.00	703.27	5,978.85
6245 · Internet Access Charges	0.00	0.00	131.53
6320 · Newsletter Expense	0.00	53.42	226.50
6330 · Office Expense	50.70	296.15	1,864.45
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	0.00	695.55
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	2,897.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	686.66	278.49	6,347.52
6410 · Postage	713.37	68.19	2,622.49
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	20,910.28
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	305.00
6540 · Salaries - Office	8,529.00	3,640.18	69,352.15
6560 · Payroll Expenses	-0.01	190.01	978.06
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	150.00	1,700.00
7050 · Telephone	163.00	155.53	1,458.72
7060 · Travel	662.46	0.00	662.46
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-1.47
Total Expense	15,238.59	10,985.44	133,671.11
Net Ordinary Income	-1,981.95	1,469.73	371.13
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	5.97	25.66	198.50
Total Other Income	5.97	25.66	198.50
Net Other Income	5.97	25.66	198.50
Net Income	-1,975.98	1,495.39	569.63

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2015

	Sep 30, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/ Savings	
1010 - Petty Cash	425.00
1020 - First Republic Bank (Checking account)	8,945.85
1021 - (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 08/12/16)	17,663.92
1023 - (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 02/05/16)	16,530.74
1026 - (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7649 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 06/21/16)	15,152.65
1027 - (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (3 Mo. CD @ .1%, 10/29/15)	15,083.52
1028 - (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 08/29/15)	20,070.13
Total Checking/ Savings	93,871.81
Accounts Receivable	
1110 - Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-3,494.67
Total Accounts Receivable	-3,494.67
Other Current Assets	
1250 - Literature Inventory	20,812.06
1310 - Prepaid Insurance	4,935.17
13700 - Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-384.65
1499 - Undeposited Funds	2,661.86
Total Other Current Assets	28,024.44
Total Current Assets	118,401.58
Fixed Assets	
1630 - Office Equipment	50,520.42
1640 - Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 - Less Accumulated Depreciation	-36,347.97
1680 - Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 - Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	21,930.25
Other Assets	
1860 - Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	142,325.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	5,310.85
Total Accounts Payable	5,310.85
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 - Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	-959.71
2240 - Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,044.54
2500 - Group Deposits for Literature (Group Literature Accounts)	29.48
2600 - Unity Day	2,086.31
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,206.62
Total Current Liabilities	7,511.47
Total Liabilities	7,511.47
Equity	
2740 - Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3000 - Opening Bal Equity	11.40
3900 - Unrestricted Funds	123,391.10
Net Income	569.63
Total Equity	134,814.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	142,325.68

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Group Contributions

September 2015

	Sep 15	Jan - Sep 15
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	275.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	2,100.00	3,021.56
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	629.19
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	910.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	565.00	1,626.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,456.22	8,671.94
1 INV Rand B Group 70972	0.00	1,208.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	630.00
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	672.69
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	137.50
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	2,700.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	0.00	3,300.00
1 INV Wnchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	175.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	671.61
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	1,140.05
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	150.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	161.52	467.41
ACYPAA	0.00	1,573.93
Alano Club Group 190 (Wed.)	0.00	17.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	251.30
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00
B.F.E.	0.00	126.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	707.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00
Berrysessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	692.30
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	246.40
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	870.10
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	252.70
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	182.00	322.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	21.04
Birthday Contribution 00951	476.00	1,582.00
Boned Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	3,130.00
Boon Air Siding BB Study 202 (Wed.)	0.00	168.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	351.74
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	336.00	938.56
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	1,260.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	326.85
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	620.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	195.73	642.38
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	424.20
Completely Out of Context 127 (Wed)	0.00	23.26
Desi's In Recovery (723)	65.00	115.00

	Sep 15	Jan - Sep 15
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	226.00
Early Fresh Start 793 (Sat.)	0.00	19.75
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	0.00	255.50
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,008.90
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	646.00
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	125.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	218.40
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
Entire Abstinence 467 (Mon.)	0.00	233.54
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	70.00	420.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	175.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	1,386.18
Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	381.64
G 4@4 Group 70925	0.00	571.87
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	838.52	873.52
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	0.00	50.00
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	0.00	980.00
G Primary Purpose Group 70910	0.00	100.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	747.91
G Sober & Free Conference 70928	0.00	208.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,870.00
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	280.76	4,077.78
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	163.47	1,058.21
G We Care Group 70934	0.00	350.00
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	383.60
Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	70.00
Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	525.00
Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	861.41
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	448.52
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Wed.)	0.00	95.25
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	2,170.00
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	436.14
Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	689.50
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	424.20
Gratitude Group 339 (Sat.)	0.00	39.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,611.00
Higher Power Hr BB (Chips) 871 (Thur.)	0.00	1,050.00
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	936.50	936.50
Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00

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Group Contributions

September 2015

	Sep 15	Jan - Sep 15
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	306.60
Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	350.00	600.00
Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	424.20
Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	424.20
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	623.87
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	42.00	393.00
LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	345.24	574.07
Living in the Solution MH (W) 33 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00
Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	245.00
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	427.89
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	1,095.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	263.40	263.40
Los Gatos Chips 413 (Sat.)	0.00	201.67
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	66.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	50.00	111.00
Men's Big Book (Cavem an Gp) 659 (Sun.)	490.00	1,911.00
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	350.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	661.13
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,157.80
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,146.96
Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	0.00	183.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	809.14
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	367.17
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	274.40
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	629.72
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	75.00	380.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	301.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	461.22
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	73.66	73.66
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	735.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	600.00
Personal 00911	409.50	2,061.91
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	653.00
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	88.55
Primary Purpose - Beginners 864	0.00	0.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	451.50
Recovery Roulette 326 (Thurs.)	0.00	82.60
Roots 344 (Sat.)	0.00	93.45
Rule #62 Men's Meeting 049 (Thur.)	88.10	298.10
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,197.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	539.00	1,189.00
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	521.00

	Sep 15	Jan - Sep 15
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	451.10
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Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	762.60
Signs of Sobriety (ASL) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,207.50
Sisters in Sobriety 548 (Thur.)	0.00	207.20
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	705.20
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	427.00
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	0.00	804.95
South Side Group 323 (Thurs.)	0.00	42.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	285.60	678.01
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	126.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	168.70	433.20
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	1,434.86
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	490.00
Step Along (Women) 638 (Wed.)	0.00	96.17
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	135.00	534.73
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	700.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	280.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	424.20
Ten O'Clock High 890 (Tues.)	0.00	281.50
There is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	0.00	600.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	870.00
Third Tradition SJ 511 (Mon.)	0.00	50.00
Third Tradition SJ 514 (Thur.)	100.00	100.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Truly Happy Hour 324 (Fri.)	0.00	276.50
Tuesday Night Happy Hour 796	0.00	80.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	1,139.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	420.00
Unknown	292.49	1,027.49
Veterans of Alcohol North 338 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	182.00	765.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00	445.00
We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00	60.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	55.22
West Valley Fellowship 427 (Wed.)	0.00	183.40
West Valley Fellowship (Chips) 374 (Sat.)	0.00	184.80
What's Happening Today 552 (Thur.)	0.00	3.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	543.20
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	780.00
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	454.94
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	277.20
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	250.00
TOTAL	12,086.41	110,458.66

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I** **HALLOWEEN**
PARTY AND DANCE

following the 8pm meeting

Saturday
October 17, 2015

Raffle &
Costume Contest

Come in costume
and bring Halloween-themed
finger-foods to share

\$5.00 suggested donation

Saturday Nite Live Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
2634 Union Avenue • San Jose 95124

Please send news and information about your group's activities before the end of the month so we can publish them in the COIN.

We accept them in any format, but emailing a flyer is best:
aasanjose@comcast.net.

The Early Bird Group of AA Presents...



Stayin' Alive 8!
MONSTER BALL

Costume party & dance extravaganza!

Sat. Oct 24th - from 6pm - 11pm

Speaker Meeting: Sharon A.

Potluck: Bring a favorite dish!

DJ / Dancing / Costume Contest

Raffle with awesome prizes: 1/\$1.00 or 7/\$5.00

Tickets: \$5.00 presale / \$7.00 at the door.

Eat, dance, & be scary!
We are not a glum lot!

Masonic Hall
131 E. Main St., Los Gatos
6pm - 11pm (Speaker starts at 6pm)
Hosted by: The Early Birds of AA #968

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE IS HOSTING ITS

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TAMALE PARTY

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.**



We'll provide the tamales and drinks...

Want to bring something??

How about some rice, beans, salad, chips and salsa...you get the idea!
UNLESS you make a mean tamale. THEN BRING THOSE!

OR Just come on down and eat and have fun!

*Come join us for a special time of
fellowship, friendship and gratitude.*

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Questions: Give us a call! 408-374-8511

NCCAA
68th
Annual Fall Conference

Northern California
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous

Fresno, CA

DoubleTree by Hilton – 2233 Ventura St.
October 30, 31 & Nov 1, 2015

Friday, October 30, 2015

2:00 PM
 3:30 PM
 8:00 PM

Registration Opens
 Early Bird Speaker
 Open Speaker Meeting

Danny B., Houston, TX

Saturday, October 31, 2015

9:30 AM
 11-12:30 PM
 11-3:00PM

Hospitals and Institutions
 Open Delegate's Business Meeting
 (NCCAA INVENTORY TO FOLLOW)

3:30 PM

Young People's Speaker Meeting
Chau-Marie G, Modesto CA

8:00 PM

Open Speaker Meeting

George D., New York, NY

10:00 PM

Dance Following Drawing

Sunday, November 1, 2015

9:00 AM
 10:30 AM

All A.A. Services Panel Meeting
 Open Speaker Meeting

Terry K., Woodville, OH

Marathon Meetings

Fellowship – Workshops – Speakers – Free Drawing – Dance
PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS October 15th 2015

Juntas en Español



Hotel list and map on back
 With AI-Anon participation



Please remit with payment to: Treasurer NCCAA, P.O BOX 293586 Sacramento, CA 95829

PRE-REGISTRATION - \$15.00 (per person) AT THE CONFERENCE - \$20.00

Name _____ Home group _____

Address _____ County _____

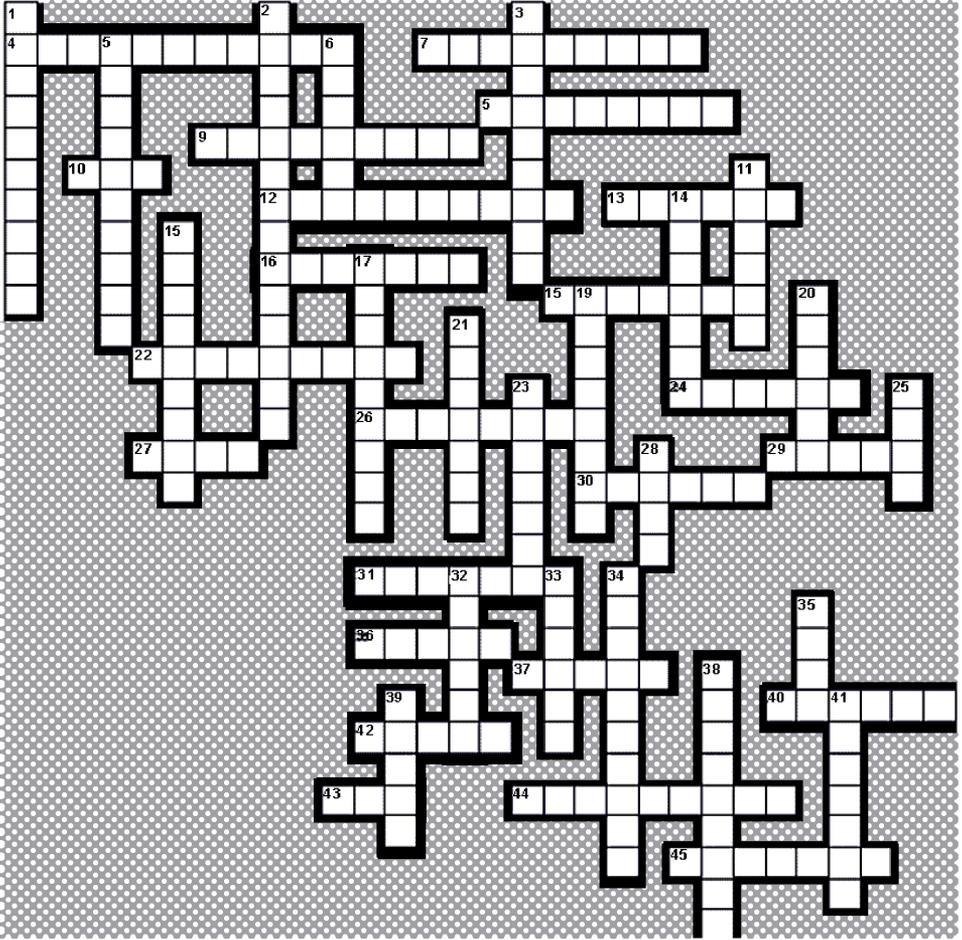
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of persons attending _____ (show additional names on back of form) Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

Are you staying at a hotel/ motel in Fresno? Yes ___ No ___ Name of hotel _____

Please mention NCCAA when you register at the hotel/ motel of your choice. It does help defray our costs.

AA Crossword Puzzle: Big Book and 12/12



The original 100 lb. phone on display at Santa Clara County Intergroup Central Office has a very unique feature.

What is it?

Be sure to pick up next month's COIN for the answer!

Get it right and get a free subscription! 



Answer to last month's trivia: July 15, 1963 Located at The Porter Building, 2nd and Santa Clara Strs.

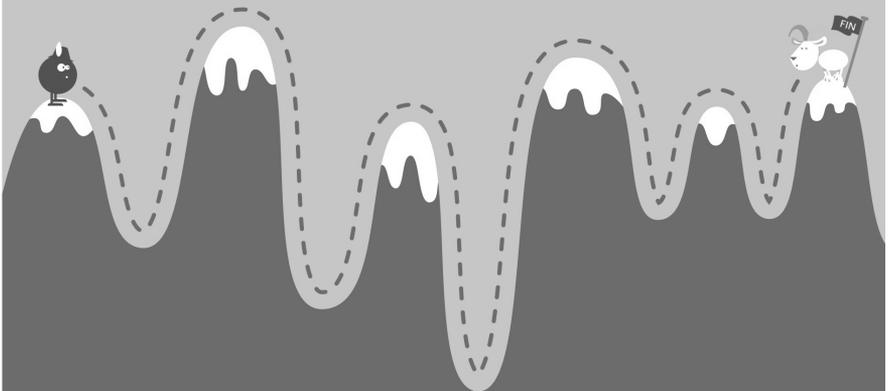
ACROSS

4. Self-will run riot
5. _____ Prayer
7. The foundation of all our Traditions
9. AA co-founder (two words)
10. First word of Serenity Prayer
12. Sitting in silence
13. Avoid manufacturing this
15. Came to _____
16. More important than staying sober
22. Sixth Step refers to defects of _____
24. _____ Power
26. A daily _____
27. "Live and Let _____"
29. Twelve _____
30. Number of Steps
31. Meeting where only one member shares
36. "What an _____!"
37. When to give advice
40. Third Serenity Prayer request
42. "First Things _____"
43. The result until we let go absolutely
44. First Step admission
45. Primary AA resource (two words)

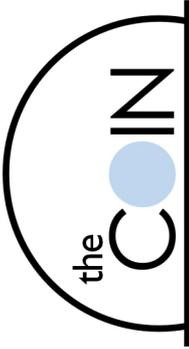
DOWN

1. Cheerfulness and laughter make for _____
2. Three words heard at the end of most meetings
3. Fourth Step
5. AA organization as a whole
6. Step where we "come to believe"
11. Asking for guidance
14. "Self-supporting" Tradition
15. AA member
17. Your primary meeting (two words)
19. Step requiring prayer and meditation
20. First Serenity Prayer request
21. Second Serenity Prayer request
23. Twelfth Step: Carry the _____
25. "_____ Does It"
28. "Faith without works is _____"
32. Ninth Step
33. "_____ have we seen a person fail..."
35. Hard-nosed sponsor, a.k.a. "Big Book _"
38. Spiritual _____
39. AA co-founder (two words)
41. Program member

Perseverance is not a long race;
it is many short races one after the other.



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