

# GRATITUDE GAZETTE

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

**I AM RESPONSIBLE**

**Whenever anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help, I want  
the hand of AA always to be  
there and for that**

**I AM RESPONSIBLE**

-Declaration of 30th Anniversary  
International Convention, 1965

### A Close Shave

THE year 1890 witnessed my advent as the youngest of five sons to a fine Christian mother and a hard working blacksmith father. At the age of eight my father used to send me after his pail of beer and it was by lapping the foam off the beer that I first discovered that the taste was much to my liking. By the time I was fourteen, at which time I quit school, I had found that wine and hard cider were also pleasing to my palate. The next six years I spent learning the art of barbering and by the end of this period I had become both a proficient barber and an earnest drinker.

During the next 10 or 12 years I was able to acquire several lucrative shops, some with poolrooms and restaurants attached. It seemed quite impossible however for me to stand prosperity so I would drink myself out of one situation, get myself together a bit, develop another, and then repeat the performance.

The time came when I could no longer refinance myself so I began to float about the country, getting a job here and there as I could, but invariably I got fired in a short time because of my unreliability.

My marriage, which occurred in 1910 about the time I started my successful ownership of shops, resulted in our having a family of ten children who were usually desperately in need because I used my slender income for booze instead of providing for them.

I finally secured a job in a shop in a town of about 4,500 people, where I now live. My reputation for drinking soon became more or less generally known. About this time a deacon and the pastor of one of the local churches used to come in the shop for their work and were constantly inviting me to church and Bible classes, which invitations irritated me very much. I earnestly wished they would mind their own business.

I finally did accept one or two invitations to social functions at the home of one of these men, and was received so cordially that the barrier between us was partially lowered.

I did not stop drinking however, though my feeling toward these men was kindly. They at last persuaded me to go to a nearby town to have a talk with a doctor who had had a great deal of experience with this type of trouble. I listened to the man for two hours, and although my mind was quite foggy, I retained a good deal of what he said. I feel that the combined effort of these three Christian gentlemen made it possible for me to have a vital spiritual experience. This occurred in March, 1937. I have had no trouble since.

For about six years previous to this time I was never at any time completely free from the influence of liquor.

Since that time I have regained the love of my family and the respect of the community, and can truthfully say that the past few years have been the happiest of my life.

I have busied myself a great deal during these few years in helping others who were afflicted as I was, and resulted in nine other men finding a way out of difficulties which were identical with mine. I feel this activity has played an important part in my mastery of this most devastating habit.

*Reprinted from Big Book 1st edition personal stories*



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## AA Birthdays: Who's Taking a Cake in April & May?



### Happy Birthday

Mike C.	4/24/86	Jerry B	5/3/1985	Joe S.	5/28/1995
Shannon R.	4/27/10	Deanna R.	5/17/2006	Fred R.	5/13/1988
Michelle	4/25/08	Larry L.	5/24/1999	Susan S.	5/20/1979



*Want your sobriety date published? Submit your name and sobriety date to [gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org](mailto:gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org)*

**Charlie P. of "Joe and Charlie" passed away 4/23/11. He and Joe McQ. touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. His understanding of the Big Book, and his way of interpreting it in a way an average drunk could understand it was amazing. They say that when the student is ready... the teacher will appear.**

To all AA members  
Email list

## Get on the List!

*Be notified of meeting changes, new events and other important AA information. Join our mailing list. Send email to [DLservant@TemeculaCentralOffice.Org](mailto:DLservant@TemeculaCentralOffice.Org) and be added to the list.*

### What is an Intergroup?

Each group is encouraged to have an Intergroup Representative. This person is the liaison between Intergroup and their home group. Any decisions for changes to the way Central Office runs must be voted on. Any questions or concerns or compliments may be put on the agenda for discussion. By having an Intergroup representative your group will be able to bring a vote to the intergroup meeting. No vote can take place without a quorum. Your group must be a registered meeting in order to vote. Any A.A. member is welcome to attend the Intergroup or Board meeting as a guest. If your group is interested in joining Intergroup, send a member to the meeting, and we will gladly give you all the information you need to get started. Intergroup meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month on the corner of Kalmia & Adams in Murrieta at the church. Hope to see you there.

# AA Service Meetings

What	When	Where
H&I Committee Meeting	1st Monday - 7:30pm	TVAC—27470 Commerce Center Dr. Temecula, CA 92590
TVCO Board Meeting	1st Tuesday - 6:30pm	Central Office - All are welcome, but only board members may participate.
Mid So-Cal Area Meeting	2nd Sunday - 9:30am	Meets at various locations. Call Central Office for meeting location
Cooperating with Prof Community (CPC)	2nd Tuesday - 5:45pm	Boston Billies - 26850 Cherry Hills Blvd. Sun City
GSR Meeting - District 17	2nd Tuesday - 6:30pm	Boston Billies - 26850 Cherry Hills Blvd. Sun City
Intergroup Meeting	3rd Tuesday - 6:45pm	United Methodist Church, Murrieta 24652 Adams at Kalmia & Adams
GSR Meeting - District 14	3rd Wednesday - 7pm	Good Shepherd Episcopal Church 308 E Acacia Ave, Hemet, CA 92543

## What you get from Central Office!

During the day, **your Central Office keeps the doors open to assist recovering and suffering AA members alike**. We provide (at cost) the Big Book. We also provide the 12x12, assorted literature, chips, and newcomer packets. **Your office manager** organizes volunteers, makes bank deposits, keeps your accounting data accurate, and safe guards your inventory. **We make and distribute your meeting schedules and the Gratitude Gazette. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, volunteers take calls from suffering alcoholics and organize 12 step calls.** The phone line and special call-forwarding are paid for by your central office contributions.

Please ask at your next business meeting if you are contributing monthly to your Central Office. It doesn't have to be a lot. Being **self-supporting.** means not only paying for your rent and coffee, but also paying for the services you receive through Central Office.

If your group has stopped contributing (or never started), please bring it up at your next business meeting and take a group conscious. There have been a lot of changes made. The board has had a new influx of members, and oversight is strong. **Traditions are always the first thought for any changes being considered.**

We invite anyone to call, email, and/or attend the monthly board meeting. We value your input and want to make sure we understand your opinion.

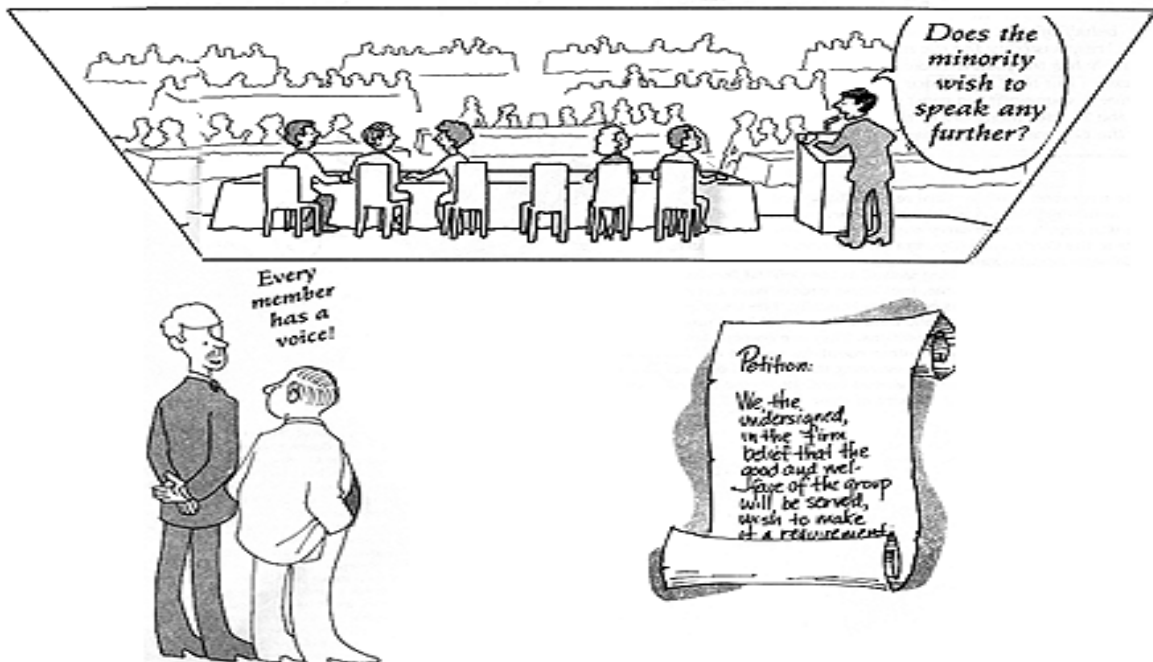
**Still Skeptical?**



# Focus On Concept Five



**Concept V.** 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.



## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BE OF SERVICE?

Our "HOTLINE" is a great way to be of service. When Central Office is closed a member of Alcoholics Anonymous answers the phone EVERY time. The phone call may be as simple as "where is a meeting?" It may be an alcoholic needs to talk, be visiting from out of town, etc. For more information on the Hotline visit our website and click on the "HOTLINE" link at [www.temeculacentraloffice.com](http://www.temeculacentraloffice.com)

## Central Office Service

Please call (951) 695-1535 if you can be of service at Central Office by volunteering for time slots to answer phones and help walk-ins. Volunteers are always appreciated, and of course you get the grand reward...

**Sobriety for another day!**

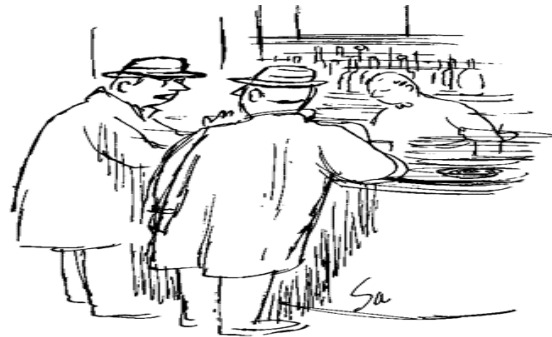
# AA HUMOR

Send AA related humor to  
[gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org](mailto:gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org)



A man goes to the doctor with two severely burned ears, "How in the world did this happen?" the doctor asked. The man said, "Well doc, I must confess, I likes to drink a few when I get home from work. Last night I came home from work and had my usual few drinks, and was sitting on the sofa having another. My wife wanted to talk to me and iron at the same time so she set up the ironing board next to the sofa. Well doc, the phone rang and without thinking I picked up the hot iron instead of the phone and pressed it against my ear." That explains the one ear," the doctor said, "but what happened to the other one?" "The damn fool called back!" the man said.

**JEOPARDY WAS INVENTED BY AN ALCOHOLIC. WHO ELSE STARTS OUT WITH ALL THE ANSWERS TO NO QUESTIONS?**



*"I'm a problem drinker. Every time I have a problem, I drink."*



*"I hate that smug look you get when you're going to a closed meeting!"*

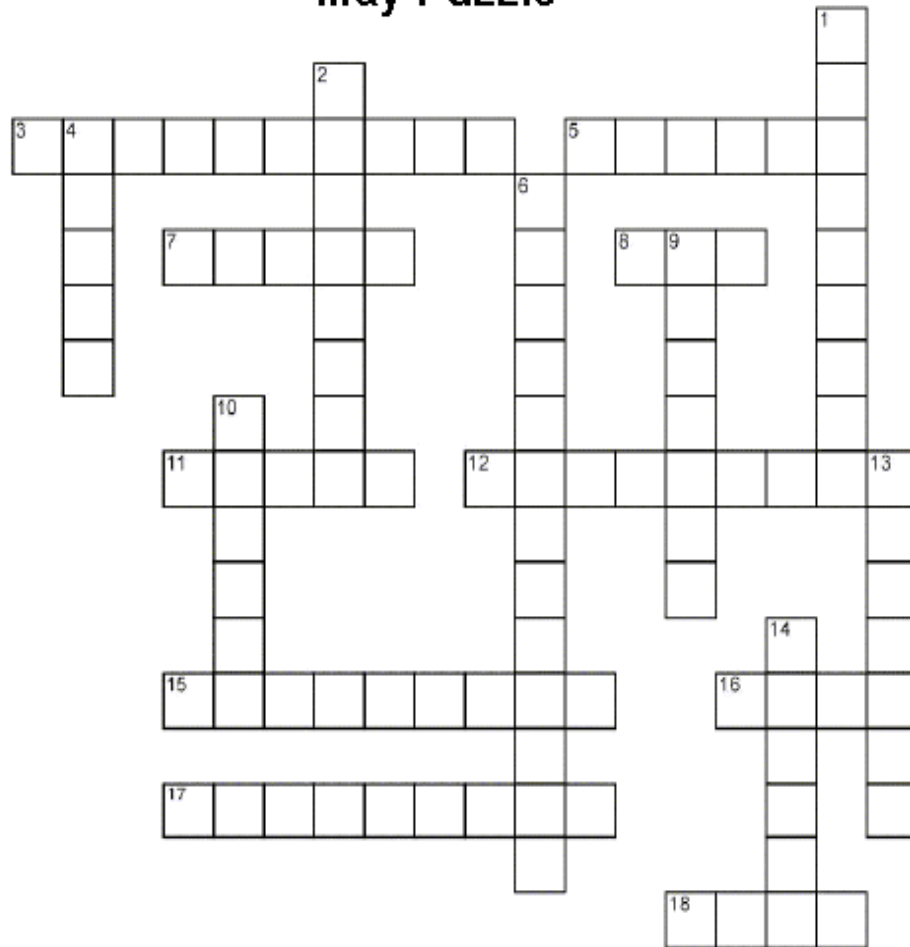
What things in life are most important to an active alcoholic?

- A. Alcohol
- B. Alcohol
- C. Alcohol
- D. All of the Above

First I was addicted to alcohol...  
 Then prescription drugs...  
 Then nicotine...  
 Then caffeine...  
 Then to my own childhood as a child of an alcoholic...  
 Then to gambling...  
 Then to spending...  
 Then to members of the opposite sex...  
 Altogether that's **NINETY-SIX STEPS** I'm working!



## May Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3** International Convention City (2 words)  
**5** How often we've seen them fail  
**7** Dr. Bob surname  
**8** General Service Office  
**11** Second Principle  
**12** Dr. Bob and the Good  
**15** AA meeting in print  
**16** Step two  
**17** Honesty, unselfishness, purity and love  
**18** Mrs. Dr. Bob

### DOWN

- 1** Akron hotel when Bill needed to talk to another drunk  
**2** prior to investigation  
**4** Our \_\_\_\_\_ is self-centered, ego-centric .....  
**6** Saturday Evening Post article in March, 1941  
**9** AA's very essence  
**10** AA got this award in 1951  
**13** The number of printings of the first edition of our Big Book  
**14** what trusted servants don't do

Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Gratitude Gazette

Please join  
the celebration  
of Founder's Day!

June 18, 2011

76  
YEARS

**Annual Founders Day  
Fundraiser Celebration**  
5:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
\$20.00 per person

**Ticket includes dinner, 50/50 drawing and raffle!**

The Founder's Day Celebration will include the  
speaker meeting at 8:00 pm including a 50/50 drawing too!  
The Speaker Meeting is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Founders Day Celebration will be held at:  
**Murrieta Community Center**  
41810 Juniper Street • Murrieta, CA

Tickets are on sale now. For more information call  
Temecula Valley Central Office

951.695.1535

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**BIRTHDAY DONATIONS APRIL 2011**

Mary S. for 20 years	20.00
	<u>20.00</u>

**PERSONAL DONATIONS APRIL 2011**

Tom and Mary	10.00
Anonymous	20.00
Darcie D	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>40.00</u>

**CENTRAL  
OFFICE  
NEWS**

**BUCK-A-MONTH DONATIONS  
APRIL 2011**

Anonymous	<u>17.00</u>
	<u>17.00</u>

**April Activity**

Phoned in...287  
Walk ins...93  
AA Meeting...61  
Al-anon...22  
12 Step...19  
Donations/Purchases...101  
Misc/Other Business...35

**Special thanks to those  
who helped with the news-  
letter this month!**

**Darcie, Laura L., Murrieta  
As Bill Sees It**



**INTERGROUP OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

A committee is being formed to visit meetings without an intergroup representative and invite them to participate. For more information please contact Central Office (951) 695-1535

**BRIDGING THE GAP**

Bridging the Gap is designed to help an alcoholic between a treatment program or prison make the transition. One of the more slippery places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of a facility and the nearest AA group or meeting. AA experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to Bridge the Gap, AA members have volunteered to be temporary contacts & introduce newcomers to AA. It is suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of AA meetings; introduce him or her to other AA's; insure that he or she has some phone numbers of several AA members and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

Temecula Valley is in the process of coordinating this committee. Volunteers are needed. Please call Central Office for more information (951) 695-1535

We would love to print your submissions for the Newsletter. All profanity will be edited out of the final copy. The primary theme of any article content must pertain to; alcoholism and recovery, the Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, or The Concepts. Poems, inspiring materials, AA trivia, jokes and cartoons are welcome also. Proper credit must be given to each articles source. If taken from previously printed materials include its copyright so that we can acknowledge it. The committee reserves the right to edit or refuse any articles submitted. Submissions accepted via email at:

[gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org](mailto:gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org)

Mailing Address @ Temecula Valley Central Office, 28636 Old Front Street, #106, Temecula CA 92590

Email: [temeculaaa@verizon.net](mailto:temeculaaa@verizon.net)

## APRIL GROUP DONATIONS

	Apr 11	Apr 10	Jan - Apr 11
Anza Lil School/7pm 2nd Sat Speaker Mtg	0.00	50.00	0.00
Hemet Arrid/Everyday 12 Noon/High Nooners	0.00	0.00	20.00
Hemet Arrid/Sat 7pm/Back to Basics	0.00	0.00	96.00
Hemet Provident/Fri 7pm/Old Barn Meeting	0.00	0.00	180.00
Hemet Provident/Tue Noon/Sober Seniors	40.00	0.00	40.00
Hemet Valley Wide/Wed 6pm/Meat & Potato	0.00	100.00	0.00
LE 1st Lutheran/M,Tue,Th,Sat 730pm/Bells	58.50	0.00	58.50
LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	0.00	0.00	4.90
LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	0.00	0.00	210.00
LE Meeting Place/Sun 7am/Att Mod	0.00	10.00	2.50
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	250.00	75.00	1,050.00
Mur Community House/Wed 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	40.00
Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	24.00	0.00	84.00
Mur United Methodist/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI	80.40	120.00	158.40
Mur United Methodist/Thur 8pm/Step Study	0.00	50.00	0.00
Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	0.00	0.00	50.00
Mur United Methodist/Wed 8pm/Discussion	0.00	25.00	100.00
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	41.66	32.50	41.66
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	16.00	20.00	119.00
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	900.00	900.00	3,240.00
Tem ABT/Mon 7am/	0.00	0.00	45.00
Tem Del Rio/M-F 7am/Survivors	100.00	161.00	550.00
Tem Del Rio/Tue 630pm/Road Dogs	50.00	0.00	100.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Mon 10am/Open Arms	6.00	0.00	36.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sat 8am/Early Risers	150.00	100.00	541.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sun 6pm/Twilight	0.00	0.00	50.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sun 9am/Came to Believe	0.00	0.00	100.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Thur 10am/Sisters Sharing	100.00	8.50	100.00
Tem Mary Phillip Sen Ctr/Thur 6pm/For Fun	0.00	75.71	0.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	0.00	0.00	200.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	35.40	0.00	109.20
Tem Private/Mon 630pm/Trad and Concepts	0.00	0.00	100.00
Tem RC Church Office/Tue 6pm/Mosh Pit	0.00	0.00	331.92
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	358.80	0.00	973.20
Tem Ser Cir/Mon-Sun 6pm/Serenity Hour	84.70	0.00	84.70
Tem Ser Cir/Sat Noon/Young at Heart	60.00	0.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Sun 10am/Big Book Study	35.00	0.00	35.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	0.00	0.00	60.25
Tem Ser Cir/Thur Noon/Nooners	100.00	0.00	300.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	180.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue Noon/Living Sober	0.00	60.00	120.00
Tem Ser Cir/Wed Noon/	100.00	42.00	100.00
Tem Single Oak/Fri 630pm/Rule 62	0.00	75.00	0.00
Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	100.00	53.33	210.00
Tem The Meeting Place/Mon 630pm/1 To Many	0.00	0.00	18.00
Tem The Meeting Place/Thurs 630pm/Solutio	10.00	5.00	40.00
Tem Water District/Sat 8pm/World Famous	75.00	135.00	546.00
Wildomar IVH/Fri 7pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	70.00
Wildomar IVH/Sat 730pm/Participation	0.00	0.00	60.00
Wildomar IVH/Sun 7pm/Pigs on the Wall	0.00	0.00	14.00
Wildomar MV Comm Church/M-S 7am/Wild Ones	0.00	200.00	600.00
Winchester/Sun 6pm/Outlaws	0.00	84.00	0.00
	<b>2,775.4</b>	<b>2,382.0</b>	

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Name	Amount
Anonymous	46.00
Barbara P	10.00
Bob E	100.00
Candace W	22.00
Cheryl H	100.00
Cindy B	20.00
Cynthia L	25.00
Deanna R	120.00
Kelly R	60.00
Mary Ann R	10.00
Michelle B	5.00
Molly G	60.00
Patricia K	5.00
Pauline S	20.00
Ramona	10.00
Shelly M	20.00
Susan W	300.00
Terese B	5.00
Tom and Mary	65.00
Vivian C	10.00
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**CENTRAL OFFICE  
VOLUNTEERS**

1. Debi G
2. Launa R
3. Laura D
4. Erinn
5. Kendyl
6. Brian
7. Jim F
8. Fred D
9. Kim
10. Monique
11. Tyrone
12. Shawn
13. Bob E
14. Laurie S
15. Annie
16. Bonnie
17. Jackie
18. Jill
19. Patti
20. Rob
21. Pam
22. Lynn

**Buck-A-Month**

Join the **"Buck-A-Month"** Club. Contributions can be made to Central Office by mailing this form with your donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Your Donation to:

Temecula Valley Central Office  
28636 Old Town Front Street, Suite 106  
Temecula, CA 92591

**Central Office Prudent  
Reserve Fund**

One of the challenges for 2011 is to re-build our Prudent Reserve. A monthly contribution of \$5 or an amount you can afford are greatly appreciated.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Your Contribution to:

Temecula Valley Central Office  
28636 Old Town Front Street, Suite 106

**Contribute to Central Office for  
your Sponsor's Birthday**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Sobriety/Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrate your birthday or your sponsor's birthday by donating \$1 per year of sobriety to Central Office. What a great way to give back!

Your Donation to:

Temecula Valley Central Office  
28636 Old Town Front Street, Suite 106  
Temecula, CA 92591

**ONE LINERS**

*Submitted by Murrieta "As Bill Sees it"*

**D.E.N.I.A.L— Don't Even No I Am Lying**

*Sober is Freedom from Alcohol—Sobriety is freedom from self.*

**3 UPS: Locked up - Covered up - Sobered up**

**P.U.S.H.—Pray Until Something Happens**

**D.E.A.D.—Drinking Ends All Dreams**

**G.I.F.T.—God Is Forever There**

**W.I.S.D.O.M.—When In Self Discover Our Motives.**



**TVCO HOTLINE GROUP DAYS & CONTACTS**

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1st Monday **MONDAY 7:00 AM AS BILL SEES IT & SATURDAY AM REFLECTIONS (Murrieta)**

1st Tuesday **TUESDAY 10 AM WOMEN'S 12x12 (Murrieta)**

1st Wednesday **DARREN R.**

1st Thursday **THUR. WOMEN'S 10:00AM-Lyndie Lane (Temecula)**

1st Friday **MEN'S STAG 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY (Murrieta)**

1st Weekend **LIBERTY BELLS (Lake Elsinore)**

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2nd Monday **SATURDAY EARLY RISERS (Temecula)**

2nd Tuesday **UNITY HALL 7 AM (Sun City)**

2nd Wednesday **THE FUNKS**

2nd Thursday **MIKE B. or SANDY S.**

2nd Friday **SUN CITY SWINGERS (Sun City)**

2nd Weekend **THE MOSH PIT**

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3rd Monday **OPEN ARMS 10:00 AM (Temecula)**

3rd Tuesday **SUNDAY SPEAKER MEETING @ THE MEETING PLACE (Lake Elsinore)**

3rd Wednesday **WOMEN'S ACCEPTANCE WEDNESDAY (Lake Elsinore)**

3rd Thursday **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BB STUDY L.E. (Lake Elsinore)**

3rdFriday **BACK TO BASICS (Sun City)**

3rdWeekend **SERENITY CIRCLE NOON (Temecula)**

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4thMonday **SUNDAY 7 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT (Lake Elsinore)**

4thTuesday **GEEK SQUAD SUNDY NIGHT 12 X 12 (Murrieta)**

4thWednesday **LITTLE BIG BOOK MONDAY (Murrieta)**

4thThursday **THE STEP SISTERS – WEDNESDAY (Temecula)**

4thFriday **WOMEN'S CANDELIGHT –Thursday (Temecula)**

4th Weekend **WILD ONES GRAPE STREET (Wildomar)**

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5TH Monday **WOMEN'S CLOSED AS BILL SES IT - MONDAY 12:00 (Murrieta)**

5th Tuesday **SUNDAY SPEAKER MEETING @ THE MEETING PLACE (Lake Elsinore)**

5th Wednesday **BOBBI AND RICHARD**

5th Thursday **CHARLENE AND JEFF (Murrieta)**

5th Friday **BRENDA & JOHN WALTER (Wildomar)**

5th Weekend **MIKE S.**

**HOTLINE COMMITTEE**

John W, Julie P, Pauline S, Maureen H, Julie P, Lorilie H.