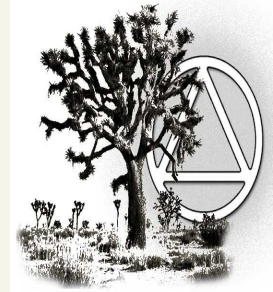


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STEP FIVE

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

Until we had talked with complete candor of our conflicts, and had listened to someone else do the same thing, we still didn't belong. Step Five was the answer. It was the beginning of true kinship with man and God.

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*Publish your Home Group
AA Birthdays*

Have your groups Birthday/
Chip person provide
Central Office with

or e-mail us at:
fellowshipbirthdays@gmail.com

The following:

MEMBERS SOBRIETY DATE
FIRST NAME & LAST INITIAL

JUNE DEADLINE is
MAY 20, 2023

88th Founders' Day celebration takes place in Akron, Ohio June 9, 10 & 11, 2023

AA Founders' Day, referred to as simply Founders' Day within Alcoholics Anonymous, is observed by Alcoholics Anonymous chapters across the world on June 10 to commemorate AA's anniversary.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an international mutual aid fellowship that promotes abstinence-based alcoholism recovery through its twelve-step program. It was co-founded by **Bill Wilson**, commonly known as Bill W., and **Bob Smith**, also known as Dr. Bob, in 1935.

Bill Wilson's alcoholism nearly ruined his life.

He failed to pick up his law school diploma due to being too drunk, let constant drinking ruin his burgeoning Wall Street career and damage his marriage, and was hospitalized for alcoholism four times in two years.

In late 1934, shortly before his fourth hospitalization, Wilson met with an old drinking companion of his who had quit drinking thanks to the **Oxford Group**, a Christian organization that helped its members remain sober. Upon being discharged from the hospital, Wilson joined the Oxford Group and began recruiting other alcoholics to help them become sober. During a business trip to Akron, Ohio Wilson met **Robert Smith**,

a surgeon and fellow Oxford Group member. By the time he met Wilson, Smith had been a member for over two years but had failed to stay sober. After talking to Wilson, he decided to commit to sobriety and had his last drink on June 10, 1935. This date is considered the founding anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous and observed as AA Founders' Day.

Located in the Birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Akron Area Intergroup Office started in 1954 and serves Holmes, Medina, Portage, Summit and Wayne Counties.



TRADITION FIVE

Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

For us, if we neglect those who are still sick, there is an unremitting danger to our own lives and sanity. Under these compulsions of self-preservation, duty, and love, it is not strange that our Society has concluded that it has but one high mission—to carry the A.A. message to those who don't know there's a way out. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg.151

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Long Form~pg.190

CONCEPT FIVE

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

This "Right of Appeal" recognizes that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are in error they still perform a most valuable service when they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

District 19 / GSR Committee

April 23, 2023

Business Meeting Report

The Victor Valley AA Intergroup is in District 19 of Area 09(MSCA) Mid-Southern California Area



The District 19 /GSR Committee now meets on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 12:30pm at the HUG 15885 Main St suite 310 Hesperia, Ca. crnr of 8th & Main St.

The Zoom Meeting number is: 827 9127 7692 Passcode: 768560

While this meeting is specific, AAs of all varieties are welcome to attend. Inform your groups about this additional nugget!

GSR Reports

Tom W: *Wrightwood Men's Stag (Wednesday 7pm)* 20-30 guys every Wednesday night. They are getting ready to host the Wrightwood Men's Retreat (September 15-17). All positions are filled. The group contributes regularly.

MartyH: *AV Alano Club Campfire Mtg (Sunday 7pm)* The first Sunday in May the meeting will be back outdoors. The group gives out a spiritual stone on the last Sunday of every month. All positions are filled.

Mike: HUG The HUG has open positions: traditionalist, purchaser, treasurer. The 6am meetings are getting ready to reopen. HUG is having growing pains.

Bob O: *Happy Hour (Monday 5pm)* The meeting sends \$25.00 money orders to A.A.W.S., Central Office and to District 19. These contributions are mailed out quarterly. Bob O is now the GSR until next year. On Saturday 25 March there was a birthday celebration for all those AA members celebrating AA birthdays. River of Life Methodist Church at 800 Yucca Ave, Barstow CA 92311 is open to all AA groups in Barstow for birthday celebrations each month. Group does participate in Panels at St. John of God, 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:45pm to 8pm.

Ed L: *Global Men's Meditation on Zoom (everyday 8:30am)* Regular attendance is 35-50 men. They have contributed approximately \$20,000 since March 2020 when they formed. Ed is the group's first GSR. The group is now formally part of District 19. Ed suggested that all GSRs make sure that their homegroups find out what happened at the General Service Conference.

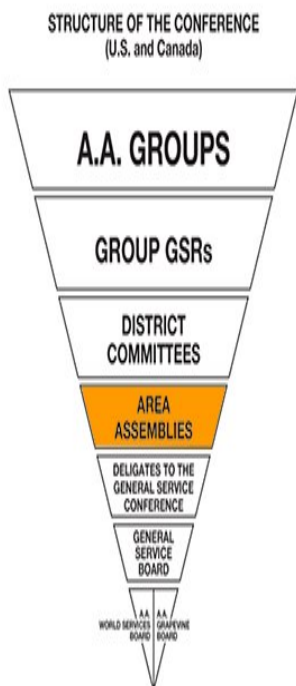
The 37th Annual "Sunshine of the Spirit High Desert Convention"

COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!

Call Carlos S at (626)808-6159

or go to:

<https://www.sunshineofthespirit-highdesertconvention.com/volunteers>



Victor Valley Intergroup April 2023 Meeting Minutes

Date 4/15/23 Meeting called to order 8:42 AM

Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Bryan J

Present were Bryan, Doug, Margie, Sandy

The minutes from previous month were read by Doug H and were approved as read

Treasurers Report

Income \$3127.38

Expenses \$3801.54

Net increase/decrease of \$(674.16)

Newsletter Report

Newsletter is going well. Events are being shared and distributed amongst the fellowship. Sandy is taking over the newsletter. Unsure when she will feel comfortable enough to release her first edition. Discussion about changing the Newsletter Email address and it was decided that it's a good idea to make it easier to access.

H and I Report

There continues to be adjustments to the St. John of God Panels due to new rules.

Webmaster Report

Website is running well. Meetings have been updated. Amanda and Lillian are being updated about how to work on the website.

GSR REPORT

No Report

Office Managers Report

Checking 5140.81 Savings 12003.81

Office Visits 52 Information calls 54 12 step calls 1

Call Forwarding Information calls 57 12 step calls 0

Total Information calls 111 12 step calls 1

Old Business

New Directories are out. The Serenity Hall has been added. Ride for Recovery March 31- April 2. Discussion was had about a Founder's Day picnic but it was tabled due to conflict with other events and that date.

The discussion was had to try and see if we can get more people on to the 12-step call list.

New Business

Ride for Recovery raised \$6206.00, Help needed for the Manager discussed, New volunteer Amanda, Potential new volunteer Zach, Alicion, and Patrick, Lillian has returned and was going to volunteer again.

Seventh Tradition passed and meeting closed at 9:20 am



In Memoriam

Karyl Lougee

2/28/2023

Michael Whitton

3/18/2023

*Our condolences to
the families*



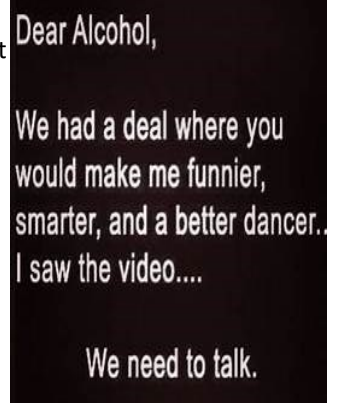
Group Updates, Announcements and Changes



Remember the "original" Little House located off the I-15 and D Street exit? It was in the trailer park on "D" and First. In the 2000s when a fire destroyed most of that park the fellowship house was taken down too. Up until now, the "Little House" has relocated an additional 3 times, twice on Sixth St. and once on Seventh St., briefly.

Today, though knocked down more than once, **"The Little House"** remains firm in it's foundation and is pleased to announce their new location at: **14298 St. Andrews Dr. Unit #8, VV**, behind Bakers fast-food on Seventh St. Meetings have resumed daily at 12:00 noon and 5:00pm seven days a week. Come by for a meeting, y'all.

***LUCERNE VALLEY** Midway Park Mtgs~ M,W,F & SAT ~ 7pm—9pm



A.A. SOBERVERSARIES MAY 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE and take another year SOBER!



Nick K	May 01, 2013	H.U.G. /GSR
Jim F	May 11, 2009	
Tracy D	May 14, 2001	Tumbleweed
Shelly J	May 14, 2006	Barstow/H & I Liaison & District 19 Committee/GSR
Vic C	May 14, 2009	
Kara K	May 15, 2000	Church of Nazarene AV
Bill P	May 19, 1988	
Elaine S	May 24, 2022	Tumbleweed
Lew Inman	May 28, 1969	
Judi Z	May 30, 1980	Tumbleweed
Ed L	May 30, 2005	ZOOM~Global Mens Meditation/GSR



KNOW your Central Office History?

Did you know that your Central Office has been in existence since 1978? There was a newsletter before there was an established Central Office location. In the first newsletter, (March 1978), Editor Charlotte D. announced that the Central Office would officially open on April 3rd, the day the phone service would be connected. Back then, the Central Office group was known as the High Desert Intergroup, and was located at 15628 10th street, in Victorville. The first office shift was worked by Charlotte D. and George S.

**from: Newsletters/February_2016.pdf*

Victor Valley Intergroup Central Office 45th Anniversary was April 3, 2023



Central Office News

*ALL LOCAL ONLINE /ZOOM MEETINGS ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE:

<https://www.victorvalleyaa.org>

*Contributions to CENTRAL OFFICE S/B made payable to: VICTOR VALLEY INTERGROUP & include "your groups name" on the MEMO line

*MSCA AREA 09 Committee Sharing/Workshop for all AAs, 3rd Thurs. each month, 6:00pm
ZOOM ID:87366078505 PASSCODE: Area09p72

*Those in the fellowship, seeking a weekly three hour volunteer service commitment , Central office may just have the solution for you. Give us a call, weekdays 10-4.

The editor thanks Lily for all her technical support with this first newsletter, reimagined.

May Dates to Consider:

5/14 Mother's Day
5/23 World Turtle Day
5/29 Memorial Day



*Accept what
You Can't
Change
Change what
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Accept.*



FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF March 31, 2023			
	CURRENT	PRIOR YTD	YTD
Savings	12,003.81	-	12,003.81
Transfer From Savings to Checking	-	-	-
Cash in Union Checking	5,140.81		5,140.81
INCOME		PRIOR YTD	YTD
Group Donations	1,028.00	2,319.58	3,347.58
Birthdays	-	-	-
Memorials	-	-	-
Individual Donations	212.00	506.00	718.00
Chips and Medallions	256.02	738.06	994.08
Literature	660.40	1,379.85	2,040.25
Credit Card Deposit	957.96	1,106.46	2,064.42
Coffee Kitty		-	-
Faithful Fivers		-	-
Buck of the Month	-	-	-
Ride for Recovery		-	-
AA Mountain Conference	-	-	-
SOTS Convention	-	-	-
Intergroup 7th Tradition	13.00	-	13.00
INCOME FOR THE MONTH	3,127.38	6,049.95	9,177.33
EXPENSES		PRIOR YTD	YTD
Rent	513.51	1,024.35	1,537.86
C.A.M. Charges	-	-	-
Utilities	313.97	308.59	622.56
Manager Salary	1,289.12	2,578.24	3,867.36
Maintenance/Office	-	-	-
Chips and Medallions	346.50	304.00	650.50
Literature	1,051.34	1,613.25	2,664.59
Board of Equalization (sales tax)	-	90.00	90.00
Federal Payroll Tax	-	61.95	61.95
Liability Insurance	-	-	-
Printing	287.10	-	287.10
Ride for Recovery	-	300.00	300.00
Convention (Coffee)	-	-	-
Website	-	42.88	42.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,801.54	6,323.26	10,124.80
NET INCOME	(674.16)	(273.31)	(947.47)

GROUP DONATIONS			
APPLE VALLEY	CURRENT	PRIOR YTD	YTD
How It Works		-	-
Children of Chaos	-	105.00	105.00
Front & Center	-	434.82	434.82
Saturday Speaker Meeting	-	-	-
Wed. Womens Participation	-	151.60	151.60
Questions and Answers		-	-
Friday big book study	-	-	-
Sun Campfire Group	120.00	-	120.00
Primary Purpose	-	132.00	132.00
Simple Changes	-	25.00	25.00
Big Book Study Thursday	-	-	-
Friday Night Lites	-	295.00	295.00
Coffee Talk	-	-	-
Back To Basics	-	-	-
K.I.S.S. Wed. 12 p.m.	-	-	-
LGBT Meeting	-	-	-
Men's Stag - Thursday	-	126.16	126.16
T.G.I.F.	-	-	-
Friday Noon Book Study	-	-	-
Original Big Book Monday	-	-	-
Sponsorship Discussion Group		-	-
Sublime Humanity	-	-	-
Barstow			
Los Coyotes Mens Group	-	200.00	200.00
Friday Nite Live	-	-	-
Wed. at Vets Home		-	-
Primary Purpose Mon		-	-
Our Meeting Mon		-	-
Happy Hour Mon	-	-	-
Women's Rule 62 - Tues	-	-	-
Into Action	688.00	-	688.00
Lit in the Parking Lot	-	25.00	25.00
FT IRWIN			
Soldiers in Sobriety	30.00	-	30.00
HESPERIA			
Hesperia Umbrella Group	-	-	-
Newberry Springs			
Sat. Breakfast Club			-
Phelan			
Phelan Sober	-	-	-
Thurs. Big Book	-	-	-
Silver Lakes/Helendale			
No Valid Complaints	70.00	-	70.00
Saturday Nite Serenity Group	120.00	-	120.00
Helendale 0006600884	-	-	-
4th Dimension	-	-	-
Thur Book Study	-	-	-
VICTORVILLE			
Holy Innocents Church	-	-	-
Little House	-	-	-
St. John of God Friday	-	-	-
Tumbleweed Group	-	425.00	425.00
Above The Grind	-	-	-
Friday Speaker Meeting		-	-
Wrightwood			
Mon No Frills	-	-	-
Mens Stag	-	90.00	90.00
Tues 12x12	-	-	-
Serenity Now	-	-	-
Thur Big Book	-	-	-
Wrightwood Sun AM	-	180.00	180.00
Group Number			
WED Womens Big Bear	-	130.00	130.00
Anon		-	-
SOBER LGBT Lancaster	-	-	-
Unknown Group	-	-	-
SOTS Convention			
Ride For Recovery	-	-	-
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$ 1,028.00	2,319.58	3,347.58