



**STEP TEN: CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY,
AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG, PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.**

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Tenth Step Challenge: A Lesson in Perseverance (and More)

The first time I went through the Steps with my sponsor, I had to read Step Ten for 30 days. If I forgot a day, then I had to start over. It wasn't so much a challenge as it was an assignment at that time. Of course I got to day 26 and had to start over. I cursed that woman for that assignment many times over. Interestingly enough, the message I received from starting over and completing it for 30 consecutive days was perseverance.

Since then, I have been given the same assignment for Step Ten several times. However, this time around it wasn't an assignment given by my sponsor. Granted the challenge was presented from her; nevertheless, several friends were finishing the Tenth Step challenge, and when she was given the challenge, she included me and I accepted. What can I say? I'm a glutton for punishment.

I started the challenge a few days before the Labor Day weekend and inevitably forgot on day four while I was out of town on vacation. Started over.

This time, I have been determined to complete the challenge without having to start over again. Having two boys, one of school age, evenings are typically jam-packed. Between activities, dinner, pre-bedtime chaos, and finally bedtime, by the time I have 15 minutes to sit and read, it's the last thing I want to do. There have been a few days during this challenge when I have put off my reading during the day and had to force myself to read before bed, struggling to keep my eyes open. Retention of what I read is minimal on these nights; regardless, I make it happen.

Knowing the evening struggle, I prefer to start my day with the Tenth Step reading. Not only do I retain more, I also enjoy starting my day in reflection. I have found it to be a great way to focus my

thoughts on any portion that stands out to me during the days reading. Thirty consecutive days of reading just about anything can become mundane, and I would be lying if I said every day I get a different message that is profound. The truth is, I have read it so many times over the course of the last fourteen-plus years that I can almost read it with my eyes closed. Just going through the motion is a common occurrence. Still, I am able to see the messages presented, and this Step has plenty of them.

I would be doing anyone a disservice to just list all of the messages given in this Step. It is plentiful for sure, and best for each person to take from the Step the message that resonates the most with him or her. I would likely miss a few anyway, though I can certainly share a few of the messages that have meant the most to me over the years. As mentioned previously, perseverance is a big one. Going through the simple process of repeatedly reading this Step and not lying about it takes perseverance. I can tell anyone I read it for thirty days straight, but I have to live with the truth, so I choose to be honest about it and start over if I need to.

My favorite line in Step Ten is "...It is pointless to become angry or to get hurt by people who, like us, are suffering from the pains of growing up." Let's face it, I can be quick to get frustrated and/or judge people. This simple line reminds me that we are all fallible humans and I am no better than anyone else, regardless of the error they have made. This reminds me to find empathy. To be mindful that everyone – EVERYONE – has their struggles in life, and we don't always get through those struggles gracefully. It also reminds me of a quote I saw on the Internet somewhere (credible source, I

know): “Don’t judge my story by the chapter you walked in on.” I think this is self-explanatory.

The second part that stands out in a significant way is “...The person concerned not being present, we thought we were helping others to understand him when our true motive was to feel superior by pulling him down.” Guilty as charged! Man, I can gossip like a high school girl, and that is NOT the woman I want to be today. What a wonderful and direct reminder that, regardless of my opinion of a person or situation, there is NO good reason for me to discuss it with anyone. I can share anything with my sponsor, of course. But just talking about someone to talk about them accomplishes nothing and speaks much more profoundly of me and

my character than it does about whomever I am speaking of.

I am so grateful for this challenge. One more time, I am given an opportunity to review my behaviors and motives and decide whether I am content with where I am or how I plan to grow and evolve. Liabilities AND assets, of course. I see how far I have come over the years. I see how much more quickly I am able to remind myself of these tools and principles and keep from causing tremendous wreckage. Self-examination is a beautiful thing, and I am truly blessed with the willingness to keep my eyes wide open.

Step Ten has proven to be a great motivator to better mold myself into the woman AA has taught me I can be today.

– Kelly E.

Transformation through the Tenth Step

I’m Fran and I’m an alcoholic. When I was young in sobriety, I did not grasp the idea of a daily Tenth Step, let alone the idea of staying sober for 24 hours. I was a wreck. I believed that it was everyone else’s fault that my life had gone down the tubes. But as I began to work my Steps with my sponsor, I started to understand just a little.

Then when I got to my Tenth Step, my sponsor had me write down what I might have done during the day that might have harmed others, and what I could have done instead. Additionally, she had me read the Tenth Step for 30 days.

I really thought the woman was crazy. “30 days?” I thought, “Wow she’s got it in for me.” But by the time I was halfway through, something inside me began to change. I started to see what my part was. I started to see my character defects, my

need for change, my need for God in my life on a daily basis. I realized that I needed to be honest in all my affairs, to be kind, to be loving, to be patient and tolerant. As I grew in my sobriety, I began sponsoring women and teaching this concept to my sponsees, who balked like I had. I found myself with that silly smile like my sponsor had when I would hear them cry, “30 days, are you crazy?”

Today, three decades later, I believe the Tenth Step is our compass for living. I pray every day and ask God for directions, and at night, I review my day. I am truly grateful for the gifts Alcoholics Anonymous has given me and my family – peace of mind, grace, dignity, and self-respect, something I never had before!

I have never dedicated my life to anything more consistently than I have with AA.

– Fran E.

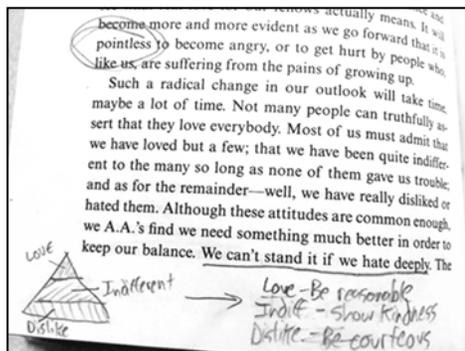
The Tenth Step: “A Radical Change in Our Outlook”

Early in my sobriety, I heard a well-meaning old timer say that the Tenth Step was merely “a daily Ninth Step.” I recognized then, as I do now, that his motives were above reproach, but his words, an over simplification of this very important Step.

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

On the surface, it appears that this man with 28 years might have been correct. However, as is often the case in the program of AA, it is often useful to consult the 12x12 for clarification when the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous is insufficient with respect to depth and clarity surrounding the details of the Twelve Steps.

When I was taking the Steps for the first time with my sponsor, I filled my AA literature with notes, underlines, and highlights. As I went through the Tenth Step for the first time, I was so moved by this section that I felt the need to emphasize this portion with a simple graphic.



First, note that this paragraph begins by telling us that Step Ten demands “a radical change in our outlook.” (I tend to ignore statements like “maybe a lot of time” – one

of my character defects at play). If you are similar to me, large strategic concepts are often helped with a graphical depiction. I took the words from the text and drew a pyramid. With it, I captured the fact that I had very few people that I “love,” then the number grows upon progression to “indifferent,” and far too many people fall in the category of “dislike” for me. It goes without saying that my opinions were reciprocated for that last category of people. There is a high probability that their dislike for me either met or exceeded my dislike for them.

Referring back to my graphic, I captured the necessary “radical change” with a simple arrow from left to right. Clearly, I needed to change how I approached those three categories of people in my life. First of all, recovery dictated that I be less of a burden upon those whom I love. Furthermore, I would subsequently work toward showing kindness to those whom I previously showed indifference. Finally, I ought to show courtesy to the people who fall in the final category of dislike. By categorizing people in those simple categories and exercising this radical change, I would be well on my way to completing my Tenth Step.

I implore you to try it out. As you run across individuals to whom you typically treat in a negative fashion, attempt to show them common courtesy. To those whom you would typically look past without a care, be friendly and kind. Finally, for those close to you, work on being reasonable and minimizing your demands. For the vast majority of us, exercising those three principles in our lives would truly be “a radical change in our outlook.”

– JD D.

The Blessing of Living Life in the Tenth Step

Upon taking the first nine Steps, I heard the usual recommendation of “Do a Tenth step every evening for 30 days straight.” Well, my truth is, I have never accomplished this task, and I am grateful to say that I have stayed sober in spite of it.

The Tenth Step has been less a task and more a pleasure to exercise in my daily life. The suggested spot check keeps me grounded in an honest appraisal of who I am, no longer listening to that awful committee and having left behind the kangaroo court that is my alcoholic mind. I see my life for its honest worth, and my assets far outweigh my liabilities.

Yes, I do suffer the occasional hangover from living in my emotions rather than in the daily reality, which is where I belong. My inventories are primarily written in black nowadays, with the here and there of red ink – which I gladly share with my sponsor, whose shared experience allows me to properly clean up the smudges of a life in progress without the overt prosecution and damning punishment.

I heard a man with some time share that the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Steps have to do with relationships: Ten,

being with ourselves; Eleven, being with God or a Higher Power, whichever you would like; and finally, Twelve is being with our fellow man.

I truly never understood what a healthy relationship looked like, even though I’d been married for thirteen years. The Tenth Step asked me to be kind, loving, and honest toward myself. Exercising true patience, love, and tolerance with my own shortcomings was so foreign and scary until it became a positive. I did this Step early on because I was afraid not to.

I have been blessed with many reminders and examples during my journey in recovery that relapse begins long before the drink and is probably in what I think. If I do not share the solution with another, I will surely begin to live in the problem. So tomorrow’s not here and yesterday is history. The gift of the Tenth Step has been, for this alcoholic, the freedom to live each day on its own merit, and I am grateful to report that this present day is one more celebrated without thought or desire to take a drink. Thank you, my fellow AA brothers and sisters.

– Alvin R.

A Prayer for the Tenth Step

God, how can I best serve Thee?

Thy will (not mine) be done.

Perseverance: The Principle behind Step Ten

Throughout my journey in the rooms of AA, I have been blessed with many opportunities to exercise perseverance not only in my recovery journey, but in all areas of my life.

In all honesty, it took me several years to even come close to comprehending what “practice these principles in all our affairs” meant, let alone looked like. I remember reading the principles on the wall, in my book, or with another member, trying to pretend I understood, and feeling like a complete idiot because I knew I was clueless! What I have come to understand is that the principles are not something we read, learn, and apply, but rather something we witness, receive, and reciprocate.

Over and over, I have watched one alcoholic after another put down the drink to embrace their newfound freedom, only to have life show up and deal them some of its most challenging courses. Despite these situations, which were far more than any of us drank over, these men and women continued their journeys one day and one step at a time. Many of them even experienced moments of joy amidst the storms, and many of them continued to set the example that I would find myself so desperately needing in my eighth year.

When I lost my first husband/childhood friend, I was sure I would never feel joy again. I had no idea how I would face that journey or what to do. I was alone with two children in my custody, and a third one looking to me from afar,

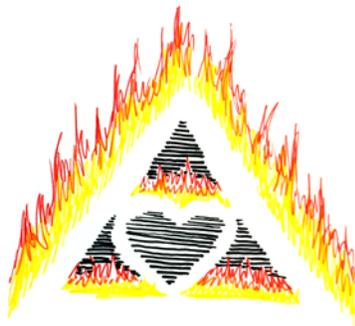
and I was baffled. In that moment of discovery of my situation, the only thing I could think to do was pick up the phone and call one of my women from “Chicks in the Book.” That was all it took. The rest seemed to just take care of itself as I continued just to suit up and show up.

Through tears, pain, and seemingly hopeless despair, I got up each day and did what I was taught to do. Through the process of attending meetings, sponsoring women, doing the meetings before and after the meetings, and being of service, I was able to persevere through what continues to be the most devastating experience of my life to date. Because I knew how to do that, I was able to show up for my children and walk them through the process of healing and moving forward in our lives together as a family.

Without a thought or knowledge of my actions, I had managed to practice the principles as they had been modeled for me. Life’s most challenging event provided one of my most valuable experiences, as I knew that with the help of my Higher Power (which I choose to call God), the people in these rooms that my God works through (angels with skin on), and a solid foundation built upon the principles of this program, even I can experience the freedom of perseverance in all my affairs. I’ll take that over a drink any day.

Please, if you ever feel like giving up, don’t. I promise it gets better... if you let it.

– Yvonne C.H.W.



The Tenth Step: “Love and Tolerance Is Our Code”

I have learned so much from Step Ten... and that knowledge has saved my you-know-what many, many times over the years.

When I first came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was known for my vocabulary my extraordinary skill at putting words together – both good and bad words – by my friends. It came easy to me to tell someone off without them realizing, till later, exactly what my point had been. And of course when King Alcohol was at the helm, it was even more “in-depth,” verbal assault. By God’s Grace, in the Ninth Step, I received my friends’ forgiveness for most of it

So, as my sponsor and I studied the Tenth Step in the 12x12, I gained a lot of knowledge on how to proceed on my character defect of the inability to restrain my tongue. I understood and learned well to control my tongue. I learned to promptly admit when I was wrong.

After gaining Tenth Step knowledge, because of how a couple of situations turned out, I also learned something that became an important tool for me: I say “I’m sorry for my part” – inasmuch as, there are two sides and two sets of actions for everything I need to make amends for. I learned to have willingness not only to admit my part, but to have willingness to forgive when the fault lies elsewhere.

...And this is one of my very best life lessons: self restraint in all ways, shapes, and forms. It came to me after having gotten a handle on not lashing out in verbal tirades while in an emotional spin. Instead, at one point, I wrote my one and only critical, power-driven letter to someone in the business-world, where I worked. In return, that person – who also happened to be in AA – brought it to a

couple of AA meetings to share before and after the meetings with some people who knew me.

Was I hurt and embarrassed? Yes! His “payback” taught me the hard way how horrible I had made that person feel, and it gave me the opportunity to make amends for my part – my lack of restraint of pen.

Ever since then, I have learned, when tempted, to step back and think. I cannot act rationally unless the lesson of “restraint of pen and tongue” (both!) stays firmly in place in my mind.

“Love and tolerance is our code,” so at this stage of the game, I choose to be kind to those I don’t understand and go out of my way to help and understand them. Time after time, God has stepped in and helped me be nice to those I had no intention of that ever happening with – doing for me what I had not intended to ever happen... and it feels sooo good!

Learning to do a daily “spot check” inventory to identify, admit, and correct my flaws – fostering an honest regret for harms done, real gratitude for blessings received, and a willingness to be better tomorrow – these are some of my Tenth Step lessons from the 12x12. I also ask God to guide my reactions every single day.

I’ve learned that there is no such thing as justifiable anger for me, due to the fact that I am an alcoholic.

In the 12x12 on Step Ten, it says, “It is a spiritual axiom that every time I am disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with me.”

Growing pains. For me, this is a lifetime proposition...

“Thy will be done, not mine.”

– Danette G.

Tradition Ten: Abstinence (from Outside Issues, that is)

Arguably, nothing is more sacred in the rooms of AA than the fanatical aversion toward any active participation in “outside issues.” To quote Tradition Ten, “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

Clearly students of history, Dr. Bob and Bill W. did some research surrounding a predecessor of AA by the name of the Washingtonian Society. Our two founders devoted two paragraphs in the 12x12 to specifically pointing out the positives as well as the fatal flaw in this early movement dedicated to helping alcoholics (or “drunkards,” as they were called in the mid-1800s).

History clearly shows that this movement had an incredibly strong following, with membership peaking as high as 600,000 in 1845 (according to a book by the name of *Lincoln and Prohibition*, published in 1921). This was just five years after being founded by six gentlemen in a bar in Baltimore on April 2, 1840. To put that in perspective, with today’s population, that would mean that there would be 11.6 million people in the United States in our program. How, then, did such an incredibly large movement collapse? The answer to that question is the basis for Tradition Ten.

Notice the flier for this highly publicized speech that was given at a church in Springfield, Illinois in February of 1842. This was prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, but during his tenure as a member of the State Assembly for Illinois. Abraham Lincoln

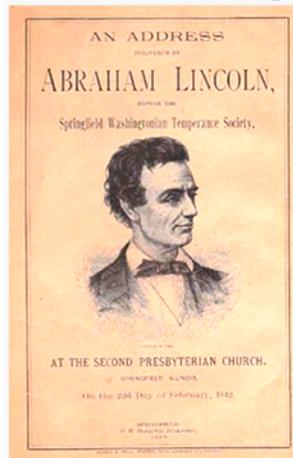
was already a celebrity of sorts as a prominent lawyer, politician, and advocate of various public policy issues.

To those of you who think that the writings of Bill W. are antiquated and difficult to read, I challenge you to read Lincoln’s speech given that day. Suffice to say, the Washingtonian Society was deeply embroiled in “outside issues.” In his speech at the Society meeting, Honest Abe compared temperance to “the cause of political freedom,” and intertwined the abolition of slavery and the saving of drunkards. Specifically, he referred to a time “when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on earth.”

Though it is impossible to fault the desire to rid the earth of both slavery and alcoholism, the entire speech reeks of a very dangerous precedent. When Lincoln spoke of a desire to reach “the political and moral freedom of the species,” he sounded eerily like some of the politicians of today. Can anyone imagine Donald Trump speaking at an AA meeting in 1983 as he was finishing Trump Tower in New York City, or Bernie Sanders speaking while Mayor of Burlington, Vermont, in that same year? I rest my case.

We alcoholics have opinions, just like anyone else. But we keep those opinions where they belong – outside of the rooms of AA. Lest our incredible program suffer a fate similar to those of the Washingtonians in 1845, we must all ensure that we continue to do so.

– JD D.



H&I: Seeing Service from the Other Side of the Fence

Recently asked to share on the topic of “service” at a meeting, I stood at the front and was reminded of the service others have shown. Being new to the fellowship of AA, it wasn’t too long ago that I was in county jail, using a meeting as an excuse to get out of my cell. I was the guy in the back, writing letters during the meeting, until something I heard caught my ear. The speaker asked, “Who is tired of coming to jail?” Of course, I raised my hand, and he said, “Welcome to the solution.”

From then on, I developed an affinity for those gentlemen, who because of their

service and dedication, came faithfully to my unit every week. Today, I am in a program, working the Steps with the same man, who now sponsors me. I’m grateful for the service commitment of H&I, which saved me when I was hopeless. I’m grateful to the fellowship of AA, which provides service by sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

Today, because of the service of others, I am no longer facing twelve years of consequences, but instead a lifetime of recovery.

–Joshua W.

EARLYBIRD GROUP OF AA PRESENTS...

STAYIN' ALIVE #9

"I AIN'T AFRAID OF NO GHOSTS"

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CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPEAKER MEETING 6 -7 P.M
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FROM 6 P.M. - 11 P.M.

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Concept Ten: Trusted Servants

The General Service Structure was created to connect the AA groups to our World Services organization in New York. The Twelve Concepts of World Service describe the principles of that structure, including the Traditional Rights (Decision, Participation, and Appeal), the balance of power between the Conference, Trustees, and Directors, and the importance of good leadership at all levels. Building on this, Concept Ten talks about effective delegation.

As we saw in the first two Concepts, the groups (hopefully guided by a Higher Power) are at the top of the upside-down triangle. They have the ultimate responsibility and authority for AA's world services, but it's not practical for 65,000 groups to manage our day-to-day business. So they delegate to the GSRs, who in turn delegate to the area

delegates, and so on. It's like this: Groups > GSRs > Delegates > Trustees > Corporate Directors > Executives > Workers.

The structure is more than just a communication channel. At each step along the way, we also have positions and committees that perform services at that level. This may include officers (chair, secretary, treasurer, etc.), traditional committees (PI, CPC, accessibilities, etc.), special committees (e.g., for workshops, archives, websites, finances, or events), and individual workers.

In each of these cases, when we give someone a job, we are delegating responsibility and authority. Ralph is bringing donuts (responsibility), and has an approved budget (authority). The Workshop Committee will host a Traditions workshop (responsibility), has a budget, and can choose the location

and agenda (authority). The area delegate is expected to know what the area thinks (responsibility), but is allowed to vote his or her own conscience (authority). Concept Ten states the obvious – that when we give someone a job, we should always give them the authority to do it. Anything less would lead to micromanagement – constantly interfering or changing the rules, or requiring people to constantly ask for permission. Do that, and you will not only have arguments and inefficiency, you will run out of good workers. We should always



be clear where the *ultimate* authority lies – who the final “boss” is. But we should also give workers plenty of *delegated* authority – that is, clear job descriptions and enough room to do their work. And we should almost never step in and use that ultimate authority unless it’s an emergency.

“When delegated authority is operating well,” Bill wrote, “it should not be constantly interfered with. Otherwise, those charged with operating responsibility will be demoralized because their authority to do their work will be subject to arbitrary invasion, and because their actual responsibility will be made greater than their real authority.”

Bill wanted this Concept to be more than just a good intention. He wanted “structurally to restrain the natural human tendency of those in ultimate authority to usurp and take over the needed operational or delegated authority.... In our structure, we have tried to create at each level accurate definitions of authority and responsibility.” Bill saw micro-management as a sort of tyranny that needed checks and balances, and he wrote that protections against it are woven into the Conference Charter, the corporate Bylaws, and the Concepts.

Along with clearly delegating authority with responsibility, we should also watch out for cases where authorities might conflict or overlap. Bill wrote that good communication can solve many such problems. For instance, if two committees have overlapping interests, then each committee might invite a representative of the other committee to attend their meetings in order to stay mutually informed. And in such cases, he recommended that leadership always be clear which party has the “senior” or

“Here we see the ‘group conscience’ as the ultimate authority and the ‘trusted servant’ as the delegated authority....

We well know that only by means of careful definitions and mutual respect can we constantly maintain a right and harmonious working balance.”

– Bill W.

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“primary” jurisdiction in the matter, so that people can plan accordingly and resolve issues without constantly appealing to a higher authority. This leads to a point that Bill also stressed in Concept Eleven: “It should always be clear where the point of final decision is located. A condition to be avoided at all costs is double-headed business or policy management. Authority can never be divided into equal halves.” So we should be clear who is responsible, and what they are responsible for, and give them the authority they need to do the job.

That covers the principle and some practical applications of Concept Ten, which reads, “Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined, whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description, or by appropriate charters and bylaws.”

– Jim F.

ARCHIVES Palo Alto Group Celebrates 75 Years

At an Oakland meeting in early 1941, the small San Jose Group met Orvill (Vern) F., an engineer and contractor in Palo Alto, and supported his early efforts to get a group going in that same city.

In or about July 1941, Vern wrote to the New York headquarters for a Big Book and was referred to the San Francisco group. In August 1941, he attended his first meeting in San Francisco, at which he met Allen C. from San Jose; thereafter Vern attended meetings in San Jose, and on September 16, 1941, the men opened the first AA group in Palo Alto, meeting in the Community Center on Middlefield Road on Tuesday nights.

These men also attended meetings in San Jose and Oakland, and the members of those other groups attended the Palo Alto meetings. On Labor Day in 1941, AA members held their first get-together, a picnic at the palatial home of "Chic" H. in Menlo Park, near the Herbert Hoover home on the Stanford University campus. It was attended by 77 AA members from San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, and other Bay Area communities, along with 22 wives and children (photograph on file in Santa Clara County Archives).

Just after Labor Day in 1941, Herman C. joined the infant outfit and became a fine member. By the beginning of November 1941, there were 10 sober AA members in regular attendance, and they were working on about a dozen more. In a letter to the Alcoholic Foundation secretary on October 30, Vern – who was nicknamed "Pop" by the members – wrote, "We have about 20 very serious members and several others in various stages of acceptance of our program. Our experience has indicated that it is very

essential to accept the spiritual side – in fact, no one here has made it otherwise."

It is unclear why, but by December, no one was attending the meetings. On December 24, 1941, "Pop." rented a room for meetings at the Palo Alto Community Center for \$2 a night, obtained PO Box 12 for the group address, and placed the following ad in the Personals section of the Palo Alto Times:

TO ANY PERSON having difficulty controlling their drinking - make good on your New Year's Resolution by joining Alcoholics Anonymous. P.O. Box 12, Palo Alto.

He did not get a response until January 1942. By October 1942, the group was back up to 20 "serious members." Group Two was on its way.

The first months of 1942 were difficult for local groups, due to World War II. Wendell "Dave" D. wrote the Palo Alto Group at P.O. Box 12, and "Pop" took him to his first meeting at the Community Center on Friday, January 9 of that year. This was the third meeting at the Center since Pop had rented it on December 24. At the first meeting, Pop was alone. At the second, on January 2, he had two non-alcoholic employees there to greet newcomers, but none showed up. Pop had asked his wife to have the meetings in their home because he was wasting the \$2 per week in rent money because no one showed up. She said "no," that she would pay the rent money. As with anything new and worthwhile, perseverance is most often the only thing that works, and persevere they did. The Palo Alto Group stuck out

the \$2 each week rent at the Community Center and managed to build up their group.

Eventually, a rift grew between the San Jose and Palo Alto groups, each one going its own separate way, but at least each one was going. The Palo Alto Group associated more with the Oakland and San Francisco groups, and San Jose became more independent.

Wendell W. (Dave) D. had joined the Palo Alto Group in 1942. A sales manager for a San Francisco firm, Dave was one of the first AA members to speak before non-AA groups, and became noted for his talks about AA at the Lions Club, Rotary, and the Masonic Lodge in Oakland.

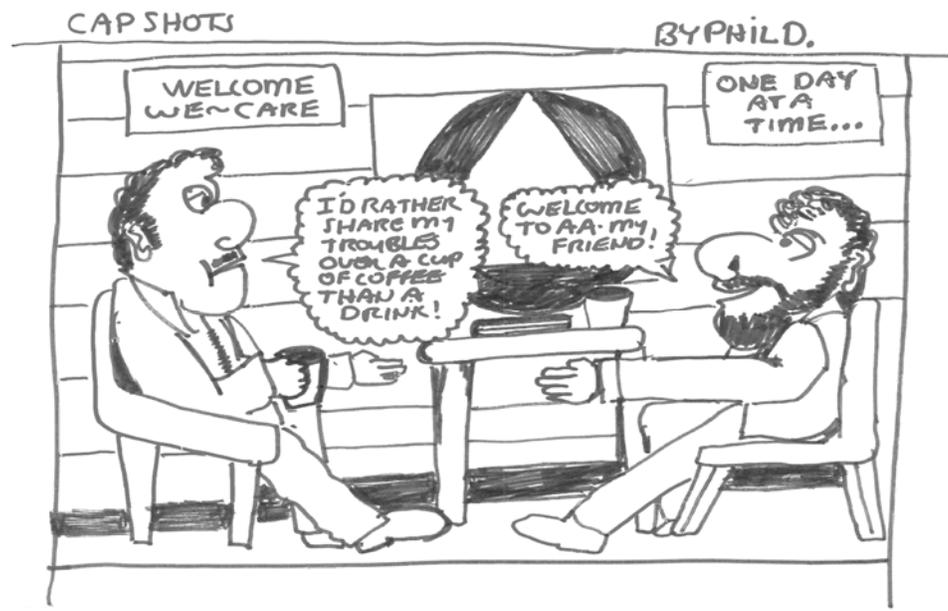
Other early members of the Palo Alto group were Otis S., head chemist for a cement company; Walter H., an engineer for an airplane factory; A. McB., an engineer for Henry Kaiser; Emil H., City Auditor in Palo Alto; M.W.P., a commission broker in San Francisco;

Charles W., a service station owner; Jack and Thelma J.; Dick H., a plumber and his wife, Lillian; and Jack H., a PG&E foreman. Orvill's brother, Gene, in Merced, followed his example and stopped drinking on his own in 1942.

Proof positive that what Bill W. experienced in 1934 and carried to Dr. Bob in 1935 was indeed the key to sobriety. Emil H. obtained his job as City Auditor in Palo Alto on the strength of his being member of AA. Charles W. saved his family and two service stations (which became a local chain). Jack J. and his wife Thelma, both alcoholics, were about to split, but AA saved the day. Notably, the Palo Alto group was acknowledged by San Quentin State Prison for its involvement in starting AA.

Today in Palo Alto, without interruption, the Friday night group of Palo Alto still meets at the Community Center, and there's a party every year to celebrate its beginnings.

– Rose W.



October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SECRETARY WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
2 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	3	4 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	5 OUTREACH MEETING: 6:45pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	6	7	8
	10	11	12 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	13	14	15 DIVERTEK/12 TH STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
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16	24 / 31	25 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	26	27	28	29 Oldtimers Meeting 1:30 to 3:00 pm
23 / 30						

November 2016

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27	28	29	30			



September 2016 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office....322

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

**Please be responsible:
If there are any changes to
your meeting, location,
format, or your meeting is
discontinued, please
contact Central Office
ASAP and update your
information. Don't send a
newcomer to an empty
room!
Thank You**

NEW

True Ambition: Sunday, 9 am, Masonic
Center: 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose (Blue Dining Room)

CHANGED

Veterans of Alcohol: Tuesday, 6pm, New
Creation has moved to St. Stephens in the Field, 7269 Santa
Teresa Blvd., San Jose at 5:30pm.

NO LONGER MEETING

No closed Meetings this Month

Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Vicky G-C	27	Anonymous	08/25/1989
Steve T.	24	Steve T.	09/09/1992
Sheila T-C	33	Sheila T.	09/09/1983
Carol B.	12	Carol B.	09/15/2004
Marianne G.	30	Carol B.	09/21/1986



126 Years of Sobriety!

If you would like to participate or to 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

Bernadette R. who passed on September 2nd.

Jack A. who passed on September 11th, Services on October 8th.

Angela G. who passed on September 15th.

INTERGROUP MINUTES

September 7, 2016

- Carol B., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Scott read the definition of Intergroup. Joan read the Twelve Traditions.
- New Intergroup Reps: Jeanmarie, Women Sharing the Solution, and Scott, Entire Abstinence Group
- Visitors: Stu, Bill
- Birthdays: Jaye, 2 years, and Susan, 6 years
- 7th Tradition
- Corrections or Additions to the Agenda (none)
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Minutes: Mike D. requested that Dominic be listed as the Diverter Coordinator; Mike gave the report that night. The minutes were approved as amended.
- Treasurer's Report, Joe B. (next report October)
- 42 voting members present

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Carol B.

- Thank you Mike and Larry P. for making our coffee tonight; Rick, our clean-up person, is absent tonight. Thanks to Larry M. for setting up and taking down our PA system and to Larry P. for bringing our PA system from storage to Intergroup and then returning it. Unity Day was terrific.... I'm sure we'll hear more specifics in Greg's Unity Day report. Please remember to queue up three people deep when we start the reports. Use your note-taking guide. 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, Laura

- We completed Bruce's review and are lucky to have him in our county. He knows a lot of AA Santa Clara County history and is diplomatic.
- Yearly contributions as of August 23 are up about \$27,000, a 22% increase from the same date last year.
- Our prudent reserve is at four and a half months of expenses; our goal is to have six months of expenses in our prudent reserve.

Central Office, Bruce

- I went to Oakland last month for the twice-annual gathering of the Northern California Central Office Managers. It was productive and provides a constant reminder of just how terrific our Santa Clara County Intergroup is.
- The 31st Annual Intergroup/Central Office/GSO/Grapevine Seminar in Kansas City, MO will take place in November. This will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up on all that is going on with other Central Offices and learn from them. It will also provide a chance to get together with our GSO trusted servants to find out what is happening in New York and for us to let GSO know what we expect from them.
- Think about our newsletter, the COIN, from several vantage points: content, delivery, format, etc. I would like Intergroup to talk about this over the next several months. Is our target audience paying attention to it? I'm not getting a lot of feedback. The AA Grapevine is suffering similarly – readership and subscriptions are dropping. When the Grapevine first started, it was a must-have publication, because it was where topics of extreme importance to the fellowship were presented and discussed. Now it is regarded as a meeting in print; since we have almost 600 meetings a week in our county, it is not as vital as it once was. Our COIN might be

suffering along similar lines. It would be great to talk about how we are going to address next-generation AAs, who have phones in their hands and get all their information online.

12th Step Committee, Alex S. (no report)

Daytime Office (no report, all shifts are full)

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Dominic B.

- Encourage potential volunteers to attend the Diverter Workshop where they can learn about open shifts.
- There are four open shifts: the fourth Monday, 7 to 11 p.m.; the third Tuesday, 10:30 pm to 6 am; the fifth Tuesday, 7 to 10 pm; and the fifth Thursday, 4:30 to 7 pm.

Outreach Committee, Susan P.

- Flyers about Outreach were distributed. All IGRs are Outreach ambassadors; please take this information about Outreach back to your meetings. We would like to get out to a lot more meetings; outreach can encourage meetings to have Intergroup Reps, bringing more voices to Intergroup.

The COIN (no report)

Website, Josh R.

- I am impressed with the Monterey website and like how the website has pictures of meeting locations. It might help people find meetings and avoid confusion. Please ask your meetings to take a picture of the outside of the meeting location (no people in the picture) to help visually ID the location. Please email the picture and the meeting site to web@asaanjose.org. I can develop a Google plug-in.

Activities Committee, Ken

- Take Your Sponsor to Brunch is September 24, 11:30 am to 3 pm at Lincoln Glen Church in San Jose.

Nominating Committee, Joe B.

- Our Committee members are Joe B. (chair), Debra M., Gary M., and Gloria V.
- Nominating committee candidates gave their qualification presentations.
- The Intergroup Chair and Alternate Chair nominees are Robert W. and Frances R.
- The Intergroup Recording Secretary nominee is Val C.; an Alternate Secretary nominee will be presented in October. The Nominating Committee has placed five names in nomination for three Central Service Board positions: Carol B., Stu C., Bill H., Bill M., and Larry M.

Old/Ongoing Business

- Website: Josh made the following motion: "In order to provide a better meeting-finding experience for our users, we propose putting a link to the Meeting Guide app on the homepage of our website." The motion was approved.

New Business (none)

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day 2016, Greg C.

- Our Unity Day wrap-up meeting will be Monday, September 12. We think that more than 500 people attended Unity Day.

October 2016

NCCAA (no report)

PI/CPC (no report)

Hospitals & Institutions, Tommy O.

- Many service positions are available; please take the list to your meetings and see if anyone is interested.

Bridging the Gap, Jane and George

- The Annual Bridging the Gap Forum will be held at Historic Hoover Theater Saturday, October 15, 8:30 am to 4 pm; all are invited. The Forum will include presentations by past trustees, Judge Flores, H&I volunteers, and treatment professionals.

North County General Service, Marianne

- At our last district meeting we approved a motion to move the Secretary's Workshop, which had been run collaboratively with District 40, to the purview of Intergroup. Intergroup already had approved this motion, and it will take effect at the end of the panel.

South County General Service, Coree H.

- There is a motion in our district to provide all registered groups with an AA.org email address.
- The Final General Service Conference Report is available; ask your GSR if you want to see the report. It provides a wealth of useful information.

SCCYPAA, Dana

- There will be an event on Saturday, September 24 at Alano West starting at 5 pm. We are going to play BASEketball based on the movie with the same name. There will be a speaker meeting at 7 pm; at 8 pm, we will watch the movie BASEketball on the side of the building of Alano West. There is a suggested \$5 donation.
- SCCYPAA business meetings are held the second Saturday of each month.

Sober and Free, Linda (no report)

Open Forum

- The Palo Alto Group will have its 75th Anniversary Celebration Friday, September 16, at Lucy Stern.
The 7th Tradition collection this evening was \$122.
The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:43 p.m.

Calling All Service Committee Reps!

The COIN would like to start featuring some more news about AA in Santa Clara County. If you are involved in any capacity, consider contributing a story about your group or event to help keep our membership informed. It's free publicity and a great way to recruit! Please contact coin@aasanjose.org.

LOCAL EVENTS

- October 15 CNCA's 11th Annual Bridging the Gap Forum, Historic Hoover Theater, 1635 Park Ave., San Jose, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- October 22 Saturday Nite Live Group Halloween Dance, 2634 Union Ave., San Jose, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.
- October 29 Old Timers' Meeting, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose, 1:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- October 29 Earlybird Group of AA presents "I Ain't Afraid of No Ghosts," Calvary United Methodist: 729 Morse St., San Jose 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- November 12 AA Trinity Group 70th Anniversary Celebration, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Social Hall – upstairs), 81 N. 2nd Street at W. St. John St., San Jose, 8 p.m.
- December 3 5th Annual Holiday Tamale Party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Intergroup Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- October 7-9 NCCAA 69th Fall Conference, Centre Plaza, 1000 L. St., Modesto
- November 3-6 Seniors in Sobriety Conference, Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Dr., San Diego

AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

- October 27-30 Love & Tolerance, 55th Annual Hawaii Conference, Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815 (info: www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com)
- November 24-27 Las Vegas Roundup 50th Annual Celebration, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV www.lasvegasroundup.org

To include your upcoming event in the next issue of the COIN, send your event information to us at coin@asaanjose.org by Wednesday, October 19!

The COIN is always looking for new writers, artists, cartoonists, photographers... Any and all mediums to communicate the message of recovery are welcome! Please email submissions to coin@asaanjose.org. The deadline for the November issue is Wednesday, October 19th.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss
September 2016

	Sep 16	Sep 15	Jan - Sep 16
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	14,632.49	12,086.41	140,937.46
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	37.50	37.50	5,725.00
8010 · Literature Sales	3,976.99	4,183.33	39,777.64
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	285.50	497.50	4,611.45
8050 · Activities Committee	690.00	50.00	5,040.24
8055 · Central Office Events	0.00	0.00	10,762.50
8060 · Newsletter	0.00	0.00	35.00
Total Income	19,622.48	16,854.74	206,889.29
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,126.83	3,588.10	32,112.42
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	540.04	0.00	3,503.58
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,666.87	3,588.10	35,616.00
Total COGS	3,666.87	3,588.10	35,616.00
Gross Profit	15,955.61	13,266.64	171,273.29
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	621.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	1,027.96	729.02	4,691.34
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00	5,518.32
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	175.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	90.92	87.18	748.92
6120 · Computer Expenses	40.00	0.00	279.00
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	0.00	744.95
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
6160 · Copier Expense	115.38	0.00	883.57
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,199.25	1,234.00	3,431.25
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	244.75	211.00	766.60
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	528.28	483.95	4,577.20
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	1,093.50	1,302.67
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	257.60	0.00	7,273.14
6245 · Internet Access Charges	12.50	0.00	112.50
6320 · Newsletter Expense	424.65	0.00	1,483.57
6330 · Office Expense	146.08	50.70	2,916.22
6360 · Archives	0.00	0.00	59.00
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	331.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	676.41	686.66	6,610.27
6410 · Postage	504.08	713.37	1,859.11
6480 · Rent	2,457.60	2,368.25	21,847.05
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	137.29
6540 · Salaries - Office			
6541 · Vacation Pay	-347.04	0.00	2,633.78
6540 · Salaries - Office - Other	8,294.75	8,529.00	74,374.02
Total 6540 · Salaries - Office	7,947.71	8,529.00	77,007.80
6560 · Payroll Expenses	-0.03	-0.01	52.74
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	0.00	1,400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	276.96	163.00	1,787.62
7060 · Travel	86.23	662.46	299.29
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-1.05
Total Expense	17,036.33	17,011.08	148,475.59
Net Ordinary Income	-1,080.72	-3,744.44	22,797.70
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8025 · Rebate	0.00	0.00	353.41
8030 · Interest Income	4.54	26.15	174.74
Total Other Income	4.54	26.15	528.15
Net Other Income	4.54	26.15	528.15
Net Income	-1,076.18	-3,718.29	23,325.85

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

	Sep 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	213.06
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	43,422.60
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 08/12/16)	17,752.71
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 02/05/16)	16,592.99
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,104.34
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .35%, 04/30/16)	20,134.73
Total Checking/Savings	113,220.43
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,876.64
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,876.64
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	21,890.49
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	5,372.80
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,133.63
Total Other Current Assets	28,396.91
Total Current Assets	139,740.70
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,553.31
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-21,684.22
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Am ortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	15,626.89
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	157,361.44
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2075 · American Express	7,993.84
2076 · Capital One VISA	440.00
Total Credit Cards	8,433.84
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,149.71
2340 · Accrued Vacation	14,338.45
2600 · Unity Day	1,987.42
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,475.58
Total Current Liabilities	25,909.42
Total Liabilities	25,909.42
Equity	
3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	119,830.84
Net Income	23,325.85
Total Equity	131,452.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	157,361.44

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

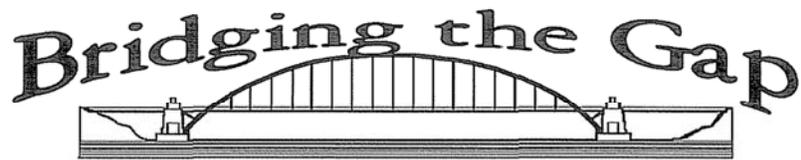
	Sep 16	Jan - Sep 16		Sep 16	Jan - Sep 16
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	280.00	East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	170.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	444.35	769.14	East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	211.00	211.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group	0.00	1,193.10	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (T	0.00	50.83
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70974	675.00	2,365.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	70.00	280.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	1,830.00	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues	0.00	107.10
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	3,105.00	11,614.39	Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	1,845.25
1 INV R and B Group 70972	504.00	1,414.00	Free To Be Me (Women) 658 (Tues	0.00	140.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 7090	0.00	0.00	Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tu	0.00	210.00
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (We	0.00	777.65	Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	437.64
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 7090	0.00	755.00	Friday Friends 568 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 7095	300.00	6,300.00	G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	280.00
1 INV South Valley Group (Chips) 26	0.00	89.73	G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 7	210.00	920.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 7097	0.00	4,405.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	138.57	1,992.32
1 INV Sufficent Substitute 313	401.00	1,682.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	1,138.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	300.66	G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	0.00	280.00
1010 Tuesday / Thursday	0.00	148.40	G Remember We Deal Wth Alcohol	0.00	562.37
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610	0.00	485.50	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70	0.00	2,887.50
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	1,347.80	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,500.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tue	0.00	235.00	G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	468.36	4,048.01
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The	112.48	1,373.61
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sur	0.00	664.20	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	560.00
As Bill Sees it 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	318.00	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	513.85
B.F.E.	0.00	321.00	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (0.00	56.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (T	0.00	909.00	Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (0.00	91.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	49.18	Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (0.00	218.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	265.00	414.30	Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (V	0.00	175.52
Big Book 103 (Sat.) 455	0.00	35.00	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	236.16
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (T	0.00	140.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	140.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.	0.00	515.57	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841('	0.00	108.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	140.00	378.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	1,150.51	2,808.36
Birthday Contribution 00951	113.00	3,114.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	173.14	603.75
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	1,100.00	2,095.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	2,226.69	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	476.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (T	0.00	445.94	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues	0.00	1,985.10
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376	0.00	1,430.00	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (M	0.00	1,365.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tue	420.00	842.80	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	573.30	3,422.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	415.10	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues	0.00	476.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
Conscious Contact Mediation Grp L	0.00	276.96	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	300.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	314.78	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	380.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (M	0.00	494.63	Joy of Living Group 92 (Mon.)	0.00	865.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	157.00	Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	476.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,027.77	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	476.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,884.82	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 74	138.40	503.56
			Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (0.00	257.33
			LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sa	0.00	224.02
			Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	192.60

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions (continued)

September 2016

	Sep 16	Jan - Sep 16		Sep 16	Jan - Sep 16
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	1,000.13	South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	810.96
Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (W)	0.00	420.00	South Valley Women's Surrender 845 (Thur.)	0.00	119.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	1,690.65	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	371.00
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	240.25	Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	1,967.64
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	340.00	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	600.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	244.43	Step Along (Women) 638 (Wed.)	0.00	150.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	100.80	Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	558.60
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	125.00	Strong Desire 68 (Mon.)	0.00	430.14
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Fri.)	0.00	80.00	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	220.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659	500.00	1,295.00	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	476.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	671.63	Ten O'Clock High 890 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	560.00	Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	740.00	2,034.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220	0.00	1,930.96	Third Tradition SJ 511 (Mon.)	25.00	25.00
Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	103.00	282.00	Too Early Big Book Stud 172 (Sat)	0.00	242.68
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	394.80	1,407.69	Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tue)	0.00	1,219.00
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	345.00	Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tue)	426.51	426.51
Monday Midday Meeting 714 (Mon)	0.00	103.30	Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tue)	0.00	560.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	375.90	Unknown	0.00	621.70
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	340.84	Veterans of Alcohol North 338 (Tue)	0.00	100.00
New Life Recovery Centers 9000	0.00	1,000.00	Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon)	0.00	419.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	195.00	Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	315.00	315.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	947.00	We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	20.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00	We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon)	0.00	87.98
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	58.00	Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	1,217.41
Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	0.00	116.00	Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	828.44
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 208	0.00	1,776.00	Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	331.79
Personal 00911	101.57	2,257.92	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Tue)	0.00	223.20
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	450.00	Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	280.00
Primary Purpose Beginners Big Book	0.00	57.43	TOTAL	14,632.49	140,937.46
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	578.00			
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat)	0.00	200.00			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat)	0.00	5,110.00			
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat)	0.00	702.76			
Saturday Night Young People (142) P	0.00	414.46			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat)	738.50	1,911.00			
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun)	0.00	628.56			
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon)	0.00	863.98			
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Mon)	0.00	562.38			
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon)	0.00	1,436.40			
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed)	0.00	334.00			
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	271.00			
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	279.50			
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	0.00	673.25			
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	70.00	459.20			
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tue)	505.00	875.00			
Solutions for Gay Women 870 (Thur)	0.00	42.00			



"From Treatment or Corrections to the Fellowship and a Home Group - back home"

Save the Date

For

CNCA's 11th Annual Bridging the Gap Forum

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2016, 8:30 AM to 4 PM

WHERE: Historic Hoover Theater, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126

WHAT: Presentation By Past Class A Trustee And Drug Court Judge on Corrections Issues; Discussion Of Bridging The Gap; Panels Consisting Of Treatment Professionals; Hospitals & Institutions Committee Members PI/CPC Committee Members And Other Trusted Servants.

EVENT IS FREE AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

WHO: Presented By Bridging The Gap, A Sub-Committee Of General Service Area 06 (California Northern Coastal Area) To Provide An Opportunity For Sharing And Discussion Of Carrying AA'S Message; This Event Is Open To Anyone Involved In Or Interested In Doing 12th Step Work

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FORUM?

CONTACT: George X. at btgsantacclaracounty@gmail.com

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WANTED

for **PARTY CRASHING!**

SNL HALLOWEEN DANCE!

**Food,
Costume Contest,
Live DJ**

**Bring a newcomer or just
bring yourself!**

2634 Union Ave

San Jose

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

SAT 10/22

9:30-11:30PM

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE IS HOSTING

The social event of the year

***5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY
TAMALE PARTY***

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.**



**Tamales and drinks provided.
Feel free to bring a side dish
and a newcomer.**

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

274 E. Hamilton Ave. Suite D, Campbell

408 - 374 - 8511

Service positions available

Old-Timer Meeting

October 29th, 2016
1:30-3:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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FORMAT (5 minute limit):

1. All members with 40 or more years sobriety will be given time to share.
2. Members with 30 - 40 years will be given time to share as time permits.
3. Member with 20 - 30 years will share thereafter, as time permits.

At Lincoln Glen Church
2700 Booksin Ave,
San Jose, CA

We invite you to bring homemade cookies to share.

AA Trinity Group "70th Anniversary"



8 p.m. Saturday - November 12th, 2016
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral - Social Hall
**Upstairs Anniversary Cake*
81 N 2nd St @ W St. John St
San Jose, Ca

Church Parking lot for "Disabled Only"

*Free Parking at City Garage on 4th Street,
between St. John St. & Santa Clara St. -
2 blocks East.*

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