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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.

-Declaration of 30th Anniversary International Convention, 1965

Remember we are waiting to read your story. [Email](#) it to us.

Feature Article

How many times around the rooms have you heard the expression, "I wasn't an alcoholic until I came into the program," only to reflect on your own experience and the truth in those words? I was a problem drinker sure I had overreacted when I heard the door shut behind me at rehab. Even with the education I received in that facility, a full understanding of my condition and acceptance of what was obviously the truth was not immediately forthcoming. I saw differences, not similarities, and could not conceive of a future without alcohol.

I remember my first meeting like it was yesterday and know full well only the God of my understanding kept my backside in the seat. The meeting featured an open format and was home to many years of sobriety, including those of the man I would ask to be my sponsor. We went around the room and identified ourselves, and I heard another newcomer utter the phrase "...

and I'm an addict." One particular "old timer" quickly corrected the individual and reminded us of the focus of the meeting. Alcoholics Anonymous does one thing and does it well. There are other fellowships for just about anything that ails you, but we are Alcoholics Anonymous.

I climbed on board with this logic knowing nothing of our Third Tradition that states, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." Had I understood those words when first I read them and appreciated their relevance in the scope of an *open meeting*, I want to think I would have corrected that old timer and stated that the desire to stop drinking is not proven when one of us states we are alcoholic. The desire to stop drinking is a very personal thing. So personal in fact that when first I identified as an alcoholic I am not sure I had any desire to stop drinking. I just needed time to figure things out. And yet

simply because I identified as an alcoholic I was accepted as one of you and my burden made lighter by acceptance from the fellowship. *Imagine the burden of those singled out because they cannot honestly say they are alcoholic.*

Most newcomers really have no idea what the term "alcoholic" implies. If this is the case with you, do not identify as anything. Simply introduce yourself by your first name and sit tight. You may well "catch" the disease we all came to grips with through our work in Step One.

We are an inclusive fellowship and yet we are determined to qualify newcomers on the basis of their uncertain knowledge of themselves. Who among you would deny a seat in the one room that could very well save the life of another? My interpretation of the Third Tradition, one shared by many of the old timers I consider friends and mentors, is this:

gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org If your meeting needs help Email us.

Feature Article ~ continued

everyone is welcome to come, sit, listen, and share in an open meeting until they figure out if they are alcoholic. Spend enough time in the rooms and we eventually figure out protocol and learn manners, like *preserving unity by not setting ourselves apart from the group*, and if we are among the fortunate few we discover the tools that will save our lives. Alcoholics Anonymous is not for everybody, it is for alcoholics. However, one of the unintended consequences of the fellowship is this ability we have to relate our stories and help the newcomer to discover if their place is in our room or another.

Alcoholics Anonymous can survive the scare "addicts" can bring to a room, just as the program will survive if a few addicts get well alongside us. The program is one alcoholic sharing with another the life experiences that attract people to sobriety. Sober addicts in our rooms will attract very few alcoholics as sponsees because identification will be missing. Chances are, however, that many of these addict newcomers will come to understand they are alcoholics who found drugs to be more easily accessible than alcohol. The rooms are getting younger because drugs are so prevalent and require little effort to get; the days of sitting outside liquor stores waiting for someone of legal age to buy booze replaced by drugs in schools, at the mall, and in our neighborhoods.

The next time you hear a newcomer identify as something other than an alcoholic, simply ask if they want your number. Encourage these people to look for the similarities and not the differences. Touch on the power of unity that fills the rooms and forms a group conscience. Chances are if they are anything like me the seed will be planted, identification will prevail, and recovery will have begun.

Geoff F., Temecula

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please email your story as a document or text file to:

temeculaaa@verizon.net

[Spiritual Awakening vs. Spiritual Experience](#)



Do you have an Interesting Blog or websites to visit.

Send us your suggestions. Be sure they follow AA traditions.



[Alcoholics Anonymous as a spiritual experience](#)

AA Birthdays: Look Who Took A Cake In March?

Happy Birthday

Gordon W	30 years	4/3/83
Steve W	16 years	3/26/97
Keith M	1 year	4/3/12



Email your birthdates to gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org



To all AA members, join our Email list

Be notified of meeting changes, new events and other important AA information.

Send email to DLServant@TemeculaCentralOffice.Org and be added to the list.

Get on the List!

What is the Intergroup?

Each group is encouraged to have an Intergroup Representative. This person is the liaison between Intergroup and their home group. The Intergroup Central Office depends upon the local members and groups for the necessary support to carry out its responsibilities. This support comes in the form of volunteer help and financial contributions. Our efficiency and the continuation of services offered are related to the level of support from the groups. Please register your group at Central Office. 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.

"The Intergroup associations are the best insurance we can have that our life lines to the hundreds of thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us warmly support Intergroup." AA co-founder Bill W. 1949

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 Visitors Welcome	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 and provide the following services:

We provide the Big Book.

We provide the 12x12, assorted literature, chips, and newcomer packets.

Your office manager organizes volunteers, makes sure the office is a healthy place for all, keeps your accounting data accurate, and safe guards your inventory. The office manager is there to support the groups and the individual members of our fellowship.

We make and distribute your meeting schedules and we publish 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.

We value your input and want to make sure we understand your opinion.

Come and join us!

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

FOR
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90
100



Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Step Four Guidelines

How It Works

A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-in-trade. One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret. If the owner of the business is to be successful, he cannot fool himself about values.

We did exactly the same thing with our lives. We took stock honestly. First, we searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self, manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we considered its common manifestations.

-A.A. *Big Book* p.64

[More about Step 4 in the Big Book](#)

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 who needs to talk, be visiting from out of town, etc. For more information on the Hotline visit our

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!**

Central Office News

Volunteers

- 1 Amber
- 2 Annie
- 3 Betsy
- 4 Chris K
- 5 Debi G
- 6 Debbie R
- 7 Gary
- 8 Gay
- 9 Jackie
- 10 Jill
- 11 Jim F
- 12 Julie G
- 13 Kim C
- 14 Kristen P
- 15 Launa R
- 16 Laurie S
- 17 Melinda
- 18 Michael S
- 19 Nancy W
- 20 Rich
- 21 Sadia
- 22 Shawn
- 23 Sheila
- 24 Stuart
- 25 Tami
- 26 Tyrone

Daily Activity for March

Phoned in	180
Walk ins	108
AA Meeting	63
Al-anon	13
12 Step	16
Donations/Purchases	62
Misc/Other Business	72

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

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

Buck-A-Month

Date	Name	Amount
3/1/13	Marcos	6.00
3/1/13	Gene W	5.00
3/1/13	Shayne	4.00
3/1/13	Nicki	2.00
3/1/13	Rob W	1.00
3/1/13	Anonymous	2.00
3/1/13	Georgia	1.00
3/1/13	Paul S	6.00
3/1/13	Ryan	2.00
3/1/13	Eric	1.00
3/1/13	Edna E	2.00
3/1/13	Bryan	5.00
3/1/13	Karen K	1.00
3/1/13	Lori	1.00
3/1/13	Linda	7.00
3/1/13	Sandy	5.00
3/1/13	Kent A	1.00
3/1/13	Lauro	1.00
3/1/13	Mary	2.00
3/1/13	Ron	1.00
3/1/13	Tom	1.00
3/1/13	Mo	1.00
3/1/13	Cheryl	2.00
3/1/13	Rory S	1.00
3/1/13	Tim	1.00
3/1/13	Al	5.00
3/1/13	Donut Dave	5.00
3/1/13	Suzannah	3.00
3/1/13	Kenny	5.00
3/1/13	Tom C	1.00
3/6/13	Donut Dave	5.00
3/6/13	Suzannah	3.00
3/30/13	Shelly M	20.00
		109.00

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
 Old Town Temecula
 28636 Old Town Front Street, Suite 106
 Temecula, CA 92590 Temecula, CA 92591

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!

Mail Your Donation to:
 Temecula Valley Central Office
 Old Town Temecula
 28636 Old Town Front Street, Suite 106
 Temecula, CA 92590



GROUP DONATIONS

Personal Donations

3/6/13	Kristen P	5.00
3/7/13	Marcos	28.00
3/14/13	Ralph S	25.00
3/16/13	Shelly M	5.86
3/19/13	Personal Donation	3.55
3/22/13	John and Brenda	10.00
3/22/13	Anonymous	3.00
3/30/13	Anonymous	250.00
3/30/13	Anonymous	250.00

580.41

	<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 13</u>
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	250.00	500.00
Tem Water District/Sat 8pm/World Famous	240.00	720.00
Tem Del Rio/M-F 7am/Survivors	150.00	420.00
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	145.25	587.75
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	134.00	194.00
Hemet Provident/Fri 7pm/Old Barn Meeting	120.00	120.00
Tem Mon Night Men	100.00	285.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sat 8am/Early Risers	100.00	325.00
Serenity Cup Tournament	95.00	155.00
ACYPAA Advisory Council	84.53	84.53
Menifee/Sun 9am/Grass Roots	60.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Sun 10am/Big Book Study	60.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	50.00	50.00
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	49.00	145.70
Tem The Meeting Place/Thurs 630pm/Solutio	45.00	60.45
LE Meeting Place/Sun 7am/Att Mod	0.00	3.45
LE Meeting Place/M-F Noon/#171639	0.00	96.00
Sun City/Mon 645/We Ladies	0.00	42.00
LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	0.00	60.00
LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	0.00	59.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sun 9am/Came to Believe	0.00	90.00
LE 1st Lutheran/M,Tue,Th,Sat 730pm/Bells	0.00	113.77
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Fri 7pm/Bats Belfry	0.00	60.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	0.00	90.00
Tem Recovery Road Crew	0.00	28.01
Tem Roving Meeting/Fri 10pm/Young Sobies	0.00	50.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue Noon/Living Sober	0.00	60.00
Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	0.00	100.00
Tem The Meeting Place/Wed 5pm/Just Us	0.00	25.00
Hemet Unity Church/Wed Noon/Lucky Ladies	0.00	40.00
Tem/The Meeting Place/Fri 6pm ABSI	0.00	3.00
Wildomar MV Comm Church/M-S 7am/Wild Ones	0.00	450.00
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	0.00	104.00
Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	0.00	65.50
Mur United Methodist/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI	0.00	40.00
Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	0.00	60.00
Hemet Valley Wide/Wed 6pm/Meat & Potato	0.00	30.00

TOTAL 1,682.78 5,437.16

Great Work Everyone

HOTLINE SCHEDULE

Temecula Valley Intergroup

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	Monday 12:00 - Women's Closed As Bill Sees It (Murrieta)
1st Thursday	Thur. 10:00am - Women's -Lyndie Lane (Temecula)
1st Friday	Friday 7:00 Pm - Men's Stag Wednesday (Murrieta)
1st Weekend	Liberty Bell (Lake Elsinore)
2nd Monday	Saturday Early Risers (Temecula)
2nd Tuesday	Tuesday 7 Am—Unity Hall (Sun City)
2nd Wednesday	The Funks
2nd Thursday	Patrick B
2nd Friday	Sun City Swingers (Sun City)
2nd Weekend	Mosh Pit
3rd Monday	Patrick B
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)
3rd Friday	Back To Basics (Sun City)
3rd Weekend	Serenity Circle Noon (Temecula)
4th Monday	Sunday 7 Am Attitude Adjustment (Lake Elsinore)
4th Tuesday	The Searching Party
4th Wednesday	Sandy S
4th Thursday	The Step Sisters – Wednesday (Temecula)
4th Friday	Women's Candlelight –Thursday (Temecula)
4th Weekend	Wild Ones Grape Street (Wildomar)
5th Monday	Came to Believe
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	Tuesday 7:30pm "Men's Stag" (Temecula)

Central Office is in need of volunteers. Give us a call (951) 695-1535

AA Humor

How one member handles gossip

This one is about a general handyman in an English village, who had occasional spells of drinking but had been sober for a while. One day, however, a nosy and terribly respectable old woman stood up at a church meeting and accused him of reverting to his drunken ways, her evidence being that she had seen his wheelbarrow parked outside the local pub for several hours. The wrongfully accused man made no defense. That evening, he put his wheelbarrow alongside her front gate and left it there overnight.

<http://www.aalondon.org/Humour1.html>



"I had a layover in Omaha ... which led to a hangover in Des Moines."

Some AA Sayings

"We're all here because we're not all there."

"Keep coming back. It works if you work it, and it sucks if you don't."

"At some of these we balked ... ' (Bawwwk! Bawwwk! Bawwwk!)"

"Suit up and show up."

"If 'God' scares you out, Jim Beam will scare you back in."

"For every meeting, there are three meetings: (1) The meeting before the meeting, (2) the meeting, and (3) the meeting after the meeting. Attend all three meetings."

"Go to meetings until you WANT to go to meetings. Then go to meetings."

"If you feel like you don't belong, volunteer."

"Beware of HALT! (H)ungry, (A)ngry, (L)onely, (T)ired"

"RTFM: (R)ead (T)he (F)reaking (M)anual."

"You've got to give it away to keep it."

"Are these extravagant promises? H*ll no! (We think not!)"

UP AND COMING EVENTS

21ST ANNUAL INLAND EMPIRE A.A. ROUNDUP 2013 A VERY SPECIAL EVENT! NEWCOMERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME

6 WORKSHOPS

LUNCH

DINNER

GRAND FINALE - "OPEN SPEAKER MEETING"

ALL FOR ONLY \$5.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BOTH MEALS ARE INCLUDED IN THE \$5.

9:00 to 9:45 A.M.	REGISTRATION - FREE COFFEE ALL DAY LONG
9:45 to 10:45 A.M.	AA HISTORY W/SLIDES
11:00 to 12:00 P.M.	12 TRADITIONS
12:15 to 1:15 P.M.	GENERAL SERVICE
1:15 to 2:15 P.M.	LUNCH (BARBECUED HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COFFEE, & MORE)
2:15 to 3:15 P.M.	H&I SERVICE
3:30 to 4:30 P.M.	12 STEPS
4:45 to 5:45 P.M.	SPONSORSHIP
5:45 to 7:00 P.M.	DINNER (SPAGHETTI IN A SUPER MEAT SAUCE, SALAD, BREAD, COFFEE & MUCH MORE)
7:00 to 7:10 P.M.	AA BIRTHDAY COUNTDOWN
7:10 to 8:30 P.M.	GUEST SPEAKER MEETING

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE SPEAKER MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS WITHOUT CHARGE NOR NEED TO REGISTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

AT THE CHURCH AT 3891 RIDGE ROAD, RIVERSIDE, ADJACENT TO FAIRMOUNT PARK, FREE PARKING

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 400 PERSONS

FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL RICK J. AT 951-360-9421 (10 A.M. - 8 P.M.)

RESERVE FOR ME _____ SEATS AT \$5.00 EACH (PAYMENT ENCLOSED) FOR THE ROUNDUP

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: L-3 GROUP

MAIL TO: RICK JACKSON, 9219 TRAILHEAD POINT, RIVERSIDE, CA 92509

Note! IF MAILED BEFORE APRIL 10th, TICKETS WILL BE SENT BY RETURN MAIL BACK TO YOU

Inland Empire A.A.
ROUNDUP



NOTICE

WANT TO BE OF SERVICE?



JOIN THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

1. Leave newsletters, pamphlets, and flyers at meetings
2. Announce Intergroup activities
3. Gather info to update the meeting schedule

WHAT WILL YOU GET?

1. Recovery and spiritual growth: carrying the message
2. A suggested script of topics to cover
3. Time, day, and place of several meetings to attend during the month and all necessary materials

COMMITTEE MEMBER GUIDELINES

1. One year of sobriety
2. Agree with the purpose of the committee
3. Willing to meet new folks in recovery
4. Make every attempt to carry out your commitment

OUR PURPOSE: TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY

CALL SHEILA: 760.481.9491

or email: magib5k@gmail.com