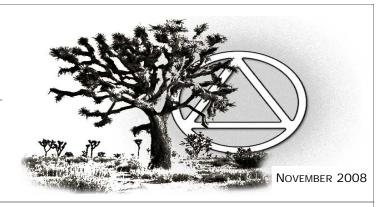
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## **Thanks to the Volunteers**

Without the help of these special people, Central Office would have had a hard time operating this past year. "Thank You" does not seem an adequate enough way to show the appreciation they deserve for all that they do. Whenever there is work to be done, whether it is working a shift in the office or answering the phone in the middle of the night at their homes, these members have stepped forward to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those still suffering. They themselves have heard, "I am responsible," and they made a choice to give back to the Fellowship. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy, Sober New Year!

Craig B. Your Central Office Manager

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## High Desert Convention

Come join us for the

25th Annual Sunshine of the Spirit High Desert Convention

With Al-Anon Participation

at the Hilton Garden Hotel In Victorville, California March 13th, 14th & 15th, 2009

Together we can website information go to www.victorvalleyaa.org or www.highdesertconvention.com

You are asking yourself, as all of us must: "who am I?"... "Where am I?"... "Whence do I go?" the process of enlightenment is usually slow. But, in the end, our seeking always brings a finding. These great mysteries are, after all, enshrined in complete simplicity

Bill W.

Join us for the 6th Annual Woman's A.A. Banquet in the High Desert Freedom From Bondage "A High Road to a New Freedom" Saturday May 2nd, 2009 5:00pm to 10:00pm Contact : Shelly (760) 447-2797 or Melanie at (760) 403-2854 1st Annual New Years Eve Sobriety Dance @ Victor Valley Alano Club 9:00pm to 1:00am \$5.00 at the door Contact Davey J. (760) 221-2473 18 and over only

> Lucerne Valley Christmas Open 10:00am— ? 32774 Old Woman Springs rd. Games, Snacks, Fellowship New Years Eve 3:00pm—4:30pm Pat L. 5:00pm—7:00pm Pat L. 5:00pm—7:00pm Pot Luck 7:30pm—9:00pm Speaker 10:00pm—11:30pm Pat P. Happy New Year!!!!

45th International Woman's Conference

www.internationalwomensconference.org location: Salt Lake City, Utah. Dates:February 12th - 15th, 2009

We here at *INTO ACTION* would love to hear from you about your experience, strength, and hope. Maybe something that's happened in recovery or an experience that has happened to you that shows how the program is working in your life. It's an effective way to help other members who may be inspired by your story. It's like a local meeting in print, any time you want to read it. It's just another way of being of service.

E-mail your story to:vvigco\_aa@yahoo.com

Please add your name and phone # to all stories for we reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity

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#### Service Material from the General Service Office

## **TRADITIONS CHECKLIST** from the A.A. Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Practice These Principles....

## Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?

2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AA's, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?

5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?

6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or believe it?

7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?

9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth

Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

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God grant me the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen

## My Experience with A.A.

In June 1985 it was strongly suggested I go to A.A. Why? I had not had a drink for 9 months. I did not need any help! I was doing quite well on my own! So why was I crying and miserable? The answer is: because I did not have you, God, or a way of life. I lacked "A design for living."

Reluctantly I stayed and found friendship love and a caring. I did not understand much at first, but with your help I stayed to feel, share and learn.

Today, as a result of these Steps, God, and Sponsors, we are learning over and over to practice these principles in all of our affairs— The Mailman, Pals, Clerk, Doctor's, Waitress, and Family including the Newcomer who reminds us of "what we were like, what happened, and what we are like now." Thank You God for my life and sobriety.

> Kathy G. 6/2/1982 Back to Basics Group Hesperia CA.

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## **Faithful Fivers**

Sue E. Sheldon S. Pete P. Craig B. Betty B.

Make sure your name is here NEXT month!

## What are Faithful Fivers

They are A.A. members who pledge at least \$5.00 each month toward the support of there local Central Office to "carry the message." "Many of us have spent more than \$5.00 on alcohol during our drinking days."

I agree to plea	lge \$	for	Months.
Name:			
Address:			
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**December:** Gratitude month book sale # Book Reg. Sale \$6.90 - \$6.40 B1. Regular Big Book \$7.25 - \$6.25 B2. 12 x 12 B3. A.A. Comes of Age \$9.00 - \$7.50 B5. As Bill Sees It \$8.00 - \$7.00 B8. Dr. Bob \$10.00 - \$8.60 Lg Print Daily Reflections \$8.80 — \$7.75 B16. Lg Print Big Book \$7.75 — \$6.70 Emotional Sobriety \$8.90 - \$7.90 Lg. Print Came to Believe \$5.30 — \$4.00

## **A Spiritual Awakening**

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life—the one that did not work—for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Bill W.

## **Speaker Meetings**

Lucerne Valley

32774 Old Woman Springs rd.

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