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## Who Was Wombley, and Why Did His Boiler Explode?

Near the end of the chapter on Tradition Four, Bill W. is attempting to drive his point home about how AA groups should avoid succumbing to grandiose dreams. He does this by stating "then came the inevitable explosion -- something like that day the boiler burst in Wombley's Clapboard Factory." (12 and 12, pg. 149)

Clapboard is an old-fashioned version of wooden siding used in construction, like the picture shown above. It is likely that Vermont in the early 1900's contained numerous such factories. Furthermore, the name Wombley has British origins, which is the nationality of much of the Burlington area in Vermont.

However, beyond that, Google appears to fall short. If any readers can shed some light as to the particulars behind this random reference to the fateful boiler explosion, please e-mail us at [coin@aasanjose.org](mailto:coin@aasanjose.org).

—JD D.

## An Honest and Thorough Fourth Step Begins with Acceptance

When I first looked at Step Four – “made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves” – I was scared. I did not want to face myself and face my failures. That is the very reason I drank. I did not want to not be myself.

Twice before I had attempted to do this Fourth Step from this starting point, and twice before, I had relapsed.

After my second relapse, I was desperate. I reread Step Four in the Big Book and found that I could make a grudge list! That was definitely something I knew I could do. I had a long list of every person and place that ever did me wrong. I found that I can begin Step Four much easier from this starting point. And write them I did, earnestly and justifiably.

That was the starting point for me. Once I was able to get all my grudges (i.e.,

resentments) written down, I found in myself the means in which to then do a searching and fearless moral inventory. From that inventory, as the Big Book says, I saw that I wasn’t the only one who was sick. Those whom I had grudges against were also sick, and most of them were “normies.” My justification was gone. In its place was born acceptance of myself.

I then learned that it was my natural instincts run wild that were the underlying cause of my destructive drinking. It was all coming together for me. I had grudges and I played a role in those grudges. Those whom I resented were sick as well! Following the process as it is outlined in the Big Book, I was finally able to move forward with the rest of my moral inventory.

– Geoffrey H.



## Learning to Live Life on Life's Terms through the Fourth Step

When I was in the depths of my disease and the obsession was in full swing, I kept asking myself, "What is wrong with you?" Why was it that I could overcome so many other obstacles in my life, but I could not stop or control my drinking. I hated myself for it; I felt weak. Day in and day out, I would wake up and make the same promise to myself not to drink. By midmorning, I would already have succumbed, devising a plan to have only one or two drinks, and watching the clock so I could get off work and do so. I was paralyzed with this obsession. I thought that taking a job, after being a homemaker for 12 years, would help me control my drinking, but it just made for white-knuckling it until I got off work in the early afternoon. And then, it was never one or two – EVER!

Why was it that I could not stop or control my drinking when I had overcome so much in my life, on my own? My childhood was one of complete chaos with addict parents. Moving frequently due to evictions, often with little or no food, long periods of living without electricity and caring for my younger sister. I came out of that with the determination to do things very differently than my parents. I learned that I needed to work hard to get what I needed, and that is what I did. I worked hard to make a seemingly normal life for myself, resenting my parents for the struggles I endured as a result of their addictions.

Barely escaping my childhood, I knew that I would have to work hard. And I did: I found opportunities to advance in the work place and attended night school. I married young and had my own family in my mid-twenties, because I wanted to do things differently. I struggled through infertility to bring three children into my life. Through my struggles, I sought help for depression, which I still battle today. With the few skills

from my own childhood, I struggled with parenting, especially to children with learning disabilities. But I did research, read books, and consulted with professionals. I did my best to be the best parent I could be with what I had, and focused all my energy on giving them the life I never had.

So why was it I could not stop or control my drinking? What was wrong with me? Alcoholics Anonymous and Step Four not only gave me the answers to this, they gave me a solution. What a relief it was to know what was wrong with me! I am an alcoholic – mentally and physically different from the average person. Just to know I was an alcoholic was a relief and a huge weight off my shoulders. Early in my sobriety, when I sat down at a meeting, I looked up and saw the Steps and Traditions hanging on the wall, and it hit me: I had been doing life all wrong! No wonder I had been missing the tools! Understanding that drinking was just a symptom, I learned that these tools were there to help me live life on life's terms and become a better person.

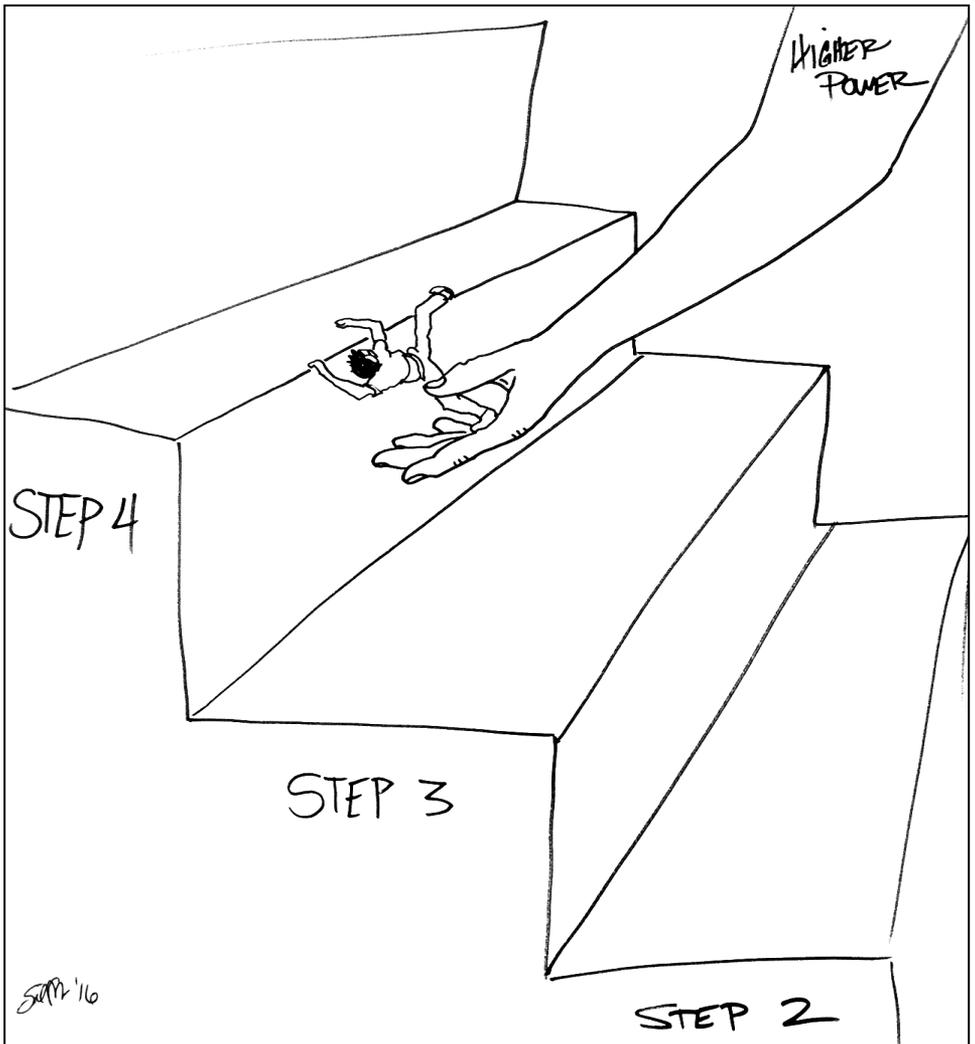
It was time to do some digging with my Step work. I eagerly sought out a sponsor. I wanted to get to work! I wanted to get better! When it came time to do Step Four, I was thrilled to finally have, on paper, what was wrong with me. This gave me the answer I had been seeking while in my disease. Step Four highlighted my character defects, which showed me what I needed to work on, and gave me the tools to work on these weaknesses. I was given a worksheet, which helped me to identify these defects and where I used them, and helped me to identify what my part was in these situations.

Some may find it hard to do their Fourth Step, but I found it to be a relief. I finally knew what was wrong! For me, identifying my character defects felt like more than half the battle. Yes, there was and is more work

to be done, but my Higher Power, Alcoholics Anonymous, and the fellowship give me the tools to walk through life on life's terms. At almost two years of sobriety, I am learning, on occasion, to do this with grace and dignity. I often find myself handling situations that used to baffle me with grace and dignity. This is all the direct result of doing the Steps to the best of my ability, especially Step Four. What I believed I had overcome, on my own, I had actually

had a Higher Power protecting and guiding me the entire time. This is very evident to me, and I believe that my Higher Power gave me a great example of "attraction rather than promotion" in my life at the lowest time of my life. Thanks to my Higher Power, the program, and the people, I am sober today. Most importantly, Step Four has given me emotional sobriety. Through emotional sobriety, I am finding serenity.

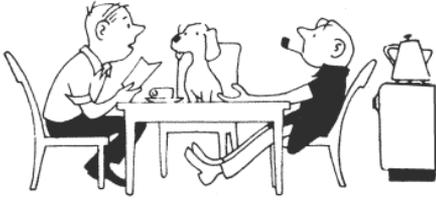
—Jessica B.



## The Autonomy of Each AA Group Is the Very Essence of Tradition Four

Tradition Four tells us that each Alcoholics Anonymous group is autonomous. The caveat, of course, is

There are all kinds of groups...  
Little groups...



that this autonomy does not allow an individual group to affect the good of the entire organization or other AA groups. More precisely, “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.” Let’s examine what that means in a bit more depth.

I have to admit that I was surprised when I looked up the definition of “autonomous.” The first definition was as expected and described how a group acts independently and has the freedom to do so. There is a level of independence that most of us have

come to know and love in AA. It is quite easy to start a meeting and in general, meetings can effectively run on their own with minimal, if any, governance. It is amazing to me that a meeting in Taiwan is shockingly similar to one in San Jose, and that the basic format of a meeting in Oxford, England, bears a striking resemblance to how they do things in Houston, Texas. And yet every one of these meetings – roughly 600 in the South Bay area alone and thousands more around the world – essentially run independently.

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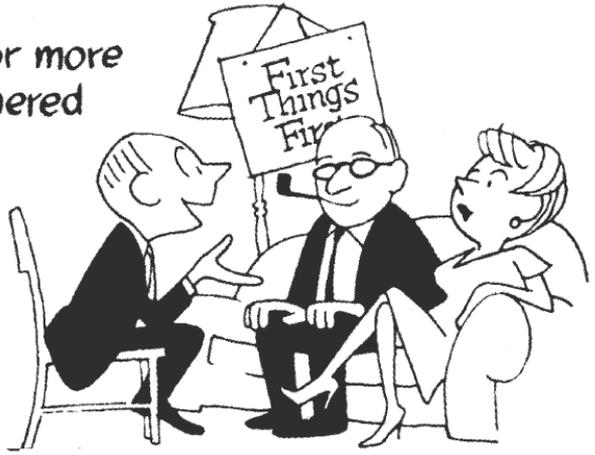
The second definition of the word referenced the German philosopher Immanuel Kant from the late 1700s when it referred to “acting in accordance with one’s moral duty rather than one’s desires.” So, it appears that Kant would tell us that AA groups should follow our moral imperatives, as opposed to our selfish whims. In my opinion, this is where the real meat of the tradition can be found.

I honestly don’t know if Bill W. intended this depth of interpretation. However, it wouldn’t be much of a

and big groups...



But wherever two or more alcoholics are gathered together to practice A.A. principles, it is an A.A. group if they say it is.



surprise, given the fact that Bill was extraordinarily well-read and philosophical in his writings. He even calls autonomy a “ten dollar word” in the opening line of the *Twelve and Twelve*.

I am going to throw out some food for thought: Perhaps, when viewed in the light of Kant’s interpretation of the word autonomy, Tradition Four is nothing more than Step Three as applied to our AA groups. Perhaps, we ought to turn the management of our groups over to the will of God, as we understand him (paraphrasing from Step Three). Kant himself would likely cringe at the spiritual angle being attributed to his teaching, but he’s been deceased for over 200 years. I don’t see it as much of a stretch to consider the fact that just as we turn our will and lives over to the care of God as we understand him, we should do the same with the management of our aggregate will and lives – the AA fellowship in the form of AA meetings.

So, the next time you find yourself cringing at some strange decision made by your AA home group, think about

Tradition Four. We should all act in accordance with our “moral duty,” and if something doesn’t work, then don’t fret. Attend a different meeting, if you like. In general, in aggregate, our AA groups all end up aligning with the will of God, as we understand him.

– JD D.

And you  
are a member  
if you say  
you are!



## Step Four and the Rest of the Program: Why an Inventory?

Few people who come to AA can lay claim to having soundness of mind, but, between their ears, they have nothing to compare their thinking to, simply because they can't put themselves inside the mind of someone else. They often arrive somewhat defiant if, in fact, it wasn't their own idea to come to AA in the first place. They may think that their own thinking was sound, and it may be hard to convince them that it wasn't, considering that they would have to admit that their whole existence was based on a faulty perception and that their brain has been lying to them for all these years.

Those of us who came into the program of our own free will have a much easier time of it, simply because we are no longer in denial and we are ready to search for answers to our drinking problem. After we arrive, we are quick to recognize the difference in the way seasoned AA members think and we begin to trust in someone else's input concerning our thinking. We find a sponsor and begin taking the steps. Things go pretty well with the newfound friends we find in the fellowship, but then we often hit a brick wall when we approach step four. We lose many of these upon their first attempt at the program, but we know that they will usually return when faced with the inevitable – if they are so lucky as to make it back.

It is explained to us that no one can solve our deeper-rooted emotional and spiritual problems until we first understand them, and the process of going through the Fourth Step inventory is our first attempt at discovering where our thinking had been flawed. That doesn't make us bad people; it only means that, like those of us who came before, we were just misguided, and these things can be corrected if we are willing. Understanding is the key.

My first attempt at doing a Fourth Step inventory came as I was approaching my first year of being sober. I now realize that I was rushing into it before I understood what the objective was, and after scribbling down a number of superficial deeds that I had done during my drinking days, my project was abruptly interrupted by a flight to Asia and a four-month vacation aboard a tanker in the Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club, (being in the navy at the time.) I didn't have the opportunity to get to a single meeting during that time, but I did have a lot of quiet nights at sea, during which I contemplated my life before AA, and what I was going to do with the rest of my life. It was during that time that I decided, by God, I wasn't going to mess this thing up. I was going to do it by the Book. I longed to be back in the safety of that very loving group that I left behind four months earlier. I knew that with their love and support, I could get it right.

I realized, as I was studying Step Six, where it says, "We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character, and Seven, where it says, "We humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings. To me, that meant that in Step Four, I should be trying to identify my defects of character and my shortcomings. The example of this Step in the Big Book provides a chart that shows what we did, why we did it (almost always coming back to fear of something), and who we did it to. It occurred to me that if I could identify the root cause of my problems (my fears), I could change the behaviors that resulted from them (my shortcomings). To explain this in simple terms, I came up with this scenario that anyone could understand. It goes like this:

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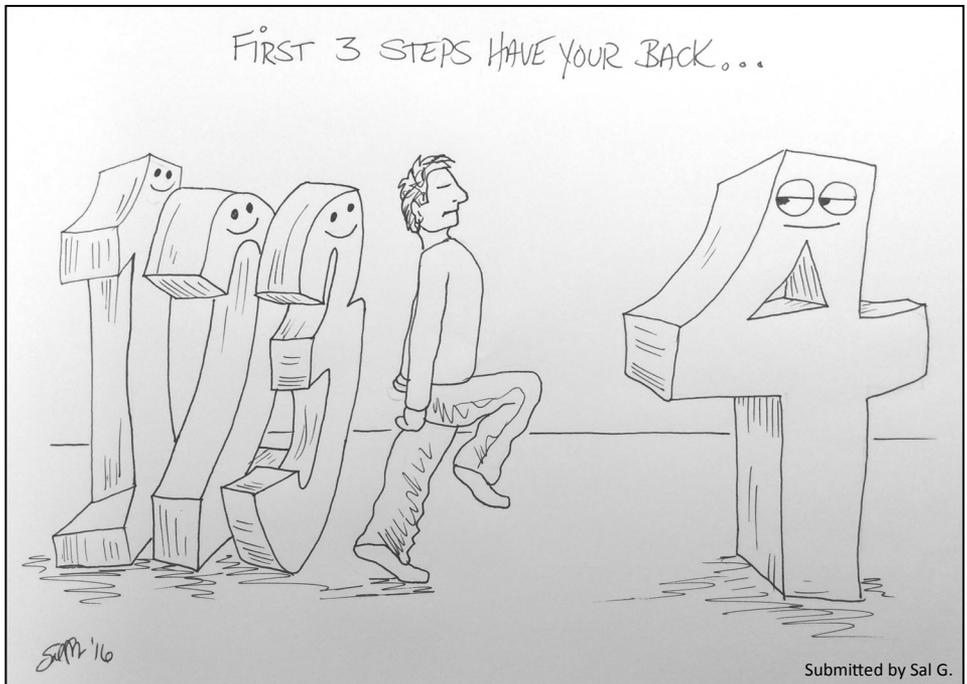
off of the showroom floor, drove away, and, at the first signal light, I hit the brakes and it didn't stop till I was out into the cross traffic. I drove back to the dealer and explained what had happened. They checked it out and discovered that they had put motorcycle brakes on it by mistake; they changed them to the correct brakes, and I drove away again. This time, when I came to the signal light, the SUV stopped, and it stopped at all the other stoplights also.

The defect (root cause) was that the brakes were the wrong size. The shortcoming (behavior) was that the vehicle didn't stop properly. Once the defect was corrected, the shortcoming went away. A friend of mine once said that "all forms of criticism and character assassination stem from low self-esteem," and it occurred to me that low self-esteem was the defect, and criticism and character assassination were the shortcomings. With a little self-restraint,

I could slowly refrain from those behaviors. In other words, once I identify my defects of character, it seems to take all the power out of them: If I could find any value in criticizing another person, I might still be doing it, but there is no value in it, except to feed my own ego, and that only shows weakness of character. I used this approach on all of the behaviors that I'm not proud of, and I feel stronger all the time.

Why an inventory? As I look at the program as a whole, I don't see how I could have taken the rest of the Steps knowing if I had skimmed on Steps Four and Five. To me, it would have been like a house of cards. I look at Step Four as the cornerstone of the rest of the program. It made the rest of the Steps much easier, as I see it. The result of this approach is the peace of mind that is promised.

— Rick R.



## Concept Four: Workers Participate in Decisions

People are sometimes surprised by certain facts about AA service, such as: that we have three corporations working for us in New York, that a third of the Trustees responsible for those corporations are non-alcoholics (who serve long hours for no pay), or that we pay our professional staff at those corporations a competitive wage.

And when you tell people about the General Service Conference that's held in New York every spring, where AA's biggest policy decisions are made, two things often surprise them. One is that the 93 elected delegates, sent by the groups, do not have to vote the way the groups tell them to. And another is that up to a third of the people talking and voting at the Conference are not elected delegates, but instead are from the corporations – the trustees, directors, and even a few of those well-paid staff members. (If you're curious, a detailed list of that year's "Conference Members"

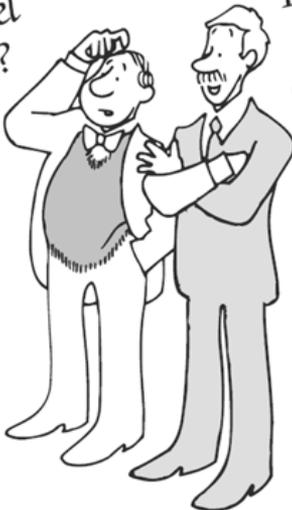
is always the last thing in the annual Conference Report, which your GSR receives every autumn.)

These two things seems to conflict with Tradition Two. If a Higher Power speaks through the groups, shouldn't the groups elect delegates who vote exactly as they are told to? And if someone wasn't elected by the groups, shouldn't we exclude them from voting?

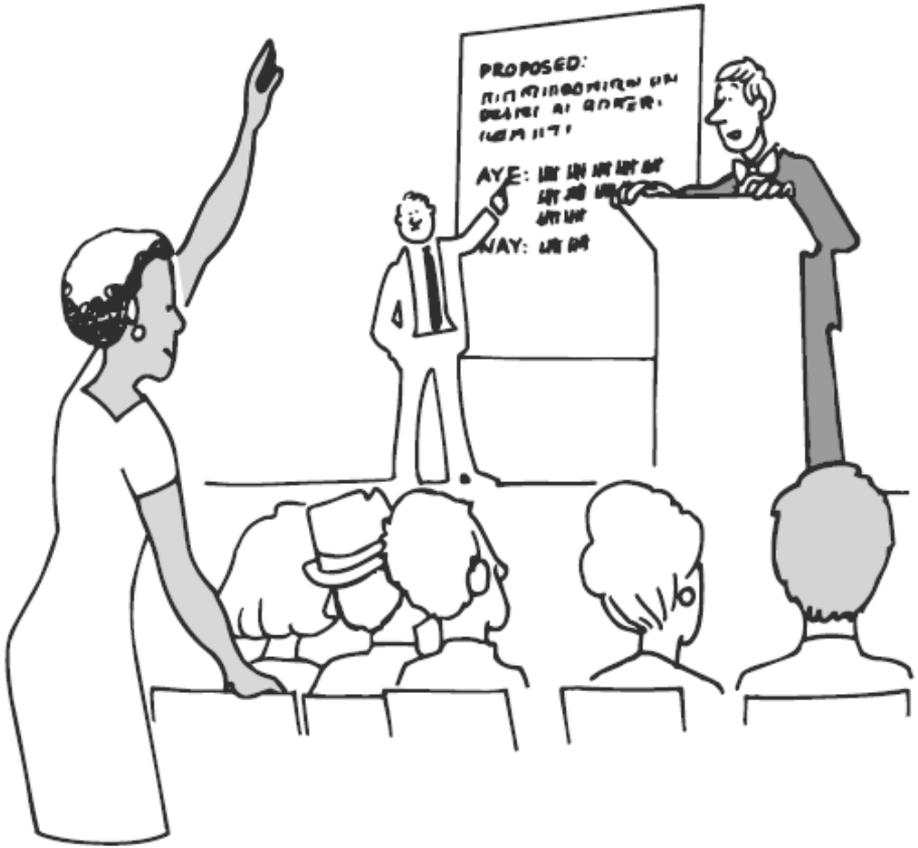
In his writing on Concept Four, Bill imagines that exact scenario: The groups elect delegates who are meek messengers, voting exactly as they are instructed by their areas, and only these obedient robots can speak or vote at the Conference. Everyone else, from the corporate trustees and directors, to the executive editor of the Grapevine and the general manager of AA World Services, to the dozen-or-so alcoholic staffers who handle tens of thousands of our calls and emails every year, would be "called into committee meetings only to make suggestions and reports, answer questions, and receive orders."

Instead, in Concept Four, Bill says that everyone who works at a given level of service should have a vote at that level, including people who do front-line work such as editing a magazine, managing a corporation, and taking calls on group issues, corrections, public information, treatment, accessibilities, and so on. Some of his reasons are simple and practical – because we need their knowledge, because they must do the actual work,

*Office  
personnel  
voting?*



*In A.A.  
we're  
all equal.*



because we value them and want them to feel included. Two other reasons come from loftier principles that appear often throughout the Concepts. One is that responsibility and authority should always go together: We never give anybody one without the other. So we “trust our trusted servants” with a real voice and a vote. And the second is that to do otherwise is “tyranny” – ruling by forceful authority. That’s just not who we are, and by encouraging our workers to speak up, we reduce the chance that we’ll ever become that way. There should rarely be any use of forceful or “ultimate” authority anywhere in our service structure, even as we delegate

responsibility and authority from the groups, to the delegates, to the trustees and directors, to the managers and staff. In our group decision process at any of those levels, there should never be any superiors or inferiors. Just AA’s trusted servants working together.

Which brings us to Concept Four: “Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional ‘Right of Participation,’ taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”

– Jim F.



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## Our Greatest Danger: Rigidity

*Bob P. (1917–2008) was General Manager of the General Service Office from 1974 to 1984, and then served as Senior Advisor to the GSO from 1985 until his retirement. His story is in the 3rd edition of the Big Book (circa 1976) as “AA Taught Him to Handle Sobriety,” pp. 554–561, and in the 4th edition (circa 2001) on pp. 553–559.*

*During the 1986 General Service Conference, Bob gave a powerful and inspiring closing talk at the closing brunch on Saturday morning, April 26. The following excerpts are taken from that farewell speech.*

“This is my 18th General Service Conference – the first two as a director of the *Grapevine* and AAWS [AA World Service], followed by four as a general service trustee. In 1972, I rotated out completely, only to be called back two years later as general manager of GSO, the service job I held until late 1984. Since the 1985 International Convention, of course, I have been senior adviser. This is also my last Conference, so this is an emotionally charged experience.

“I wish I had time to express my thanks to everyone to whom I am indebted for my sobriety and for the joyous life with which I have been blessed for the past nearly 25 years. But since this is obviously impossible, I will fall back on the Arab saying that Bill quoted in his last message: ‘I thank you for your lives.’ For without your lives, I most certainly would have no life at all, much less the incredibly rich life I have enjoyed.

“Let me offer my thoughts about AA’s future. I have no truck with those bleeding deacons who decry every change and view the state of the Fellowship with pessimism and alarm. On the contrary, from my nearly quarter

century’s perspective, I see AA as larger, healthier, more dynamic, faster-growing, more global, more service-minded, more back-to-basics, and more spiritual – by far – than when I came through the doors of my first meeting in Greenwich, Connecticut, just one year after the famous [July 1960] Long Beach Convention. AA has flourished beyond the wildest dreams of founding members, though perhaps not of Bill himself, for he was truly visionary.

“I echo those who feel that if this Fellowship ever falters or fails, it will not be because of any outside cause. No, it will not be because of treatment centers or professionals in the field, or non-Conference-approved literature, or young people, or the dually addicted, or even the ‘druggies’ trying to come to our closed meetings. If we stick close to our Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties, and if we keep an open mind and an open heart, we can deal with these and any other problems that we have or ever will have. If we ever falter and fail, it will be simply because of us. It will be because we can’t control our own egos or get along well enough with each other. It will be because we have too much fear and rigidity and not enough trust and common sense.

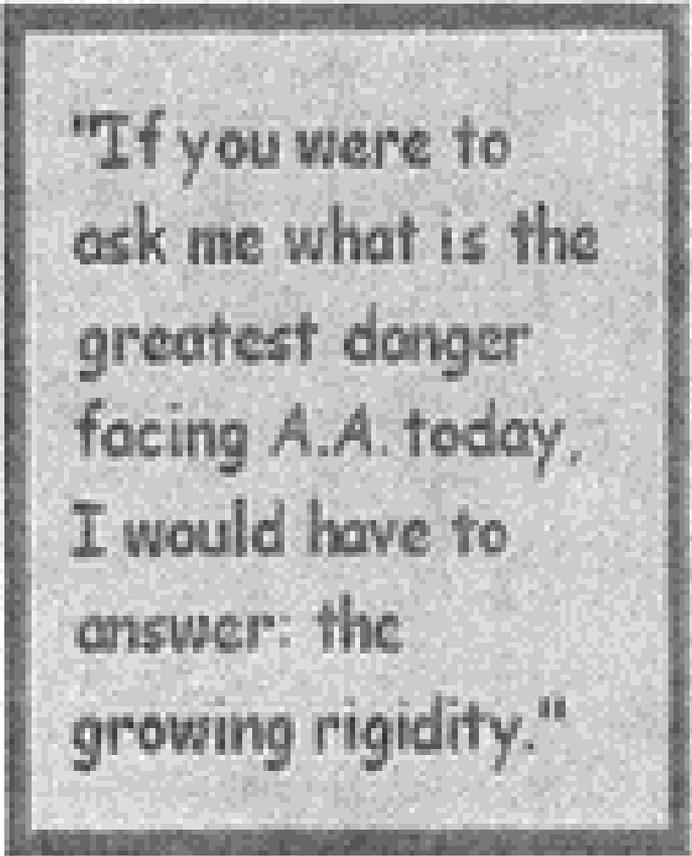
“If you were to ask me what is the greatest danger facing AA today, I would have to answer: the growing rigidity – the increasing demand for absolute answers to nitpicking questions; pressure for GSO to ‘enforce’ our Traditions; screening alcoholics at closed meetings; prohibiting non-Conference-approved literature, i.e., ‘banning books’; laying more and more rules on groups and members. And in this trend toward

rigidity, we are drifting farther and farther away from our cofounders. Bill, in particular, must be spinning in his grave, for he was perhaps the most permissive person I ever met. One of his favorite sayings was, 'Every group has the right to be wrong.' He was maddeningly tolerant of his critics, and he had absolute faith that faults in AA were self-correcting.

"And I believe this, too, so in the final analysis we're not going to fall apart. We won't falter or fail. At the 1970 International Convention in Miami,

I was in the audience on that Sunday morning when Bill made his brief last public appearance. He was too ill to take his scheduled part in any other convention event, but then, unannounced, on Sunday, Bill spoke a few gracious sentences about the huge crowd, the outpouring of love, and the many overseas members there, ending (as I remember) with these words: 'As I look over this crowd, I know that Alcoholics Anonymous will live a thousand years – if it is God's will.'

– Bob P.



"If you were to ask me what is the greatest danger facing A.A. today, I would have to answer: the growing rigidity."

## The 2016 Soledad Prison Conference: The First of Its Kind

It's rare that we're given the opportunity to participate in a truly historic event, but I and two other men were given that very gift on January 8–10 at the first AA conference held within the walls of Soledad State Prison. To the best of our knowledge, it was the first AA conference ever in any California state prison.

Fueled by the determination of "C," a recovering inmate, the idea grew over the course of many months. At our monthly meetings, we heard progress reports of "C" doing his level best to make the event happen. He filled out form upon form, attended appointment after appointment with the powers that be inside Soledad, to make the case for himself and his fellow men in recovery.

We three would offer encouragement while we were with the men, but we weren't sure it'd be allowed to happen... There were so many procedural roadblocks – special clearance for visitors and outside speakers, materials, security concerns, and so many other things that would take special consideration. Not to mention, the sheer number of inmates and outsiders in a gymnasium where a budget (and anonymity) didn't allow for extra personnel for supervision.

When we arrived for the opening meeting on Friday, there were somewhere around 150 men gathered in the large hall reserved for the conference over the next 36 hours. As the chairperson welcomed everyone at 6:00 a.m., a roar rose from the

group that was overwhelming – a cheer of camaraderie, joy, and hope. It was, for a variety of reasons, an emotional weekend that allowed for some truly rewarding moments with other alcoholics.

One of the highlights was the Fourth Step workshop on Saturday afternoon, which gave over 75 the opportunity to not only hear how important a 4th step is, but WHY, in the words of the well-spoken facilitator. Paper and pens were given to everyone attending, and you could see men

copying down the simple forms, examples and explanations provided as fast as they could write.

By Saturday night's meeting, the crowd had grown to over 200. The speaker was a well-known Hollywood personality, who shared enough of his own colorful "experience strength and hope" to

keep the crowd laughing, hooting and nodding their heads. He graciously showed up early and stayed late for arm's-length AA, and offered a kind word and/or encouragement to every man who lined up to speak with him, thank him, or get an autograph.

Since then, the meeting we attend there has nearly doubled in size, and my guess is that this was an event that will happen in other correctional facilities as word of its success spreads. Plans are already underway for the "2nd Annual" in 2017. I can hardly wait.

– Mark W.



## The Beginning of AA in San Jose: Humble Beginnings

One of AA's early meeting places in Northern California was in Oakland. A small group of members met in homes. One of the founding members of AA in San Jose was Miles (Mickey) C., who joined the Oakland group in mid-1941. Records show that at an Oakland meeting, he and Jim R. found they lived two blocks apart in the Willow Glen area of San Jose. They began meeting locally in Jim's home, slowly bringing in other men (and a woman, Ruth H.) until they rented a room at the San Jose YMCA on 3rd and Santa Clara Streets for their meetings.

Mickey was a photographer, made documentary films, and had an import/export business. His jobs took him around the world, keeping him traveling most of the time. His wife raised their three daughters by herself until the girls were grown. She then traveled with him. The family had homes both in Southern and Northern California, though he eventually settled in San Jose.

Some recollections his still-living daughter shared regarding her father's drinking describe alcoholism as the family disease it is.

In 1938 as a young child of 10, she saw a magazine ad that offered a cure. "If you have a person in your life with an alcohol problem, send away for these pills. Put them in their coffee daily for recovery." She saved her money, sent away for the pills, and put them in her dad's coffee. Needless to say, nothing happened.

Around 1941, her mother sent away for the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. His daughter would often see them at the kitchen table reading our *Big Book*.

Some time before his daughter's marriage, Mickey went off on a toot. He didn't return until three days before her

wedding looking "pretty rough." He cleaned up sufficiently to walk her down the aisle, although his car was totaled.

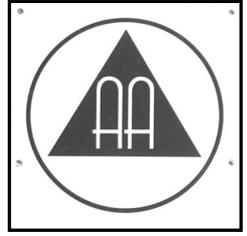
Both of her sisters died of alcoholism. To this day, she is queasy around family members who drink.

She could see the disease of addiction in her father's side of the family, in his five brothers.

Mickey was a periodic drinker, and was always remorseful after a drinking binge, according to his daughter. He drank while traveling, and did his best to sober up when at home. He was an enthusiastic member of AA and, according to his daughter's recollection, maintained continuous sobriety from 1948 until his death in 1967 after a long illness. He was gregarious, charismatic, and always had a joke or story to tell. When he got back into town, he was on the phone constantly, talking with his AA buddies, although she does not recall her father ever entertaining in their family home. He was enthusiastic about AA: In an archived letter dated December 22, 1945, Mickey said that "the last five years have been very happy ones, and I owe my very existence to AA and what it means."

How far we have come, from a fragile beginning in San Jose 75 years ago, when two alcoholics knew they had to band together to share their experience, strength, and hope. Today, our hearts and doors are still wide open to those who are looking for an answer to the family disease of alcoholism.

– Rose W.



April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 P/CPC WORKSHOP, 5:30pm, P/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1724 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	4	5 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	6 OUTREACH MEETING: 6:30pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	7	8	9 SECRETARY WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
10	11	12 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	13 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	14	15	16 DIVERTER/12 <sup>TH</sup> STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
17	18 BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Legh, SJ	19 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	27	28	29	30

## May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PI/CPC WORKSHOP, 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1724 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	2	3 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	4 OUTREACH MEETING: 6:30pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	5	6	7 SECRETARY WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
8	9	10	11 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyside	12	13	14
15	16 BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ	17 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	18	19	20	21 DIVER/12 <sup>TH</sup> STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
22	23	24 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



### March 2016 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office.....359

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....5

(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!

## MEETING CHANGES

### NEW

**Beyond Two-Stepping:** Saturday, 7pm, Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Ave., between Tennant & Dunne, Morgan Hill.

**Keep Coming Back:** Friday, 1pm, Conxion Community Center, 749 Story Rd., Suite 10, San Jose.

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**Off the Top:** Thursday, 8am, 14376 Saratoga Ave., (the old post office building), Saratoga.

**Jaywalkers Literature Review:** Wednesday, 6pm, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, Building K, near Alma, San Jose.

**Secular Step Takers:** Thursday, 8pm, Cornerstone Fellowship Group, 1600 Dell Ave., (2nd floor), San Jose.

### CHANGED

**A Vision for You (women only):** Tuesday, , 6 pm, **moved to a new location.** Westhope Church: 12850 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga.

**Nooner at the Club:** Monday, Noon, Alano Club West, 1555 7th St., San Jose **is now a book study and called Big Book 164.**

**Women's Meeting:** Sunday, 4:30 pm, , Serenity First Fellowship, 304 North 6th Street, San Jose is now called **WOW (Women of Wellness)** with a **new start time: 4:15 pm.** Toddlers are welcome.

### NO LONGER MEETING

**Men's Basic Step Study Crosstalk Meeting:** Thursday, 8 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 16548 Ferris & Spencer, Los Gatos.

**The Seeker's Group:** Thursday, 7:30pm, Fair Avenue Fellowship, 1122 Fair Ave. @ McLaughlin, San Jose.

**Los Gatos Tuesday Night:** Tuesday, 8pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 16548 Ferris & Spencer, rm. 14, Los Gatos.

## Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Sue H.	5	Carol B.	03/10/2011
Eric B.	14	Anonymous	03/12/2002
Doug E.	29	Mike D.	04/22/1987



### 48 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.

### *In Memoriam*

Ron E. passed away on March 11, 2016 with 25 years of sobriety.

Gordon W. passed away in March with 6 years of sobriety.

## INTERGROUP MINUTES

March 2, 2016

- Carol B., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30pm followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Joan read the definition of Intergroup.
- Eric read the Twelve Traditions.
- One new Intergroup rep:
  - Joan, Freedom Fellowship, Los Altos
- Visitors
  - Dan with NCCAA
- Birthdays
  - Lisa, 6 years
  - Michelle, 2 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 (next report will be in April)
- 35 voting Intergroup reps in attendance

### Reports

#### **Intergroup Chair, Carol B.**

- Thank you Bradley for continuously making the coffee. Please try out the note-taking template that follows the meeting agenda. Please remember to queue up three people deep when we start the reports. And last, please limit your report to two–three minutes, and say “here’s the takeaway” so everyone knows what you want to be reported back to the meetings.

#### **Central Service Board, Laura**

- At last month's meeting, we reviewed Bruce's progress in meeting his goals. We set a date to meet with the CPA to review/audit our taxes. The Intergroup Service Board Group Inventory is scheduled for April 2016. We reviewed the Intergroup meeting format regarding the discussion and motion process per the Procedure Guide.

#### **Central Office, Bruce**

- Please encourage your meeting secretaries to register with Central Office. This gives us a contact person in case of need and also helps us to get the COIN to the Secretary.
- The Chili Cook-Off is coming up on March 26, so grab some flyers and please help spread the word.
- Joel tells me that the play rehearsals are going well. Promoting this event is key. We have some good folks heading up our promotions, but we need all the help you can give to spread the word about this special Founders' Day celebration.
- I would like some skilled technical (multimedia?) assistance in preparing presentations to show on our office television and for use in other venues. We continue to pursue ways to communicate with our members, but I am not always the one with the required knowledge. Please contact Central Office to help.
- Central office fares well.

#### **PI/CPC, Brian**

- We had only one person show up for our committee meeting last month; that might have been because it was on Super Bowl night. We need lots of volunteers. Takeaway: We need speakers with one year of sobriety and presenters with two years of sobriety. San Jose State's Nursing Program has invited us to speak at a 150-person conference in the coming months.

**12th Step Committee** (no report)**Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Dominic**

- The Diverter is our 24/7 outreach to connect those looking for sobriety with the Program and/or to help them find a 12-Step committee member to work with them. The sobriety requirement is one year, with knowledge of the Steps and Traditions and participation in our local fellowship. As of today, we have zero open shifts.
- Please strongly encourage your group members to attend the Diverter Workshop on the third Saturday at 10am at Central Office or on the first Wednesday at 7pm before this meeting. Those who cannot attend either of those workshops can contact Dominic directly.

**Outreach Committee, Susan P.**

- The Outreach Committee is the good-will ambassador to meetings. We check to make sure meetings are still running and let meetings know about Intergroup and what is available to them. If you want to find out more about what we do, we meet at 6:30pm prior to the Intergroup meeting in the same room.

**The COIN, Stephanie L.**

- Please get the COIN to meetings. Remind members that they can subscribe and receive it at home and via email.
- The deadline for the March issue is March 17. The topics are Step 4, Tradition 4, and the 4th Concept.

**Website, Josh** (no report)**Activities Committee, Linda**

- The Chili Cook-Off is March 26.
- We have 22 teams signed up.
- Last year, we were able to donate \$3,700 to Central Office. Get flyers to your groups and share the information.
- Linda has presale tickets, eight in a pack at \$10 per ticket, that you can get to your groups. Without a ticket, you have to wait in line. Please talk to Linda about getting them.
- Call Ken or Linda if you would like to volunteer.

**Old/Ongoing Business**

- Carol—I am thinking of starting a Website Committee to address how our website can best meet the needs of Intergroup and our members. Please ask your meeting members how many are accessing the website and what would they like to see on the website, and bring that information back to our Intergroup meeting next month. On this committee, we want people with technical expertise and other individuals to make the website the best it can be.

**New Business**

- Brian—PI/CPC currently serves under the Intergroup umbrella. I would like to move it to General Service to be consistent with the structure found in other AA areas. Please take this administrative item back to your meetings. Next month, Brian will make a motion. We will have a discussion, and then we will vote.
- Dan—Dan invited us to attend NCCAA's 69th annual conference at the San Ramon Marriott on March 18-20. There will be many great speakers and a dance on Saturday night. Visit [www.norcalaa.org](http://www.norcalaa.org)

## Other Service Committee Reports

### Unity Day 2016, Greg C.

- Unity Day will be August 21st at the Milpitas Community Center. The first planning meeting is March 3 at Harry's Hofbrau at 6:30pm. Contact Greg if you are interested in being on the committee even if you can't make the first planning meeting.

### NCCAA (no report)

### Hospitals & Institutions (H&I), Jeff

- The 44th H&I Conference will be in Santa Rosa April 29-May 1. The conference is a separate entity not paid for by pink can donations. Expenses are covered by registration, raffles, etc.
- H&I meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm at 1980 Hamilton Avenue at Leigh Avenue, San Jose. We need a lot more people volunteering. Jails are asking for more meetings for both men and women. Evans Lane for parolees and probationers has started a new meeting and is looking for help Thursdays at 6pm.
- Please do not pass the Pink Can in the basket—pass it separately. We want the 7th Tradition donations to go to Central Office first and foremost; if people want to donate to H&I as well, that's great.

### Bridging the Gap, Paula

- Bridging the Gap is the AA committee that helps people transition from treatment facilities and institutions back to the community. We contact volunteers who meet people and take them to meetings within 24 hours of their discharge, helping them get integrated and situated in AA. We're currently working with seven presentations monthly at six facilities.
- We need one men's follow-up phone coordinator (two-year sobriety requirement).
- The Bridging the Gap Forum will be in San Jose on October 15 at the historic Hoover Theater in the Rose Garden; the forum will enable all from Northern California to hear about Bridging the Gap.
- Our business meeting is the third Monday of every month at 7pm at 1980 Hamilton at Leigh.

### North County General Service, Marianne G.

- The General Service Pre-Conference Assembly will be held in Marin April 9-10.
- GSRs should be talking about agenda topics to get their group conscience.
- The agenda topic of creating a plain English version of the Big Book is not to replace the current Big Book, but to make a version that is easier to translate into any language. It is about linguistics, translation, and simple language to make it easier to get our message all over the world.
- If your group wants to have input on this or other topics, your group can send a representative to the Agenda Topics Workshop on March 12 at 12:30pm at the Fair Avenue Alano Club.
- Our districts will host the Post-Conference Assembly on May 14 at the Machinist Hall in Burlingame. That is when GSRs will find out what happened at General Service Conference in New York.

### South County General Service, Corey

- The Agenda Topics workshop is coming up; we will have five presentations from five speakers and mock Group Conscience sessions. One presentation will be on the topic of a plain language version of the Big Book.
- Other agenda items are updating the "Young People in AA" pamphlet and updating the "12 Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet, which has not been updated since 1971.
- District 40 is planning a Summer Assembly in Watsonville at the Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds on August 6. There will be six workshops on various topics.

**SCCYPAA (no report)****Sober & Free Conference, Bill**

- The Switch Hitters Drag show will be held on March 12 at 6:30pm at the Center for Spiritual Living; this is a fundraiser for the upcoming Sober & Free Conference, which is in its 31st year. Over 300 people attend from all over the world. This year's conference is April 22-24 at the Hyatt Place in San Jose. Sober & Free is a fun-filled weekend of sobriety sponsored by the LGBT committee. It provides meetings, workshops, and entertainment. Our website is [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org). Please get the word out, even if your group is not LGBT – LGBTs go to all meetings, not just meetings that are exclusively LGBT. Flyers will be available next month.

**Open Forum**

- The 7th Tradition collection this evening was \$98.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:25pm.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

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|-----------------|---|
| April 19        | End of the Line Anniversary Celebration: 1961-2016, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1941 The Alameda, San Jose, 8-9:30 p.m.                            |
| April 22-24     | Sober & Free Conference, Hyatt Place San Jose/Downtown ( <a href="http://soberandfree.org">soberandfree.org</a> )                                     |
| May 7           | Saturday Night Live 35th Anniversary Celebration, Masonic Hall, 131 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, all day event.   |
| May 21          | Early Bird Group 6th Annual Picnic, Kelley Park, 1300 Senter Road, San Jose, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Tickets: \$5 pre-sale, \$7 day of picnic)                |
| June 3-5, 10-12 | "Faith & Fellowship: A Journey to Recovery," Willow Glen United Methodist Church, 1420 Newport Avenue, San Jose (see flyer on page 30 for show times) |

**CALIFORNIA EVENTS**

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| April 23        | The Women of AA History, The Hope Center, 2275 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.   |
| June 9-12       | AA Desert Povv-Wovv, Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa, Indian Wells, CA 92210.  |
| June 10, 11, 12 | NCCAA 69th Summer Conference, Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa ( <a href="http://norcalaa.org">norcalaa.org</a> ) |
| June 12         | 13th Annual Language of the Heart Women's AA Brunch, Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.                          |

**AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD**

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| May 6-8 | 28th Annual Big Island Bash, Sheraton Kona Resort at Keauhou Bay, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii ( <a href="mailto:bigislandbash@gmail.com">bigislandbash@gmail.com</a> ) |
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## INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

## Profit &amp; Loss

March 2016

	Mar 16	Mar 15	Jan - Mar 16
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 - Contributions-General	13,235.02	9,100.95	50,672.71
3050 - Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	55.50	20.00	182.50
8010 - Literature Sales	5,211.66	4,225.76	13,643.29
8020 - Meeting Guide Sales	435.50	520.50	1,690.00
8050 - Activities Committee	4,056.50	5,848.42	4,056.50
8055 - Central Office Events	0.00	390.00	0.00
8060 - Newsletter	25.00	5.00	25.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,019.18</b>	<b>20,110.63</b>	<b>70,270.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 - Cost of Inventory Sold	3,916.93	3,352.99	10,828.23
5150 - Cost of Meeting Directories	269.51	1,541.35	1,308.77
<b>Total 5000 - Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>4,186.44</b>	<b>4,894.34</b>	<b>12,137.00</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>4,186.44</b>	<b>4,894.34</b>	<b>12,137.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,832.74</b>	<b>15,216.29</b>	<b>58,133.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6010 - Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	207.00
6015 - Activities Committee Expense	2,275.00	2,767.22	2,275.00
6025 - Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
6030 - Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	975.00	175.00
6070 - Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	68.78	107.03	220.46
6140 - Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	112.28	0.00
6160 - Copier Expense	161.71	354.07	279.91
6190 - Depreciation Expense	1,003.00	320.00	1,003.00
6220 - Insurance - Worker Compensation	211.00	198.75	211.00
6225 - Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	483.95	0.00	1,451.85
6230 - Insurance - General Liability	0.00	518.75	0.00
6240 - Employee HRA Plan	257.60	543.59	2,378.04
6245 - Internet Access Charges	0.00	60.79	25.00
6320 - Newsletter Expense	107.81	200.00	213.00
6330 - Office Expense	78.81	263.46	613.93
6350 - Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	470.55	0.00
6370 - Office Paper Supply	0.00	685.94	0.00
6380 - Payroll Taxes	788.63	324.47	2,588.39
6410 - Postage	5.41	16.38	654.54
6480 - Rent	2,431.60	2,332.43	7,231.45
6510 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	137.29
6540 - Salaries - Office	8,509.00	3,535.18	24,715.00
6560 - Payroll Expenses	-0.01	213.48	52.75
6600 - Signing Services	200.00	200.00	600.00
7050 - Telephone	169.47	161.77	508.43
9080 - Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.75
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>16,751.76</b>	<b>14,361.14</b>	<b>46,740.29</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,080.98</b>	<b>855.15</b>	<b>11,392.71</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8030 - Interest Income	0.16	25.68	50.38
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>25.68</b>	<b>50.38</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>25.68</b>	<b>50.38</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2,081.14</b>	<b>880.83</b>	<b>11,443.09</b>

# INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2016

	<b>Mar 31, 16</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1010 · Petty Cash	148.17
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	14,226.95
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 08/12/16)	17,708.50
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 02/05/16)	16,559.93
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (3 Mo. CD @ .1%, 4/29/16)	15,087.96
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 04/30/16)	20,105.73
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>83,837.24</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,178.83
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-1,178.83</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1250 · Literature Inventory	22,587.36
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,994.47
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	5,892.43
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>31,474.25</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>114,132.66</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,106.42
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-19,255.97
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Am ortization	-300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>17,608.25</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>1,993.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>133,734.76</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	-29.18
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,259.17
2500 · Group Deposits for Literature (Group Literature Accounts)	18.53
2600 · Unity Day	1,212.31
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,460.83</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,460.83</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,460.83</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	119,830.84
Net Income	11,443.09
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>131,273.93</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>133,734.76</b>

## INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

## Group Contributions

March 2016

	Mar 16	Jan - Mar 16
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	490.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	1,110.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,226.74	3,955.91
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	214.90
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	455.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	4,500.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	0.00	2,200.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute	560.00	560.00
1010 Tuesday / Thursday	0.00	148.40
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	90.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	160.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	438.20
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	404.00	404.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	14.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	149.30
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	200.90
Big Book Study MIpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	98.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	236.00	1,100.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	995.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	760.07	1,993.67
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	420.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	422.80
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	266.00
Conscious Contact Mediation Grp LG 663	0.00	276.96
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	128.87
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	144.63
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	0.00	166.88
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	227.45
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,149.32
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	170.00
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	842.15
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	253.19	253.19
Friday Friends 568 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	100.00	150.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	384.03	1,129.07
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	562.37	562.37
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	641.25	1,376.94
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	190.00	493.45
G We Care Group 70934	0.00	560.00
Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (Tues.)	0.00	91.00
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	70.00
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	798.66	798.66
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	261.38
Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00

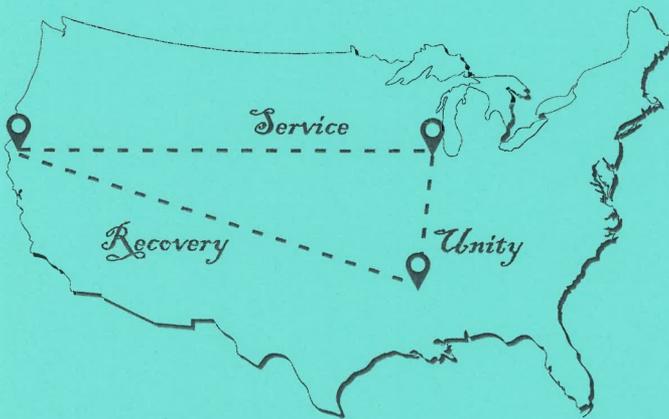
**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions (continued)**  
 March 2016

	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Jan - Mar 16</b>
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	266.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	618.10
Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	1,365.00
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	1,449.70
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	300.00
Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	266.00
Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	266.00
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	28.01	156.53
Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	87.60
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	578.73
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	240.25	240.25
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	40.32
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	50.00	125.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	362.00	362.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	580.96
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	61.84
New Life Recovery Centers 9000	1,000.00	1,000.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	55.00
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	58.00	58.00
Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	0.00	116.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	490.00
Personal 00911	0.00	112.50
Primary Purpose Beginners Big Book 864	0.00	57.43
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	300.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	200.00	200.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	3,010.00	3,010.00
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	231.72	231.72
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	1,172.50
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	221.00
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	562.38	562.38
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	690.90
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	334.00
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	370.00	370.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	233.80
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	119.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	208.60
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	722.10
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	205.80
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	60.00
T.G.J.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	266.00
Ten O'Clock High 890 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	702.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	501.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	280.00
Unknown	0.00	121.00
Veterans of Alcohol North 338 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	244.00	244.00
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	462.35	462.35
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	123.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,235.02</b>	<b>50,672.71</b>

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6/03 - 7pm | 6/04 - 7pm | 6/05 - 2pm | 6/10 - 7pm | 6/11 - 7pm | 6/12 - 2pm

Willow Glen United Methodist Church  
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**Tickets: \$10.00 per person in advance or \$15.00 at the door**  
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Answer to last month's trivia question: Kenmore.

Stay tuned for a new trivia question in next month's COIN!





# 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

May 7<sup>th</sup>  
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**Main Speaker: Mike P**

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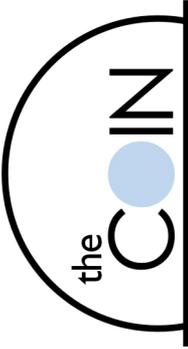
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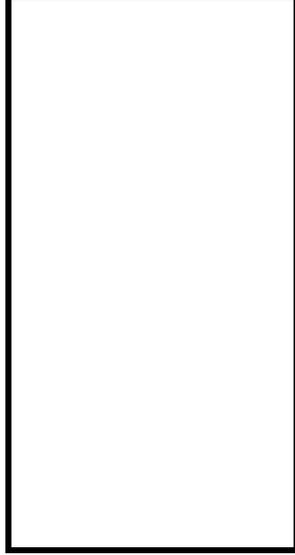




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