

### NEWSLETTER FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

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"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

#### STEP CHECKLIST

\*I have an alcoholic[s] (sponsee s]) that I am teaching how to take the 12 Steps and teaching them how to teach others to take them? \*I am willing today to understand the difference between sharing my experience and my opinion. (Thought behind this statement: "You can debate my opinion all you want to, but you can't debate my experience because it happened to me.")

\*I am willing to go to any lengths today to maintain my

spiritual condition. \*I am willing to go to any lengths today to carry this message to other alcoholics. \*I am willing to practice every one of the *spiritual principles* found *in our 12\_Steps:* HONESTY, HOPE, FAITH, COURAGE, INTEGRITY, WILLINGNESS, HUMILITY, LOVE, DISCIPLINE, PERSEVERANCE, AWARENESS AND **SERVICE** in all my affairs today.

If you can answer yes to these questions, you've likely taken this step

It is in the giving of it away that we GET TO KEEP IT.' Excerpt from: https://www.takethe12.org/s12/

#Sober4TheHolidays

Tips for staying sober

this holiday season

#### TRADITION TWELVE

Long Form: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

## The foundation of this inventory is from the A.A. <u>TRADITIONS CHECKLIST</u> first published in the A.A. Grapevine

\*Why is it a 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? \*When I do not trust AA's current

servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out? \*In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

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

\*Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary • purpose? What is my part? \*Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?

\*Do I do all I can do to support AA

financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

\*Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart? \*Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

\*Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

\*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? \*What is the real importance of me

among more than a million AAs?

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#### CONCEPT TWELVE

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

#### CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

- How do we guard against becoming a "seat of perilous wealth or power"?
- How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
- Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.'s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

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#### "SERVICE" Spiritual Principle Twelve

A Mighty Beginning

Even the newest of newcomers finds undreamed rewards as he tries to help his brother alcoholic, the one who is even blinder than he. This is indeed the kind of giving that actually demands nothing. He does not expect his brother sufferer to pay him, or even to love him.

And then he discovers that through the divine paradox of this kind of giving he has

found his own reward, whether or not his brother has yet received anything. His own character may still be gravely defective, but he somehow knows that God has enabled

him to make a mighty beginning, and he senses that he stands at the edge of new mysteries, joys, and experiences of which he had never before dreamed.

298 'As Bill Sees It", Twelve and Twelve pp109-110. Reprinted with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous © and AAWS

#### TWELFTHSTEPPRAYER

Dear God, My spiritual awakening continues to unfold. The help I have received I shall pass on & give to others, Both in & out of the Fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day
On the road of spiritual progress.
I pray for the inner strength & wisdóm To practice the principles of this

way of life in all I do & say. I need You, my friends, & the program every hour of every day. This is a better way to live.



YOU HAVE EVERY MORNING.

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Shelly J Sandy B Melissa S Kim W Sandy D

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**GSR HOME GROUP** 

BobO Soldiers for Sobriety/Grapevine/Daily Reflections Ft Irwin Big Book/Happy Hour Into Action *Men only* Bob O Barstow Anthony Barstow Courtney Q Rule 62 Wamen anly Barstow Tumbleweed Jerry M

John Phelan Sober Phelan T.6.I.F urchoftheValleyAV AlanoClub AV Churcho Liz Y OPEN Sun Eve Campfire Rita R (W)11amWmn ChOftheNazareneAV Mike M H.U.6.

ALT. OPEN Wed Men's Stag Tom W Wrightwood MichelleC (M) Women BB12x12
Daniel H (Su)a m Participation
Lesliee A (Fr 7pmSerenityNow Wrightwood Wrightwood Wrightwood

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 27 2024 6PM is the DEADLINE for **JANUARY 2025 publication** 



## MANL 74 USTRICT 4WGSK COMMITTEE MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY EACH MONTH 12:30 PM @ THE H.U.G. 15885 MAIN ST., SUITE 310(s/w c corner, 8TH & Main) HESPERIA, CA. 92345 200M ID: 89040765566 PASSCODE: 254586 NOVEMBER 24,2024 LONGTIMERS PANEL AND THE 12 TRADITIONS SKIT REPORT



If you didn't make it to the H.U.G. on Sunday, November 24th at 12:30, well it's your BAD. You just missed out on yet another TASTY, & TERRIFIC TRADITIONAL A.A. EVENT. One more time the D-19/GSR committee hosted our fellowships festivities' held annually during our Gratitude Month. It all began with our Long Timers Panel of six totaling two hundred-thirty-five years. Pretty impressive for only six A.A.s! It was an honor and a privilege to have: Elaine K, from Apple Valley with a sober date of 9-9-1985, Jim R from San Juan Capistrano with a sober date of 1-26-1985, and Daniel H from Wrightwood whose date is 9-26-1987. Ron M from Barstow began his AA journey on9-23-1974 and formerly from Barstow living in Scott, LA. today, we had Dennis H sober since 2-11-1987 and his wife, Connie H whose sober date is 7-13-1993.. This great group spoke on each one of the twelve traditions.

Once the panel was done, our chair, Bob O, announced that the lunch was a "help-yourself" buffet line. All attendees, panelists, and performers were warmly welcomed for a plethora of food provided by the committee members. Soon after, all performers were prepared and ready to put on a play to be proud of. This was an impromptu and humorous production done by the performers that were selected on the spot the very day of the event. Our A.A. performers were: Courtney Q and Shelly J from Barstow, John M from Phelan, Also in attendance and ready to perform were Amanda D and Danielle C from Apple Valley as well as Jerry M from Victorville and our one and only Karlen M<sup>c</sup> from the H.U.G. The actors did an outstanding job and were well received by the audience which found them to be an excellent cast, handpicked by the District secretary, Liz Y.

AS OF THIS REPORT, THE DISTRICT 19/GSR COMMITTEE IS DARK FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024 OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR JANUARY 2025 WILL BE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 26. 2025. 12:30 pm AT THE H.U.G.

#### Intergroup Meeting Minutes MINUTES - 10/19/2024

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order 8:39 am by Melissa S. Shannon W prayed in with Serenity prayer. Present: Melissa S, Sandy B, Shelly J, Shannon W, Jess (Wrightwood), Julia J, Linda, Sandy D (phone) and Elaine K

Call Outs: Kim W and Kara K

2. Intergroup Reports Chair: Kara K - No report Co-Chair: Open - No report Secretary: Sandy B - No report

Treasurer: Shelly J - report is as follows:

Shelly J met with Stweart Business & Tax Service accountant in Barstow for 2022 tax return (990 EZ, Schedule O, esig, etc.). The fee was \$400.00 and Shelly J provided receipt. She mentioned there is an annual RRF1 form which is \$25 each year and Shelly J completed one for 2023 and check has not yet cleared. It was noted that taxes from 2019 2023 were not filed and that there is required paperwork that is needed to take care of which Shelly J is working on. Shelly J is also going through a lot of EDD paperwork to figure out what it is and will report out next month with findings. E-signature work is to be done as well. Shelly J paid 9/24 Recovery Mint in the amount of \$105.00. On 10/7 the Chase bank info was updated to: Shelly J, Treasurer, Kara K, Chair, and Melissa S as Office Manager.

Corrections to September 21, 2024 Minutes under Treasurer's Report:

There was a net decrease of \$134.69.

Treasurer added that she can't find checks 1066 up to 1073.

September Financial Report:

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$2,635,32 \$3,504.83 Beginning Savings Account Balance: Deposits Total: \$1,120.75

Expenses: Rent - \$524.32

Utilities - \$345.45 Office Manager - \$500

Insurance - \$247 Total Expenses:

\$1,617.27 Net Income: \$2,360.98 Ending Checking Account Balance: \$3,978.25 Ending Savings Account Balance: \$3,504.83

7th Tradition was passed and collected \$15.00.

- Newsletter: Sandy D Sandy D report that the newsletter is a foot long and she has 3 receipts for ink for printing for newsletter, tickets, etc. Shelly J and Sandy D will review off-line the following amounts: \$55.99, \$49.57, \$40ish and Shelly J will review against bank information to determine what still needs to be reimbursed. Shelly J had a few comments and suggestions regarding the newsletter formatting which she shared. Sandy D informed the group that next month is "gratitude month."
- Webmaster: No report
- GSR: Open No report

Sandy B read the minutes from 9/21/24. It was noted that Shelly J submitted clarifications via email that Doug did not capture and Sandy B did not see via email. Discussion was held regarding those items and Linda V motioned to accept September minutes with corrections to be captured in October minutes. Shelly J seconded, AIF.



#### 3. Old Business

Melissa S 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.

#### 4. New Business

Melissa S informed the committee that she learned we owe \$2151.99 for World Service literature from 2023 and she has received the invoices and confirmed legit. Shelly J requested that all invoices be reviewed and reconciled as something is not adding up. Melissa S will be doing this. Melissa Said Central Office may need new computers due to outdated technology. Halloweengobingo fundraiser is on Saturday, October 26th at 3:00 pm. Shelly J will talk with the District Office and see if they are able to support assisting with any funds to help support computer upgrades. Melissa S asked permission to join a HP ink ongoing service for \$6.99. Shelly J motioned to accept and to try it for 6 months and evaluate costs. Shannon seconded, AIF. Melissa S discussed phone times for volunteers and there is a need to find new coverage for Saturday call time due to a volunteer. Julia volunteered for Saturday all for every Saturday through end of year only and then re-evaluate. Melissa S received the debit card for manager role. She will be renewing Grapevine subscription that was expired. Directories have been updated and back in format and the website has been updated. Melissa Spoke with the Webmaster and he will be stepping down. Sandy D has been assisting with the website. Shelly J noted we have the following reoccurring bills that need to be set up for payment as well: Amazon Prime \$16.50 monthly, High Desert Alarm \$149 every three months and His Cox Insurance \$247.50 every 6 months. Melissa S will switch those over for payment. Melissa S said that there has been review and feedback from members of the Bylaws Committee that we need to reconsider the format and utilize a different format (perhaps similar to H&I) so that will be worked on in separate committee. Melissa S shared with the group a gift for Doug for his service and requested a check for Jennifer P for \$40 for the box. Melissa S issued check #1080 for Jennifer out of new checks. Sandy D suggested that general business office cards be made for those needing to hand publications out and it was decided that the stamp would suffice for now. Melissa S asked for volunteers for Saturday Bingo. Sandy B is doing a snack bar and Shelly J will assist. Melissa S has someone for the front desk. Volunteers are asked to be at VV Alano Club at 1:00 pm.

#### 5. Close of Meeting

Shannon W motioned to adjourn, Linda seconded, AIF. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am. Julia J prayed out with the Third Step Prayer at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted Sandy B.

One correction: New business District Officer to District 19.

One check corrections: #1070.

#### AVAILABLE SOON ATCEMTRAL OFFICE

First we had it, then we didn't! Due to popular demand, our

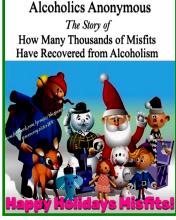
first order of forty PLBBs weredelivered to, and sold out by Central Office in November. Our office manager, Melissa S has placed another order with the GSO, NY and they are at present on back order. They should arrive later this month at a cost of \$17.50 + tax. Call before you come if this is what you're looking for.



















- Bring a sober friend
- @ Carry a soda
- Have an escape route
- Carry inspirational quotes
- Put your sponsor on speed dial
- 6 Bring your own car
- Store the Big Book in your car
- Don't miss A.A. meetings
- Limit your commitments (Say NO)
- Rest and Exercise (Stay Healthy)



## HAPPY New Years Eve and New Years Day!

#### TUESDAY, December 31

7:30am- 8:30am 9:00am- 10:00am 10:30am- 11:30am 12:00pm- 1:00pm 1:30pm- 2:30pm 3:00pm- 4:00pm 4:30pm- 5:30pm 7:00pm- 8:30pm

9:00pm-10:00pm

#### WEDNESDAY, January 01

7:30am- 8:30am 9:00am- 10:00am 10:30am- 11:30am 12:30pm- 1:30pm 2:00pm- 3:00pm 3:30pm- 4:30pm 6:00pm- 7:30pm 8:00pm- 9:00pm 9:30pm- 10:30pm

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR SOBER WITH OTHER MEMBERS DURING THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ALCATHON

129 W White St || Barstow, CA 92311



#### 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!

Questions? Contact Riverroundup@rcco-aa.org

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RECOVERY

Pier Roundup

January 9-11, 2025

THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS

STILL WITH US

See below for special event hotel rate



**ONLY WITH BANQUET** TICKET



#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**

To register buy meals and preorder shirts go to: https://rcco-aa.org/events/round-up-january Early Registration: Sept. 1 - Dec. 8, 2024: \$45 Registration beginning Dec. 9, 2024: \$55



Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino LAUGHLIN NEVADA, January 9-11, 2025 Discount Booking Code: C/RRU25 Call 800.227.3849 or 702.298.2535

19th Annual Poker Run



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March 28, 2025- March 29, 2025



Participants ride at their own risk



nd quess what? I'll bet you know who one of those miracles that will be a quest speaker at the 35th Annual River Roundup will be. Our very own VVIGCO manager,

Melissa S has been invited to share her experience, strength and hope with the attendees at this event. Melissa has accepted the invitation and will be speaking on Saturday morning at 9:00am. For a good time and in support of Melissa we applaud her and

hope to see you there.



Language of the Heart Lenguaje del corazón Le langage du cœur







#### Schedule of Events

7:00PM Speaker Meeting – Kick-Off Speaker: TBD River of Life Free Methodist Church

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

8AM-9:30AM Registration / Check-In Barstow Alano Club 129 White Street Barstow, CA 92311 Draw 1<sup>st</sup> card

11AM-12:30PM

Lunch \$10/person (must have ticl Lunch on Jubilee Pass On the right of road in two miles Draw 2nd card

12:30PM-1:30PM Badwater, CA Draw 3rd card

1:00PM-2:00 PM Furnace Creek, CA Draw 4th card

1:30PM-3:00PM -3:00PM Rhyolite, NV Final Card - End of Run All cards must be turned in at this pe

0 PM Speaker Meeting @ Beatty, NV Speaker: TBD Community Center 200 A Ave. South Beatty, NV (Winner Results & 50/50)

#### Hotel Information

Beatty, NV - Stage Coach Casino (775) 553-2419 30 rooms on hold for Ride for Recovery \*For room discount say "Ride for Recovery"

Beatty, NV - Motel 6 (775) 553-9090

#### Registration

Early Registration \$35.00/person sefore March 1, 2025- NO REFUNDS) On-Site Registration \$40.00/person Additional Cards \$5.00 9-Card Special \$30.00

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	(includes one poker hand)							
Lunch Ticket		x	\$10	<b>-</b> \$				
Additional Hand		x	\$5	=\$				
9-Hand Special		x	\$30	<b>-\$</b>				
Event Hat		x	\$20	<b>-</b> \$				
T-Shirt		x	\$25	<u>=\$</u>				

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Total Amount Enclosed: S





#### **VICTOR VALLEY**

#### CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE

#### **CLOSED**

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 24th & 25th

and

DECEMBER 31st & JANUARY 1ST







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In the name of our 12th Spiritual Principle

#### SERVICE

A special <u>Thank You</u>to all of the volunteers that have given so freely of their time to help our fellowship this year at Central Office both on the Teledesk weekdays and for the 24 hour 12-step call -ins on weeknights and weekends.

GOU ARE RESPONSIBLE!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

XOXOXO,

Anonymously Yours
The Newsletler Editor



# AA SOBERVERSARIES DECEMBER 2024 Another year, without a Drink SOBER! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



Teresa V	December 01, 2008	Barstow	Rick W	December 12, 2022	Barstow
Natsha M	December 01, 2021	H.U.G.	John H	December 13, 2017	Barstow
Rose M	December 03, 2003	Tambleweed	Marlo	December 13, 2021	Tambleweed
Nicholas V	December 03, 2014	Helendale/Barstow	Cheryl W	December 14, 2022	Barstow
Linda V	December 05, 2017	Tambleweed	Shelly P	December 15, 2017	Tambleweed
Stacey To	December 06, 2012		Leah P	December 15, 2021	T.G.I.F.
Angela 1	December 06, 2020	Tumbleweed	Rachel	December 15, 2022	Tumbleweed
Garrett R	December 07, 2003		Sid	December 15, 2022	Tumbleweed
Rhonda	December 08, 2018	Tambleweed	I-Bone	December 16, 2020	Barstow
Somerly	December 08, 2022	AV Church of Nazarene	Tammi McG	December 17, 2007	
Kathy C	December 09, 2012	Tumbleweed	Warda N	December 22, 1992	Helendale
Toy S	December 09, 2013		Carol W	December 24, 1977 AV Ch	arch of Nazarene/Primary Purpose
Darryl	December 09, 2020	H.U.G.	Deborah H	December 29, 2001 Alano	Clab-Fri Womens BB/Tambleweed
Annie B	December 10, 2020	AV Church of Nazarene	Tesse D	December 30, 2003	Barstow
Deborah K	December 12, 1997	Tumbleweed	Michael H	December 30, 2022	Barstow