

NEWSLETTER for the Fellowship

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"The trouble with us alcoholics was this: We demanded that the world give us happiness and peace of mind in just the particular order we wanted to get it-by the alcohol route. And we weren't successful. But when we take time to find out some of the spiritual laws, and familiarize ourselves with them, and put them into practice, then we do get happiness and peace of mind. . . . There seem to be some rules that we have to follow, but happiness and peace of mind are always here, open and free to anyone."

DR. BOB AND THE GOOD OLDTIMERS, p. 308 From the book Daily Reflections

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On Tradition One

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

Editorial by Bill W.

A.A. Grapevine, December, 1947

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

Our whole A.A. program is securely founded on the principle of humility--that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are--"a small part of a great whole." Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why A.A. Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first."

"Does this mean," some will ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?"

No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few A.A. groups impose penalties on anyone for non-conformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or non-compliance with any principle of A.A. is a matter for the conscience of the

individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "Judge not," we observe most literally.

"But," some will argue, "if A.A. has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?"

The answer seems to be that we A.A.s cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction.

So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves.

Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without substantial unity there can be no A.A., and that without A.A. there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm A.A. We humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

Bill W. The A.A. Grapevine, December, 1947

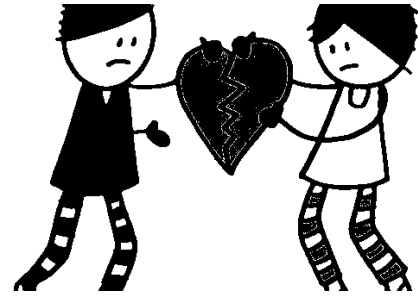
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Signs of a Spiritual Awakening:

1. An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
2. Frequent attacks of smiling.
3. Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
5. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
6. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
7. A loss of ability to worry.
8. A loss of interest in conflict.
9. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
10. A loss of interest in judging & criticizing others.
11. A loss of interest in judging & criticizing myself.
12. Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return.

Retrieved from: Realistic Recover: <https://realisticrecovery.wordpress.com/2010/01/25/twelve-signs-of-a-spiritual-awakening/>

HOPE
HOLD ON, PAIN ENDS.



Forgiveness is the key that unlocks one's soul.

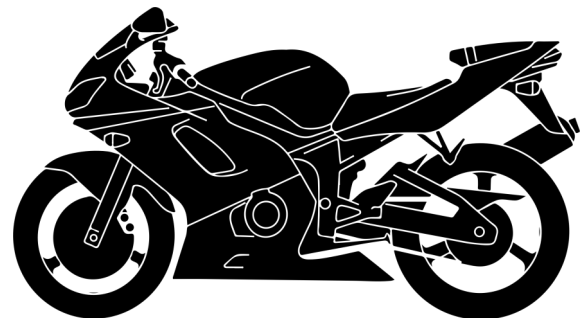
It makes it easy to breath, to grow and to live.

Unspoken it is an evil more powerful than the deed itself.

Revealed, it is the light of the world and the birth of a new heart.

Written after making amends to her husband, he wrote this. Submitted by Debbie D., Apply Valley

Upcoming Event



Death Valley

11th Annual Poker Run

March 31st and April 1st, 2017

All vehicles are welcome

Victor Valley Central Office

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF DEC 31, 2016

	BALANCE	
Savings	\$ 19,025.39	
Cash in Union Checking	\$ 5,067.23	
INCOME	DECEMBER	Y.T.D.
Group Donations	\$ 2,098.52	\$ 15,336.65
Birthdays	\$ -	\$ 350.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00	\$ 123.00
P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I. (12 members)	\$ 332.00	\$ 4,832.00
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Chips and Medallions	\$ 595.27	\$ 7,696.31
Literature	\$ 878.33	\$ 12,209.95
Credit Card Fee	\$ 11.00	\$ 46.00
Coffee Kitty	\$ 25.51	\$ 244.58
Buck of the Month	\$ 2.63	\$ 32.56
Ride for Recovery	\$ -	\$ 4,639.50
Other	\$ -	\$ 204.42
ICYPAA Donation	\$ -	\$ 34.56
AA Mountain Conference	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Faithful Fivers	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Women's Banquet	\$ -	\$ 300.00
2016 Convention	\$ -	\$ 655.00
Intergroup 7th Tradition	\$ 32.00	\$ 196.45
INCOME FOR THE MONTH	\$ 4,075.26	\$ 47,290.98
EXPENSES		
Rent	\$ 360.00	\$ 4,320.00
C.A.M. Charges	\$ 105.03	\$ 1,483.40
Utilities	\$ 69.34	\$ 944.38
Manager Salary	\$ 1,027.28	\$ 12,327.36
Charter	\$ 102.63	\$ 1,084.35
Printing	\$ 44.82	\$ 740.98
Security/Maintenance/Office	\$ 301.96	\$ 2,758.37
Chips and Medallions	\$ 595.91	\$ 4,803.89
Literature	\$ 271.00	\$ 7,264.62
Payroll Tax State (EDD)	\$ -	\$ 445.06
Board of Equalization (sales tax)	\$ -	\$ 1,235.00
Atty. Gen. of California	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Franchise Tax Board	\$ -	\$ 35.00
Federal Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ 4,325.16
Freedom Financial (tax prep)	\$ -	\$ 275.00
Credit Card Fee	\$ 26.57	\$ 303.17
Alarm	\$ 96.00	\$ 480.00
Ride For Recovery	\$ -	\$ 635.00
Stamps	\$ -	\$ 196.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,000.54	\$ 43,681.74
NET INCOME	\$ 1,074.72	\$ 3,609.24
APPLE VALLEY		
Anonymous Group	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,474.22
Keep it Simple	\$ 100.00	\$ 473.00
Coffee Talk	\$ 60.00	\$ 132.00
There is a Solution		\$ 222.00

Mon. 5 p.m. Open Participation		\$ 45.00
Wed. Womens Participation	\$ 17.00	\$ 142.00
How It Works	\$ 85.50	\$ 626.91
Simple Changes		\$ 275.00
Children of Chaos	\$ 38.00	\$ 629.94
Questions & Answers	\$ 20.00	\$ 73.00
Front & Center	\$ 113.02	\$ 1,438.29
Saturday Speaker Meeting		\$ 568.00
T.G.I.F.		\$ 180.19
Friday Nite Lites		\$ 210.00
Monday Back to Basics		\$ 155.00
Cedar Street Big Book		\$ 70.00
Original Big Book		\$ 134.15
Womens 12 X 12/ Big Bk.		\$ 246.16
Sun. Just for Today		\$ 80.00
7 P.M. Monday Big Book		\$ 25.00
Thursday Mens Stag		\$ 55.00
Primary Purpose		\$ 120.00
Sunday Night Campfire		\$ 189.28
Tuesday Nite Step Workshop	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Barstow

Los Coyotes Mens Group		\$ 804.00
Friday Nite Live	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,253.22
Happy Hour- Vets Home	\$ 40.00	\$ 280.34
Our Primary Purpose		\$ 175.00
Into Action		\$ 200.00
AA Literature Study		\$ 20.00

Ft. Irwin

New Horizons II	\$ -	\$ 67.95
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HESPERIA

Back to Basics	\$ -	\$ 1,892.00
Hesperia Umbrella Group	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00

LUCERNE VALLEY

The Place	\$ -	\$ 20.00
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Newberry Springs

Thurs. Big Book Study	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sat Breakfast Club	\$ -	\$ 90.00

Phelan

Thurs. Big Book	\$ 60.00	\$ 250.00
Phelan Sober Group	\$ -	\$ 180.00

Silver Lakes

No Valid Complaints	\$ -	\$ 150.00
4th Dimension Big Book	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Sat. Night Serenity	\$ -	\$ 90.00

VICTORVILLE

Friday Speaker Meeting	\$ 25.00	\$ 155.00
Little House	\$ -	\$ 40.00
As Bill sees it	\$ -	\$ 160.00

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Mixed Bag Group	\$	50.00	\$	100.00
Sat. Step Study	\$	-	\$	5.00
Tumbleweed Group	\$	-	\$	10.00

Wrightwood

Wed. Mens Stag	\$	-	\$	240.00
Mon. Womens	\$	-	\$	50.00
9a.m. Open Participation	\$	-	\$	480.00

In Memory of:

Bill F	\$	100.00
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Buck of the month

Kim	\$	2.63
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CENTRAL OFFICE STATISTICS	Dec.	FINAL YTD
Visitors	78	1100
Information Calls	141	1814
12-Step Calls	0	12
CALL FORWARDNG		
Information Calls	99	1335
12 Step Calls	1	23
TOTALS		
Information Calls	240	3149
12 Step Calls	1	35

Sat. Dec. 24th the Back to Basics Speaker meeting will be dark.

Christmas day the HUG group will have marathon meetings 7AM to 7PM.

The Place in Lucerne Valley will be moving (to place unknown) sometime after the first of the year. Regular meetings will still be held there until further notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30Am by Helen M. Chad F. prayed us out with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully Submitted By Bill P.

Intergroup Minutes December 19th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:35AM by Helen M. Who lead us in the Serenity Prayer. Present were Helen M. Chair, Ted B. Co-Chair, Chad F. treasurer, Bill P. Secretary, Randy M. District District19 Liaison, Craig B. Manager, Doug H., Carl O., Assoc. Member. Patrick C. H&I Rep.

Secretaries Report- Bill P. stated that the Nov. meeting for Nov. was dark and no minutes to be read

Treasurers Report- As of Nov. 2016 we have a balance of \$18,524.95 in savings, \$4,249.65 in Union Bank Checking, Income for the month was \$2,773.07, total expenses were \$3,256.93 with a net income for Nov. (\$483.86)

Dist. 19 Report- Dist. 19 went to area 9 function and discussed various subjects of interest to A.A.

Managers Report- Craig B. stated in Nov. we had 67 visitors, 141 calls. Call forwarding had 105 calls which gave us a total of 246 calls. Currently all Central Office shifts are fillis designed to help the alcoholic in a treatment program make the transition

Hospitals and Institutions report- Pat C. mentioned "Bridge the Gap" which is a new program to help people in treatment facilities to make the transition to the outside. For more information H&I meets the third Monday of the month at the Victor Valley Alano Club at 6:30PM.

New Business- Ted B. was elected new Chairman of the Intergroup Committee. Congratulations Ted.

LUCERNE VALLEY MEETINGS ARE MOVING NEW YEAR--NEW LOCATION--NEW TIMES

NEW ADDRESSES

Pineridge-- 9401 Crystal Creek Road
St. Paul's Catholic Church-- 8973 Mesa Rd

Sunday	Big Book Study	7pm	Pineridge
Monday	Open Discussion	7:30pm	Pineridge
Tuesday	Podium Meeting	7pm	St. Paul's
Wednesday	Speaker Meeting	7pm	St. Paul's
Thursday	CLOSED		
Friday	Literature Mtg	7pm	St. Paul's
Saturday	CLOSED		

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