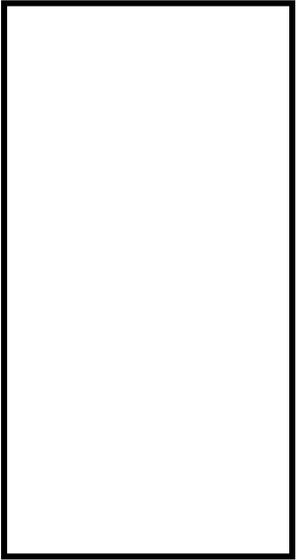




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AA's International Convention

The Road to Detroit... and San Jose?

A YPAA, an old-timer, and an international visitor walk into a bar... well, actually, it's a coffee shop, and it's one of the many that doesn't know what's hit them when AA's International Convention rolls into town. Across the street, dejected, a barkeep falls asleep bereft of customers.

For some, the road to Detroit (2020) has just begun. For others like Ben, who got sober in England in 1970, the path is well-traveled. Ben has been to every International Convention since Denver (1975): "We all got together and chartered a plane from Ireland. I carried the Union Jack onto the stage and was blown away by the enormity of it all – 25,000 people! I heard 'nobody leaves unchanged' and I soaked it up like a sponge and it changed my life." Indeed, Ben was so transformed, he moved to the US and now lives in Oklahoma.

Ben's experience, though radical, is not unusual. Laura, who got sober at age 18 in 2005, also had a memorable journey – hers to San Antonio (2010): "I went with people I had never met before and we drove from San Francisco. En route we broke down in the desert at 4 am, but we still made it!" Pravesh came to Atlanta (2015) all the way from South Africa: "That feeling

when I went to check in at registration is an experience I will never ever forget. People just couldn't believe that I traveled from South Africa. There was so much love and respect for a 'fellow traveler in recovery.'"

"The fellowship with people I had never met before was wonderful," Ben continued. Laura was able to meet up with one of the founders of AA in Japan and record his story for our Archives: "As I listened to him, it dawned on me that he had been a true pioneer. He literally started a meeting and showed up alone for two years until one day another alcoholic showed up. What struck me was the simplicity of his experience, one alcoholic talking to another, while all around us, tens of thousands were celebrating that very thing."

The 2020 International Convention takes place in Detroit July 2–5, 2020 with the theme "Love and Tolerance Is Our Code." Information is available online at www.aa.org.

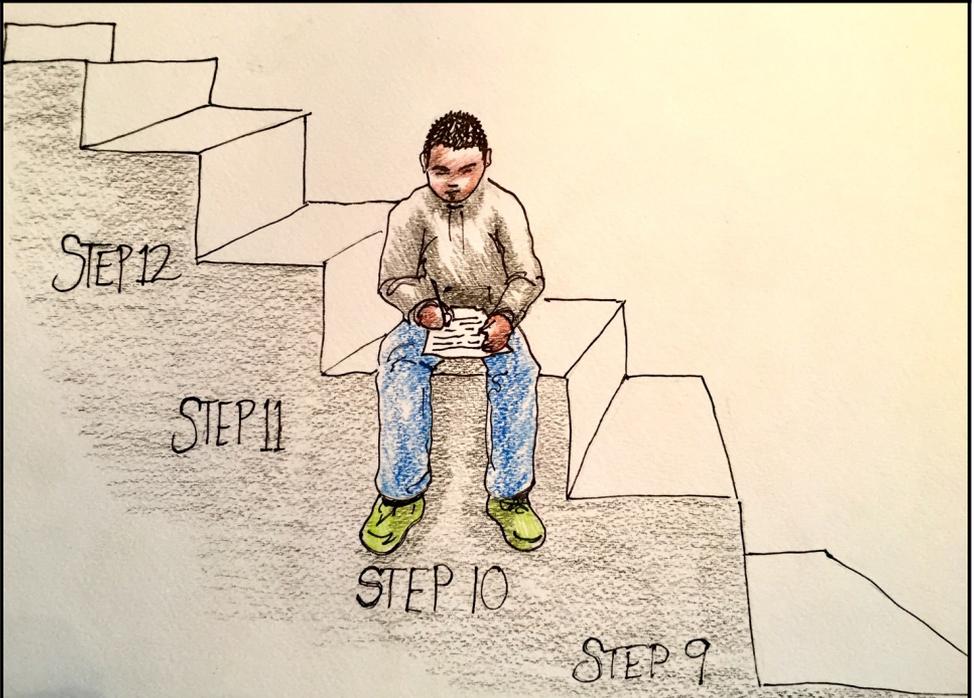
The California Northern Coastal Area is bidding to host the 2030 International Convention. We need to pledge 4,000 volunteers. Please email aa2030@cnca06.org and pledge volunteers so that we know the bid has your group's support!

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November 2017 Issue: October 18th
Topics: Step Eleven, Tradition Eleven, Eleventh Step Principle (Spirituality)

Please email all submissions to coin@asaanjose.org.

The Tenth Step Acid Test

Each of our Steps takes a certain amount of thoroughness, but for most of the Steps, it seems we will be working on them for the rest of our lives, as they involve practicing principles that we have incorporated into our day-to-day living experiences. After the Ninth Step has been given due diligence, we can go on to the Tenth Step. As the Big Book tells us, we must not rest on our laurels. Having put a little time between us and our last drink required a lot of effort, and it would be a shame to lose interest in the growing process at this time. My ego is always ready to move right into those empty spaces when I vacate the growing process.

My approach to Step Ten was confusing at first, as I thought I was going to be running around with a clipboard for the rest of my life, and I didn't like the idea of credit and debit lists and penciling out things; I tried it for awhile, and I still didn't like it. I couldn't see monitoring myself on every face-to-face verbal transaction and running around apologizing to everyone that I may have made a mistake with. That was my first impression of Step Ten.

What I discovered was that the Tenth Step is a framework for the upkeep and maintenance of all of the previous nine Steps, and as I incorporated those principles into my value system, it made me aware of my mistakes and became easier and easier for me, simply because the more I live by unselfish, proven principles, the less mistakes I make, and the easier it becomes to right those mistakes on the spot. The term “cash register honesty” means more than just being honest with a cashier – it means that we have to stop taking advantage of everyone. That's a principle to live by.

Since I started on this journey, I have wanted to be free of all of the sick feelings I had about myself, and at first, I couldn't find anything in the Big Book or the *12 Steps and 12 Traditions* that I could sink my teeth into. The one thing that came close was the term “sins of omission,” but that was too direct. I was looking for a broader term that would have covered the things I was unaware of. All of my life, under a mountain of misdeeds and inappropriate behavior, was the word NEGLECT. I may be wrong, but I don't think I ever saw it addressed with all of the other major defects, but it was *major for me*. I discovered it in the process of doing the Tenth Step.

In order to set the tone for my day-to-day activities, I start by making my bed when I get up in the morning. By doing this, I am making a statement that I won't be neglectful, irresponsible, lazy, etc. If I am at the market, I'll find a stray cart and return it to the rack, just to make up for all the times I pushed a cart into the flower bed and fled. The acid test for me is how diligent I am at continuing these exercises in selflessness until they become second-natured behavior. You may have your own way of giving back to make things right, and these things cost us nothing, but if I'm willing to do them, it's insurance that I won't be ripping anyone off today. It helps me to have a clear conscience, and it may just be what a good role model should be doing. I want to be quick to address my mistakes, for we know that nobody's perfect, but I don't want to miss the spiritual boat. Now it all comes down to *going through each day without doing anything I regret*, and I strive every day to meet the acid test.

– Rick R.

The Dividends of Step Ten

I Love the Tenth Step! It has gotten me out of and kept me out of trouble, to the point that it has become one of my most valuable tools for keeping my side of the street clean. It has been a long time since I went to sleep angry. Step Ten has taught me restraint of pen and tongue, nipping in the bud one of my biggest character defects. It has taught me that by virtue of the fact that I am an alcoholic, I don't have a right to either justified or unjustified anger.

When my first sponsor explained the process of the Steps – Trust God, Clean House and Work with Others – she also explained that Steps Ten, Eleven, and Twelve are the “Maintenance Steps,” and she said to study them in the *12 Steps and 12 Traditions*, discuss them with her, and use her as needed during my initial Step process toward housecleaning.

For me, Step Ten brought quick relief when the need arose. It helped in my spiritual and emotional development in the beginning, and for me, will continue to do so, one day at a time as needed.

Irritable, negative, short-tempered? By the grace of God, *not as long as I continue my Tenth Step*. Not doing it would put my self-honesty and humility to a huge test, which I am not willing to go through today. Resting on my laurels will never work for me... I feel a continual spiritual prodding to grow further, expand my spirit, knowledge, and wisdom. Just as nourishment is needed for my body, spiritual nourishment is needed for my

soul, and Step Ten helps me maintain that honesty and humility, which keeps me open to my daily spiritual “food” so I can keep developing.

Steps Four through Nine gave me freedom from guilt, and I want to keep it that way, so if I'm wrong, I promptly admit it. An important life lesson has been to realize that it's OK to do this for my own sake; that it's OK not to condemn myself anymore – just to say “I'm sorry”

and try to do better next time, and be totally willing to accept” the outcome without manipulating it in any way.

“Progress, not perfection” is so true. Growth hasn't happened overnight for me, but a huge dividend of Step Ten, for me, is that it has even showed me new character

defects that try to worm their way into my being every now and then, as situations arise. They are fewer than before, but they still need to be dealt with according to the Tenth Step.

I still use my years-old 12&12, which has a multitude of highlighting and underlining and tons of notes in the margins, and I can absolutely, truthfully say that I love consulting it, doing so on a regular basis as I work with my ladies, sharing what I've learned from my AA teachers over the years.

Love, appreciation, and gratitude to God are my feelings for my Tenth Step, and so it goes ... one day at a time, by God's grace.

– Danette G.



Tradition Ten: We Have No Opinion on Outside Issues

No opinion? I have plenty!

Every once in a while, we hear someone in AA refer to “the Washingtonians.” Often, we listen with half an ear or don’t listen at all. Because really, what does some association that was founded in 1840, nearly 100 years before AA was even a glimmer, have to do with us? After all, it was a time when the US consisted of 26 states and western expansion via wagon trains had just begun, so, why should we care about this group of people called the Washingtonians?

The answer is that their experience and short history enable AA to exist today for you and for me to get and stay sober. Without the Washingtonians, AA would have fractured, withered, and died.

In early AA, groups started to form. These groups were not the efficient, well-run, hour-long meetings we have today. They were at times tumultuous, disorganized, and contentious. New York-based groups hated Ohio-based groups, and vice versa. It was a time when newcomers were shipped to Akron, where they were put on their knees to do their Third Steps in the “surrender room” – a third-floor bedroom in Dr. Bob’s house.

As people in these early groups fought, they overwhelmed Bill and Dr. Bob with problems. Not just problems during the meetings, but also with issues like requests to side with alcohol reform, anonymity breaks, allowing alcoholics with “other” issues like drug addictions into AA, or Jack Alexander’s investigation.

(For anyone interested in this seminal piece of AA history, Mr. Alexander’s article appeared in the March 1, 1941 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, and is

detailed in the AA pamphlet “The Article that Marked a Milestone in the History of AA.”).

These things were steeping the membership in controversy. As the groups and the meetings grew, so did the problems. These problems and early AA experience became the catalyst for the development of all of the Traditions.

The Washingtonians began as six guys on barstools complaining to each other about their drinking, and in a few short years progressed to several hundred thousand members all practicing abstinence. The original reason for this society was this small group of drunks (the term alcoholic hadn’t even been coined yet) helping each other not drink. (Sound familiar?)

Rapidly, the Washingtonians developed into an association in which all of the societal issues of the current day were debated. Politics, slavery, religion, and many other topics were brought in and discussed at their meetings. It didn’t take very long for the entire society to fracture. The groups went from a cohesive whole, helping each other not drink, to separate and very contentious subgroups. They started battling each other, lost their primary purpose of helping each other not drink, and in a few short years had dissolved as a society.

They were here, and then they were gone.

So, just a few years into our development, when AA was still figuring out how best to function, and dealing with divisive issues of the time, someone told Bill about the Washingtonians. He warned Bill that outside issues was what ultimately ended that organization. Fearing the same demise for AA, Bill did

extensive research about this little-known society. He discovered why they fractured – put simply, they got involved in issues other than alcoholism. The basis of Tradition Ten came out of this research. (By that time, alcoholism had a name. Later, in 1956, the American Medical Association would classify it as a disease.)

When Bill wrote Tradition Ten, he understood the fate of the Washingtonians. He wanted to make sure that the same thing did not happen to AA. With alcoholism as our focus, **Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**

In AA, we stick to recovery from alcoholism. As individuals, we may have opinions on other things, but we don't share them in AA meetings. We are here to help the newcomer and each other not drink, a day at a time. I've only seen a

handful of incidents where newcomers, who are still figuring things out, try to use the podium to share their political opinions or other ideas. Usually, if the meeting has members who understand our Traditions, they are quickly shut down and encouraged to focus on the recovery from alcoholism.

As an organization, we need to remain disassociated with issues other than recovery from alcoholism. Even alcohol reform is not for us. I once heard it stated this way: If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to quit drinking, that's the business of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As a society, our primary purpose must be to carry the message of recovery to the recovering alcoholic. If we veer off that path, we will surely follow the Washingtonians into history as something that *could have* been great!

– Anonymous

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 our Central Office. We will continue to publish a tradition each month for the rest of 2017.

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? AI-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept Ten: We Are But 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

Every
member
has a
voice!



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 micromanagement 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 “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.

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A Plea for Help

Keeping the Rooms of AA Safe

I'm a regular attendee at a meeting with a good cross-section of newcomers and oldtimers. This meeting has been around for more than 20 years. Although it had to move a couple of times, it still has many regulars from its early days. This meeting ended up at a facility that also houses a "traditional" men's gathering, though this traditional organization is unrelated to AA. The facility IS NOT a church. Once a week, we rent a room in their facility.

Newcomers are brought in by a local recovery center. As is fairly typical, this means that there are batches of newcomers who cycle through approximately every 30 days. A few keep coming back to the meeting, though many move to SLEs and/or return to their homes. And no surprise – some drink again.

At this meeting, there is an AA member who has been around the rooms for a while. He also happens to be a member of the organization from which we rent the room, though not in any official capacity. He attends the AA meeting regularly.

In local AA, most members with quality sobriety also practice our informal tradition of "the men stick with the men and the women stick with the women." However, some members view an AA meeting as their personal pool for preying on newcomers, trying to "date" or otherwise obtain something from them. Many call this type of behavior "Thirteenth Stepping." It's both predatory as well as horrific for anyone to experience. Although newcomer men can be targets, it usually happens to women. I have personal experience with having been targeted several times in my early sobriety.

I've watched the AA member in question target women. His current method of operation is to stop a specific woman after the meeting. Usually it's someone who either shared or is simply attractive. He'll strike up a conversation around what she shared, talk about sobriety, then (and here is where it's really creepy) he'll "offer them a job." This "job" is to clean his house.

This person's MO *used to be* to sit with the newcomer women at one of their tables before the meeting. It got so bad that the women from the recovery center finally voiced their concerns to the meeting secretary. The perpetrator's behavior was addressed "one on one," which stopped it for a short time. However, it has started up again. The aggression seems to have become more intense, which now makes the situation more concerning. I even watched the member *follow* one of the women he harassed to the bus that brought the newcomers from the recovery center! That woman left the recovery center later that night. Did she feel unsafe in AA? Probably. Doesn't that woman have the same right as the perpetrator for a chance at sobriety? Doesn't she have the same rights as everyone else seeking our program? Since this happened, we have tried to warn the women from the recovery center to avoid this guy. However, it's not always possible, nor should the women *have to* "be warned."

When he's been confronted, this individual's "rationale" for his behavior is that the women are new, broke, and therefore need a job. He suggests that he's being "helpful."

What's really creepy is that he only seems to harass women *at this meeting*, and not at other AA meetings in the area. A few of us finally came to the conclusion that this member feels empowered because he is also a member of the association that rents the room to us!

Inappropriate behavior is nothing new in AA. When I was in my first few years of sobriety, I saw various types of questionable behavior in a variety of meetings. Two observations:

- If the meeting includes strong, knowledgeable members and the perpetrator is relatively new, the older members will usually take the individual aside for a talk. They will explain what *is* and what is *not* appropriate behavior. Hopefully, that stops the harassment and/ or puts the new member "on notice."

- If the perpetrator has been around the rooms for a while, some of the older members seem to be willing to look the other way; some even laugh at the inappropriate behavior. (I actually watched that happen in this situation. An oldtimer was amused to see this member harass a newcomer woman!)

There article ran in the Fall 2010 issue of *Box 459*, AA New York's quarterly newsletter, about how to address this type of behavior in meetings. Everything in it has already been tried. The behavior continues while many of the oldtimers look the other way.

AA MUST be a safe place for everyone to get and stay sober. We are at a loss as to how to deal with this member and need help!

– Anonymous

SAFETY IN MEETINGS: A TRADITIONS ISSUE

In our fellowship here in Santa Clara Valley, and doubtless in almost every community, issues of safety and security can and do arise. These issues often – but not always – involve newcomers, and they often – but certainly not always – involve female members.

It's often said that AA is a safe place, but not everyone in AA is safe. But our society is based on the premise that we offer our solution to anyone suffering from alcoholism. We want to keep our doors open to everyone who wants to get and stay sober, but we also have a responsibility to protect our members. How can we ensure that everyone feels safe in our meetings, in our fellowship, while honoring our mandate?

Do you have an opinion about this issue? Do you have a story about how your meeting has addressed a situation of this nature? If so, The COIN would like to share it with our readers.

Please send submission to the editor at coin@aasanjose.org.

AA Slogans: “One Day at a Time”

So many of us have our favorites, but what are their origins?

My favorite slogan has always been “One Day at a Time.” Lovingly referred to as ODAAT, this slogan finally enabled me to just quit drinking ... just for today. Every time I tried to quit before AA, it was going to be “forever.” Of course, we all know that “forever” is a *really* long time – far too long for most alcoholics!

According to AA historians, it was Dr. Silkworth who was the first to suggest that for an alcoholic to quit drinking FOREVER was too much to expect. At the time, Bill and Dr. Bob were experiencing failures with some alcoholics who were reluctant to take up “the AA way of life.” Never drinking again carried an unrealistic expectation. Plus, it frightened away people who really needed the program. The concept of “limited

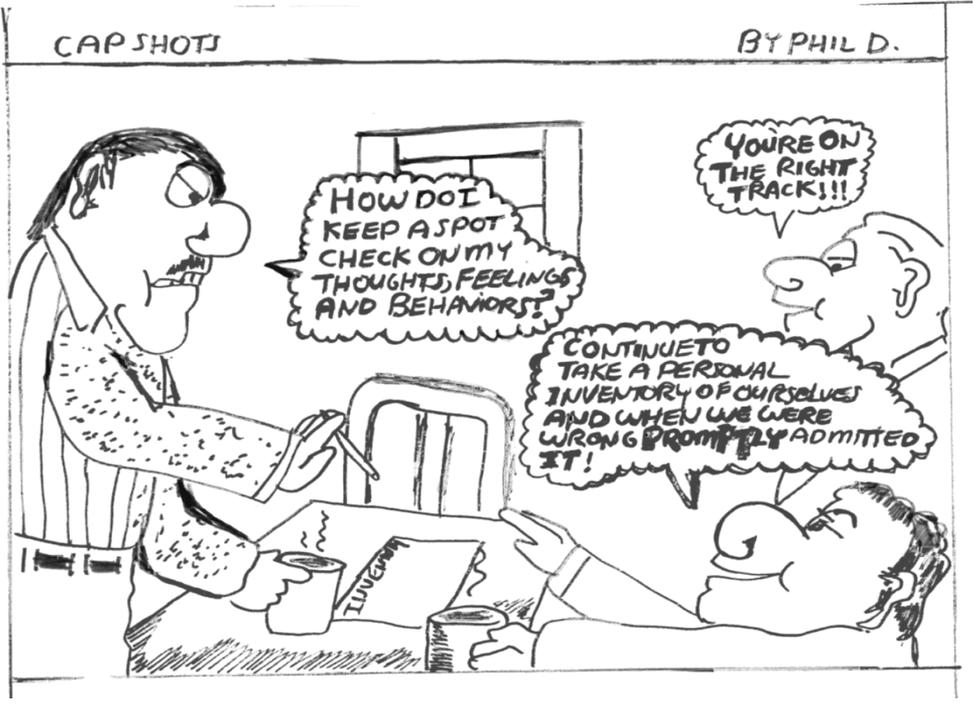
control” was introduced at the suggestion of Dr. Silkworth. As the result, both Bill and Dr. Bob began presenting the program as a “twenty-four hour program.” Shortly thereafter, it became the “day at a time program.”

As “the alcoholic squad” (as they referred to themselves) was separating from the Oxford Group, their four absolutes didn’t sit well with the early AA members. In fact, they believed that nothing was absolute – especially an alcoholic to quit drinking. Because of this, “one day at a time” became a key thought and way of life throughout AA.

– Anonymous

What’s your favorite slogan? Let us know and we’ll try to find its history or origin. If we find it, we’ll publish it in a future issue of The COIN.

Reference: *Not-God: A History of Alcoholics Anonymous*





The Parasite in My Brain

I live in your brain

My tendrils reach throughout your brain

I know your thoughts before you do

I use your intellect against you

I'm just as smart as you

Every Secret that you have is Mine

I feed on your emotions

I want to be your Only Friend

I'm Jealous of All Others

I Feed on Feelings and

anything that changes them

i trick you and tell you only what I want you to hear

I LOVE ALCOHOL

i can take over your entire being when you drink

I WILL PUSH AWAY ALL OTHERS

I want all your LOVE, PAIN, AND MISERY

i can be anything and everything you want

MOST OF ALL I HATE SOBRIETY

I HATE YOUR MEETINGS

I HATE YOUR SOBER FRIENDS

I will find a way to break you every day

If

you

let

me

– Mike B.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	2	3 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	4 OUTREACH MEETING: 6-4:5pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	5	6	7 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
8	9	10	11 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	12	13	14 SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos
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MEETING CHANGES

(none reported)

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!



September 2017 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office....214

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....2

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

The Central Office website receives an average of 15,000 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!



In Loving Memory

Marilyn H. sober since 4-19-84

Ed McC.

Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Sharon L.	36	Anonymous	
Kathy S.	30	Kathy S.	9/5/1987
Coventina W.	31	Coventina W.	9/8/1986
Sheila C.	34	Jerry C.	9/9/1983
Stephen T.	25	Stephen T.	9/9/1992
Carol B.	13	Carol B.	9/15/2004
Carolyn B.	28	Carolyn B.	9/16/1989
Marianne G.	31	Carol B.	9/21/1986
Mary Lou J.	43	Bob J.	9/22/1974
Eric L.	8	Bruce K., Mike D., Teddy B-W, Rose W., Carol B., Julie N., Coree H., Michele T. and Eric L.	9/23/2009
Peter L.	25	Peter L.	9/27/1992

304 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.



INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2017

- Robby W. Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Val read the definition of Intergroup. Alex read the Twelve Traditions.
- New Intergroup reps:
 - Val – Serenity Discussion, Wednesday noon, Santa Clara
 - Paul W. – Gay Lesbian Sober Experience, San Jose
 - Jamie G. – Lesbians Living the Promises, Campbell
- Visitors – Chauncy, Michael
- Birthdays – Jane, 23 years; Susan, 7 years; Mary, 2 years
- Observation of 7th Tradition – Michael H.
- Corrections or additions to the agenda – none
- Corrections or additions to the previous month's minutes – none
- Michael H. thanked the group for tonight's collection of \$101
- 35 voting members present

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Robby W.

- As a reminder, please line up three deep for the committee reports. Highlight your "take away." Big thanks to Desiree for the coffee, Joe for the treats, and Larry and Shannon for setting up our PA system.

Newsletter Committee (*The COIN*), Stephanie L. (no report)

Central Service Board Chair, Darcy S.

- The Board of Directors met on August 22. The Treasurer's report covering July 2017 was as follows:
 - July 2017 group contributions were \$18,589.86. Compared to July 2016 (\$21,934.97), this was a decrease in group contributions of \$3,345.60 or -15%.
 - Year-to-date (YTD) as of July 31, 2017, annual contributions were \$104,086.57 versus a year ago (\$111,743.69); we are down \$7,657.12 (-7%).
 - The downward trend is not a seasonal blip, because we are seeing percentile YTD drops compared with 2016 over the last four months:

May 2017	-4% YTD decreased
June 2017	-5% YTD decrease
July 2017	-7% YTD decrease
August 2017	-10.4% YTD decrease
- The prudent reserve is at \$84,894.11, down \$14,000. The prudent reserve is calculated at 99,000 (six months of monthly operating expenses.)

Central Office, Bruce K.

- "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" will be held on October 7.
- Overhead costs continue to rise. The prudent reserve goal increases and we remain \$15,000 short of our six months expenses goal. A fully funded prudent reserve is vital. This is to be taken very seriously, especially in light of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, a disaster similar in scale to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. We want Central Office to be as capable as possible of providing for the needs of the groups and individuals. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you H&I for your donation of \$3,500.
- Please come visit Central Office and let us know what can be improved, and/or where we could cut costs.

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.

Secretary Workshop, Kathy R.

- The Secretary Workshop is held the first Saturday of each month at 10am at Central Office.
- The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the secretary's role as the facilitator of the meeting – making sure it starts and ends on time, choosing the chairperson, often greeting newcomers for the first time. We discuss how to handle difficult situations, how to deal with disruptive people etc., and we go over the Twelve Traditions, how they apply to your meeting, what the Twelve Steps are to an individual, etc.

Outreach Committee, Susan P.

- Please join us at the Outreach table at "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" on October 7. Volunteers are needed. Please join us before next month's Intergroup meeting at 6:45 pm to brainstorm on getting representation for meetings without an Intergroup rep.

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.

- You can now donate to Central Office online via aasanjose.org > access "Donate to Central Office" link. *Please note that these donations are separate from your meetings' Seventh Tradition.*
- The digital basket committee meeting will be held at 6:30 pm before the October 4 Intergroup meeting. Group treasurers are needed.

Activities Committee, Ken M.

- The 11th annual "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" is being held on Saturday, October 7 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue in San Jose. A \$10 donation is suggested. The speaker meeting starts at 2 pm, and there will be a raffle following the speaker. We are still looking for raffle prize donations. Presale tickets are available at Central Office or through Intergroup reps. Members can volunteer to help at the event or donate prizes for the raffle by contacting Central Office at (408) 374-8511.

Old/Ongoing Business

- Nominations (Eric A.):
 - Your 2017 nominating committee consists of myself, Alex S., Marianne G., and Scott W. We are excited to present a strong field of candidates for two Central Service Office Board positions – the Intergroup recording secretary position and the alternate Intergroup recording secretary position. Elections for these four positions will be held next month.
 - Our candidates for the board include many people with a lot of AA service experience and strong business backgrounds. The nominees are Leslie C., Michael D., Chauncey H., Cameron L., Devon M., Susan P., Pam S., and Gloria V. Our nominees for the recording secretary and alternate positions are Allie C., Tamlyn R., and Pam S. (we may have one additional candidate).
 - Next month, these candidates will briefly introduce themselves before Intergroup votes. I'm grateful for this opportunity to have served, and am looking forward to seeing you all again next month at the election.

New Business (none)**Other Service Committee Reports****Unity Day, Greg**

- Unity Day was a success, fun was had by all. Thank you to all who helped make this event happen. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. Please email Greg .
- We need people for next year's committee; service opportunities are available.

NCCAA, Vacant

- Someone is needed to take over this position.

Hospitals and Institutions, Tommy O.

- YTD donations are \$42,000. Another large contribution was made to Central Office. Financial statements are available for you review via www.HandInorcal.org.
- Please report any meeting without H&I representation. Pass the pinks cans in your meetings.
- Secretaries are needed in the South Bay – positions are available, please tell your members.
- Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton Avenue in San Jose.

Bridging the Gap, Jane

- Volunteers are needed. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton Avenue, San Jose.
- We're introducing a new position – volunteers to write letter to people incarcerated within our area. Encourage members to get involved with Bridging the Gap, including writing letters to inmates getting sober in jail to help them into recovery upon release.

North County General Service, Mary M.

- The summer assembly was held on Saturday, August 5 in Petaluma. at the Petaluma Community Center. Sixteen members attended. A panel discussion followed an informative speaker.

SCCYPAA, Gary M. (no report)

Sober and Free, Linda

- Just a reminder about the upcoming Beach Blanket Bingo on September 30.

Open Forum

- Alex announced that the 2030 International Convention will be held in Santa Clara. Logistics are in the works, details will be announced accordingly.
- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

LOCAL EVENTS

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| October 7 | Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, 11:30 am to 3 pm |
| October 8 | Cornerstone Fellowship Group Ice Cream Social, 1600 Dell Ave., Campbell, 11am to 1pm |
| October 28 | Early Bird Group presents Stayin' Alive 10, The AA Family Calvary United Methodist Church 729 Morse Street, San Jose |
| October 28 | A Nightmare to Remember Halloween Party, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, San Jose, 6 pm to 11:59 pm |
| October 28 | Sober & Free Halloween Party, Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center, 938 The Alameda, San Jose, 7 pm speaker meeting, 7:45 to 10 pm party |

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

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| October 13-15 | NCCAA 70th Anniversary Fall Conference, Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, California |
| November 17-19 | Yosemite Summit Conference: www.serenityyosemite.com |

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



1960...22¢
1970...65¢
1980...\$1.65
1990...\$2.00
2000...\$3.00
2009...\$4.90
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.

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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@aasanjose.org. The deadline for the November issue is Wednesday, October 18th.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

September 2017

Ordinary income/Expense	Sep 17	Sep 16	Jan - Sep 17
Income			
3030 - Contributions-General	12,440.48	14,632.49	125,570.13
3050 - Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	0.00	37.30	3,351.00
8010 - Literature Sales	3,369.98	3,976.99	36,170.50
8020 - Meeting Guide Sales	699.30	283.30	4,344.17
8050 - Activities Committee			
8051 - Chili Cook-off	0.00	0.00	3,398.34
8052 - Sponsor Brunch	490.00	0.00	510.00
8053 - Outdoors Meeting	0.00	0.00	162.00
8050 - Activities Committee - Other	0.00	690.00	0.00
Total 8050 - Activities Committee	490.00	690.00	6,270.34
8055 - Central Office Events	0.00	0.00	3,513.00
8060 - Newsletter	223.70	0.00	2,313.30
Total Income	17,423.06	19,622.48	185,932.44
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 - Cost of Inventory Sold	2,895.28	3,126.83	29,866.95
5150 - Cost of Meeting Directories	250.19	340.04	4,117.83
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,145.47	3,006.87	33,984.78
Total COGS	3,145.47	3,006.87	33,984.78
Gross Profit	14,277.59	15,935.61	151,947.66
Expense			
6010 - Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	621.00
6015 - Activities Committee Expense			
610 - Chili Cook-off Expense	0.00	0.00	2,899.34
617 - Sponsor Brunch Expenses	956.47	0.00	956.47
6015 - Activities Committee Expense - Other	0.00	1,733.00	-73.00
Total 6015 - Activities Committee Expense	956.47	1,733.00	3,780.81
6025 - Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00	4,649.74
6030 - Accounting and Legal fee	0.00	0.00	1,475.00
6040 - Advances - Conferences & Events	480.91	0.00	480.91
6070 - Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	177.14	91.92	944.88
6120 - Computer Expenses	607.96	40.00	1,208.09
6140 - Conferences - Exec. Dir.	590.90	0.00	1,774.17
6150 - Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
6160 - Copier Expense	153.89	115.38	1,298.34
6190 - Depreciation Expense	1,199.23	1,199.23	3,397.73
6220 - Insurance - Worker Compensation	170.75	244.75	504.52
6225 - Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	552.32	528.28	4,875.72
6230 - Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	4,018.08
6240 - Employee HRA Plan	775.40	237.60	4,195.70
6245 - Internet Access Charges	12.30	12.30	112.30
6320 - Newsletter Expense	123.07	424.65	984.15
6330 - Office Expense	296.39	467.46	1,681.22
6360 - Archives	0.00	0.00	433.16
6370 - Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	421.05
6380 - Payroll Taxes	698.46	676.41	6,723.43
6410 - Postage	29.00	304.06	313.01
6480 - Rent	2,337.95	2,437.60	22,642.20
6510 - Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	59.32
6540 - Salaries - Office			
6541 - vacation pay	696.70	-347.04	-4,064.09
6540 - Salaries - Office - Other	6,073.94	6,294.73	77,613.41
Total 6540 - Salaries - Office	9,370.70	7,947.71	73,148.72
6560 - Payroll Expenses	118.49	-0.03	171.23
6600 - Signing Services	300.00	200.00	1,500.00
7010 - Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 - Telephone	414.90	276.96	2,363.43
7060 - Travel	0.00	86.23	0.00
9000 - Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	1.94
Total Expense	19,367.27	17,266.35	146,340.13
Net Ordinary Income	-5,289.68	-1,310.74	5,607.53
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8025 - Rebate	0.00	36.71	323.90
8030 - Interest Income	30.02	6.77	361.00
Total Other Income	30.02	43.48	704.90
Net Other Income	30.02	43.48	704.90
Net Income	-5,259.66	-1,267.26	6,312.43

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2017

	Sep 30, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	295.88
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	23,499.36
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 08/12/17)	17,859.55
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 02/05/18)	16,676.02
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,172.67
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/18)	20,232.21
1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ 1.0%, 12/08/17)	15,087.37
Total Checking/Savings	108,823.06
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-999.02
Total Accounts Receivable	-999.02
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	20,735.73
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,468.50
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	3,124.39
Total Other Current Assets	26,328.61
Total Current Assets	134,152.65
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,553.31
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-26,692.72
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Am ortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	10,618.39
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	146,764.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2075 · American Express	620.91
Total Credit Cards	620.91
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,020.73
2340 · Accrued Vacation	8,893.59
2600 · Unity Day	3,921.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	13,835.60
Total Current Liabilities	14,456.51
Total Liabilities	14,456.51
Equity	
3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	137,700.62
Net Income	6,312.43
Total Equity	132,308.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	146,764.89

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Group Contributions

September 2017

	Sep 17	Jan - Sep 17		Sep 17	Jan - Sep 17
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	490.00	G Third Tradition (906)	0.00	28.22
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	350.47	G Third Tradition Group	48.59	68.59
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	347.05	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	75.54	1,322.43
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,550.00	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	700.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	305.00	465.00	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	1,037.98
1 INV H & I	0.00	3,161.03	Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	259.00
1 INV Men Seeking Guidance Group	0.00	910.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	205.43
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,050.00	12,106.00	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	117.06
1 INV Rand B Group 70972	0.00	2,052.40	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	280.39
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	98.46	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Wed.)	0.00	184.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	6,300.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	2,785.72
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	1,000.00	2,711.50	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	330.94
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	1,024.00	2,785.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	630.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	1,778.16	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	168.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	267.40	Gratitude Group 339 (Sat.)	0.00	10.26
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	290.39	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,930.00
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	505.00	1,166.00	Happy Hour WG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	70.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	241.50	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	500.00	752.00
Alanon	0.00	0.00	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	1,009.90
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	302.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	236.00	441.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	259.98
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	140.00	245.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	187.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	357.70	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	245.00	Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	168.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	168.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	728.00	3,320.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	339.75
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	550.00	LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	0.00	231.52
Bon Air Siding BB Study 202 (Wed.)	95.55	95.55	LGBTQ Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc 516 (Sat.)	0.00	147.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	981.03	Living in the 12 & 12 851 (Mon.)	0.00	222.87
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	506.80	Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	994.76
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	1,045.50	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	643.23
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	346.90	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	420.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	940.00	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	455.70
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	291.19	Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	30.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	168.00	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	95.00
CNCA District 04	0.00	0.00	Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	614.00	1,487.00
CNCA District 40	0.00	0.00	Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	360.00
Courage to Change (Women) 145 (Wed.)	269.39	360.88	Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	580.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	318.00	Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	600.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	241.38	Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	2,662.84
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	979.77	Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	0.00	160.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	860.64	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	535.50
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	252.00	Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	370.17
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	140.00	Monday Night Chip 405 (Mon.)	0.00	196.00
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	196.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	105.00	105.00	Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	457.10
Flying Monkeys 422 (Fri)	0.00	252.00	New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	390.00
Free To Be Me (Women) 658 (Tues.)	0.00	210.00	New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	105.00
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	125.40	596.06	New Steps for Beginners 439 (Sun.)	0.00	967.19
G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	1,382.32	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	235.00	540.00
G 4@4 Group 70925	0.00	325.70	Noon Newcomers 275 (Thur.)	0.00	60.00
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	0.00	1,300.57	Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	180.00	3,120.00	Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	2,065.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	1,566.89	Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00	470.00
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	840.00	Personal 00911	802.00	2,739.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	1,261.01	3,061.01	Phoenix Group 623 (Sun.)	0.00	205.50
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	585.26	5,060.10	Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	314.00

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Group Contributions

September 2017

	Sep 17	Jan - Sep 17
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	80.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	236.00
Rule #62 Men's Meeting 049 (Thur.)	0.00	205.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	100.00	200.00
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	693.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	275.00	635.85
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	280.00
SCCYPAA	0.00	151.72
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	936.00
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	1,109.10
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	494.24
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	291.20
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	882.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	319.00
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	154.70
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	178.50
Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	0.00	336.14
Solutions for Gay Women 870 (Thur.)	0.00	75.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	217.70	483.70
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	250.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	161.84	590.06
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	1,552.40
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	375.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	500.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	436.10
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 732 (Thur)	0.00	900.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	1,017.00
Too Early Big Book Stud 172 (Sat)	0.00	105.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Tuesday Night Happy Hour 796	0.00	502.39
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	1,137.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	525.00
Unknown	0.00	648.50
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	70.00	210.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	532.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00	157.50
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	40.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	143.55
Wednesday Night Big Book 576 (Wed.)	81.20	81.20
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	221.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	266.91
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,250.21
Women's Candlelight Big Book Disc. (863)	0.00	164.03
Women's Step Topics 597 (Thurs.)	70.00	70.00
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	379.75
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	456.00
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	280.00	420.00
TOTAL	12,440.48	125,570.13

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP
11TH Annual
TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH

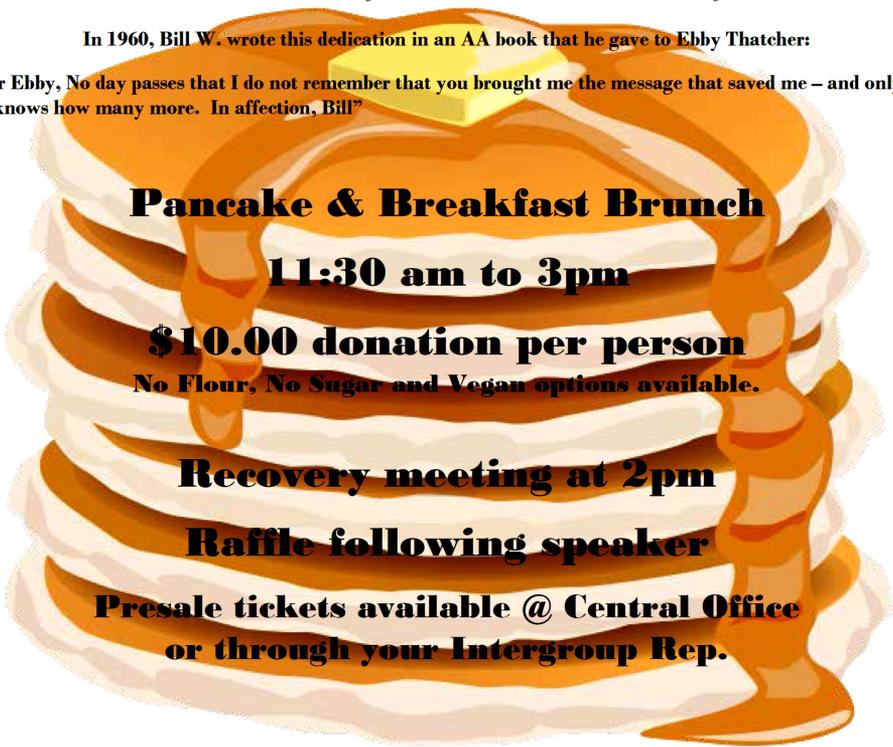
Music-Food-Friendship-Recovery

Saturday October 7th, 2017

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

In 1960, Bill W. wrote this dedication in an AA book that he gave to Ebby Thatcher:

“Dear Ebby, No day passes that I do not remember that you brought me the message that saved me – and only God knows how many more. In affection, Bill”



Pancake & Breakfast Brunch

11:30 am to 3pm

\$10.00 donation per person

No Flour, No Sugar and Vegan options available.

Recovery meeting at 2pm

Raffle following speaker

**Presale tickets available @ Central Office
or through your Intergroup Rep.**

**Volunteer to help at the event or donate prizes for the
raffle by contacting Intergroup Central Office:**

408-374-8511

SOBER & FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY



- Costume contest
- Crazy hat contest
- Games
- Snacks
- Salsa "cookoff" contest
- Photo "booth"
- Dancing



Saturday, October 28th

7:00 PM - FREE AA Speaker Meeting

7:45-10:00 PM - PARTY!!!



Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center

938 The Alameda, San Jose

\$15

A fundraiser for the 2018 Sober & Free Conference

For more information, FAQs, tickets and Costume Contest Categories:

soberandfree.org



