

NEWSLETTER for the Fellowship

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Eighth Step Prayer

Higher Power, I ask Your help in making my list of all those I have harmed. I will take responsibility for my mistakes & Be forgiving to others as You are forgiving to me. Grant me the willingness to begin my restitution. This I pray.

Amen.

Taken from: <http://www.greenbayaa.org/pdf/aaprayers/stepeight.pdf>

Eighth Step

"We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes." (p. 76 BB)

Working Step 8 By "Barefoot" Bill L.

Taken from Barefoot's World: <http://www.barefootsworld.net/aaworkstep89.html>

Step 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Something that you may not have noticed about the Eighth Step is that the word **ALL** is mentioned twice.

At this point in our work we will need to refer back to our Fourth Step inventories. From the lists of names on our inventories we are able to compile our Eighth Step amends list. We examine our sheets for the people we have harmed by our conduct and whom we owe amends. On page 76 in the third paragraph, the "Big Book" states:

"Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at Steps Eight and Nine. We have a list of **ALL** persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. **NOW** we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. (So we are **NOT** going out to fix rela-

tionships. We go out to repair the damage done, to set right the wrongs we have done. The book continues.) We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of **OUR** effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. (So here's a little prayer for when we are **NOT** willing to make an amend. Just like in the Sixth Step, if we are unwilling, we pray for the willingness until it comes. The book continues.) Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to **ANY LENGTHS** for victory over alcohol."

We make a separate list of names even though they're already listed in our inventories. By having a separate list of names, we're able to see more clearly those people we will go to, to make our amends.

The 12 & 12 suggests we redouble the efforts we made while writing inventory when making our Eighth Step list. On page 77 of the 12 & 12, Bill writes:

"Every A.A. has found that he can make **LITTLE** headway in this new adventure of living until he **FIRST** backtracks and **REALLY** makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to **REDOUBLE** his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways."

Aside from the list of names of those we owe amends, there's a second part to this step that we don't want to overlook. Some people we will be willing to go to right away. With others, we'll have to pray for the willingness to do this. The book suggests we pray daily for the willingness until it comes.

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In the meantime, we can begin to make those amends that we are ALREADY willing to do. We have found when we begin the restitution process in conjunction with praying for the willingness to do the seemingly more difficult amends, we start to ALSO become willing to make the amends that we never thought we'd be willing to face. We become more willing when we commence to get results from making other amends. When making the Eighth Step list, it is sometimes suggested to break the names into two categories: amends I am willing to make NOW, and amends I am NOT willing to make now. Also, the word "amend" has a second definition besides "setting right the wrong". To amend a document is to make a permanent change to it. So in making amends, not only are we to "right all such matters to the best of our ability", but we must ALSO change and stop doing the behavior that brought about the harm to begin with. You cannot make amends for things you still do. We can't call it OLD behavior if we are STILL doing it. We must move away from our old habit of apologizing for something but then doing it again. Our changed actions will speak louder than our words. The following **Headings** can be put on a form to fill out and will help you put together your Eighth Step list. Please pay attention to each of the headings:

- **Person** who has been harmed...
- **Memories** of harm done...
- **Thoughts** about the harm...
- **Feelings** about the harm...
- **Intentions** you now have...
- **Amends** you can make for the harm caused...

Upcoming Events

Big Book Seminar

with John S. (Conway, MO)
September 2nd and 3rd, 2017

Barstow Alano Club
129 W. White Street
Barstow, CA 92311

Lunch will be provided for a fee.

For more information, contact:

Tom H. 760-946-1593

Bill P. 760-646-1592

Ron M. 760-559-1070

14th Annual Mountain AA Conference with Al-Anon Participation A Search for Serenity

Friday, August 18th to
Sunday, August 20th, 2017

Includes: Delicious Gourmet Luncheon, Five Main AA Speakers, Saturday Night Ice Cream Social, Saturday & Sunday "12 Step Yoga" with Molly B. (all levels welcome) Sunday Morning Pancake breakfast, Long-Timers Meeting, AA Marathon Meetings, Souvenirs

Big Bear Performing Arts Center

39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

www.MountainAAConference.com

IEAAC Fundraiser Poker Run Ride, Fellowship, BBQ, Raffles, Prizes

Sunday, September 10th

30th Annual Inland Empire Convention, November 10th through 12th, 2017

Double Tree, San Bernardino, CA



*Bob H. of Lucerne
Valley passed away June 7th,
2017 with over
23 years of sobriety.*

He will be missed.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF JUNE 30, 2017		
	BALANCE	
Savings	\$ 20,526.30	
CD	\$ 10,031.32	
Cash in Union Checking	\$ 7,091.81	
INCOME	JUNE	Y.T.D.
Group Donations	\$ 1,251.79	\$ 9,820.30
Birthdays	\$ 35.00	\$ 126.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ 24.00
P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I. (12 members)	\$ 333.00	\$ 1,738.00
Newsletter	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Chips and Medallions	\$ 654.48	\$ 4,120.97
Literature	\$ 1,396.11	\$ 8,088.98
Credit Card Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 82.00
Coffee Kitty	\$ 31.25	\$ 112.88
Faithful Fivers	\$ 5.31	\$ 25.31
Womens Banquet	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Buck of the Month	\$ -	\$ 5.76
2017 High Desert Convention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Ride for Recovery	\$ -	\$ 3,484.00
Mountain AA Conference	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Intergroup 7th Tradition	\$ -	\$ 76.00
INCOME FOR THE MONTH	\$ 4,726.94	\$ 29,274.20
EXPENSES		
Rent	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,160.00
C.A.M. Charges	\$ 116.05	\$ 754.73
Utilities	\$ 65.16	\$ 414.42
Manager Salary	\$ 1,190.08	\$ 6,578.23
Charter	\$ 101.98	\$ 609.92
Printing	\$ 55.33	\$ 536.41
Security/Maintenance/Office	\$ 163.52	\$ 1,201.97
Chips and Medallions	\$ 411.50	\$ 2,102.80
Literature	\$ 1,572.40	\$ 6,272.00
Payroll Tax State (EDD)	\$ -	\$ 217.23
Board of Equalization (sales tax)	\$ -	\$ 792.00
Federal Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ 2,156.57
Freedom Financial (tax prep)	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Credit Card Fee		\$ 123.69
Professional Services	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Liability Insurance (Hub Int.)	\$ -	\$ 575.00
Alarm	\$ 96.00	\$ 192.00
Ride For Recovery	\$ -	\$ 360.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,332.02	\$ 25,367.92
NET INCOME	\$ 394.92	\$ 3,906.28
APPLE VALLEY		
Keep it Simple		\$ 112.00
How It Works	\$ 151.00	\$ 398.94
Simple Changes		\$ 200.00
Children of Chaos	\$ 120.16	\$ 386.66
Front & Center	\$ 141.08	\$ 730.45
Saturday Speaker Meeting	\$ 80.00	\$ 389.47
Nuts and Fruits		\$ 60.00

Womens 12 X 12/ Big Bk.		\$ 153.00
Sun. Just for Today		\$ 50.00
Thursday Mens Stag		\$ 100.00
Primary Purpose		\$ 180.00
Anonymous Group	\$ 122.00	\$ 507.00
Wed. Womens Participation	\$ 12.00	\$ 32.60
Coffee Talk		\$ 116.00
Campfire Group	\$ 98.28	\$ 98.28
7 pm Monday Big Book	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
Original Big Book		\$ 100.00
Barstow		
Los Coyotes Mens Group	\$ 90.00	\$ 480.00
Mon. Mens Meeting- Vets Home		\$ 10.00
Friday Nite Live		\$ 400.00
Our Primary Purpose	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Wed. Meeting-Vets Home		\$ 100.00
Ft. Irwin		
New Horizons II	\$ -	\$ 20.00
HESPERIA		
Back to Basics		\$ 1,035.00
Hesperia Umbrella Group		\$ 2,380.00
Wed. Mens Stag		\$ 60.00
LUCERNE VALLEY		
Newberry Springs		
Mon. 12 x 12		\$ 60.00
Sat. Breakfast Club	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Phelan		
Tues. Phelan Sober	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Silver Lakes		
No Valid Complaints		\$ 145.00
Thursday Big Book		\$ 80.00
Sat. Nite Serenity Group		\$ 112.00
VICTORVILLE		
Tumbleweed Group	\$ 60.27	\$ 126.21
Friday Night Speaker Meeting		\$ 30.69
Mixed Bag Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Wrightwood		
Wed. Mens Stag	\$ 100.00	\$ 460.00
Mon. Womens	\$ -	\$ 50.00
9 a.m. Sun. Open Participation	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Happy Birthday To:		
Kathy G	\$ 35.00	
Faithful Fivers		
Doug	\$ 5.31	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF JULY 31, 2017		
	BALANCE	
Savings	\$ 21,026.30	
CD	\$ 10,032.56	
Cash in Union Checking	\$ 2,914.37	
INCOME	JULY	Y.T.D.
Group Donations	\$ 1,455.40	\$ 11,275.70
Birthdays	\$ 28.00	\$ 154.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ 24.00
P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I. (12 members)	\$ 258.00	\$ 1,996.00
Newsletter	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
Chips and Medallions	\$ 968.35	\$ 5,089.32
Literature	\$ 857.10	\$ 8,946.08
Credit Card Fee	\$ 19.00	\$ 101.00
Coffee Kitty	\$ 24.30	\$ 137.18
Faithful Fivers	\$ -	\$ 25.31
Womens Banquet	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Buck of the Month	\$ -	\$ 5.76
2017 High Desert Convention	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Reimbursement/ Refund	\$ 43.00	\$ 43.00
Ride for Recovery	\$ -	\$ 3,484.00
Mountain AA Conference	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Intergroup 7th Tradition	\$ 30.00	\$ 106.00
INCOME FOR THE MONTH	\$ 3,693.15	\$ 32,967.35
EXPENSES		
Rent	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,520.00
C.A.M. Charges	\$ 132.00	\$ 886.73
Utilities	\$ 152.62	\$ 567.04
Manager Salary	\$ 1,190.08	\$ 7,768.31
Charter	\$ 101.72	\$ 711.64
Printing	\$ 55.33	\$ 591.74
Security/Maintenance/Office	\$ 607.40	\$ 1,809.37
Chips and Medallions	\$ 551.47	\$ 2,654.27
Literature	\$ 2,429.28	\$ 8,701.28
Payroll Tax State (EDD)	\$ 166.70	\$ 383.93
Board of Equalization (sales tax)	\$ 417.00	\$ 1,209.00
Federal Payroll Tax	\$ 1,201.78	\$ 3,358.35
Freedom Financial (tax prep)	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Credit Card Fee		\$ 123.69
Professional Services	\$ 60.00	\$ 260.00
Liability Insurance (Hub Int.)	\$ -	\$ 575.00
Alarm	\$ 96.00	\$ 288.00
Ride For Recovery	\$ -	\$ 360.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,521.38	\$ 32,889.30
NET INCOME	\$ (3,828.23)	\$ 78.05
APPLE VALLEY		
Keep it Simple		\$ 112.00
How It Works		\$ 398.94
Simple Changes		\$ 200.00
Children of Chaos		\$ 386.66
Front & Center	\$ 195.51	\$ 925.96
Saturday Speaker Meeting	\$ 100.00	\$ 489.47

Nuts and Fruits		\$ 60.00
Womens 12 X 12/ Big Bk.		\$ 153.00
Sun. Just for Today		\$ 50.00
Thursday Mens Stag		\$ 100.00
Primary Purpose		\$ 180.00
Anonymous Group	\$ 105.00	\$ 612.00
Wed. Womens Participation	\$ 14.00	\$ 46.60
Coffee Talk		\$ 116.00
Campfire Group		\$ 98.28
7 pm Monday Big Book		\$ 27.00
Original Big Book		\$ 100.00
Barstow		
Los Coyotes Mens Group	\$ 100.00	\$ 580.00
Mon. Mens Meeting- Vets Home		\$ 10.00
Friday Nite Live	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00
Our Primary Purpose		\$ 200.00
Wed. Meeting-Vets Home		\$ 100.00
Ft. Irwin		
New Horizons II	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Helendale		
4th Dimension Big Book	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
HESPERIA		
Back to Basics	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,385.00
Hesperia Umbrella Group		\$ 2,380.00
Wed. Mens Stag		\$ 60.00
LUCERNE VALLEY		
Newberry Springs		
Mon. 12 x 12		\$ 60.00
Sat. Breakfast Club	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Phelan		
Tues. Phelan Sober	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00
Silver Lakes		
No Valid Complaints	\$ 75.00	\$ 220.00
Thursday Big Book		\$ 80.00
Sat. Nite Serenity Group		\$ 112.00
VICTORVILLE		
Tumbleweed Group	\$ 12.89	\$ 139.10
Friday Night Speaker Meeting		\$ 30.69
Mixed Bag Group		\$ 50.00
Wrightwood		
Wed. Mens Stag	\$ -	\$ 460.00
Mon. Womens	\$ 43.00	\$ 93.00
9 a.m. Sun. Open Participation	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Happy Birthday To:		
Craig B	\$ 28.00	

Our 7th Tradition: A Perspective

THEN



VW Beetle
\$1,465.00
Gas
25¢/gal.
Jeans
\$4.50

NOW



VW Beetle
\$19,000.00+
Gas
\$3.65+/gal.
Jeans
\$75.00+



Smokes
30¢



Smokes
\$5.50+



Soda
15¢



Soda
\$1.75+

AA BASKET
\$1.00



AA BASKET
\$1.00

This doesn't add up.

You can do something about it!

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Intergroup Meeting Notes

July 15th, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ted B at 9:35AM and the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Traditions.

Present were Ted B, Chad B, Craig B, Doug H and Bill P.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. There was no June meeting.

Treasurer's report: was not ready and will be submitted later. But the group is still solvent.

Webmaster's report: 1,273 unique visitors last month, bringing ytd total to 7922 visitors to the website.

Newsletter is reported "still going good."

Office Manager Report:

Office 99 visitors, 111 information calls , 0 12 step call / Call Forwarding : 118, 2 12 step call
 Totals: 2009 Information Calls 2 12 step calls

All office shifts are filled at this time, but we need more names for the 12 step call list. Groups are urged to announce this and explain what being on the list entails.

The bookkeeping audit was finished and verified as correct.

CENTRAL OFFICE STATISTICS		
	July	Y.T.D.
Visitors	99	541
Information Calls	111	841
12-Step Calls	0	8
CALL FORWARDNG		
Information Calls	98	758
12 Step Calls	2	11
TOTALS		
Information Calls	209	1599
12 Step Calls	2	19

The 50/50 drawing from the convention netted \$1000 which was donated to the Intergroup.

New Business: We need a new computer for the office. The Board voted to appoint the office manager to shop for, and purchase one.

Announcement: Little Hose has reopened and there are meetings daily at Noon and 5:30 PM

7th Tradition observed

Meeting adjourned at 9:55

Respectfully submitted Doug H. sec.

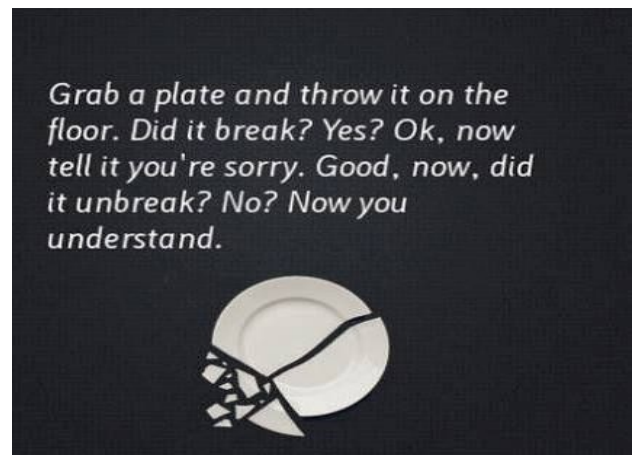


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