VICTOR VALLEY INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

Newsletter for the Fellowship

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HANDLING A.A. SERVICES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Central/Intergroup offices provide vital local services and Twelfth Step opportunities. All areas function independently and handle local A.A. services in the manner best suited to local needs. While GSRs, DCMs, area committees, area assemblies, and the General Service Conference are concerned with matters affecting A.A. as a whole, Central/Intergroup offices and answering services fill a different need. They handle local services only – such as coordinating local Twelfth Step calls, providing meeting lists, and in some places furnishing public information speakers for non-A.A. groups and for A.A. meetings in institutions. Central offices and general service area committees are complementary, rather than competitive, A.A. operations. They exist to help insure A.A. unity and to fulfill A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. In 1990 the General Service Conference stressed the importance of communication and recommended that delegates establish and maintain contact with offices in their areas to share Conference information and assure that Central/Intergroup offices have a voice in the Fellowship through their existing service structure.

A central office or intergroup is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community – just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office/intergroup is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups – functions that are best handled by a centralized office – and it is usually maintained, supervised and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.



Most A.A. members participate by going to meetings at their local groups. But there are many opportunities for service in A.A., and most of us have found that volunteering to do service improves the quality of our recovery. We freely share our time and talent in an effort to stay sober and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who are suffering from alcoholism. In other words, you get what you give.me. I do not need to make amends on my hands and knees; I need to walk tall, without false pride. When I go in humility and sincerely ask people to forgive me, this will remove the burden from my shoulders. They, too, may have been at fault, but I am neither their God nor their conscience. I am responsible only for myself. For me, this Step offers two features: I am being responsible, by owning up to my wrongs and making amends for them; at the same time, I accept others as they are, regardless of what they did, or of what they may do when I go to them to make amends. It's a Step with a double feature. When doing it, we make a double play. After finishing it, we receive double indemnity. Our reward is two for the price of one.

https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2007/aug/step-eight-persons-

WHY HAVE AN A.A. CONVENTION?

It's clear that A.A. get-togethers beyond the group have become an established part of A.A. life. The calendar of events in any Box 4-5-9 or on Grapevine's website, AAGrapevine.org shows some conventions, conferences, and roundups that are being held by A.A.s.

What makes an A.A. convention click for its participants? It's prob- ably not style or form that matters so much as the spirit and feeling behind it. As one member puts it, the best A.A. convention is "just a darned good A.A. meeting blown up big." Just watch enthusiastic members at any A.A. convention and you'll get what he means. The atmosphere alone is worth the trip. Here you'll find fellowship, laughter, warmth, and understanding "heaped up, pressed down, and running over."

THE CONVENTION BEGINS WITH **A PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Once a get-together has been scheduled, it needs a planning committee. The work in setting up a convention is too much for one person. They may need a dozen or more assistants.

One method of forming the committee is simply to appoint a general chairperson who then completes the committee by finding able volunteers to chair the various committees.

Another method, popular when a number of groups sponsor a convention, is to send a committee representative from each group.Once in session, representatives can elect a chairperson and receive assignments to specific committees.

In some cases, the convention may be the responsibility of the general service committee from the area. In others, the convention committee may be organized separately. Either method works well if it corresponds to the wishes of the A.A. groups in the area.

In some areas, there is a permanent convention committee, set up within the area committee, so that valuable experience of convention planning can be carried over from one year to the next. Membership on such a committee is, of course, on a rotation basis, so that new members are added yearly, but a proportion of experienced convention planners is retained at any given time.

Once assembled, the convention committee is usually organized along functional lines, with each chairperson responsible for a phase of the planning.

A.A.® Guidelines Conferences, Conventions and Roundups 1.1M – 4/26 (GP) Rev. 11/24 Item MG-4



Self-Support:
Where Money and Spirituality Mix

"The first time I had to talk about finances at a district meeting when I was my area's treasurer, a fellow in the back of the room yelled out: 'Why in the world are you always talking about money when this is a spiritual program?' The guy threw me and I didn't know how to answer him."
From its earliest beginnings, A.A. has always incurred expenses – whether it be the cost of a pot of coffee or the price of a place to meet. In the early days, these costs were often absorbed by individual A.A.s or nonalcoholic friends who offered their parlors and living rooms for A.A.s to meet in. However, as A.A. outgrew the generosity of these early friends and members, the Fellowship's need for income became more and more apparent. Bill W., A.A.'s co-founder, and some of the early A.A. members initially felt the only way for the Fellowship to survive was to solicit financial support from philanthropic institutions or individuals outside A.A. These "high rollers" could then supply the funds the Fellowship would need to carry out the vital Twelfth Step work the early A.A.s envisioned – to bankroll the army of paid missionaries, the chain of A.A. hospitals, and the library of books they were certain to write.

One potential A.A. patron, however, when approached by the pioneering members for money, instead helped to lay the groundwork for A.A.'s Tradition of self-support: "I am afraid that money will spoil this thing," said John D. Rockefeller Jr., while at the same time endorsing the work of the fledgling Fellowship. This marked a turning point in A.A. history, and, as the reality of Mr. Rockefeller's statement sank in and A.A. members began to see the truth in the old cliche, "Who pays the piper calls the tune," the seed of the Seventh Tradition took root.

"We cannot skimp" With the realization that A.A. must steer clear of outside contributions in order to maintain its autonomy and independence came the understanding that the money necessary for A.A.'s survival would have to come from individual A.A. members and groups. As Bill W. put it in 1957, "Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility – one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid.

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

(The Language Of The Heart, P. 221)
Where Money And Spirituality Mix
"Self-Support Begins With Me
Because I Am Part Of Us – The Group.

We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Board. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A." Twelfth Step work is the lifeblood of Alcoholics Anonymous – *carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic.* Without it, the Fellowship would wither and die. Yet, even at its simplest level this vital contact between one alcoholic and another involves an investment of time and money.
"Let's begin with my own sponsor, Ebby," writes Bill W., in the book Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age. "When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money. He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. ***One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all.***

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.



Victor Valley Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting Minutes 08/15/26

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 am by Shannon W. Introductions around the room were made with positions, if one was held. The group prayed in with the Serenity Prayer.

Present: Celeste N., Shannon W., Kim W., Sandy B., Melissa S., Christa S., Christina B., Shelly J., Sue C., and Rosie G.

Call Outs: John D., Courtney Q.

Rosie G. read minutes from 7/18/26. Kim W. motioned to accept the minutes, Sandy B. seconded, AIF.

2. Intergroup Reports

Chair – Shannon W – NR
Co-Chair –– Kim W – NR
Secretary– Rosie G – NR
Co-Secretary – Christina B. – NR

Treasurer – – Sandy B. reported the following July 2026 Financial Summary (details attached).

Month/Year: July 2026

Ending Account Balances:		Donations:	
Savings:	$ 2,205.42	Group (Square)	$1,391.67
Checking:	$ 7,816.11	Individual (Square)	$ 198.00
		Group (Zelle)	$ 0
Total Income	$2,753.21	Individual (Zelle)	$ 175.00
Total Expenses	$3,544.00	Total Donations:	$ 1764.67

The total sales tax that should have been collected at the convention was $31.77 This will be considered an operating loss for Intergroup/ Central Office. Next year if we do not have access to Square, we will ensure the tax is included in the sales price on the price list. Although our accounts look healthy now, we should begin planning fundraiser events. Some ideas are to host a New Year's Eve dance and a Founder's Day event in 2027. Melissa suggested having a Halloween themed bingo this year.

Kim motioned to accept the July financial summary, Celeste seconded, AIF.

Co-Treasurer – Christa S. - NR

Newsletter –. John D. – Absent NR

Webmaster – Shelly gave update for Courtney regarding website outage due to a cooling system issue at the host company.

GSR –– Shelly J. said that District 19 is reviewing their guidelines. They have the following vacancies: Alt. DCMC, Registrar, Archives, H&I Liaison.

Office Manager
Melissa reported the following for July:

Office Visits	21
Information Calls	32
Call Forwarding	36
12 Step Calls	0

Melissa needs volunteers. There are currently several uncovered shifts weekly (Monday am, Wednesday am, and Thursday pm) Morning shifts are 9:00-12:30 and afternoon shifts are 12:30-4:00. One year of continuous sobriety is required. Celeste volunteered to be 'on call'.

Associate Member – Celeste N. – NR

3. Old Business (updated with current status):

Webmaster Commitment – Shannon stated we have not had any success in getting people to step up. Jim F. still helping us but we can't continue to rely on him. Courtney has also been assisting with updates.

Square/Quick Books – Sandy discussed our needs with a professional bookkeeper, who suggested we use basic QuickBooks for an annual cost of $80. Kim motioned to transition to QuickBooks, Christa seconded, AIF. An upgrade to Square and a new account would be required if we want to use it remotely. Setting up a new account would be labor intensive, requiring the inventory to be uploaded manually. Another option is for the current account owner to contact Square and request a change. Sandy will follow up as needed.

Convention Committee – Rosie reported this item is being carried forward to be discussed at the next board meeting.

4. New Business

Fundraisers – Celeste will contact the Alano Club to see if the room is available for a bingo event on 10/31/26. Kim and Sandy will chair the event. Sandy reminded the group that we need to complete the reservation form.

Convention Committee - Christina B. reported the central office representation issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

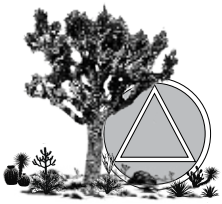
5. Close of Meeting

Shelly motioned to adjourn the meeting, Christa seconded, AIF. The meeting adjourned at 9:28am. The group prayed out with Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rosie G.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF July 31, 2026			
	CURRENT		
Ending Savings Account Balance	$2,205.42		
Transfer from Savings to Checking	$0.00		
Ending Checking Account Balance	$7,816.11		
Central Office Petty Cash	$0.00		
INCOME	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Group Donations (Square)	$1,391.67	$5,572.95	$6,964.62
Individual Donations- Uncategorized (Square)	$198.00	$1,064.39	$1,262.39
Group Donations (from Zelle)	$0.00	$812.88	$812.88
Individual Donations (from Zelle)	$175.00	$196.00	$371.00
Chips Gifts and Merchandise	$387.84	$1,282.15	$1,669.99
Literature	$490.05	$9,530.10	$10,020.15
Square Credit Card Fee	$2.00	$44.00	$46.00
Uncategorized Items (cc fees/pens)	$3.50		
AA Mountain Conference		$0.00	$0.00
SOTS-HDC Convention	$105.15	$0.00	$105.15
Ride for Recovery		$4,577.00	$4,577.00
VVIG Bingo		$1,207.90	$1,207.90
Womens Banquet		$2,000.00	$2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$2,753.21**	**$26,287.37**	**$29,037.08**
EXPENSES	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Rent (Rent & CAM)	$514.94	$3,139.18	$3,654.12
Southern California Edison	$76.06	$239.84	$315.90
Southwest Gas		$179.71	$179.71
Spectrum	$146.53	$864.17	$1,010.70
High Desert Alarm		$308.94	$308.94
Gusto (Manager Salary) x 2	$1,092.60	$6,555.60	$7,648.20
Gusto (Payroll Taxes) x 2	$199.20	$1,482.20	$1,681.40
Gusto (Monthly Fee)	$55.00	$275.00	$330.00
Maintenance/Office		0	$0.00
Insurance		$495.00	$495.00
Amazon Prime (Monthly Fee)	$16.30	$97.80	$114.10
HP Instant Ink	$8.69	$52.41	$61.10
Literature	$654.68	$7,727.59	$8,382.27
Banking Fees		$3.73	$3.73
AmTrust - Workers Comp Insurance		$540.00	$540.00
Other Expenses (Debit Card Transactions) - printer ink		$351.90	$351.90
CDTFA (Sales Tax)	$780.00	$897.00	$1,677.00
EDD State Payroll Taxes		$144.00	$144.00
Federal Taxes		$0.00	$0.00
Square Fees		$137.09	$137.09
Fundraisers (Ride for Recovery Permit)		300	$300.00
Miscellaneous Office Expenses (paid with Checks)		$417.14	$417.14
Website		44.88	$44.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$3,544.00**	**$24,253.18**	**$27,797.18**



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2026 GROUP DONATIONS			
APPLE VALLEY	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Big Book Study (VV Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Campfire Group (VV Alano Club)		$504.48	$504.48
Children of Chaos (COV)	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
Coffee Talk (VV Alano Club)	$216.00	$324.00	$540.00
Friday Night Lights (VV Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Front & Center (VV Alano Club)	$304.00	$1,725.00	$2,029.00
Luz Del Sur (21887 Outer Hwy 18)		$0.00	$0.00
Men's Stag (VV Alano Club)	$90.00	$320.00	$410.00
Men's Stagg (Serenity Hall)		$0.00	$0.00
O.L.D. AA Big Book Study (Our Lady of the Desert)	$150.00	$525.00	$675.00
Original Big Book Study (COV)		$0.00	$0.00
Pride Group LGBT+ (VV Alano Club)		$120.00	$120.00
Primary Purpose (COV)		$0.00	$0.00
Primary Purpose (Online)		$188.40	$188.40
Question & Answer (VV Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Sisters in Serenity (COV)		$50.00	$50.00
Sober LGBT (Online)		$120.00	$120.00
Speaker Meeting (COV)		$0.00	$0.00
Step Workshop (VV Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
T.G.I.F. (COV)		$0.00	$0.00
VVIG 7th Tradition/Central Office Can	$11.35	$17.00	$28.35
Women's Big Book Study (VV Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Women's Meeting (Church of the Nazarene)	$100.32	$364.94	$465.26
BARSTOW	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Attitude of Gratitude (Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Barstow Desert Group (Alano Club)	$30.00	$25.00	$55.00
Desert Dogs (Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Desert Road Runners (River of Life Methodist)		$0.00	$0.00
Friday Night Live (Alano Club)		$600.00	$600.00
Happy Hour (River of Life Methodist Church)		$60.00	$60.00
Into Action Men's Stag (Alano Club)		$281.70	$281.70
Literature in the Parking Lot (Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Los Coyotes Men's Stag (Alano Club)		$612.00	$612.00
Our Primary Purpose (Alano Club)		$300.00	$300.00
Prayer and Meditation (Alano Club)		$225.00	$225.00
Sisters in Sobriety (Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Una Nueva Vida (Alano Club)		$0.00	$0.00
Women's Rule 62 Group (River of Life Methodist)		$47.50	$47.50
BIG BEAR	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Honor The Mountian Group		$0.00	$0.00
FORT IRWIN	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Daily Reflection (3rd St/G Avenue)		$0.00	$0.00
Soldiers for Sobriety (3rd St/G Avenue)	$30.00	$60.00	$90.00
HELENDALE	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Ladies Willing to Go to Any Lengths (Community Church)		$0.00	$0.00
No Valid Complaints (Lion's Club)		$65.00	$65.00
Serenity Group (Community Church)		$0.00	$0.00
HESPERIA	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Hesperia Umbrella Group (HUG)		$0.00	$0.00
Spanish (Main Street)		$0.00	$0.00
Spanish (Mariposa Road)		$0.00	$0.00
PHELAN	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Open Book Study (Montara Road)		$0.00	$0.00
Phelan Sober Group (Sunnyslope Road)	$60.00	$180.00	$240.00
Spanish (Manos Unidas De Phelan)		$0.00	$0.00
VICTORVILLE	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Big Book/12 and 12 Study (Holy Innocents Church)		$0.00	$0.00
Latino de Victor Valley (St. Andrews)		$0.00	$0.00
Mojave Riverwalk (VV Lower Campus)		$0.00	$0.00
Tumbleweed Group		$0.00	$0.00
WRIGHTWOOD	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
12x12 (Old Firehouse)	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
12x12 Study (Hillside Community Church)		$0.00	$0.00
Big Book Study (Old Firehouse)	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
Friday Night Reflections (Old Firehouse)		$0.00	$0.00
LGBTQ + (Old Firehouse)		$30.00	$30.00
Men's Stag Meeting (Old Firehouse)		$90.00	$90.00
No Frills (Old Firehouse)	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
Open Participation (Blessed Junipero Serra Church)		$0.00	$0.00
Open Participation (Old Firehouse)		$267.00	$267.00
Women's Meeting (Old Firehouse)		$130.00	$130.00
YERMO	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Open Participation (Peggy Sue's Diner)		$0.00	$0.00
Peggy Sue's Diner (Peggy Sue's Diner)		$0.00	$0.00
UNKNOWN	**CURRENT**	**PRIOR YTD**	**YTD**
Steppers		$25.00	$25.00
		$0.00	$0.00
Individual Donations	$373.00	$1,419.69	$1,792.69
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	**$1,764.67**	**$8,676.71**	**$10,441.38**

Panel 76/MCSA09
District 19 Hi-Desert
District – HIGH DESERT
Agenda August 23, 2026
HUG 15885 Main St suite 310, Hesperia

Call meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.
Readers: GSR Preamble: Daniel Tradition #8: Sasha Concept #8: Stacy
New GSRs: None
Guests: Ed L. – no current district-level service position; previously District 19 Secretary (5 years) and GSR, and served 8 years at the area level as Grapevine Secretary, Alternate Delegate, and Delegate (2020–2021).
Birthdays: Sasha (14 years)
Members present: Daniel H., Stacy H., Mike E., Bob O., Terry M. (in person); Shelly J., Jerry M., Sasha, Michael (online); Guest: Ed L.
Voting Members Absent: Courtney Q., Celeste, Michelle C., Veronica, Waylon
Quorum was met
May's Minutes Approved: Bob O. raised a point of order that a motion was needed before discussion, then motioned to approve the May minutes. Motion carried unanimously (chair called the question directly; no discussion). AIF
July's Minutes Approved: Noted that the members-present line was left blank on the emailed copy but was filled in on the printed copy at the meeting. Bob O. motions to accept the July minutes; Mike E. seconds. Motion carried unanimously. AIF
1. Voting Officer Reports
DCMC: Daniel H.
Area 9 is deciding between two possible dates for its high-desert assembly meeting: the second week of August or the second week of May; the final decision is at the next Area Service Assembly, about two to three weeks out. Daniel noted that if the meeting moves to May, it would fall only about two weeks after the delegate's return from GSO in New York, which would make it awkward to also ask her to give a share back there, since she traditionally does that at the Sunshine of the Spirit Convention in early June. An informal show-of-hands among those present favored May over August (roughly 4 to 1), though Daniel was clear this was not an official vote – only attendees at the area assembly can actually decide. Daniel also raised a possible guest speaker for November's Traditions/Gratitude Month event: a Long Beach-based AA historian who has researched the 1950 International Convention held there and has offered to present. Since the district already holds a Tradition Play/old-timers panel in November,, fitting in a third feature would mean dropping one of the others; Terry asked whether the speaker could instead present at a different time of year rather than November specifically. No decision was made; per a point of order from Bob, this was moved to New Business (see below), and Daniel will look into the speaker's costs and report back next month.
Alt DCMC: OPEN
Secretary: Courtney Q. - Absent/No Report
Treasurer: Stacy H.
Contributions this month totaled $358.11. Expenses totaled $101 (two Grapevine subscriptions and $30 in rent), and rent has been paid; the new balance is $8,144.74. Stacy attended the Area finance committee meeting and learned that of roughly 155–165 District 19 groups, only about 6% (roughly 10 groups) contribute regularly (quarterly); individual "rogue" contributors also help fill the gap. She encouraged members to submit reimbursement forms for pamphlets, literature, and convention-related expenses, and raised the idea of the district having its own website (New Business – see below).
Registrar: OPEN • Archives: OPEN
2. Liaisons and Chairs:
H&I Liaison: Celeste - Absent/No Report
Intergroup Liaison: Shelly J.
Central Office is looking for volunteers Monday 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and Thursday 12:30–4:00 p.m.; Bob O. clarified he still covers the Wednesday 9:00–12:30 shift (a planned knee surgery that would have sidelined him has been postponed). An Intergroup Halloween Bingo fundraiser is planned for October 31st at Central Office. Shelly also announced District 19's open positions at Intergroup.
Convention Liaison: Jerry M.
The Sunshine of the Spirit Convention date isn't finalized yet – it depends on locking down the venue – but it will most likely be the first weekend of June (June 4–6).
CPC/PI: Mike E.
A CPC/PI forum is scheduled for August 27th, 5:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom, with a guest speaker and discussion of the position and possible workshops; Mike plans to attend and report back.
CEC: OPEN
Michelle has resigned her position.
Grapevine/La Viña: Bob O.
Bob attended the Grapevine committee meeting. A hybrid Grapevine workshop on writing and submitting articles is being planned jointly with another district, tentatively October 3rd or 10th from 2:00–4:00 p.m., likely in Hermosa Beach; a flyer is expected the first week of September. He also shared some Grapevine app resources available under "Rep Resources" (the Grapevine Play, a piece called "The Man on the Bed," and historical tidbits, e.g. the Grapevine was originally distributed to military members in 1944). He gave advance notice that he'll be requesting funding for more Carry the Message subscriptions (see New Business).
3. Old Business:
D19 Guidelines Status Update – Daniel distributed an updated draft with changes highlighted in yellow: added a section on emergency committee meetings (requiring due diligence to notify everyone possible, a quorum to vote, and minutes presented at the next regular meeting); clarified the quorum definition (50% of district officers plus one GSR or committee member); and added a note under the definition of District Officers about Area voting eligibility. Guest Ed L. clarified that GSRs vote at Area Service Assemblies (ASAs) but not Area Service Committees (ASCs), and that the Area registrar tracks attendance at every meeting, including ASCs. Daniel also added a citation to the AA pamphlet "Where Money and Spirituality Mix" for context, and clarified that District 19's suggested contribution percentages differ from the pamphlet's recommendations (e.g. 30% to Intergroup here vs. 50% suggested in the pamphlet); Stacy and Shelly noted that contribution amounts are up to each group's autonomy, and the word "suggested" remains in the guidelines language. Other edits: removed page-number citations to appendices (title only, per earlier feedback); left the two separate references to the Hesperia HUG meeting location as-is rather than consolidating them, but cross-referenced one to the other; removed outdated Spanish-language calendar entries (one left crossed out/highlighted to show the edit); and removed an errant "Saturday" from the June delegate share-back calendar entry. This was the second of three required months of review; a vote to formally adopt the guidelines is expected next month at the earliest.
Nominations and Vote: Alt DCMC – Bob O. volunteered to stand for the position through the end of the calendar year (through November's Gratitude Month), until someone else can be found; Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously, no objections. Bob O. elected Alt DCMC.
Nominations and Vote: Archivist – No one volunteered to stand. Position remains open.
Nominations and Vote: Convention Liaison – At Bob's request, Jerry gave a brief description of the role (relaying information between the district and the convention committee, and working

to secure the delegate's attendance at the district's convention share back) before the vote. Motion carried unanimously, zero opposed. Jerry M. re-elected Convention Liaison.
Nominations and Vote: Registrar – Daniel read the Registrar job description from the guidelines. No one volunteered. Position remains open.
PO Box owner change – Stacy met with Lesliee at the post office and completed the ownership transfer from Lesliee to Stacy; a valid driver's license/ID was all that was required, and the postmaster's office completed the paperwork. It was noted that if the outgoing box-holder isn't available in person for a future change, the post office indicated a letter documenting the transfer of ownership could be used instead.

4. New Business:

November event scheduling (Traditions Play / historian speaker) – Carried over from the DCMC report: whether a proposed Long Beach AA history speaker needs to present specifically in November, given the district's existing Tradition Play and old-timers panel that month. No motion was made and no decision was reached; Daniel will gather cost/logistics information from the speaker and report back next month.
Carry the Message Grapevine subscriptions – Bob O. requested funding for 10 additional subscriptions at $36 each ($360 total), to be charged to his card and reimbursed. Bob O. motions; Mike E. seconds. Motion carried unanimously. AIF
District website – Stacy proposed contracting a web developer (Metasphere Technologies) to build a simple district website for about $300, including a training video so the district could maintain it going forward. Bob suggested looping in Courtney (Secretary), who has relevant experience, and gathering more detail on the ongoing responsibilities of maintaining a website. Daniel motions to table the item until next month so Stacy can bring more information and share an example site; Bob O. seconds. Item tabled; will return as Old Business next month.
General Service Manual ("green book") inventory – Current stock is about 5 on hand. Bob O. motions to order a case (approximately 20) of General Service Manuals from GSO; motion carried unanimousl. Bob O., as incoming Alt DCMC, will place the order.
Flat screen TV – power cable and storage – Bob O. reported he located the power cable for the flat screen TV anonymously donated to the district last month and will bring it to next month's meeting. The group discussed secure storage options; Bob will contact a member of the Hesperia HUG (Hispanic Umbrella Group) steering committee about storing it there. In the meantime, Mike E. will keep the TV at his house and bring it back next month.
Help finding meeting locations – Michael (Phelan Acceptance GSR) asked who is the right contact to help groups that are searching for new meeting locations. Daniel said he would look into it and follow up with him directly.

5. GSR Reports:

Mike E. - Monday 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour meeting, 800 Yucca (corner of Kelly), Barstow. About 15 men and women; contributes to all three service entities. Celebrates all Barstow-area AA groups' birthdays on the last Saturday of the month – last year's combined celebration was over 230 years. Steady, continuing attendance.
Jerry M. - Tumbleweed group, Victorville. Operating in the red, having drawn down its prudent reserve by about $6,000 over the last couple of years – not the only district group in that position. The current 3-year lease is expiring, and the group is trying to find month-to-month or shorter-term rental option rather than sign another multi-year lease, since having one member's signature on a long lease is a burden; other high-desert venues reportedly also require 3- to 5-year leases. Birthdays celebrated the last Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Daniel H. - Wrightwood Sunday morning "Open Discussion" meeting, 9:00 a.m. About 20 present, including one very new newcomer.
Terry M. - Wrightwood Monday night women's meeting. Changed meeting time to 6:00–7:00 p.m. and revised the format to try to attract more women, since attendance has dropped to 4–6 (sometimes 3). New format rotates monthly: the first Monday is always a first-step meeting for newcomers, other Mondays alternate between a "real life recovery" topic night and an interactive night (drawing a discussion topic from a jar), and a 5th Monday (when the month has one) features a speaker. The schedule/time change was advertised in the local paper (the Mountaineer); all are welcome, including women with children. Changes take effect next month.
Michael - Phelan Acceptance meeting, 4126 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92397, 6:00–7:00 p.m. The group recently changed secretaries; new secretary David is being brought up to speed.
Bob O. - Barstow Desert Group, Sunday mornings 8:00–9:00 a.m., 129 West White Street (Alano Club of Barstow). Big Book study with rotating formats; attendance runs roughly 12–22. Contributes to all three service entities (General Service Board, Central Office, District 19), occasionally to Area 9 as well. New group treasurer and secretary recently took over; Bob will ask whether the group wants to fund Grapevine subscriptions for a local counseling center where several members' sponsees attend, likely as a motion at the group's business meeting (probably the last Sunday of the month).
Bob - Fort Irwin's Soldiers for Sobriety group, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00–7:00 p.m.; Tuesday is a Big Book study (currently working through material by Howard E.), averaging 4–5 attendees. That group recently arranged to send a Grapevine subscription, via the Army Substance Abuse Program director, to a local hospital's outpatient counseling program for members returning from rehab, and contributes quarterly to the General Service Board and Central Office/District 19.
Sasha - Rule 62 Women's Meeting, Tuesday nights 7:00 p.m. About 12–15 attendance, with some newcomers recently. Birthdays celebrated the 4th Tuesday of the month with a potluck and cake. Mixed meeting formats, including open meetings, Grapevine readings, the 12 & 12, and Traditions pamphlet study.

6. AA related Announcements:

H&I fundraiser – a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs, a speaker (to be announced), and door prizes, on September 26th at the Victor Valley Alano Club, 11085 Central Road, to help build H&I's prudent reserve. Shelly will send a flyer once available.
Intergroup Hallowingo Bingo fundraiser – October 31st at Alano Club.
Readers next month:
GSR Preamble: Mike E.
Tradition #9: Bob O.
Concept #9: Mike E.
September Birthdays: Bob O. (September 21 - sober since 1984); Jerry M. (September 21); Terry M. (September 14, 2023 - 3 years); Courtney Q. (September 30, 2017 - 9 years); Daniel H. (September 26 - sober since 1987)

The next District 19 committee meeting will be September 27, 2026.

The next MSCA09 (Area 9) meeting will be September 13, 2026, in Palm Springs.

Dismiss with "Responsibility Pledge"

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Victor Valley Intergroup Central Office is seeking: ***Individuals to be added to the "12 Step Call List"***
We Need Women and Men from all Cities in the HD! **Anyone interested please contact: Office Manager Melissa S. at:760-220-4016**

DISTRICT 19

GSR COMMITTEE

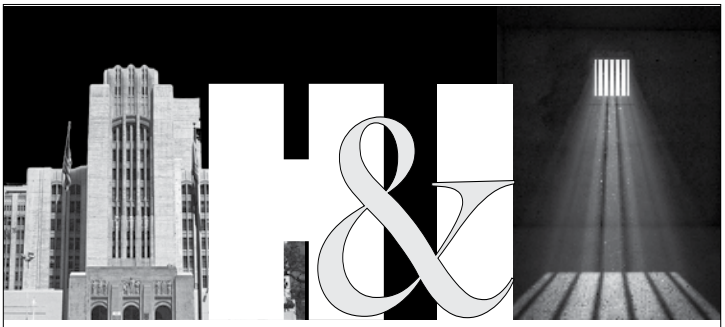
MONTHLY MEETING

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY 12:30 PM

Address:
H.U.G.
15885 Main St.,
Hesperia, CA 92345

Zoom:
Meeting ID: 883 0541 2041
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Hospitals and Insitutions

12th Step Opportunities!

Join us as we carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who cannot attend regular meetings. Current panel opportunities include Federal Prison, and Phoenix House.

Come see what we do!

Join us at our monthly committee meeting. H&I meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Alano Club at 6:30PM

Contact us:
H&I Director: Shannon W.
(760) 221-0651
H&I co-Director: Open



Hesperia Umbrella Group

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

15885 Main Street Ste. 310, Hesperia, CA

09/19/2026... Alisa D. .....San Bernardino SD - 05/05/2005
09/26/2026... Jerome Scott.....Bellflower B B G, SD - 06/06/1973
10/03/2026... Brandee R. .....Orange SD - 05/19/1996
10/10/2026... John Hamilton .....Moreno Valley, SD - 06/20/2022
10/17/2026... Bonnie S.....Bakersfield SD - 07/14/2006
10/24/2026... Jaid H.....Long Beach SD - 01/02/2015
10/31/2026... Denise H. .....Moreno Valley SD - 02/20/2022
11/07/2026... Roxanne Valdez....Covina 502 Club SD - 04/03/2023
11/14/2026... Jocelyn H. .....Bakersfield SD - 09/13/2016
11/21/2026... Quan Whitaker .....Pomona SD - 12/09/2024
11/28/2026... Steve H.....Victorville SD - 02/21/1992

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