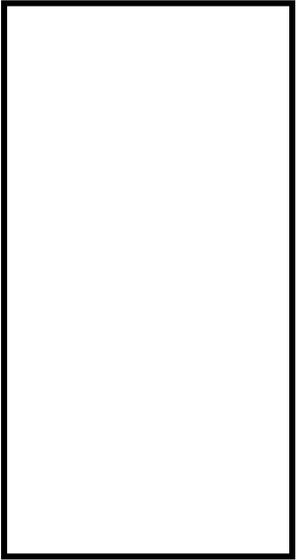




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48 HOURS TO SOBRIETY: A NEWCOMER'S STORY

I'm still rather new to the program. Today is my twenty-seventh day of absolute sobriety. Straight Edge. No alcohol and no drugs. Thirty days ago, I was punched in the face, kicked in the balls, and hit in the guts sledge hammer. Well, not literally, but at the time, the physical pain would have been welcomed compared to the emotional whirlwind that was about to ensue.

My wife left me in the middle of the afternoon on a Saturday and I was too drunk to know why. It wasn't until several days later, when she was calm enough to talk to me, that I found out what happened. Apparently, I left in the morning to go to the farmer's market, only to come home many hours later completely inebriated.

The sobriety date and the date my wife left don't exactly overlap. That is a direct result of me going on a two-day bender followed by a day of the worst hangover I have ever experienced. As I sat on the front porch of our friend's house, where my wife had been staying, I listened to my beautiful bride of seventeen years recount the events of the afternoon of her departure. By this time, I had been sober for three days.

My drunken arrival at our home that day was only the beginning. As the story goes, I nearly drove into the washer and dryer in our garage, left a 7Up bottle filled mostly with vodka in the cup holder, passed out on the sofa, and I left all the groceries in the car. Somehow I couldn't figure out why my wife was on the phone with her father, carrying a suitcase, and dashing out the door shouting, "Take care of

the dogs I'm going to stay with Danielle." That part I somehow remember.

Over the next 48 hours, I experienced many bouts of insanity, none of which are moments I'd ever care to write home about, except for one. I somehow had enough wherewithal to pick up the phone and call my cousin in Wisconsin, who has been in the program for over twenty years. My cousin said I could always talk to him, but I needed to get my ass to some meetings, and I needed to find a sponsor in San Jose.

The next morning, April 18, 2017, I went to my first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. It's funny, I couldn't tell you the date I first started drinking, but I'll never forget the day I stopped. This date will forever be engraved on my soul. I will also never forget the people I met at the three meetings I attended on April 18, 2017, because I truly believe they kept me alive.

I know I'm still a rookie in this program, so the notion of my having had a spiritual awakening may seem absurd – especially when the exact nature of one of my wrongs happened during a blurred state brought on by a bottle of Smirnoff. Having said that, I am honestly enjoying sobriety, and so are the people in my life. My wife has since moved back home. My mind is clear. I don't shake when I get up in the morning. I have read more and written more in the past twenty-seven days than I have in the past four years. I just have to keep coming back, because it works. Well, the program works if I work it. I've realized quickly that sobriety isn't the quantity of time, but the quality of time.

– Matthew B.

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Step Six: Became Entirely Ready

What is the meaning of the word defect? Of the word shortcoming? Those are two words that we hear often around Steps Six and Seven, and we sometimes get caught up in the semantics of the words and it distracts us from really getting to the heart of the matter. I can understand why a person could get a little confused, since they both obviously imply that there is something wrong, but if they are intended to be synonymous, why did they not include them both in Step Six or Step Seven?

When I read the 12&12, I see a much more active role expected of us than simply asking God to rid us of these faults. Understanding that the founders never wanted to edit the Big Book, I can see that these issues had to be addressed, and that by publishing the 12&12, they could provide amplifying information on these and many other ideas that were unclear to the rest of us.

In order to find a simple framework to get the best results as I addressed these two Steps, I had to come up with a way to conform to the spirit of the program and rid myself of my obvious character flaws. To put it in simple terms, I might use an example that we are all familiar with: If a person purchases a new car and later they discover a defect in the braking system causing the car to continue to roll forward when you apply the brakes, the car would be recalled, the defect would be corrected, and the brakes would perform properly each time you put your foot down on the pedal. The defect was the faulty brakes, and the shortcoming was the behavior of the car. It wouldn't stop properly. Once the defect was corrected, the shortcoming went away.

While talking to a close friend of mine about gossiping about others, his comment

was that "All forms of criticism and character assignation stem from low self-esteem." Low self-esteem is the defect that causes the gossip (shortcoming). Since that conversation, whenever I catch myself wanting to criticize others, I replace the thought with compassionate understanding and take the fallback position. More simply, there are two ways to have the tallest building in town: Build the tallest building, or tear down all the other buildings around you. When I saw how pathetic that behavior is, I quickly started to remove it from my day-to-day interactions with others. I try to use this type of model on all of the defects as I discover them, and it seems to have taken all of the power out of them.

This is a never-ending process, and nothing has served me better. Discover and correct the defects, and the shortcomings disappear. My shortcomings were apparent to everyone, but my defects of character were not. When I can identify them, all I have to do is to use a little self-restraint, and the results were amazing. When I asked my Higher Power to remove my shortcomings, I became *entirely ready*, and this process was the answer. As a result, most of my guilt and shame has dissolved into nothingness. I don't let the semantics of the two words, *defect* and *shortcoming* stop me from applying a model that works for me.

I am a firm believer in Step study meetings and have been attending one weekly ever since I got sober in 1969. I liken it to a rock tumbler. Each time you go through a cycle, slowly but surely, all of the rough edges are worn down, and soon you begin to evolve to the finished product that you envisioned. This is one that really worked for me.

– Rick R.

Step Six: Separating “the Men from the Boys”

I never quite knew the meaning of that phrase, “separates the men from the boys,” but I do now! Step Six is a real action step. It’s asking me to move from spiritual kindergarten on to spiritual growth. I used to think that if I stood ready, God would pull some magic strings and I would move in the right direction. God has shown me instead the exact nature of my wrongs in Steps Four and Five, and *coupled with God’s grace and my effort*, I will receive this promise: “Any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to *try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults – without any reservations whatever* – has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.”

“It is suggested that we ought to

become entirely willing to aim toward perfection” (12&12, pg. 69). I have come to understand that I’m striving for God’s perfection for me. I will never attain perfection, but my aim is towards it. When attempting a bullseye, I aim for the center, not the first ring. It requires me to *act* opposite of my defects, not wait for magic, so I can be “what He would have me be” (Big Book, pg. 68). If I insist on running on my defects, I am blocked from the sunlight of the spirit.

With my effort in Step Six, I can put my new way of living into practice and receive the best promise of all: “When I became willing to *clean house* and then asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished” (12&12, pg. 63).

– Lisa G.

Step Six Helped Me Become a Spiritual Adult

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.” Having written out our inventory in Step Four and reviewed it in detail with our sponsors in Step Five, “these defects” were in the forefront of our minds. Facing them and being fully prepared to have them removed requires a maturity that for many of us was elusive until this point.

My observation from hearing hundreds of men and women in the rooms of AA is that many of us entered the program with some level of immaturity. Whether it be the professional woman who feels like a scared little girl or the family man in his 50s who still thinks like a teenager reaching puberty, the practicing alcoholic could use a dose of maturity....

From the time when I was an early

teenager, I felt like I was 23. This same mindset continued through my 30s and into my early 40s. I used to proudly proclaim it at parties, and often used it as a line to open conversations.

When I read the opening line of the 12&12 and began Step Six with my sponsor, I realized that it was time to “grow up.” A precondition to being ready to have my defects of character removed was to acknowledge that I am no longer 23. Anyone who has watched me on the Little League field can see that I’m no longer that age physically. I continue to strive to be emotionally mature. But I believe that Step Six was a strong contributor to my maturation process on the way to becoming the spiritual adult.

– JD D.

Finding a New Willingness with a New Sponsor

When I started my journey in AA and chose my first sponsor, “willingness” was sort of an unspoken word – an assumption – an understanding between us that whatever she gave me for assignments to do, would get done, for the sake of my sobriety. I learned about the “H.O.W.” of the program and the *willingness* required, and the fact that if there was any balking on my part, I would discuss the whys and wherefores of it with her.

Eight years into my journey, she announced that she and her family would be moving to another city, where her husband would be opening his own business. I said, “OK, no problem, I’ll just call you there then, and come over one weekend a month for our continued one on ones, and bring you my extra assignments,” as I pushed the control button on our future. She said, “That’s not how it works” – that we would remain close, but that I had to be “willing” to find a replacement sponsor here in San Jose.

And so began my “interviewing” “candidates” for the position of sponsor #2 in my life. This meant telling “my stuff” to a total stranger ... doing the Steps over with a stranger! It began to feel a bit traumatic because I had felt so comfortable with #1, feeling like we had known each other forever – forgetting that she was also a total stranger eight years before.

Putting on my “willingness” hat, I set about setting up appointments for my new, probably total stranger, “interviewing” for a new #2. The women I talked to brought similar and different ideas to the table. Not everyone was who I wanted or thought I needed. The

H.O.W. of the program was a major concern for me as I felt fear creeping back. I would need to maintain honesty and open-mindedness with this new person, and above all, be “willing” to do what was suggested. It was hit and miss for a while. One of my interview-ees, at a restaurant, asked me if I would be “willing” to stand on my head in front of the restaurant fireplace, for all to see, if she asked me to – to which I answered “no, that’s not in the Big Book.”

In the end, the best sponsor ever found me. It was someone I knew. After much trial and error and hit and miss, and actual try-outs, this lady sat down next to me at a noon meeting one day. I was sooo frustrated – nothing was working out – and God sent me the perfect person. She had ten years. She said, “I know what you’ve been going through. Would you be willing to let me take you through the Steps the way my sponsor did with me?”

She then commenced to ask me six specific questions, all of which started with, “Would you be ‘willing’ to...” regarding the Steps, reading the Big Book and 12&12, and giving it away to keep it. She was a winner and I wanted what she had! My answer was “yes, yes, and yes”! She was asking the questions – not me. She was “interviewing” me! She had presented me with the best, most workable outline for recovery that I had heard so far! She was exactly who I needed! I felt so honored... so it was with gratitude and God’s grace that I accepted her offer, and I continue to teach all who are “willing” about the “willingness” that she brought to me, continuing the work that #1 had started with me.

– Danette G.

From the Central Office Archives: Where Did the Twelve Steps Come From?

AAs are always asking, "Where did the Twelve Steps come from?" The main channels for our Steps were three in number: The Oxford Groups, Dr. William Silkworth of Towns Hospital, and the famed psychologist, William James, called by some the father of modern psychology. The story of how these three streams of influence were brought together and how they led to the writing of the Twelve Steps is both exciting and magical.

The Oxford Group, an evangelical group in the early 1930s, emphasized the importance of personal effort and working with each other. The moral backbone of the "OG" was its instruction to members to practice absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love. They practiced a kind of confession, which they called sharing, and the need to make amends for harms done to others. They believed deeply in their quiet time, a meditation practiced by groups and individuals alike, in which the guidance of God was sought for every detail of living, great and small.

In the late summer of 1934, Bill W.'s friend and schoolmate, Ebby, had joined the OG and promptly sobered up. He traveled to New York City to visit with Bill at his home in Brooklyn. Ebby explained his sobriety to Bill and said that he had been able to stop fighting the desire to drink. He was released from it! Bill was struck by the simplicity of the ideas proposed by the OG.

Two weeks after their visit, Bill visited Charles B. at Towns Hospital, a drying-out emporium in Manhattan. Bill had been there several times before, and he knew and respected the doctor in charge, Dr. Silkworth. It was he who suggested to Bill a great idea, without which AA could not have succeeded. For years, Dr. Silkworth had proclaimed that alcoholism was a disease – an obsession the mind coupled with allergy of the body, the combination of which would result in a fatal conclusion.

The third important influence was based on the writings of William James, in his book *Varieties of Religious Experience*. After reading the book, Bill concluded that men and women could be transformed

and could do, feel, and believe in what had previously seemed impossible to them. In complete defeat, with no hope or faith whatever, an appeal to a Higher Power could begin to set them free. This became Step One in today's AA program: **We admitted that we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable.** Then Step Three would encourage us to make a decision and turn our lives over to the care of God, as we understood him.

If Ebby and Bill could achieve sobriety, why couldn't others do the same? Certainly, many of them wanted to get well, but had not been able to maintain their sobriety. Dr. Silkworth was convinced that better morals were essential for alcoholics to remain sober. Unfortunately, most alcoholics won't buy this moral exhortation until they are convinced that it is a must. He emphasized the importance of giving them the medical information first, and to emphasize it. Only the fear of death may motivate them to begin to accept the precepts of AA to get well.

Dr. Silkworth gave Bill W. the missing link that enabled him to prepare the Twelve Steps based on the principles he had learned, such as:

- 1) We admitted we were powerless over alcohol.
- 2) We got honest with ourselves.
- 3) We got honest with another person, in confidence.
- 4) We made amends for harms we had done.
- 5) We worked with other alcoholics without demanding prestige or money.
- 6) We prayed to God to help us to do these things as best we can.

Bill worked with these principles, which turned into the Twelve Steps. When the draft was shared at a New York meeting, the protests were many and loud. Some of the agnostic members of the group suggested that terms like "Higher Power" or "God" must be made easier for people like themselves to accept. Those expressions, as we know today, have proved lifesaving for many alcoholics. They enabled thousands of struggling alcoholics to make a beginning, where none had been successful before.

– Barbara K., Archives Committee Member

Tradition Six: “Divide the Spiritual from the Material”

In May of 1948, Bill W. used this phrase when writing for the *Grapevine*. The full Sixth Tradition reads as follows: “An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.” Although the full phrase is useful as a prescriptive and descriptive tradition, I think he summarizes the idea well with the six simple words from his *Grapevine* editorial.

Bill goes on to describe money as a “baleful influence” and a “necessary nuisance.” He then describes the true AA fellowship money requirements as both “trivial” and “trifling.” I will save you the time of looking up the word “baleful” as I was forced to – it means “threatening harm,” or “menacing.” When it comes to the administration of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, it is crystal clear that the intentions of our founders were that we take a group-level vow of poverty.

Early in my sobriety, I found myself

confronted with the Sixth Tradition. I had not even studied the Traditions at this point, much less made them a part of my AA life. I was about halfway through the Steps and I was amazed at how my life had changed. I was feeling a freedom and happiness beyond my wildest dreams. You might even say that the promises were being fulfilled. Quite frankly, as I was no longer spending a small fortune on alcohol – my bank account was even feeling the positive effect of sobriety.

One morning, I felt moved to put a large amount of money in the basket. A man who has since become a lifelong friend was kind enough to politely suggest that I not give that much money. I found that odd, but complied with his suggestion. Clearly, the incident had a profound impression upon me, because I remember it to this day. I have since come to fully grasp my friend’s lesson. To paraphrase Bill W.’s words from 1948, it is not wise to intermingle the material with the spiritual.

– JD D.

AA Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. The complete “Traditions Checklist” is available at Central Office. We will continue to publish a tradition each month for the rest of 2017.

Tradition Six:

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Concept Six: Who Steers the Ship?

Go to the website of a publicly held corporation such as Apple, GM, BP, or Starbucks, and you'll likely find a page called "Governance," "Investor Info," or "Leadership" that lists the members of the company's board of directors. The job of that board is literally to "direct" – that is, set high-level policy and direction for the company. From their credentials you may see that the directors are top executives of other companies, or experts in relevant fields, or sometimes well-known figures who can open doors and provide a public face for the company.

Roughly the same can be said of AA's corporations in New York. They're headed by a Board of 21 Trustees who set corporate policy and direction. The Board meets quarterly in New York and stays in touch all year by phone and email. There's a lot of reading and traveling involved as well, all of which is done for no pay. Fourteen of the Trustees are AA members, chosen for their service experience and deep knowledge of AA, or for their relevant professional experience. The other seven are non-alcoholic "Class A" Trustees, selected for their past work with AA and their experience and standing in a relevant field such as medicine, religion, treatment, justice, business, etc. The Class As are valued not only for their participation in Board deliberations, but also because they can speak publicly on AA's behalf when needed.

The logic of Concepts One and Two – that the groups must delegate to the Conference to get things done – takes one step further here in Concept Six. The 133 members of the Conference, who live all over the United States and Canada and meet only once a year, must delegate authority and responsibility to the Board

of Trustees, also known as the General Service Board.

In his chapter on Concept Six, Bill W. wrote that he designed our service structure like a corporation, in which the groups are the shareholders, the Conference delegates are proxies who vote annually on our behalf, and the Board is, well, a board. "The conduct of our World Services is primarily a matter of policy and business. Of course, our objective is always a spiritual one, but this service aim can only be achieved by means of an effective business operation. Our Trustees must function almost exactly like the directors of any large business corporation."

Like any of those corporate boards you might see online, AA's General Service Board is guided by a set of bylaws, and its members serve on various standing committees that research issues and present recommendations to the Board for decisions. You'll find the full text of the Bylaws, plus descriptions of the Committees (such as Treatment, Public Information, and Literature), in the AA Service Manual. You can also read a summary of the business conducted at each Board meeting in the "Quarterly Report." Finally, you can find short bios of our Trustees, if you're curious, in the back of the annual Conference Report. You can get all of these from your GSR.

And now, here's the Short Form of Concept Six: "The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most World Service matters should be exercised by the Trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."

– Jim F.

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The Practical Application of Tradition Six:

No endorsement = no problems with \$\$\$\$, but what about...?

In looking at the practical application of Tradition Six, it and the principle behind it are clear. AA won't endorse alcohol brands (pro drinking), nor will AA endorse prohibition or support a negative view of alcohol (anti-drinking). We help those who want to quit drinking; it's our primary purpose. On other things, *we are neutral*.

In conjunction with Tradition Ten (no opinion on outside issues), AA has no desire to embroil itself or its members in controversy. AA does not take sides on alcohol consumption. *We have no opinion*.

I once heard a respected long-timer state it this way: "If you want to drink, that's your business; if you want to quit drinking, that's the business of Alcoholics Anonymous." In looking at Tradition Six, the two extremes are clear. When we get into the grey area, things become a bit more difficult to decipher. Below are a few situations that members face on a regular basis and where Tradition Six could apply:

- Would including information on a member's memorial service be appropriate as an AA announcement?
- What about announcing an AA retreat from the podium?
- What about an announcement that a recovery center has available beds?
- Would an announcement about a local meeting/groups picnic be appropriate?
- What about an event like NCCAA (Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous)?
- Would a new meeting being formed be appropriate as an AA announcement?
- What about a collection of members who plan to travel to another location and attend meetings?
- What about an event with speakers who

may or may not be AA members, but where there is a charge for entry?

Since our Traditions are often intricately woven together, we often find that there can be *more than one* Tradition involved.

Tradition Four comes into play because each group is autonomous and its members get to decide, presuming local groups or AA as a whole are not affected.

Tradition Six helps us be aware of the challenges of mixing money, affiliation, and spirituality. (Often, the only time money and spirituality mix is "in the basket," referring to our Seventh Tradition collection.)

Tradition Seven means that AA and AA meetings must rely on financial self-support. There cannot be any question about buying influence, advertising, or cooperation.

I've observed meetings in other areas, some which have come up with a unique solution – first asking for "AA announcements," and then for "non-AA announcements." This separates the two (especially for newcomers, who need to understand the difference), though they are clear that there has to be a direct association, like a memorial service for a member, for example. However, anything that makes money for outside institutions is not allowed at all.

On the flip side, some meetings choose to limit the number of announcements so as not to cut into meeting time. The collective conscience of these meetings requires that all announcements be made by the meeting secretary (who decides what is and what isn't an appropriate announcement).

In conclusion, each meeting decides how it should be formatted, conducted, and facilitated *as long as what they do doesn't harm other meetings or AA as a whole*.

– Anonymous

One Member's Answers for the Practical Application of Tradition Six

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Would including information on a member's memorial service be appropriate as an AA announcement?

Announcements about memorial services in general would probably be decided by the group conscience. It might be a good thing to bring up at the business meeting or via a steering committee. Passing out flyers before/after the meeting is a notification option.

What about announcing an AA retreat from the podium?

Although AA retreats are primarily attended by AA members, they are not AA events. Therefore, they should never be announced at meeting level. The only exception is *if there are planned AA meetings at the retreat, in which case the AA meetings may be announced, with a few caveats*: Any AA member must be allowed to *attend the AA meeting without paying a fee for the retreat*, though they may only attend the meeting(s). When making an announcement, the focus of the announcement should be *the AA meeting NOT the retreat*. (I researched this with many local members who are well versed in the AA Traditions. This answer was uniform across all who were questioned.)

What about an announcement that a recovery center has available beds?

No. Never. AA has no affiliation with recovery centers.

Would an announcement about a local meeting/groups picnic be appropriate?

Yes. We want to spread the word about *FREE* local AA meetings and AA events.

What about an event like NCCAA (Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous)?

Yes. NCCAA is affiliated with AA. NCCAA does charge for attendance at its

quarterly event. The reason for this is because these events are held in facilities that require advance payment to lease the room. There are usually a limited number of scholarships available to AA members who are unable to pay. NCCAA does not "profit" from these events, but uses funds to reserve and rent facilities for future events.

Would a new meeting being formed be appropriate as an AA announcement?

Yes. New AA meetings are formed all the time. (All you need is a coffee pot and resentment!) We want to announce new AA meetings whenever possible.

What about a collection of members who plan to travel to another location and attend meetings?

AA members getting together to attend other meetings is often done, usually though it's limited to smaller groups of personal friends. (I've learned to be suspicious of individual members who want to organize large groups of people they don't know. What is the motive?)

What about an event with speakers who may or may not be AA members, but where there is a charge for entry?

I have an old flyer stuffed into the back of my *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*. At first glance, it appears to be an AA event. It has "Recovery, Spirituality, and Fellowship" as a headline. However, reading farther down about the speakers, I see full names, an agenda, and at the bottom more than 10 Event Sponsors (with half of those being local recovery centers). This would be a big "N.O." I keep it in my book as a reminder to me to be aware of what I consider to be a "non-AA event"!

– Anonymous

June 2017

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

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

MEETING CHANGES

NEW

Week's Reflection: Sunday, 6:00 pm, Living Word Christian Church, 636 Giguere Ct., San Jose

Morning Reflections: Saturday, 6:45 am, We Care Group: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1989 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

Morning Reflections: Sunday, 6:45 am, We Care Group: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1989 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

TIME CHANGE

East Enders Group: Thursday, 8:00 pm, St. Philips Episcopal Church, 5038 Hyland Ave., San Jose **now meets at 7:00 pm.**

NO LONGER MEETING

Daily Reflections: Saturday, Noon, Freedom Fellowship Group, 1555 Oak Ave., Los Altos

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!



Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Ross J.	28	Ross J.	04/16/1989
Kitty O.	29	Kitty O.	04/17/1988
Doug E.	35	Mike D.	04/22/1987
Kate D.	11	Carol B.	05/01/2006
Heather W.	12	Heather W.	05/03/2005
Dee Dee S.	9	Carol B.	05/19/2008
Barbara S.	20	Barbara S.	05/21/1997
TJ	32	Tom J.	05/28/1985
Anne S.	5	Carol B.	05/29/2012

181 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

Reba R. passed on April 20, 2017 with 25 years of sobriety.

INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2017

- Robby W. Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Paul read the definition of Intergroup. Dean read the Twelve Traditions.
- New Intergroup reps:
 - Dan D. – Boiled Owls, Los Gatos
 - Paul S. – End of the Line, San Jose
 - Daniel C. – Saturday Night Young People, Palo Alto
 - Shawn L. – Society 2nd Chance (Cigar Meeting), San Jose
 - Frank – Flying Monkeys, Milpitas
- Visitors – none
- Birthdays:
 - Bruce, 34 years
 - Robby, 9 years
- Observation of 7th Tradition – Michael H.
- Corrections or additions to the agenda – none
- Corrections or additions to the previous month's minutes – none
- Quarterly treasurer's report – Michael H. (tonight's collection: \$85)
- 39 voting members present

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Robby W.

- As a reminder, please line up three deep for the committee reports. Be sure to highlight your "take away." Thanks to Desiree for the coffee and Larry H. for setting up and taking down our PA system. Also, thanks to Larry P. for bringing our PA system from storage to Intergroup and returning it.

Newsletter Committee (*The COIN*), Stephanie L.

- Friendly reminder to please encourage your groups to write and submit stories. Topics for June are Willingness, Step 6, Tradition 6. The deadline is May 17th.

Central Service Board Chair, Darcy S. (no report)

Central Office, Bruce K.

- We continue to receive much positive support for our new look website. Comments include easy to use, great look, and completeness. We welcome your thoughts.
- Our emailing of The COIN continues to receive kudos. We are at an "open" rate of 40-50% each month (the industry average is under 20%) and a "click" rate of 35-40% (the industry average is under 12%). I'm convinced we are getting the word out to more members and that they are getting more information than our previous delivery methods produced.
- Renewal for group insurance certificates have gone out. The policy expires May 31 – please get the word to your group to make sure you are covered. We recommend coverage for those groups whose landlords are demanding it.
- I attended the General Service Pre-conference Assembly in Pleasanton last month. It was an informative event. I asked and received answers to many questions, and was able to pass on the message of Central Office to our General Service compatriots.
- The Founders' Day banquet is coming together nicely. Julie and the team are putting together

some attractive center pieces and other décor. Rose and her Archives team are working hard on a quality history presentation. We still have some tickets left, but they are selling quickly. Don't miss it!

- And Central Office fairs well.

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Louie R.

- The nights and weekends portion of the 24/7 telephone outreach by our Central Office takes calls from people contacting AA to answer their questions or find a Twelfth Step volunteer to work with them. The sobriety requirement is one year, and it is a one-year service commitment.
- We strongly encourage your group members to attend a Diverter Workshop, held at 10am on the third Saturday at Central Office, or at 7pm before the Intergroup meeting.
- We need one more daily coordinator.
- Please contact Louie with any questions or interest in volunteering.

Secretary Workshop, Kathy R.

- The Secretary Workshop is held first Saturday of each month at 10am at Central Office.
- We discuss the responsibilities of secretaries – to facilitate the meeting, start and end on time, choose the chairperson, may be the first person to greet newcomers, and so on. We also discuss how to handle difficult situations, including disruptive individuals, and we go over the Twelve Traditions and discuss how they are to a meeting the way the Twelve Steps are to the individual.
- Encourage new secretaries or those wanting to become secretaries to attend the workshop!

Outreach Committee, Susan P.

- North County – Palo Alto meetings have low Intergroup representation. Please check out these meetings and encourage folks to volunteer.
- Please join us before next month's Intergroup meeting at 6:45pm to brainstorm on getting meetings without an Intergroup Rep representation.

Twelfth Step Committee, Alex S.

- We are still looking for more volunteers. To make this service more accessible to members, Alex offers to come meet members to orientate them. Alex can be contacted by phone and time can be arranged. There is a six-month sobriety requirement.

Website, Josh R.

- The National AA Technology Workshop is coming to Sacramento September 8-10.

Activities Committee, Ken M. (no report)

Old/Ongoing Business (none)

New Business (none)

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day 2017, Greg C.

- Unity Day will be held on August 20 at the Milpitas Community Center. There are positions to be filled, and volunteers needed. If interested, please call Greg .

NCCAA (no report)

PI/CPC (no report)

Hospitals and Institutions, Tommy O.

- Please pass out flyers in your meetings for 45th HI&I Conference May 5th – 7th

Bridging the Gap, Jane (no report)

North County General Service, Mary M.

- The Pre-conference Assembly was well-attended and all the GSRs got a chance to go to the microphone and give their group consciences to our delegate. On May 13, there will be a post-Conference Assembly, where we will hear about the General Service Conference in New York from our delegate. This is happening in Lakeport.
- At our district meeting, we passed a motion “that District 04 submits a request that the AA group inventory questions on pages 29 and 30 for the pamphlet ‘The AA Group, Where It All Begins’ be modified to include a question pertaining to group safety.” It will be presented at the area committee meeting on May 27 in Petaluma.
- We also filled another district committee member slot for Campbell East.

South County General Service, Nicco (no report)

SCCYPA, Dana (no report)

Sober and Free, Linda (no report)

Open Forum

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:30pm.

AUDITIONS

Monday, June 12th @ 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14th @ 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 17th at 1:00 p.m.

AA General Service Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave, Suite D, Campbell, CA, 95008
For more information call June [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

**“Gilligan’s AA Isle”
Unity Day Play; August 20st 2017
One Day, Two Shows**

**Must be able to commit to weekly rehearsal’s, on stage
rehearsals and two plays on August 20th, Milpitas
Community Center**

LOCAL EVENTS

- June 10 Founders' Day Banquet and History Presentation, Country Inn & Suites, 1300 Chesapeake Terrace, Sunnyvale, CA, 6:30 pm
- June 11 31st Annual Alano Club Golf Classic, Los Lagos Golf Course, 2995 Tuers Road, San Jose, 9:30 am check-in, 10:30 am first tee time
- June 24 Alano Club West Summer BBQ, 1555 S. 7th Street, San Jose, 2 pm to 6 pm (AA meeting at 6 pm)
- August 6 Old Timers Meeting, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- August 20 Unity Day 2017, 8:30 am to 8 pm, Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
- August 26 SNL Thank You Picnic, Vasona Park, Los Gatos
- September 15-17 Breathe In Yosemite (www.breatheinyosemite.com)
- October 7 Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, 11:30 am to 3 pm

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- June 9-11 NCCAA 70th Anniversary Summer Conference, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, McClellan, CA
- June 11 14th Annual Language of the Heart Women's AA Brunch, Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, CA, 11 am to 2:30 pm
- June 23-25 2nd Annual Pigeon Point Lighthouse Weekend of Reflection, North Santa Cruz (pigeonpointretreat2016@gmail.com)
- August 18-20 Love and Service Group 2nd Annual Unity & Service Conference, "Sharing Our Experience with A.A. Traditions, Concepts, and Services," Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520 (www.UnityAndServiceConference.org)

OUT OF STATE EVENTS

- June 9-11 Founders' Day Herald 82nd Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, Akron, Ohio (<https://foundersdayregistration.akronaa.org/>)

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

	May 17	May 16	Jan - May 17
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	9,688.32	10,111.56	74,757.34
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	3,780.00	3,030.00	4,851.00
8010 · Literature Sales	4,256.60	3,807.36	21,440.36
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	784.46	572.50	2,647.67
8050 · Activities Committee			
8051 · Chili Cook-off	0.00	0.00	5,598.34
8050 · Activities Committee - Other	0.00	20.00	0.00
Total 8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	20.00	5,598.34
8055 · Central Office Events	2,465.00	1,840.00	4,610.00
8060 · Newsletter	342.40	10.00	1,535.30
Total Income	21,316.78	19,391.42	115,240.01
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,635.32	3,094.34	17,931.79
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	657.92	675.67	2,369.43
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,293.24	3,770.01	20,301.22
Total COGS	4,293.24	3,770.01	20,301.22
Gross Profit	17,023.54	15,621.41	94,938.79
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	207.00	414.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense			
616 · Chili Cook-off Expense	0.00	0.00	2,899.34
6015 · Activities Committee Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	-75.00
Total 6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	2,824.34
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	238.72	3,136.48	238.72
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	175.00	0.00	925.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	96.72	78.04	490.33
6120 · Computer Expenses	45.00	20.00	465.11
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	30.00	30.00	95.57
6160 · Copier Expense	313.72	106.44	759.09
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	1,199.25
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	244.75
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	552.52	528.28	2,665.64
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	1,234.25	0.00	2,783.83
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	460.40	1,307.80	2,487.21
6245 · Internet Access Charges	12.50	12.50	62.50
6320 · Newsletter Expense	85.53	120.00	749.82
6330 · Office Expense	106.70	579.13	1,210.94
6360 · Archives	104.95	0.00	233.16
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	72.10	100.98
6380 · Payroll Taxes	1,025.22	951.38	3,896.25
6410 · Postage	102.03	8.58	383.41
6480 · Rent	2,520.95	2,431.60	12,541.40
6540 · Salaries - Office			
6541 · Vacation Pay	174.86	0.00	-430.45
6540 · Salaries - Office - Other	12,894.24	11,965.00	42,450.81
Total 6540 · Salaries - Office	13,069.10	11,965.00	42,020.36
6560 · Payroll Expenses	-0.01	0.00	52.74
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	200.00	800.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	60.00	60.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	258.14	169.45	1,320.04
7060 · Travel	0.00	53.07	0.00
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	0.86
Total Expense	20,491.44	22,036.85	79,025.30
Net Ordinary Income e	-3,467.90	-6,415.44	15,913.49
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income e			
8025 · Rebate	0.00	0.00	172.29
8030 · Interest Income	67.83	42.14	177.29
Total Other Income e	67.83	42.14	349.58
Net Other Income e	67.83	42.14	349.58
	-3,400.07	-6,373.30	16,263.07

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

	May 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	184.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	31,653.74
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 08/12/17)	17,832.56
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 02/05/18)	16,650.82
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,142.02
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/18)	20,191.35
1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ 1.0%, 12/08/17)	15,011.51
Total Checking/Savings	116,666.00
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,006.96
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,006.96
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	19,617.05
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	3,702.75
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	4,206.05
Total Other Current Assets	27,525.84
Total Current Assets	143,184.88
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,553.31
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-24,294.22
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	13,016.89
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	158,195.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2075 · American Express	60.15
Total Credit Cards	60.15
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	721.20
2340 · Accrued Vacation	13,127.83
2600 · Unity Day	2,027.42
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,876.45
Total Current Liabilities	15,936.60
Total Liabilities	15,936.60
Equity	
3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	137,700.62
Net Income	16,263.07
Total Equity	142,259.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	158,195.62

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

May 2017

	May 17	Jan - May 17
1 INV Freedom Fellowship /0940	0.00	350.47
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,060.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	160.00
1 INV H & I	30.00	3,161.03
1 INV Men Seeking Guidance Group	210.00	350.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,592.00	8,164.00
1 INV Rand B Group /0912	0.00	910.00
1 INV South County Fellowship /0954	300.00	5,100.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	916.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship /0960	0.00	622.88
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (1hr)	0.00	228.53
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	661.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	205.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	317.10
Big Book Study MipTs 347 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	652.00	1,634.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	550.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	485.16
California Ave. Supper Group /15 (1hr.)	0.00	266.70
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	692.00
Campus Group 234 (1hr.)	0.00	274.90
Character Detect Freedom 201 (1ues)	0.00	469.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	236.24
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	168.00
Courage to Change (Womem) 145 (Wed)	91.49	91.49
Daily Reflections 432 (1hr.)	0.00	318.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	241.38
Early Tuesday Group 119 (1ues.)	277.21	714.57
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	632.18
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00
Evergreen Group 884 (1hr.)	0.00	140.00
Flying Monkeys 422 (Fri)	0.00	112.00
Friday Big Book Study /02 (Fri)	0.00	371.74
G 10 10 Group 70951	1,382.32	1,382.32
G @4 Group /0925	0.00	325.70
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group /0908	180.00	2,400.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	442.85	1,566.89
G Serenity at Noon (Rka Agnew) /0921	0.00	560.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto /0963	0.00	1,800.00
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	602.99	2,929.83
G Third Tradition (906)	0.00	28.22
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The /0917	127.64	719.26
G West Valley Fellowship /0942	0.00	526.98
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	119.00
Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	117.06
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841 (Wed.)	60.00	184.00
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	1,975.43
Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	630.00
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	168.00
Gratitude Group 339 (Sat.)	0.00	10.26
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (1ues.)	0.00	1,270.00
Happy Hour WG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	70.00
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	252.00
Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	452.00
In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	210.00	210.00
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	84.00	259.98
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	187.00
Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	168.00
Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	168.00
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group /49 (W)	339.75	339.75
LGBI Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	0.00	231.52
Living in the 12 & 12 851 (Mon.)	0.00	222.87
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	611.41
Los Altos Group 225 (1hr.)	0.00	222.78

	May 17	Jan - May 17
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	245.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	455.70
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	30.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun)	0.00	485.00
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 806 (Wed.)	0.00	260.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	580.00	580.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	600.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (1hr)	0.00	1,482.90
Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	102.00	160.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	268.10
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	230.87
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	84.70
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	60.28
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	183.00	298.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	105.00
New Steps for Beginners 439 (Sun.)	0.00	967.19
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	112.00	305.00
Off the Top 371 (1hr.)	0.00	100.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (We)	700.00	1,400.00
Pass it On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00	470.00
Personal 00911	0.00	637.00
Phoenix Group 623 (Sun.)	0.00	205.50
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	314.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	151.00
Rule #52 Men's Meeting 049 (Thur.)	0.00	205.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	360.85
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	280.00
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	368.50
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	556.60
Simply AA 301 (1ues.)	0.00	291.20
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	319.00
Sober and Free Convention /0928	178.50	178.50
Sober Mania 204 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Society of the Second Chance 305 (1ues.)	336.14	336.14
Solutions for Gay Women 870 (1hr.)	75.00	75.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	266.00	266.00
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mo)	0.00	250.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (1ues.)	263.20	263.20
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	880.80
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	500.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	296.70
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	700.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	1,437.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH /32 (1hr)	0.00	900.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	540.00
Too Early Big Book Stud 172 (Sat)	0.00	105.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	60.00
Tuesday Night Happy Hour /96	0.00	502.39
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	471.00	851.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (1ues)	0.00	280.00
Unknown	-1,175.00	648.50
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	70.00	140.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	210.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	157.50	157.50
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	40.00	40.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	143.55
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (1ues)	0.00	116.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	72.31
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	462.70	852.60
Women's Candlelight Big Book Disc. (863)	144.03	164.03
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	203.70
women to women /04 (Sat.)	140.00	140.00
TOTAL	9,688.32	74,757.34

AA was founded on the premise that it would be self-supported through member contributions.

For the past 55+ years, contributing a single dollar has been almost a tradition.



1960...10¢
1960...25¢
1970...20¢
1980...35¢
1990...50¢
2000...\$1.00
2009...\$1.75
2016...\$2.00



1960...22¢
1970...45¢
1980...\$1.65
1990...\$2.00
2000...\$3.00
2009...\$4.00
2016...\$6.00



1970...35¢
1980...90¢
1990...\$1.10
2000...\$1.20
2009...\$2.09
2016...\$3.25

Today's dollar has only 14 cents of the purchasing power of a 1960s dollar.

Acknowledging these economic facts, why not responsibly compensate

BY DROPPING IN More?

For those who can't afford it, the important thing is to keep coming back.

This poster is unofficial and has not been published by General Service

\$7.27 on 7/27 CHALLENGE

In 2016, GSO provided services to 1,362,402 AA members at a cost of \$9,906,588.
That's \$7.27 per AA member for the whole year!

That means that if every member contributed \$7.27 just one time, it would support all of the services GSO provides to all groups **for one whole year!**

Here's how the challenge works:

- Groups pass a special basket or can in addition to the regular 7th Tradition. Each member contributes \$7.27 (or round it up to \$8 to help those who can't).
- Individual members can send money or contribute online any time.
- Remember that this is on top of what you put in to support your group.

Save the Dates!

OLD TIMERS MEETING

August 6, 2017 1:30-3:00



TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH

October 7, 2017 11:30-3:00



Service positions are available.
Please contact Central Office.
(408) 374-8511

HELP US COVER LOCAL AA EVENTS FOR *THE COIN!*

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 committee or event to help keep our membership informed. It's free publicity and a great way to recruit for events! Please contact coin@aasanjose.org.



10th 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 19, 2017

Fun starts at 11am

All You Can Eat Delicious BBQ* & Drinks!

*Vegan options too!

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE PRIZES!

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 TEXT [REDACTED]

To purchase picnic tickets call [REDACTED]

The Spiritual Progress Group in Los Gatos needs your help!

The group is asking any members with information
about the group's history to contact Central Office at

coin@asaanjose.org.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE FIRST ANNUAL

Founders' Day BANQUET

PRESENTED BY INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

SATURDAY

10
JUNE

AT 6:30PM

Country Inn & Suites
1300 Chesapeake Terrace • Sunnyvale, CA

ADMISSION
\$55/person



ENTREE CHOICES
Tri-tip or Salmon

Doors open at 6:00.

HISTORY PRESENTATION 8:00 P.M.

UNITY DAY 2017

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM

MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

457 E. CALAVERAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035



"Supporting Our Future"

Theme of AA's 2017 General Service Conference

THE UNITY DECLARATION READS:

THIS WE OWE TO A.A.'S FUTURE: TO PLACE OUR COMMON WELFARE FIRST; TO KEEP OUR FELLOWSHIP UNITED. FOR ON A.A. UNITY DEPEND OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THOSE TO COME.

"A.A. UNITY IS THE SPECIAL QUALITY THAT MAKES OUR FELLOWSHIP UNIQUE. IT IS THE CEMENT THAT HOLDS OUR SOCIETY TOGETHER, THE PLATFORM WHICH MAKES A.A. 'SERVICE' POSSIBLE."

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

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

For more information contact: Unity Day Committee email address and phone:
unitydayscc@gmail.com

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Presented by:

Intergroup/Central Office, General Service Districts 04 & 40, and Hospitals & Institutions, with participation from Al-Anon.

