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The Shape of Things to Come

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In the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, there is a chapter called “A Vision for You.” Wandering through it recently, my eye was caught by this startling paragraph written a short five years ago. “Someday we hope that every alcoholic who journeys will find a Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous at his destination. To some extent this is already true. Some of us are salesmen and go about. Little clusters of twos and threes and fives of us have sprung up in other communities through contact with our two large centers....” Rubbing my eyes, I looked again. A lump came into my throat. “Only five years,” I thought. “Then but two large centers – little clusters of twos and threes – travelers who hoped one day to find us at every destination.”

Could it be that only yesterday this was just a hope – those little clusters of twos and threes, those little beacons so anxiously watched as they flickered, but never went out.

And today – hundreds of centers shedding their warm illumination upon the lives of thousands, lighting the dark shoals where the stranded and hopeless lie breaking up – those fingers of light already stretching to our beach heads in other lands.

– Bill W.

The AA Launch Pad: Before being Rocketed into the Fourth Dimension, We Must First Achieve Lift-

I was sitting at a meeting recently when I heard a very young, and very sincere, single mother of two sharing that her first experience in AA was the thought of having to do all this stuff for the rest of her life, and that she didn't find it too comforting. It sounded to me that, from her perspective, she knew that she had to do it, but that it wasn't going to be easy or fun. I admired her for her courage and conviction, and I tried to encourage her by explaining things that I had experienced when I was faced with the life-changing challenges of sobriety. I was the father of a boy, was in the Navy, and was divorced. It was a difficult time, but I had to go through it, drinking or not. I began the process of recovery in a slow, methodical, and thorough way, and I came out a stronger person for it. I likened it to the first Apollo space mission to the moon. It went something like this:

When you first see the size of this spacecraft and consider the amount of energy it would take to put it into space, it's hard to fathom. After the countdown is complete, the engines fire and a tremendous amount of flame and smoke engulf the entire area, and in a few moments, it slowly starts to lift off. As it lumbers its first few hundred feet, it is expending a tremendous amount of fuel. Slowly, it starts to gain momentum and pick up speed, still shuddering along. Soon the booster tanks are depleted and they are ejected, and the main tanks begin to propel the ship further along the flight path with even more thrust as it is reaching for orbit. Next, the main tank is depleted just before orbit and is ejected. What is left is a very small portion of what left the launch pad. Soon the craft

leaves orbit and heads toward the moon, and something else happens that sometimes goes unnoticed: Somewhere between the Earth and the moon, the gravitational pull of the moon has more influence on the craft than the Earth's has, and it is gently drawn along its path. Very little energy is needed at this point except for minor course corrections.

In AA, when we first get started, it appears to be an insurmountable task, and it requires a tremendous amount of effort just to get off the launch pad. Not every launch is successful, and some of us don't make it the first time; we find that we have to exert all that energy in each successive attempt. As we do get on our way, it starts to get easier as we increase our momentum. Much of the burden falls away as we make progress, and the going gets easier as we head for our objective. When we get through the Twelve Steps, we finally reach orbit.

After we are satisfied that everything is in order, we can now set out for the moon. If we stay on course, the spiritual gravity of the values we have adopted in the AA program will far outweigh the negative gravity of the past as long as we eject all of the dead weight that held us down. As we continue to adjust the day-to-day mistakes that we make, and adopt an unselfish approach to life, somewhere along the flight path we will cross that line where we are drawn toward a life of peace and serenity that is hard to imagine when we are setting on the launch pad. The most important part of the journey is the liftoff. If we can get through that most difficult time, it does get easier, and then we need only to stay the course.

— Rick R.

Step Seven: Realizing It Is God Who Removes Our

Is there any one of us who doesn't come into AA functioning completely in self-will? Well, I am going to put myself right at the top of that list. Self-will was a survival mechanism. I had to work hard for what I wanted and I did. Self-will got me this far, right? That is what I thought and it is what my friends used to praise me for. Self-motivated and hard-driven! The idea that self-will got me this far was a complete delusion. I believe it is the same for many of us who have found our way to the rooms. I have uncovered, through doing the 12 Steps, that this thought is completely wrong. There is no logical explanation for the fact that I survived a chaotic childhood or the throws of my disease to make it this far.

My self-will did kick-start my Step work. Because I believed that, if it was hard work it took, I could do that! I was ready to uncover what fueled my disease. I had absolutely no reservations about revealing my character defects. I felt like this would finally give me the answers to that nagging question in my head: What is wrong with me? It felt amazing to finally admit, out loud, that I was an alcoholic, and determining what kept me in the disease felt like a relief, too. But that was because I was under the impression that "I" could fix these things. You know, with some elbow grease! So, that is exactly what I did. WOW, what a struggle. It is one thing to determine what kept my disease ticking, but to think I could cure myself of those defects was like thinking I could get sober on my own! Not possible.

I struggled, I fought, and I continued to beat myself up for not making much progress in the face of those overshadowing defects. Little did I

know, it was the biggest and most dangerous one keeping me in the struggle. It was exhausting and almost felt like I was moving backwards in some areas. Would I ever move in right the direction to become the best me I could be?

It wasn't until I began working the Steps with a new sponsor that I would realize a HUGE element missing. I have always thought it would be beneficial to work the Steps with another sponsor to get a new perspective. I had no idea that I was missing the biggest and most important aspect of this program – the spiritual. Right out of the gate with this new sponsor, the covers were pulled back. Was I praying? Was I meditating? Was I keeping conscious contact with my Higher Power? No, none of those things. Clearly, I was not going to be slapped with God's Grace, and that is where the "elbow grease" came in handy! I did what was suggested to obtain conscious contact with my Higher Power, through prayer and meditation, and lo and behold, I began to trust and rely on this power greater than me. I became more centered and realized that the struggle, the fight, and all that beating myself up was a complete waste of energy and effort. I believe that the awareness of these defects is half the battle. The other half, for me, is turning these over to God. But, now that I am practicing this regularly, I see how some of these defects have been lessened or removed. If I continue to keep conscious contact with my Higher Power, and do the next right things, God will do for me what I cannot do for myself.

– Jessica B.

Humility: Brevity is the Soul of Wit

The Seventh Step states that we “humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.” Bill W. actually covers the Seventh Step in just one paragraph on page 76 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. My home group, the One Day At A Time (ODAAT) daily 6 a.m. meeting of AA, says the Seventh Step prayer every single morning. It turns out that this is the entirety of Step Seven. To be honest, that fact surprised me as I was rereading the text for this article. It appears that the conciseness of the verbiage surrounding the Seventh Step belies its strength and power such that brevity actually is the soul of wit when it comes to AA’s Seventh Step.

You may recognize the title of this article as a famous quotation from Shakespeare’s Hamlet. Polonius is a spy for the King and delivers these words in a lengthy, but useless, speech to Hamlet’s stepfather. The irony of his words is that he is the most dimwitted of the characters, which he demonstrates with his arrogant ramblings. He demonstrates neither “wit” nor “brevity” in that monologue. In fact, he demonstrates his complete lack of humility.

It is this, the principle behind Step Seven, that I would like to discuss. For many years (even decades), I loved nothing better than to prove that I was the most witty guy at the party. Give me a couple of drinks and I would demonstrate my intelligence with a quick tongue and rapid comebacks. And, if I was to practice humility, it was most likely because I was able to read the room and determined that it was time to demonstratively eat a slice of humble

pie. I was masterfully arrogant in my overt demonstration of false humility. How about that for irony?

I am convinced that there is a reason why the first of the seven deadly sins is pride. For me, it trumps all the rest. In fact, it probably even contributes to all the rest. As I wrote about last month, ego is absolutely my dominant character defect. Just as realizing that I had a problem with alcohol was a first step, understanding that I have a huge ego is a first step.

Of course, I also had to stop drinking, just as I have to consciously work on my ego by asking my Higher Power to remove that defect of character. The Seventh Step prayer is a necessary beginning. However, my Higher Power isn’t going to do this for me without a bit of blood, sweat, and tears on my part. Therefore, I’m going to end this article with a challenge. If any of this rings true with you, I invite you to join me in the following exercise.

The next time you are in the breakroom at work, enjoying snacks after church, eating burgers at a barbeque, or in a situation where other people are discussing a topic you believe you have some expertise in, do not say a word. If someone tells a story about climbing Pike’s Peak and you just returned from scaling Mount Everest, keep it to yourself. When someone talks about playing high school baseball and your name is Buster Posey, congratulate them on their accomplishments. There is no need to be Polonius from Hamlet. If you can commit to give this a try, I will commit to you to do the same. Let’s practice some humility together.

– JD D.

Humility, the Golden Mean, and the Golden Rule

Most alcoholics come to AA with their own interpretation of many of the words we hear bandied about in the meetings, and I'm no exception. Words like "love," "honesty," "spirituality," "unselfishness," and "humility," to name a few.

I fumbled around with the Program as best I could with my faulty, misguided, egocentric way of thinking, but I was never satisfied until I had resolved each and every one of those issues, as best I could. It turns out that most of my new ideas are almost the opposite to my old way of thinking.

Love, for instance means caring for and nurturing another person, and not necessarily that feeling you get when you are infatuated with the opposite sex. Honesty, to me, means devoid of all motives to deceive, and not just the act of not telling lies. Spirituality and unselfishness would require a much deeper explanation; for this essay, I want to address the often talked about and just as often unresolved word, humility.

We hear the stale jokes like, "They gave me a medal for humility, and then they took it away from me because I wore it," or "I'm proud of my humility." Now, I'm not against fun and laughter, but come on, get some new material. For me, it took over twenty years to come to an understanding of the word "humility."

The final piece of the puzzle came to me when, in my 22nd year of sobriety, I was on the phone with a man who was trying to engage me in an argument, and when he realized I wasn't going to bite, he fired his last volley by saying, "Well, I've heard stories about you, and you're no angel." I thought about it for a few seconds and replied, "I've done a lot things in my life that I'm not proud of, but

I'm not ashamed of anything that I've done in the past 22 years." The phone call ended peacefully.

Several years later, in a Step study meeting on Step Seven, the topic was

"Pride is not the opposite of humility, but the opposite of shame, and humility falls right in the middle of the two."

humility, as it usually is when we study Step Seven. I remembered that phone call and realized that pride was not the opposite of humility, but the opposite of shame, and that humility fell right in the middle of the two. When I boiled it all down, I concluded that I should not be proud of or ashamed of the things I do, and that I should be in the middle somewhere.

This applies to my receiving as well as my giving. Aristotle referred to this as "The Golden Mean," where, for example, when we are in the habit of giving compliments to our friends when they deserve it, we should not be so stoic that we cannot accept a compliment with the proper amount of appreciation, when we deserve it. To me this means finding the mean between the extremes and exercising it until it becomes second nature.

I've known some humble people, in and outside of the program, and they have some things in common: They seldom bring attention to themselves, they never criticize others, they are always comforting, and they are always an asset

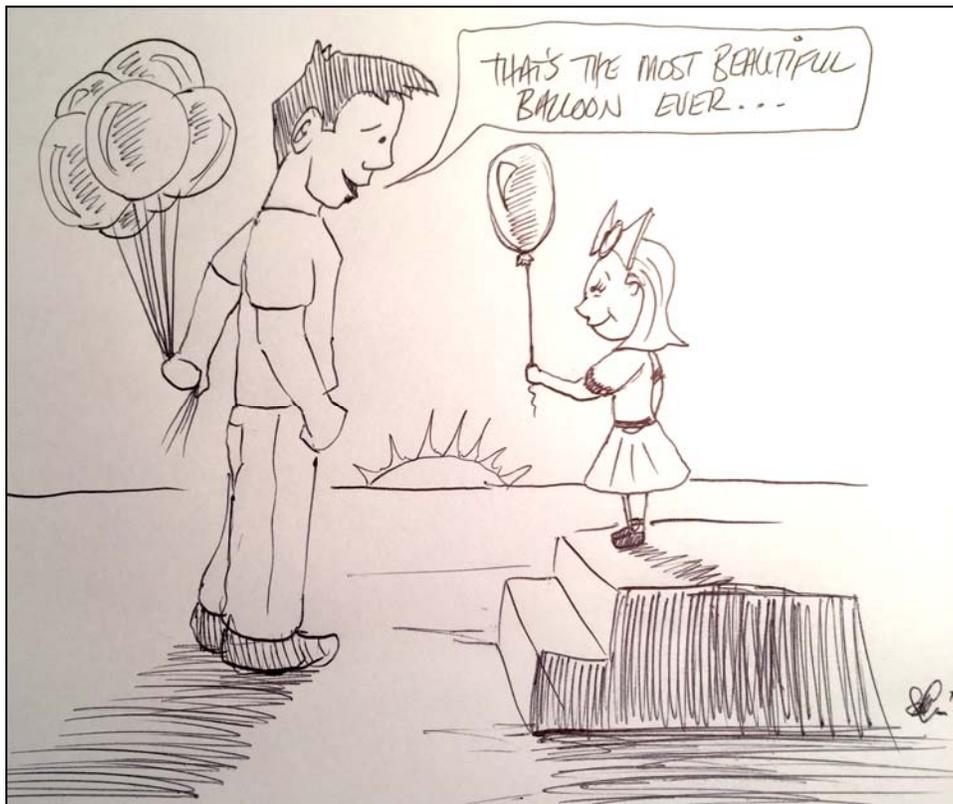
and never a liability. Humble people do the things they were taught as a child. They treat others with respect. They are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient.... Sound familiar? I learned it in the Boy Scouts. I learned the Golden Rule in church, but I was never strong enough to live by it.

If you're not sure what you're supposed to be doing, Read the Eleventh Step prayer in the 12x12 or the Boy Scouts Laws, or try practicing the Golden Rule. That should be a pretty good start. When I found Alcoholics Anonymous, I was reintroduced to these values and they helped to rein in my ego, and today I am at peace with myself and with others.

With respect to my decision making

and my behavior, I find that the Program, and most other philosophies of life, are based on unselfish principles, and if I am sure that the motives for what I do are selfless, I have nothing to be ashamed of. But does this mean that I have something to be proud of in these cases? It occurs to me that unless I personally created the principle that I based my decision on, I can take no credit for that decision. For the life of me, I can't remember one principle that I created myself; when all of my decisions are based on unselfish principles, I feel really good on the inside, and I'm not proud of anything. No medals necessary, thank you.

– Rick R.



Humbly Asked Him to Remove Our Shortcomings

And so the process of gaining some humility began.

It used to be said that the Sixth and Seventh Steps were the forgotten Steps, so I learned to appreciate my assignments. I, in turn, work the Sixth and Seventh with “my ladies” just as they were worked with me.

Willingness started me out, and gratitude was one of my gifts as a result of my Seventh Step work.

First, my sponsor asked me to read the Seventh Step in the 12x12; then to reread it and circle the word “humility” every time I read it; then go back and count them, write the total down, and circle that number at the end of the chapter. I became saturated with the word as I tried to figure out what my Seventh Step lesson was to be (besides removing my shortcomings). It was deep!

I was asked to read and ponder the word “humiliation” that appears in the chapter, and to remember mine – my times of idiotic humiliation as a result of King Alcohol, as painful as that may be, and realize, as it says, that only by repeated humiliations was one forced to learn about humility. That in the end, I would feel that humility was more than just “groveling despair”... that a free spirit would eventually be mine if I did not give up and would continue to strive for humility.

My sponsor reminded me in my new life to accept God’s help in this process, asking him over and over if necessary, to help me surrender my most ingrained and glaring shortcomings, but most importantly, not to give up... that progress would come at its own pace.

I was to remember that God was not going to do this for me overnight – that I had to do the footwork. (Well, unless I

was zapped with one of those miracles... which I wasn’t.)

As I progressed, my attitude of gratitude grew as the realization hit me that I was getting different on the inside as the shortcomings/defects of character were leaving my being. I was attaining some inner peace and freedom... and learned that my spiritual development will be a lifelong process. One day at a time, by God’s Grace.

– Danette G.

Hope: Restore Myself to Sanity



Hope is not a four letter word, but is the first piece required for the recovery puzzle to get started. After arriving hopeless and lonely, tired of all the promises to myself I kept breaking, I was spiritually bankrupt. Hope was the first thing that opened my alcoholic brain up to wanting a better life. The Power, the people, and the program all are influential in creating *hope*.

Hope is like a butterfly trapped in a cocoon until it is able to break out of its bondage and spread its wings, slowly being warmed by the sun’s rays until it gets lifted up by a gentle breeze of faith and action.

It’s a wonderful thing, these Steps we take for sobriety. One Step at a time, one foot in front of the other, we gracefully will be better than we have ever imagined, by starting with a tiny seed of hope.

The Seventh Tradition: From the Archives

May 19, 1943

Miss Margaret B., National Secretary
Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 658 Church Street, New York City, NY



Dear Miss B.:

At our last meeting Friday evening May 14th, the members of AA San Jose Group found that they had a small surplus left over from their running expenses with the result that we are able to make a small contribution of \$5 towards the Foundation.

The San Jose group has asked me to express their gratitude to you for the many courtesies you have shown them, and it is our desire to make this a larger contribution in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,
San Jose Group AA
Gordon R.

Why do we send contributions to our service entities? According to Bill W., “The answer is simple enough. Every single AA service is designed to make more and better 12th Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office... or the world service Headquarters...” The above-referenced group’s gratitude expressed in a financial contribution (\$5 in 1943 is the equivalent of \$70 today), enabled the “Foundation” to do Twelfth Step work beyond the group level. True then and true today!

Our meeting language states, “We have no dues or fees in AA, but we do pay our own way.” In 1987, the Conference recommended that the preface include, “We will now honor the 7th Tradition...” It’s a gentle reminder to support our support services that each perform their brand of 12th Step work that makes *our* 12th Step work possible.

Our group contributions to the General Service office over time have helped spread AA around the world, publish 71 translations of the Big Book (to date),

provide groups with printed books and pamphlets, produce Public Service Announcements... and this just touches the surface. This is all necessary to carry out our primary purpose. These contributions play a vital role in helping someone, somewhere, who suffers from untreated alcoholism.

Many members do not realize that the membership, through the General Service structure, determines what GSO provides, and that in requesting these services, we then take on the commitment to fund these same requests.

We all enjoy our coffee and cookies at meetings, and they do help the newcomer feel welcome. Wouldn’t it be nice for meetings that can afford the contribution to send a financial “thank you” labeled as such for the support services provided that help us live a life free from the addiction to alcohol that we enjoy today?

Individuals can say “thank you” too, even online with a credit card. Just go to aa.org and click on the little green basket.

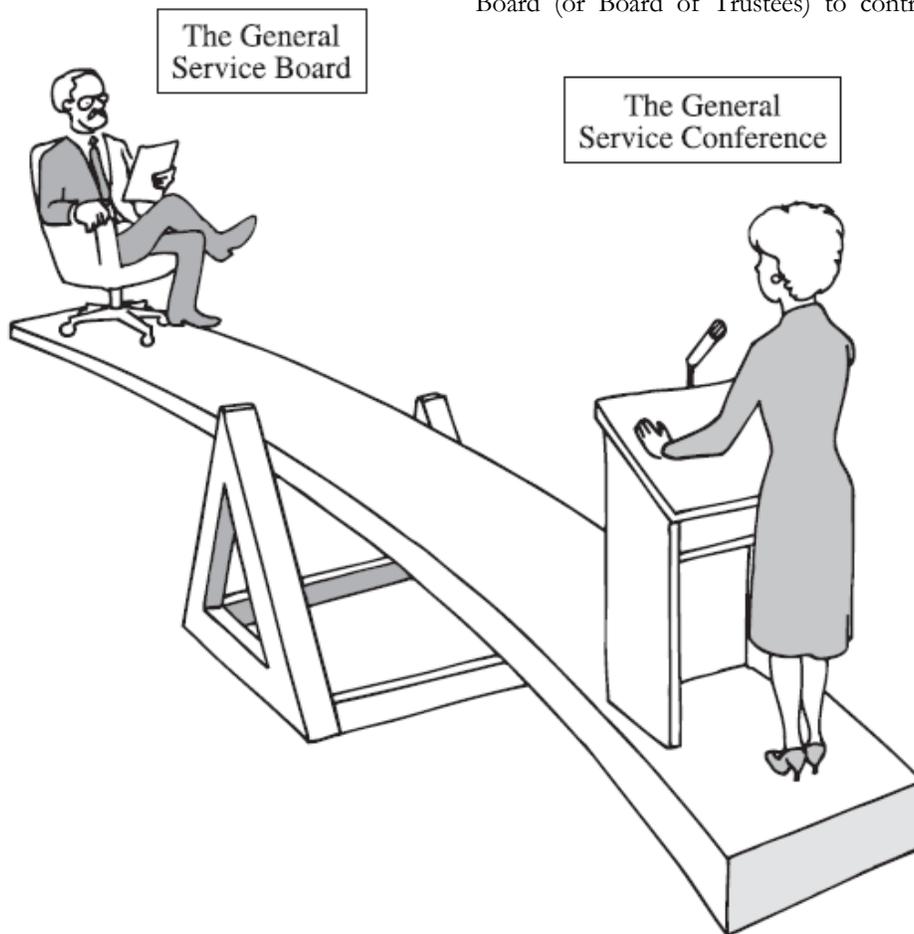
– Rose W. and Laura H..

Concept Seven: The Balance of Power

Originally, AA's businesses in New York were run by a small nonprofit foundation, and AA members had little influence over it. But Bill felt that the AA groups, guided by a Higher Power, should have the final say on how our business affairs are managed. So every year since 1951, we've held a weeklong Conference where the groups send delegates to meet and advise our corporate trustees, directors, and staff. Any measure approved in the Conference by a two-thirds majority is

considered binding upon the Trustees; they are fully expected to carry it out. And that, right there, is where you notice an elephant in the room.

A little background is needed: At the back of the AA Service Manual are two important documents: the four-page "Conference Charter," which describes the General Service Conference, and the eleven-page "Bylaws of the General Service Board, Inc." Those Bylaws are a legal document, filed with the State of New York. They empower the General Service Board (or Board of Trustees) to control



our office, publishing company, and magazines, and even to elect its own successors. Legally, we have no say over any of it. And that seems to be the same problem we had in the first place. What power do the groups have?

That's where Concept Seven comes in. It points out that while the Board has the legal power, the Conference has two powers of its own. One is what Bill called "the force of tradition." He doesn't define the term, but you might infer that he means our common love of AA and the mutual affection and respect among service workers.

The second is "the power of the purse strings." If we really disagree with the Board, and they won't listen, we can just stop sending money. It would take awhile, since the Board has enough reserve to last a year, and much of its income is from book sales, not group contributions. And if the Board member or any Trustee continues to act against the conscience of the Conference? Then, according to the Bylaws (but not mentioned in Concept Seven), the Trustees "are expected, subject only to the laws of the state of New York and to these Bylaws, at the request of the Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, to resign their trusteeships and memberships."

So ultimately, the groups really are in control. But Bill cautioned us not to micromanage our workers, saying that the Conference shouldn't use "all of [its] authority all of the time." "Trusted servants at all AA levels," he wrote, "are expected to exercise leadership, and leadership is not simply a matter of submissive housekeeping." He offered three reasons why Trustees might deliberately ignore a Conference directive: a) a plan turns out to be unworkable, b) they can't afford it, or c) a measure violates the Conference Charter or would do serious harm to AA. In that

last case, "it would then be the duty of the Trustees to ask for a Conference reconsideration. In event of a Conference refusal to reconsider, the Trustees could then use their legal right of veto. And, if desirable, they could appeal the issue directly to the AA groups themselves."

Does this sort of thing really happen? Here's a recent example: In 2009, the Conference, unhappy about recent events, refused to approve the proposed slate of Trustees for the coming year. This had no legal power, but symbolically denied the legitimacy of the Board. It was a withdrawal of approval and support. After a few tense and painful hours of conflict, friend against friend, with many harsh words said at the microphone, several Trustees acknowledged that the message was received, and the slate was finally approved.

So Concept Seven is about balance within the service structure, between the "bosses" (the groups) and the "leaders" (the trusted servants), either of which may sometimes need to stand firm against the other. All it does is state the difference between the Conference Charter and the Board's Bylaws. This feels strangely open-ended, because it does not provide a clear, easy path to conflict resolution. Instead, as in several other Concepts, it describes a creative tension that can sometimes be painful, but is good for AA as a whole and can lead to tremendous growth for our individual workers.

Concept Seven: "The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal instrument; it relies upon tradition and the AA purse for final effectiveness."

—Jim F.

The AA Traveler

One of my triggers for drinking is travel. Two of my three trips to the emergency room for alcohol-related problems were made while traveling with my family. My business trips have included waking up in the hallway on the wrong floor of my hotel, boarding a plane in a blackout, and being driven for an hour in a foreign country by a taxi driver who speaks no English. I was forced to make my first business trip about five months into recovery, and I faced that trip with a healthy dose of fear. With the help of my sponsor and my group at Kaiser's Chemical Dependency Recovery Program (CDRP), I devised a plan. In the two years since, I have been on about two dozen trips, and despite some tweaks, the core of the plan has remained intact. In the spirit of staying sober by giving away my recovery, here it is for my fellow travelers in recovery:

Buy a recovery book before leaving: I always shop at "All About Recovery" behind the Valley Fair mall. My goal is always to complete a recovery book per trip.

Announce in a meeting: I take the opportunity to tell my home group where I am going and when I'm returning. This may give me extra pause come crunch time.

Research meetings and schedule them before leaving: I pick the day(s), time(s), and meeting(s) from online guides before I leave. Most locations have websites with contact info as well, and when going overseas, I like to find a local, English-speaking contact.

Tell the flight attendant: I announce

myself to whomever is taking care of my section. Although no guarantee, this is yet another check and balance. Plus, more than once, I've met a recovery sister or brother working on the plane.

Clear the mini-bar: When checking in, I always ask to have the alcohol removed from the room to eliminate the 3 a.m. temptation.

Set up the room like home: I take a picture of my wife and one thing from each of my three kids to remember them.

Pick up the phone: Call or text anyone and everyone. At the beginning, I scheduled calls with my sponsor, and I still always call my wife before going out to a business dinner.

Take a pic of the AA meeting: I have dozens of pics at churches, in different languages, and rehabs. My favorite story is the guy in Hawaii who asked to be in the picture to "prove that there were Hawaiian alcoholics." (As if we needed proof?)

Schedule a healthy activity at drink time: I used to go to the gym in the morning, but now go in the evening at hotels instead of going to the bar with colleagues.

Come home sober: My very first sober trip was to Germany. The morning that I was leaving, I met my sponsor at the "Sunrisers" 6:30 a.m. meeting on El Camino Real. When I announced (see #2 above), a woman shuffled over to me and gave me her 30-year chip. She said to me, "Bring it back sober." When I asked how I would find her, she replied, "You'll find a way" and then shuffled away. And I did.

– JD D.





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June 2016 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office.....**329**

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....**1**

(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,

MEETING CHANGES

NEW

Strong Desire: Monday, 7 pm, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto.

Sober in the Park: Sunday, 7 pm, San Tomas Park: 4093 Valerie Dr. @ Eva Ct., In Park Rec. bldg., Campbell.

Digging Deeper—Women’s Big Book Study: Monday, 6 pm, Central Christian Church, 2555 Meridian Ave., Rm 12, San Jose.

Flying Monkeys: Friday, 7pm, Spring Valley Bible Church, 196 S. Main St., Milpitas. (Chip Meeting)

Beginners Information: Saturday, 12:15pm, We Care Group: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1989 E. Calaveras Blvd., near Evans Rd., Milpitas.

10:10 Friday: Friday, 10:10 am, Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 E. Meadow Drive, Rm 5, Palo Alto.

CHANGED

Men’s Single Problem Study (The Gorilla) Moved from 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell to Calvery Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd. Los Gatos,. Thursday, 8 p m.

Women in Power: Fair Avenue Fellowship, Changed time from Sunday at 3 p m to Sunday at **1:30 p m.**

As Bill Sees It: Thursday, Noon, Spiritual Progress Group, Now meets at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, 20 University Ave., Los Gatos.

Spiritual Progress Group: Sunday Meetings @ 7:30, 9:15, 11:30 am and 7:30 pm, **Moved** to Neighborhood Center, 208 E. Main St. & Fiesta Way, Los Gatos.

Solutions for Gay Women: Thursday, 7:30pm, **Moved** to First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton @ Leigh, San Jose.

Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Peter C.	22	Peter C.	2/07/1994
Aileen B.	13	Rita R.M.	04/06/2003
Peggy Z.	42	Rita R.M.	05/29/1974
Melissa F.	27	Melissa F.	06/1989
Roger K.	24	Mariette K.	06/10/1992
Mariette K.	24	Roger K.	06/10/1992
Robbie R.	54	Paul C., Robbie R.	06/11/1962
Nina S.	3	Reba R.	06/11/2013
Rita R.M.	36	Rita R.M.	06/12/1980
Sepideh M.	8	Carol B.	06/15/2008
Bernadette P.	43	Bernadette P.	06/18/1973
Gloria V.	9	Aileen B.	06/19/2007
Rebecca C.	24	Rebecca C.	06/22/1992

329 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 Loving Memory

Gina W. who passed in April with 18 years of sobriety.
 John P. who passed with 18 years of sobriety.
 Russ M. who passed with 27 years of sobriety.

INTERGROUP MINUTES

June 1, 2016

- Carol B., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30pm followed by A Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Scott read the definition of Intergroup.
- Liz read the Twelve Traditions.
- A short episode of the play, "Faith and Fellowship," was performed.
- New Intergroup Reps:
 - Liz, 4@4 Group, San Jose
 - John, Gilroy Groups
 - Scott, Came to Believe Group
 - Bathena, Solutions for Gay Women, Campbell
 - Visitors
 - Dana, SCYPAA Liaison
 - Birthdays
 - Liz, 4 years
 - Jessie, 3 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 report at July meeting)
- 37 voting Intergroup Reps in attendance

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Carol B.

- Thank you Bradley for making our coffee tonight and thanks Rick for volunteering to be our clean-up person. Thanks to Larry for setting up our PA system. We need somebody to take our PA system home and bring it back the following month at 7:00pm. Who is willing to take on this service position? (Nobody volunteered to do so.) Last...please limit your report to two to three minutes. And say "Here is the Takeaway" so everyone knows what you want to have reported back to the meetings.

Central Service Board, Darcy

- We are slightly up in group contributions. We definitely need additional money to put into our prudent reserve.
- Our liability insurance coverage is now \$2 million, up from \$1 million at no additional premium charge.
- Our Group Inventory will be discussed next month.

Central Office, Bruce

- The play will be terrific. Please help us promote it. Tickets can be purchased by calling Central Office. Tickets can then be picked up at Will Call.
- I attended the Post-Conference Assembly in Burlingame to hear the delegate's report on the Conference. The major highlight was lack of support for the Plain Language Big Book.
- Please continue to let your groups know that we're about \$26,000 behind in our Prudent Reserve. There's some confusion about this; some see the P&L and think we've got plenty of money. Our operating accounts are fine, but the Prudent Reserve is low.
- Reminder: if your group needs insurance, now's the time. The new policy went into effect today, and if you haven't renewed your coverage, you have none.

12th Step Committee, Bill D.

- Bill is ready to step aside from his position, and we are looking for his replacement. Responsibilities include running the 12th Step Committee Workshop the third Saturday

of the month at Central Office, which is done with Dominic and the Diverter Workshop (each Committee Chair speaks for 30 minutes). The Committee Chair turns the list of new volunteers in to Julie at Central office. There is a two-year sobriety requirement for this position. As there were no volunteers for this position, Intergroup Reps were asked to present this service opportunity to their meetings.

Daytime Office (no report)

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Dominic B.

- There are three open shifts: the second Monday, 7-11pm; the fourth Monday, 7-11pm; and the fourth Monday, 11pm-6am.
- Please encourage members to attend one of the two diverter workshops – on the first Wednesday just prior to the Intergroup meeting and on the third Saturday at 10am at Central Office. If volunteers can't attend either workshop, they can contact Dominic directly.

Outreach Committee, Susan P.

- We are trying to grow the committee so we can connect with all groups to let them know what we do and to learn about those groups.
- We want to start working on meetings in Campbell. If you go to a meeting in Campbell that you are not an Intergroup Rep for, please become an Outreach ambassador and pass some information about that meeting on to us. Then we will go to the meeting and let them know what Intergroup is all about.
- The Outreach committee meets at 6:45pm prior to the Intergroup meeting to plot out strategies. Please join us!

The COIN, Stephanie L.

- Please continue to bring the COIN to meetings.
- The deadline for the July issue is June 22nd. Topics are Step 7, Tradition 7, Concept 7, and the principle of Humility.
- Check out the online version of the COIN – it is in color!

Website, Josh R.

- Made improvements to the mobile view of the site.
- Data on the web app has been updated.
- Traffic on the website is about 600 people/day.
- 100 people/day use the web app. Numbers for both don't change much over time.
- Next month I'll be working on an online donation form prototype; there is no ETA on when this will be ready.
- The request to make the website more accessible for people with visual disabilities is being worked on.

Activities Committee, Linda A. (no report)

Nominating Committee, Joe B.

- Elections will be held in October for Intergroup positions (Chair, Alternate Chair, Secretary, and Alternate Secretary) and three individuals to serve on the Central Service Board. Joe is looking for nominations for all of these positions. If you have anyone to nominate please text Joe.

Old/Ongoing Business

- **Website:** In April, Carol asked Intergroup reps to go back to your meetings and ask if any members want to have a native meeting app in addition to the web meeting app we currently have on the front page of our website. Issues regarding the native app include anonymity. (Josh is listed as the native app author when downloading from the Apple Store or Google.) The question was asked: Did you get any feedback from your members regarding the native app? Meeting feedback was: 1) Two guys with over 10 years of sobriety said it was new-fangled stuff and an outside issue. 2) The general feeling was that members appreciate the effort but don't feel it is necessary enough to have anonymity risks. Group members were asked to take this back to their groups for one more month; it will be discussed again next month.
- **Anonymity:** Last month there was a discussion regarding our tradition of Anonymity. Last names are being used on COIN mailing labels and in flyers promoting our Faith and Fellowship Play. There was also discussion of people taking selfies in meetings. Intergroup reps were asked to take this back to their groups and get feedback for discussion tonight. The question was asked: What kind of feedback did you get from your groups? Meeting feedback was as follows: 1) We announce no pictures at meetings; when people are seen doing so, they are approached, told to stop, and the reasons why. There is a great pamphlet at Central Office discussing anonymity; it would be great to share it with your meetings. 2) The COIN does not say AA on the outside, so we're fine with the last name on the mailing label. 3) Would like a hand out that specifically addresses social media. 4) GSO has several pamphlets and guidelines on the website that discuss anonymity. 5) There is a lot of information on the World Service website. Group members were asked to take this back to their groups for one more month; it will be discussed again next month.

New Business

- Eric proposed that the Secretary Workshop be moved from the General Service structure to Intergroup, which means that the workshop facilitator would be appointed by Intergroup. There is no financial impact, and perhaps this would help bring more people to the Secretary Workshop. IGRs were asked to query their meeting members about this structural change.

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day 2016, Mary D.

- Unity Day will be August 21st at the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. in Milpitas.
- We are working on the day's agenda; more will follow. We have lost one of the meeting rooms, so some sessions may be cut short or eliminated.
- Email: unitydayscc@gmail.com.

NCCAA (no report)

PI/CPC (no report)

Hospitals & Institutions, Joe

- Text Joe if you are interested in volunteering; we need a lot of help in the jails.

Bridging the Gap (no report)

North County General Service, Marianne

LOCAL EVENTS

- August 21 Unity Day, Milpitas Community Center: 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
- September 24 Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- August 26-28 41st Annual Western Roundup , LGBT AA Conference, Marine’s Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco
- August 26-28 San Luis Obispo 49th Annual Convention, Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
- September 8-11 20th National AA Archives Workshop, Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord (www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com)
- September 10 AA 10th Annual Hand in Hand Women’s Day of Unity, First Baptist Church, 267 North Mills Ave., Lodi
- September 30- Lake Tahoe Fall Festival, Harvey’s Convention Center, Hwy. 50,
- October 2 Stateline, NV
- October 7-9 NCCAA 69th Fall Conference, Centre Plaza, 1000 L.

- Conference highlights: No action is taking place at this time on the plain language version of the Big Book; the conference decided to print the Service Manual every two years.
- There will be a massive review of the “12 Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet.
- The Young People’s pamphlet will be revised.

South County General Service, Coree H:

- Coree attended the Post-Conference Assembly.
- We are planning the Summer Assembly with District 3 in Santa Cruz, which will take place in Watsonville. The night prior to the assembly we’ll be hosting a pre-conference dinner in Aptos. Coree will have flyers next month.
- National AA Archives Workshop will be in Concord September 8-11. There will be lots of speakers and workshops. Workshops include “Road to Happy Destiny, “Then and Now and Why it Matters,” and “I am Responsible.”

SCCYPAA, Dana

- You don’t have to be young to attend – all are welcome.

July 2016

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
 June 2016

	Jun 16	Jun 15	Jan - Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	12,223.56	9,458.98	89,808.72
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	1,225.00	625.00	5,137.50
8010 · Literature Sales	4,011.82	3,513.12	26,393.89
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	538.95	750.00	3,218.95
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	4,230.24
8055 · Central Office Events	8,172.50	1,532.00	10,042.50
8060 · Newsletter	0.00	5.00	35.00
Total Income	26,171.83	15,884.10	138,866.80
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,308.62	2,764.97	21,356.44
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	462.48	1,106.20	2,636.46
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,771.10	3,871.17	23,992.90
Total COGS	3,771.10	3,871.17	23,992.90
Gross Profit	22,400.73	12,012.93	114,873.90
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	414.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	1,975.00
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	826.66	977.48	5,518.32
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	175.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	56.78	51.84	418.95
6120 · Computer Expenses	40.00	0.00	159.00
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	0.00	30.00
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
6160 · Copier Expense	47.08	220.82	728.25
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,003.00	1,234.00	2,006.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	84.41	238.70	295.41
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	528.28	483.95	2,992.36
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	489.95	0.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	767.60	359.90	5,218.04
6245 · Internet Access Charges	12.50	12.50	75.00
6320 · Newsletter Expense	316.46	401.00	805.50
6330 · Office Expense	68.15	191.22	1,498.66
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	1,974.09	331.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	683.15	-45.14	4,579.23
6410 · Postage	36.80	8.33	729.92
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,475.25	14,375.25
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	137.29
6540 · Salaries - Office	8,497.00	4,410.18	49,155.75
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.02	216.62	52.77
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	200.00	1,000.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	169.45	161.94	1,016.78
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	170.89
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.92
Total Expense	15,417.94	15,562.63	93,917.67
Net Ordinary Income	6,982.79	-3,549.70	20,956.23
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	4.55	32.17	110.33
Total Other Income	4.55	32.17	110.33
Net Other Income	4.55	32.17	110.33
Net Income	6,987.34	-3,517.53	21,066.56

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2016

	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	172.86
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	24,355.68
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 08/12/16)	17,730.35
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 02/05/16)	16,576.27
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,092.92
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .35%, 04/30/16)	20,122.05
Total Checking/Savings	94,050.13
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,210.34
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,210.34
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	19,873.10
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	6,713.47
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	4,438.78
Total Other Current Assets	31,025.34
Total Current Assets	123,865.13
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,917.85
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-20,258.97
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Am ortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	17,416.68
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	143,275.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	-29.18
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,195.13
2600 · Unity Day	1,212.31
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,378.26
Total Current Liabilities	2,378.26
Total Liabilities	2,378.26
Equity	
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	119,830.84
Net Income	21,066.56
Total Equity	140,897.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	143,275.66

July 2016

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
 June 2016

	Jun 16	Jan - Jun 16		Jun 16	Jan - Jun 16
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	280.00	Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	1,003.10	1,845.25
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	324.79	Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (T)	0.00	210.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group	0.00	1,193.10	Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	184.45	437.64
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 709	675.00	1,690.00	Friday Friends 568 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	1,110.00	G 10 10 Group 70951	280.00	280.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,226.74	6,409.39	G Cornerstone Fellowship Group	100.00	300.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	910.00	910.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	149.07	1,853.75
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (V	0.00	400.65	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	578.00
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 70	0.00	655.00	G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	280.00	280.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70	300.00	5,400.00	G Remember We Deal With Alchoh	0.00	562.37
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70	0.00	2,200.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 7090	0.00	2,500.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	721.00	1,281.00	G Sunrises Group/Dennys 70932	0.00	2,577.58
1010 Tuesday / Thursday	0.00	148.40	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, Th	123.01	1,085.46
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 6	0.00	325.90	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	560.00
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	947.80	1,347.80	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43	0.00	56.00
A Vision For You Women's 802 (T	0.00	160.00	Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc14	0.00	91.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mor	0.00	140.00	Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221	0.00	70.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (\$	0.00	438.20	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.	236.16	236.16
B.F.E.	321.00	321.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sa	0.00	798.66
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151	0.00	404.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	169.23	430.61
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	14.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	149.30	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	476.00
Big Book 103 (Sat.) 455	0.00	35.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tu	0.00	1,366.10
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106	0.00	140.00	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872	0.00	1,365.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (F	0.00	381.17	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	1,449.70
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	140.00	238.00	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	140.00	140.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	384.00	2,085.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	995.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	300.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	1,993.67	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	380.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715	445.94	445.94	Joy of Living Group 92 (Mon.)	0.00	865.00
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 3	0.00	910.00	Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	476.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (T	0.00	422.80	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	476.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	415.10	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group	77.50	365.16
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tu	0.00	476.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 34	0.00	257.33
Conscious Contact Mediation Grp	0.00	276.96	LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (	0.00	224.02
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	239.87	Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	105.00	192.60
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392	0.00	144.63	Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	578.73
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.	0.00	691.71	Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (	0.00	420.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,355.82	Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.	0.00	440.65
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	170.00	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	240.25
End of the Line Men's Group 147	50.83	50.83	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mc	0.00	200.00
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	140.00	210.00	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	40.32
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tu	0.00	107.10	Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.	0.00	100.80
			Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	125.00

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Group Contributions (continued)
 June 2016

	Jun 16	Jan - Jun 16		Jun 16	Jan - Jun 16
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891	80.00	80.00	Unknown	297.00	418.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 65	433.00	795.00	Veterans of Alcohol North 338 (	0.00	100.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	560.00	Villages Group of AA, The 406 (	175.00	419.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 22	0.00	580.96	Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	851.90
Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues)	0.00	81.00	Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	366.09	828.44
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mc	203.19	538.54	Women Sharing the Solution 519	0.00	123.20
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	210.00	Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	280.00
Monday Midday Meeting 714 (M	0.00	103.30	TOTAL	12,223.56	89,808.72
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	163.80			
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.	0.00	281.96			
New Life Recovery Centers 9000	0.00	1,000.00			
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	115.00			
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00			
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	58.00			
Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	0.00	116.00			
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men)	0.00	1,300.00			
Personal 00911	726.75	1,861.25			
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	134.00	450.00			
Primary Purpose Beginners Big B	0.00	57.43			
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	300.00			
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (	0.00	200.00			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777	0.00	3,010.00			
Saturday Night Promises 847 (S	0.00	363.26			
Saturday Night Young People (142	0.00	231.72			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721	0.00	1,172.50			
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (	0.00	221.00			
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (M	0.00	521.01			
Single Problem Study (Men) 212	0.00	562.38			
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582	0.00	690.90			
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (W	0.00	334.00			
Sober and Free Convention 70921	279.50	279.50			
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	0.00	173.25			
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	319.20	319.20			
Society of the Second Chance 305	0.00	370.00			
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	471.80			
South Valley Women's Surrender	0.00	119.00			
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	371.00			
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	1,273.97			
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (We	0.00	391.30			
Strong Desire 68 (Mon.)	0.00	166.88			
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	100.00	220.00			
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (	0.00	476.00			
Ten O'Clock High 890 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00			
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	1,294.00			
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (	0.00	860.00			
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tu	0.00	280.00			

PLEASE NOTE: *Our prudent reserve is currently \$26,000 short of our goal of six months expenses.*



9th Annual Los Gatos AA Groups Picnic

Come out and celebrate the fellowship!

Tickets \$15 ~ Free for kids under 12
Net proceeds benefit Central Office

Where: Oak Meadow Park – Sites 5 & 6
233 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos

When: Saturday, August 20, 2016

Fun starts at 11am

All You Can Eat Delicious BBQ* & Drinks!

*Vegan options too

Fun Raffle Prizes & Games!

Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5

Hosted by Saturday Morning Los Gatos and
Los Gatos Spiritual Progress Group

For information on donating raffle prizes or to purchase tickets call XXXXXXXXXX

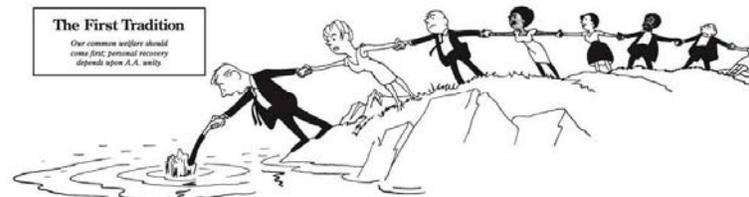
UNITY DAY 2016

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM

MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

457 E. CALAVERAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035



"Our Spiritual Way of Life:

Steps, Traditions and Concepts."

UNITY DAY IS THE TIME WHEN THE AA SERVICE BODY PANELS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY (SCC) SHOW APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH GREAT SPEAKERS, FANTASTIC WORKSHOPS, FREE FOOD (BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER) AND UNLIMITED FELLOWSHIP.

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

WE WILL NEED A LOT OF PEOPLE TO PUT THE EVENT TOGETHER! HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN US. CURRENTLY ALL PLANNING COMMITTEES NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

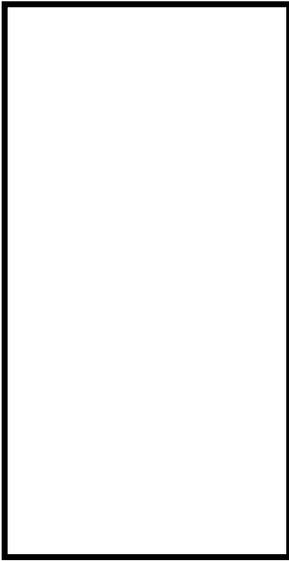
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