

Gratitude Gazette

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Humble Quests

STEP 10

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.” Now that we are sober we do not want emotional hangovers. These are when we have been angry, jealous or practicing behavior in our old fears. We need to correct our errors right away and clear up our side of the street emotionally or we are in trouble. When we are wrong because of our held old ideas about anything we need to pause and use new right behaviors.

TRADITION 10


“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.” Battles were fought in A.A.’s infancy to remain a fellowship spiritual in nature and open to all who suffer from alcoholism. We did not allow our name to incorporate in any agency whether it be a clubhouse, charity, corporations or other public or private interests least we lose our primary purpose and we take this purpose sincerely.

CONCEPT 10

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. From the general service conference through the general service board to the responsibilities are clear so each member will have the authority to complete their work for Alcoholics Anonymous. The general service board delegates their knowledge to the AA World Service, GSO and Grapevine.

PRINCIPLE 10

Perseverance. To trudge the road of happy destiny requires perseverance. We walk through all the steps one at a time. We work with our character defects one at a time. No matter what, we keep sober using the tools of A.A. Our toolbox is full of ideas to persevere like, acting as if, turn it over, try on a new behavior like a new jacket, live and let live, don’t react take action, call your sponsor, etc. We can all make it down the road of sobriety if we stay in the middle of the herd.



Groups The Life Blood of Alcoholics Anonymous

By Joanne M. Manager SCV Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

A.A. groups are the mainstay or life blood of Alcoholics Anonymous as a society. Bill Wilson helped designed the organization so that the primary purpose remains helping the alcoholic who still suffers as our main service goal. The organization was divided into districts and areas who represent the group conscience of its groups. The districts and areas take the ideas from the groups, via each groups GSR, to the general service conference. Delegates take these ideas to research discuss and vote for any changes. General Service Office and the Grapevine provide us with suggestions on how to organize and run our groups, print, provide and sell literature to help alcoholics in their recovery. It is all non-profit. There are no big bosses but the running theme within the society is to how best accomplish helping someone who is still suffering with the disease of alcoholism.

Several people have asked how to get a group number for their group. Even if your group resides in a clubhouse you can get a group number for that group. To get a group number you need to secure a new group form F-30 from the General Service Office in New York. You can pick up forms at your local Central Office or you can go online at www.aa.org. This website brings you to our General Service Office. Hit the home page, put New Group Form in search, click on forms and there it is F-30. Fill it out and send to the address on the form. The form will ask for your General Service Representative to be listed. If you have not elected a GSR put in the secretaries name for now and send the form. There should be an individual GSR person for every group listed in the Santa Clarita Valley because the GSR represents your group at the District. In 30 days the group will receive their number and a packet of information from the General Service Office. The General Service Office will notify your District and Area of your meeting name, address times etc. You will be listed in the international meeting guide that the General Service Office puts out yearly for all people in the United States. Now your group is part of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Is a clubhouse part of A.A. as a whole.? Well the answer to this question is yes and no. The Rafters clubhouse is owned by a private party and rented out to Rafter Groups. The Rafters Steering Committee which is made up of those who attend A.A. meetings at Rafters officiates the business affairs, pays rent, bills etc. Rafters has no outside agenda for making money except for keeping the clubhouse alive and help those with a desire to stop drinking. They have a prudent reserve and put on fundraisers for their clubhouse to remain solvent. Rafters has no membership dues. This clubhouse does donate to their Central Office on a monthly basis and we appreciate their efforts to support their society. it. At time of this writing I do not know if they support the other members of our A. A. society the district, area and GSO.

The Stepping Stones Alano Club, Inc. is a corporation which has as a goal to accumulate funds for purchasing a building. They have a separate agenda for their finance. They do not send any money to Alcoholics Anonymous and keep all their funds for their goal. Their fundraisers are for the building funds and prudent reserve money. They offer memberships for \$10.00 a month and offer buying a rock on the wall with your sobriety date for \$100.00. If you want to attend meetings at Stepping Stones Alano Club you do not have to be a clubhouse member.

These two clubhouses are a good example of how I can say yes and no to the question "Is a clubhouse part of A.A. as a whole." Both clubhouses offer A.A. meetings. Are they being of service to the community by providing places where A.A.'s can find help, yes. Do those in the A.A. community enjoy the fellowship in these clubhouses, yes. The difference is that one has an agenda other than A.A. for its finance which is really no problem, if they allow their groups to freely participate as separate A.A. meetings. A separate A.A. meetings in a clubhouse has a treasurer, secretary, general service rep., intergroup rep, coffee person, etc. The separate A.A. meeting get a prudent reserve for their meeting and usually donate to their A.A. society, which is General Service Board, District 7, Area 93 and SCV Central Office. If an A.A. meeting does not want to donate to a building fund they simple pay the rent for the space and keep the rest for their prudent reserve. In other words the separate A.A. meetings within a clubhouse manages their own group funds. At Central Office we have several pamphlets on the issue of how spirituality and money mix. Come on in and find out.

Live and let live!

Seventh Tradition Contributions

Santa Clarita Valley Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, PO Box 803063, Valencia CA 91380-3063

GSO PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

Central California Area 93, PMB#140 , 606 Alamo Pintado #3, Solvang CA 93463

District 7 General Service Board, PO Box 599, Acton, CA 93510

Birthday Board
 To add your day!
 Call 661-250-9922



Jody T	10-04-1975
Rick P	10-05-1980
Steve G.	10-06-1991
Ed C.	10-06-2004
Jim D.	10-09-1991
Raquel R.	10-15-1997



A.A. RELATED EVENTS 2015 TO ENJOY

Sept. 3-5, 2015 40th Annual Great Outdoor Beaver Meeting and Campvention of AA. Beaver Utah. www.thegreatoutdoorbeavermeeting.com. Camp spots separate.

Sept. 13, 2015 Stepping Stones Annual Fundraiser Barbecue. 3:00PM 661-287-9730

Sept. 18-20, 2015 27th Annual Soberfest Kern River. Frandy Park Campground, Kernville CA any questions call Lynette 760-223-1559 or email soberfestcampout@gmail.com

October 2-4, 2015 64th Annual Southern California Alcoholics Anonymous Convention, "Acceptance is the Key" Westin Resort & Spa 7133 Dinah Shore Dr., Rancho Mirage CA 92270 register online www.aasocal.com

October 9-11, 2015 52nd District Central Coast Round Up "Recovery Rocks" Veteran's Memorial Building Santa Maria www.centralcoastroundup.org 805-266-0046

Oct.16-18, 2015 Annual SCV Convention, Embassy Suites Valencia, 28508 Westinghouse Place, Valencia CA www.scvaaconvention.org 661-310-0384

Oct 16-18, 2015 "Balance and Step 11" St. Anthony's Retreat Center. Helen H. 559-824-2526

October 23-25, 2015 "We Are Not A Glum Lot" 31st Annual Santa Barbara Convention, www.sbaaconvention.com

Nov 26-29,2015 49th Annual Las Vegas Roundup, Westgate Resort & Casino 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas NC 89109 www.lasvegasroundup.org

Happy Halloween Happy Halloween



NEWSFLASH:

Our vendor prices just went up by \$.25 per item. We need to raise our price on the two medallions we carry.

Bronze Medallions are now \$1.95

Bi-Plate Medallions are now \$6.25

The rest of our prices remain the same.

The Rafters Club: Call them for more events at the club 661-259-0802

Stepping Stones Alano Club, Inc: Call them for more events 661-287-9730

Although the events listed here are related to Alcoholics Anonymous most are not affiliated with A.A. directly. We simply list the events as healthy fun events for those in recovery.

SCV CENTRAL OFFICE

November is Gratitude Month

November is traditionally Gratitude Month in A.A.

During the month of November a special collection (separate from the normal 7th tradition) is made during each meeting. This money is sent to Central Office. This money is used to support the services of the Santa Clarita Valley Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous



Gratitude Month contributions should be brought to the
Central Office, 26951 Ruether Ave STE B-6 Canyon Country 91351 during November, 2015
Office Hours 12:00-4:00PM Mon-Fri.

SCV Central Office of A.A.

Or mailed too:

Santa Clarita Valley Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

PO Box 803063

Valencia, CA 91380-3063

Count the blessings you have been given as a result of your sobriety.
Be generous with your donations so that we may continue to support you and your
groups and most importantly...

THE STILL SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC!

Please give what you can.

www.aascv.org

August 2015 Donation

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Group Contributions			
	08/05/2015	Individual	500.00
	08/07/2015	Men's Book Study - 7PM Thurs	228.00
	08/21/2015	Rafters Group	200.00
	08/24/2015	7th Tradition SCV Central Office	<u>22.00</u>
Total Group Contributions			950.00
Individual Contributions			
	08/05/2015	Individual	28.00
	08/07/2015	Individual	5.00
	08/12/2015	Individual Envelope	20.00
	08/13/2015	Individual Envelope	80.00
	08/19/2015	Individual	3.46
	08/21/2015	Individual Envelope	<u>20.00</u>
Total Individual Contributions			<u>156.46</u>
TOTAL			<u>1,106.46</u>

Thank You For Your Support

SCV Central Office of AA
Profit & Loss Aug, 2015

	<u>Aug 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Income - Literature	4,236.10
Income - Medallions	204.25
Income - Other Merchandise	31.27
Group Contributions	950.00
Individual Contributions	<u>156.46</u>
Total Income	5,578.08
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold - Literature	5,002.71
Costs of items purchased and then sold to customers	93.21
Cost of Goods Sold - Medallions	157.28
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	<u>9.95</u>
Total COGS	<u>5,263.15</u>
Gross Profit	314.93
Expense	
Computer	99.99
Copies and Reproduction	116.66
Insurance	75.25
Internet Service	73.74
Inventory Adjustment due to corrections	0.00
Office Rent	560.00
Professional - Contract Labor	400.00
PO Box Rental	8.34
Postage and Delivery	49.00
Telephone	59.06
Web Hosting	<u>12.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,454.04</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,139.11</u>
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