



NEWSLETTER FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

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November
a month of gratitude

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STEP ELEVEN

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry

If you haven't heard it before, AA is a simple program for complex people. Most members of Alcoholics Anonymous will say this simple suggestion about Step 11: Prayer is "talking to God" and meditation is "listening to God's reply." This collective wisdom succinctly captures the meanings of prayer and meditation so well. It's also a great reminder that improving conscious contact means building a relationship with God. In order to build any kind of relationship there needs to be a dialogue - and not merely a monologue, in one direction.
<https://www.jasonwahler.com>

"IN AA WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE ACTUAL GOOD RESULTS OF PRAYER ARE BEYOND QUESTION. THEY ARE MATTERS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE. ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PERSISTED HAVE FOUND STRENGTH NOT ORDINARILY THEIR OWN. THEY HAVE FOUND WISDOM BEYOND THE USUAL CAPABILITY. AND THEY HAVE INCREASINGLY FOUND A PEACE OF MIND WHICH CAN STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES." —

BILL W

ELEVENTH SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE

Step 11 ensures that we're not putting our egos at the forefront of our spiritual relationship. Instead, all we ask is for the awareness to recognize our higher power's will for us and the strength to listen and act accordingly. Just as we exhibited the humility to admit our wrongdoings, we must again have the grace to set aside our own wants for our greater spiritual good.



TRADITION ELEVEN

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

WIDER UNDERSTANDING

To reach more alcoholics, understanding of A.A. and public good will towards A.A. must go on growing everywhere. We need to be on still better terms with medicine, religion, employers, governments, courts, prisons, mental hospitals, and all enterprises in the alcoholism field. We need the increasing good will of editors, writers, television and radio channels. These publicity outlets need to be opened ever wider. Nothing matters more to A.A.'s future welfare than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination. Should we handle this great instrument badly, we shall be shattered by the ego manifestations of our own people. Against this peril, A.A. members' anonymity before the general public is our shield and our buckler.

AS BILL SEES IT~255 Reprinted with the permission of AA Grapevine, Inc

CONCEPT ELEVEN

"The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

The practical need of having A.A. matters delegated to bodies capable of performing them daily has already been discussed in Concepts II, VI and VIII. The spiritual advantage of delegation at this level, in keeping with the overarching goal of the Traditions and Concept Twelve, is that the very large amount of authority granted to the Trustees is divided among several committees, preventing an unchecked central power within A.A. Though they report to the Trustees, the executives and members of these service entities enjoy the rights of Decision, Participation and Appeal/Petition. These rights apply to any individual or entity performing service in A.A., allowing them relative freedom to use their own discretion. It is worth mentioning again at this time that, as Bill wrote while explaining the first one, these rights serve to balance authority and delegated responsibility and steer a course between the extremes of unlimited freedom for service members and giving them precise instructions

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What are YOU Thankful For?



VICTOR VALLEY INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

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GSR HOME GROUP

Bob O Soldiers for Sobriety/Grapevine/Daily Reflections Ft Irwin
Bob O Big Book/Happy Hour Barstow
Anthony Into Action Men only Barstow
Courtney Q Rule 62 Women only Barstow
Jerry M Tumbleweed
John Phelan Sober Phelan
Liz Y T.G.I.F Church of the Valley/AV
OPEN Sun Eve Campfire Nano Club AV
Rita R (W) 11am Wmn Ch Of the Nazarene/AV
Mike M H.U.G.
ALT. OPEN H.U.G.
Tom W Wed Men's Stag Wrightwood
Michelle C (M) Women BB 12x12 Wrightwood
Daniel H (Su) Jam Participation Wrightwood
Leslie A (Fr 7pm) Serenity Now Wrightwood

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PANEL 74 DISTRICT-19/GSR COMMITTEE

MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY EACH MONTH 12:30 P.M. @ THE H.U.G.

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ZOOM ID: 89040765566

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BUSINESS MEETING~GSR REPORTS

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Rita AV Women's Wednesday Open , 11am-12:30, 12935 Central Rd, Apple Valley, is well represented, we celebrate chips and birthdays weekly, and we have newcomers

Liz AV, TGIF, Fri 7:30, at Church of the Valley, last meeting we had 7 people in attendance, and our countdown was 90 years, 2 months. We celebrated one 6 year birthday. We celebrate chips weekly, Birthdays with cake, the last Friday.

Courtney, Barstow, Women's Rule 62, Tues, 7pm. Well attended, We celebrate birthdays with cake and potluck the last Tue, which starts at 6:15.

Bob Barstow Desert Grp meets 9:30 Saturday morning at 129 W White Street , Alano Club. Its a Literature meeting, right now were going thru Big Book. They are going online thru youtube. One of the Speakers is doing a workshop. 8 people are in attendance. It's steadily growing

Next meeting is Monday Happy Hour at 800 S Yucca at 5:00, it's a Daily Reflection meeting, except for last Monday, its a Traditions discussion, its grown to 13 to 15 people at this time. They celebrate the last Saturday if the month, 4:30-5:30, same address, is an AA Birthday Celebration for all the groups in Barstow, it's a potluck, countdown this Saturday had a total of 341 yrs 5 months. We had (3)-1yrs and (1)-25yrs, and they do contribute to the 3 service entities of Alcoholics Anonymous

Ft Irwin meets Tuesday (Big Book) and Thurs (Grapevine) 6- 7pm. Bldg 552. The group has grown to 8 soldiers in attendance and they also contribute to 3 entities of AA, Central Office, General Service, and D19

Sergio Los Coyotes Men's Group, Tues 7pm, we average 15 people weekly, we celebration birthdays the last Friday. Next Tuesday we're having a long-timers meeting, everyone is welcomed.

Mike Hesperia HUG is well attended. We were \$493 in the red. We have completed our 501.3(c) and we are officially Non-profit. The Sat Night speaker meeting is struggling. And the Board positions are all filled

Jerry Victorville Tumbleweed is in red \$200. The electric bill has been \$600 the last 2 months. We have a lot of people in attendance but a lot of people only put a \$1 in the basket. Wild Bill celebrated 51 years. We have birthdays the last Monday of Month. The other Mondays we give chips for 1-11 months. We had a full room last month, over room capacity. Morning meeting are doing okay, Women's meeting is well attended, with potluck weekly. We're the last house in Victorville right now, we're doing everything to keep the doors open. We have newcomers putting some time together

Michelle Wrightwood Firehouse, Monday 6:30 Big Book meeting. We celebrate AA birthdays weekly, as they come up. The sponsor brings the cake and presents the chip to the birthday person. We're well represented

Daniel Wrightwood Firehouse Sunday 9am is well represented, we had 30 people in attendance today. We celebrate birthdays end month with birthday cake or birthday pie, and every week we have donuts. 3 birthdays celebrated today totaling 20 years.

Ed Wrightwood, represents Men's Global Zoom meeting. We are aligned with Area 9 and D19. In the last 4 years we've contributed \$20,000 to the 3 entities: GSO, Area 09, D19. There's 35 men in attendance, 7 days week at 8:30, meditation is part of it. We've had 4 men's retreats, the first 2 were in Wrightwood, 2 years ago in Boston, this year in Wisconsin and next year in Nashville. The current GSR is Russ G. I have his information and would like to have him put on the distribution list, for the District meeting announcements.

John Pinon Hills, the Phelan Sober group, meets Tues 7pm at Pinon Hills Community Center, 10405 Mountain Rd. We have 25-30 people in attendance, its hour n half, topic meeting. We will be changing our name soon. Since we are no longer in Phelan.

We had to pay insurance, it's been taken care of. We collected about \$40 this last week. We celebrated birthdays last month, (1) 15 yrs and (1) 14 years and we had 1 newcomer and (1) 90 day chip

VICTOR VALLEY INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE BOARD

Intergroup Meeting MINUTES – 9/24/2024

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 8:30 am. No prayer or traditions.

Present: Kara K, Melissa S, Waylon K, Sandy B, Shelly J, Lexi J, Chantelle R, Steve D, Danielle C, Sandy D, Shannon W, Julia J, Elaine K, Robert V, Christina B, Doug H

Call Outs: Kim

2. Intergroup Reports

- **Chair:** Kara – passed around sign-in sheet. No report.
- **Co-Chair:** Melissa – Melissa was introduced as the new Office Manager. She started 9/16 and after going through various trays and drawers found tax papers, miscellaneous donations and other important documents, found money from various sources totaled \$1,308.46 which will be deposited initially in checking. The Bingo night in October had the necessary seed money approved (\$500). Money will also be needed to get the taxes done \$400. It was suggested that the safe should be upgraded. Chips need to be purchased if we continue to sell them. File cabinets are in several locations and the documents need to be reviewed and destroyed or kept as required. The bank account should have the office manager, chairperson, and treasurer on it. Waylon will file with the Secretary of State. The call forwarding shift from 4PM Saturday to 4PM Sunday is open and a volunteer is needed. Sandy D volunteered for today, the 21st, and Shelly volunteered for the next week. The back-office key has evidently been in a front desk drawer for quite some time. The office manager suggests that it be removed and retained only by the office manager and chairperson. And it was also suggested to relocate the cash box. Office volunteers will be filing a report at the end of each shift, and it was also earlier proposed that there be a duty roster of chores, such as vacuuming.
- **Secretary:** Doug – change in Secretary from Doug to Sandy B noted in minutes.
- **Treasurer:** Shelly - Treasurer reported the assets in checking and savings, and the income and expenses. There was a net decrease of \$134.69. Quotes for business checks were reported and it was decided to go with the Costco product. Canva has not been canceled yet. There is a need for itemized receipts for purchases--Walmart, etc. Treasurer added that she can't find checks 1066 up to 1073. Treasurer announced that the Ride for Recovery is requesting the customary seed money for the permit and application fees. Approximately \$250. This was approved. And it was also approved to put the flyer on the website.
- **Newsletter:** Sandy D, for Newsletter purposes needs access to the Intergroup directory and website. Individual donations, specifically Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (PYMWYMI), should again be encouraged.
- **Webmaster:** The long time Webmaster is planning to step down and a volunteer replacement is being sought.
- **GSR:** No report

3. **Old Business** None recorded.

4. **New Business** Melissa was introduced as new Office Manager. Her former board position will be vacant until the new bylaws are adopted noting that the ad hoc committee has not finished them yet. A new "Statement of Information" is needed. The minutes from August were read and a correction was noted that the Treasurer did not meet with a tax professional but with another member to help prepare for the actual meeting with the professional. The corrections were noted and the minutes were not approved. The next order of business was to remove the "acting" secretary. There has been no secretary since 2017 when that term ended, and because the bylaws state that board members can't succeed themselves. A new secretary was nominated and accepted. Sandy B is immediately assuming the position. There have been complaints about the meeting directory being too small. It was moved and passed that Sandy D will revamp the meeting directory including the removal of the Johns Hopkins "20 questions," which are not officially AA approved. This led to a brief discussion of what should and shouldn't be sold at Central Office. November is Gratitude Month. Waylon announced Canva is now canceled. Waylon's debit card to be shredded. Waylon talked with counseling offices of local colleges re. AA assisting as a resource for students with alcohol problems, but this was rejected. It was suggested and approved to send a note to all of the rejected applicants for the office manager job, thanking them for their interest and leaving the door open for future consideration.

5. Close of Meeting

Meeting adjourned with Serenity Prayer and without 7th tradition at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Doug with modifications and additions by Sandy B.

STEP 11 PRAYER

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace! That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring harmony. That where there is error, I may bring truth. That where there is doubt, I may bring faith. That where there is despair, I may bring hope. That where there are shadows, I may bring light. That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted. To Understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen."



PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in forgiving that one is forgiven, it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen





NDM~November 28, 2024

On National Day of Mourning, let us honor and remember the resilience of Native Americans and their contributions to our country. This day is a time to reflect, remember and mourn the tragic history of Native Americans in the United States. It's an opportunity to honor those who have been lost to genocide, colonialism and oppression. Take the time to learn more about the history and culture of Native Americans and how their lives have been impacted by colonization. Many Native American



tribes will be holding events in honor of National Day of Mourning.

November is Gratitude Month! 30 Days of Thanks

Let us cultivate gratitude throughout November.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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To our District 19 AA Fellows,

November is the month designated Nationally as "Gratitude Month." In keeping with AA's singleness of purpose, we at Central Office are suggesting *passing a second, (2nd) basket for the month*, to support the intergroup's Central Office. Your donations are critical to fulfill our mission of assisting the alcoholic who still suffers. Fellow AA's attitude of gratitude can show up in many ways. A few ideas are listed below.

Gratitude Topic Meetings: The discussion is about being thankful and grateful for our sobriety. The meetings help us with our own 12 step work helping others who still struggle with alcohol, as we once did.

Gratitude Potluck Dinners: Combine it with an A.A. Speaker Meeting and fellowship. Sell tickets and send proceeds raised to Central Office.

Gratitude Contribution Collection Cans: Have some fun designing your groups cans. Get your AA artists in the mix. If you chose to participate, please specify "GRATITUDE MONTH 2024" when paying by check, credit card, Zelle, or Pay Pal.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE VVCCO.
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS KEEP OUR OFFICE RUNNING.

The tradition of Gratitude Month goes back over 70 years. The first official recognition of an AA Gratitude Week, specifically designed to coincide with Thanksgiving week in the U.S. occurred in 1954, when the sixth General Service Conference approved the motion, stipulating that "this action be noted in the annual pre-Thanksgiving appeals to the groups for funds to help support AA's worldwide services."



District 19 Presents

Sharing on the traditions LONGTIMERS PANEL

15885 Main Street Suite 310, Hesperia

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

12:30PM - 2:30PM

first
LONGTIMERS PANEL ON THE
TRADITIONS

then
LUNCH (FREE)

closing with
A HILARIOUS IMPROMPTU READING
OF THE TRADITIONS PLAY





THANKS GIVING

HOLIDAY ALCATHON MEETINGS


129 W White St
Barstow, CA 92311

All meetings 1 hour in length

THURSDAY, NOV 28	FRIDAY, NOV 29	SATURDAY, NOV 30	SUNDAY, DEC 1
7:30AM	7:30AM	8:00AM	7:30AM
9:00AM	9:00AM	9:30AM	12:00PM
10:30AM	10:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
12:00PM	12:30PM	1:30PM	
1:30PM	2:00PM	3:30PM	
3:00PM	3:30PM	5:30PM	
5:30PM	6:00PM	7:00PM	
7:00PM	7:30PM	9:00PM	
8:30PM	9:00PM		




In Memoriam



A GOING HOME CELEBRATION


WILL BE HELD FOR CLIFF S

ON NOVEMBER 17TH 2024 AT 1:00PM
VICTOR VALLEY ALANO CLUB

A POTLUCK WILL FOLLOW

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.





CHOOSE TO DRINK AND DRIVE?

THIS COULD BE YOUR THANKSGIVING TABLE.

SOBER OR SLAMMER
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**THURS-SAT JANUARY 9-11, 2025
LAUGHLIN NEVADA**

Located at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino

- Speaker Meetings Thurs, Fri, Sat
- AA and Al-Anon Marathon Meetings Thurs, Fri. Sat
- Friday Italian Dinner Buffet
- Saturday Al-Anon Luncheon
- Saturday Night Banquet & Entertainment featuring CHAZZ the Magician
- Rock 'n Bowl Friday night , Riverview Lanes
- BINGO and Photo Booth Friday
- 50/50 and prize raffles
- Golf , Sat. Laughlin Ranch Golf Club Bullhead City
- AA logo shirts, swag and literature for sale
- Hospitality Room and Social Hours
- Fun and Fellowship for All!
- See below for special event hotel rate



THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS STILL WITH US

Questions? Contact Riverroundup@rcco-aa.org



**CHAZZ THE MAGICIAN
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TICKET**



ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

To register buy meals and preorder shirts go to:
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Registration beginning Dec. 9, 2024: \$55



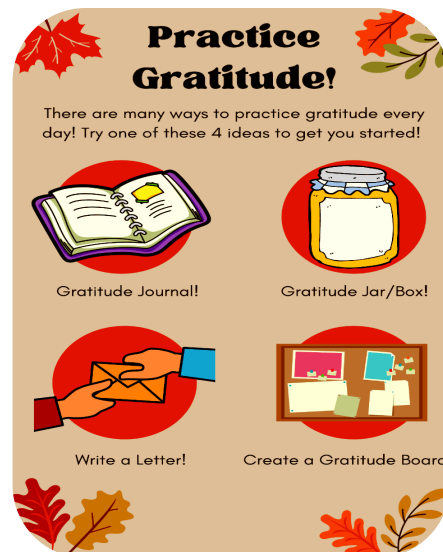
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**HELLO
DARKNESS MY
OLD FRIEND**
**SOON YOU WILL
BE HERE AT 4PM**



AA Soberversaries NOVEMBER 2024
Another year, without a Drink, SOBER!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all!



Joe L	November 01, 1987	Barstow	Jeff C	November 19, 2021	Barstow
Robert V	November 01, 1990	Barstow	Pam R	November 20, 1985	AV Church o Nazarene
Sandy D	November 01, 2021	Tumblerweed	Keisha A	November 20, 2018	Barstow
Dawn	November 02, 2015	AV Church o Nazarene	Max K	November 23, 2019	Helendale
Wayne U	November 04, 2002		Virginia D	November 25, 2016	Tumblerweed
Rosie G	November 05, 2009	Sisters in Serenity	Marianne B	November 26, 1991	AV Church o Nazarene
Donna P	November 06, 2019	Helendale	Lori T	November 26, 2012	Tumblerweed/Alano
Sandi B	November 07, 1997	AV Church o Nazarene	Michelle L	November 26, 2018	Helendale
Tamara	November 07, 2021	H.U.G.	Olivia D	November 26, 2022	Barstow
Jenice K	November 08, 2021	Barstow	Brandy	November 26, 2023	AV Church o Nazarene
Keni M	November 09, 2001	Tumblerweed	Michael D	November 27, 2006	Victorville/SB
George G	November 12, 2016	Helendale	Bec C	November 27, 2016	Barstow
Jenna M	November 13, 2018	AV Church o Nazarene	Deborah G	November 28, 2021	Tumblerweed
Carolyn H	November 14, 1980	Helendale	Ernestine A	November 28, 2023	Tumblerweed
Tony M	November 14, 2013	Barstow	Mark A	November 29, 2022	Barstow
Drew A	November 14, 2017	Barstow			