

NEWSLETTER for the Fellowship

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I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere, Reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. to always be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Intergroup Minutes 16 March 2013

The meeting was opened at 9:33 a.m. by Doug H. who led us in the Serenity Prayer. Julie D. read the Twelve Traditions. In attendance were: Doug H., Sam D., Betty B., Craig B., Julie D., Ted B., and Helen M. Ted B. read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betty B. gave the report. As of February 28, 2013 there was a balance of \$3,899.19 in savings, \$2,094.01 in the C.D., and \$4,701.82 in Union Checking. Income for the month of February was \$4,537.32, with total expenses being \$3,035.65. This came to a positive balance of \$1,501.67 before literature. February literature sales were \$1,205.65. However, literature purchases were \$700.00. After all expenses, the February Net Income was \$2,007.32. Year-to-date Net Income is \$4,436.20. In February, 28 people contributed to Central Office through Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I.) for a total of \$1,552.00, and there were 6 Faithful Fivers for a total of \$81.00. The Treasure's Report was unanimously approved.

Office Manager's Report: [Craig B. reported there] were 111 visitors to Central Office in February. There were 177 information calls with three 12-Step calls. There were 129 call forwarding calls with three 12-Step calls. Six new people contributed to P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I. in February. Central Office transferred \$1,500.00 to savings in February, and it is likely that more money can be transferred to savings in March. Bill P. is still filling in at Central Office for Craig B. There is a Founder's Day Picnic this year. Sam D. reported that the Picnic Committee is meeting at the Alano Club on Monday, February 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business: Regarding e-mailing the newsletter – Central Office is still working on it. Although Central Of-

ice's postage permit will be due shortly, Betty B. thought it would be wise to renew the permit for the next year during the transition from print copies of the newsletters to the e-mail format. Doug H. is writing another article for the newsletter for the need to continue contributions to Central Office.

New Business: Julie D. made a motion that whoever goes "down the hill" to purchase literature for Central Office that they should be reimbursed for gas. Sam D. seconded. However, there were not enough Board members to vote on the topic. Doug H. suggested that we poll absent board members by phone or e-mail and not wait until the next Intergroup meeting. This was acceptable to those present. Betty B. B. asked if we could start motions now to elect people to Board Positions even if we did not have a quorum of voting members. Since voting is actually in May, the answer was yes. Craig B. nominated Helen M. to be [Co-Chairman], and Betty B. nominated Julie D. for Public Relations. Sam D.'s understanding was that Central Office would receive \$1,000.00 from the A.A. Convention that was held in Victorville on March 8—10, 2013. Betty B. asked that we all should think about additional fundraisers other than the Founder's Day Picnic. The next Intergroup meeting will be April 20, 2013. Betty B. motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Ted B., Secretary

*Reality is only an illusion
that occurs due to a
lack of alcohol.*

Submitted by, Sue Ellen J., Tucson, AZ

Central Office Activities

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	
Visitors	98		341
Info. Calls	201		579
12 Step Calls	1		5
<u>Call Forwarding</u>			
Info. Calls	147		427
12 Step Calls	4		8
<u>Totals</u>			
Info Calls	348		1,006
12 Step Calls	5		13

From “More Will Be Revealed”

October 1998

[Thirty years later], this is what A.A. means to me: one alcoholic talking to another without regard for gender, social standing, religious beliefs, age, history, and length of sobriety; meetings which follow the A.A. Traditions of the ever-evolving conscious contact with God or a Higher Power that is personal, real, and practical, and requires only that I listen; the directions, as written in the Big Book on how to find a Higher Power and the clarification and explanation of the Twelve Steps as written in the “Twelve and Twelve”; the knowledge that sobriety was freely given to me and that I should freely give what I have to those who want it. I was attracted to A.A. because it excluded no one, and I am grateful for the lessons I’ve learned over the years: that we stop fighting anyone or anything; that it is the details of what I do that make me who I am; that my perception of life is ever-changing and evolving; that the basic “suggestions” I heard when I entered the Fellowship have been a continuous part of my life; that as long as I stay an active member of A.A., more will be revealed.

Ruth L.,

Portland, Oregon

Via, Voices of Long-term Sobriety, p. 139

Upcoming Events

April 20, 2013

Victor Valley Intergroup Meeting at Central Office at 9:30 a.m. Please plan on attending. For more information call 760-242-9292.

June 8, 2013

Founder’s Day Picnic and Speaker Meeting at Schmidt Park, 13576 Mustang Rd., Victorville (formerly George A.F.B.). There will be more information to follow.

Intergroup Meetings are now meeting EACH MONTH on the third Saturday. All meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at Central Office. Hope to see more Representatives there!

If your meeting or group is planning an event, please send your information, if possible, at least two months in advance to have it published in the newsletter. Either call Central Office at 760-242-9292, or email the info. to vvigco_aa@yahoo.com.

“I have become a pupil of the A.A. movement rather than the teacher I once thought I was.” As Bill Sees It

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And Finally . . .

One afternoon at Cheers, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm. Here’s how it went:

“Well, you see, Norm, it’s like this. a herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That’s why you always feel smarter after a few beers.”

Submitted by,
Bill P., Victorville, CA