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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**

## Feature Article

### I Have Something to Give You

I have something to give today, but it is nothing like what I once gave.

I no longer have to give you a piece of my mind, a hard time, a good talking to, a swift kick, good advice, or any of the other poorly conceived, impulsive thoughts that once made me feel I was superior to you. I no longer feel the need to demonize you to make myself forget for a moment that I am a horrible person.

What I have to give today is of myself, plain and simple. It is the part of me that derives from a God consciousness and wants for you all of the things I would want for myself. What I have to give today is good because a God of my understanding tells me this is how I should behave when my fellow travelers take the time to interact with me. Alcoholics Anonymous introduced me to this God of my understanding and the debt I owe this program cannot be repaid.

I can be at peace today, not because I have washed away feelings of insecurity and delusion with a bottomless bottle of booze, but because He has made me feel as a human among humans; I am no more than you and certainly no less. I am one of you and you are just like me, so I no longer need to compare the way you look to the frightened and insecure little boy that once governed my perceptions, thoughts, and actions. Today, I understand and empathize that we all meet hardship on this road we travel and my problems no longer surmount yours. I can be there for you when you reach out your hand for help.

We are brothers and sisters with more in common than once I knew. We are the same, you and me, and I am proud and grateful to number you among my fellows.

Geoff F.

2013

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**A drunk gets up from the bar** and heads for the bathroom. A few minutes later, a loud, blood curdling scream is heard from the bathroom. A few minutes after that, another loud scream reverberates through the bar. The bartender goes into the bathroom to investigate why the drunk is screaming.

"What's all the screaming about in there? You're scaring the customers!"

"I'm just sitting here on the toilet and every time I try to flush, something comes up and squeezes the hell out of my testicles."

With that, the bartender opens the door, looks in and finds the man sitting on the mop bucket!

## *Meeting Focus*

As Bill Sees It, M-F 7:00 am

Community House

24973 Washington Ave.

Murrieta, Ca.

The 7:00 am Community House Church, "As Bill Sees It," meeting consists of a small group of AA members seated around four tables in what once was the living room of a classic, old farmhouse in Old Town Murrieta. The meeting is filled with enthusiastic joy for life and hearty rounds of laughter. There is a sense of home and a reunion with brothers and sisters sharing experiences of life on life's terms. This is only one aspect of the uniqueness of the meeting.

Some form of the phrase, "Let us love you until you can love yourself," is often spoken in the rooms but frequently difficult to accomplish. However, the spirit of the phrase lives in the Old Town Murrieta meeting daily. The meeting is devoid of critical judgment, instead replaced by unconditional love and acceptance of each member who passes through that creaky, old farmhouse door. The attitude of care and compassion helps each member to build a secure foundation for a happy, joyous and free sobriety.

Early on in the life of the meeting it experienced growing pains that served to hone the members' gracious attitude of love and welcoming, and make this an experience cherished by many. Members rely on the meeting to start each day with gratitude for the love and sobriety offered in this room. Those of us who call this group home keep in mind the words of Dr. Bob, "Remember, Bill, let's keep it simple." AA and the "As Bill Sees It" meeting in Old Town Murrieta boils down to the principles of love and service.

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**Two old timers and a newcomer** were stranded on an island. After several months, one of them found a lantern on the beach, polished it clean, and out popped a genie. "In return for my freedom, I will grant each of you one wish", announced the genie.

The first old timer said, "I have a loving wife at home, my relationships with my children have been healed, and I have four beautiful grandchildren. I surely do miss them. I wish I were back home again." Poof. His wish was granted.

The second old timer said, "I miss my family too. And before we were stranded, I had a wonderful career and a beautiful home. I wish to go home too". Poof. His wish was granted.

The newcomer said, "My wife left me, my children hate me, I lost my house and job. I have nothing to go back home to. The only friends I had in the whole world were my two buddies here on the island, and they're gone. I sure do wish they were here now."

## AA Birthdays: Look Who Took A Cake In September ?

# Happy Birthday

Date	Name	Amount
09/05/2013	Lori L for 11 years	11.00
09/05/2013	Gene W for 28 years	28.00
09/16/2013	Anonymous for 7 years	7.00
		<b>46.00</b>



Email your birthdates to [gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 <b>Visitors Welcome</b>	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.

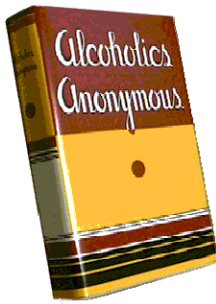
**Come and join us!**

Central Office is a great place to volunteer. Give us a call (951) 695-

# Step Ten

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



**Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**

## Step Ten Guidelines

### How It Works

This thought brings us to Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code.

*-A.A. Big Book p.84*

[More about Step 10 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 website and click on the "HOTLINE" link at

[www.temeculacentraloffice.org](http://www.temeculacentraloffice.org)

### Central Office Service Opportunities

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 Amanda
- 2 Amber
- 3 Annie
- 4 Beth
- 5 Chris Ke
- 6 Debi G
- 7 Debbie R
- 8 Gary
- 9 Gay
- 10 Jill
- 11 John W
- 12 Joyce
- 13 Kristen P
- 14 Leslie
- 15 Nancy
- 16 Rich
- 17 Sharon
- 18 Sharii
- 19 Shawn
- 20 Stuart
- 21 Tyrone

## Daily Activity for September

1	Phoned in	204
2	Walk ins	101
3	AA Meeting	37
4	Al-anon	9
5	12 Step	15
6	Donations/Purchases	118
7	Misc/Other Business	13

**Central Office is in need of volunteers. Give us a call (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

# Buck-A-Month

Date	Name	Amount
09/03/2013	Cody	1.00
09/03/2013	Gene W	5.00
09/03/2013	Marcos	15.00
09/03/2013	Anonymous	2.00
09/03/2013	Suzie	8.00
09/03/2013	Bob	5.00
09/03/2013	Stephanie	1.00
09/03/2013	Ron	6.00
09/03/2013	Lilia	3.00
09/03/2013	Tom	1.00
09/03/2013	Georgia	1.00
09/03/2013	Al	2.00
09/03/2013	Joe S	5.00
09/03/2013	John	5.00
09/03/2013	Mary	7.00
09/03/2013	Cheryl	2.00
09/03/2013	Linda	10.00
09/03/2013	Paul	5.00
09/03/2013	Shayne	3.00
09/03/2013	Sauni	1.00
09/03/2013	Robin	1.00
09/03/2013	Greg	1.00
09/03/2013	Kenny	1.00
09/03/2013	Lori	3.00
09/03/2013	Bryan	3.00
09/03/2013	Michelle B	3.00
09/03/2013	Rick	1.00
09/03/2013	Edna E	1.00
09/03/2013	Cliff	4.00
09/03/2013	Donut Dave	5.00
09/03/2013	Sandy	5.00
		<b>116.00</b>

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

	Sep 13	Jan - Sep 13			
			Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	0.00	285.00
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	297.00	1,928.34	Tem The Meeting Place/Thurs 630pm/Solutio	0.00	60.45
Wildomar MV Comm Church/M-S 7am/Wild Ones	250.00	1,150.00	Tem The Meeting Place/Wed 5pm/Just Us	0.00	122.00
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	250.00	2,000.00	Tem/The Meeting Place/Fri 6pm ABSI	0.00	3.00
Tem Del Rio Survivors	200.00	1,415.00	Temecula Valley AA Womens Association	0.00	521.25
Winchester/Sun 6pm/Outlaws	180.00	180.00	Murr/Thur/Joe & Charlie SS	0.00	122.00
Tem Water District/Sat 8pm/World Famous	180.00	1,740.00	Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	0.00	182.50
Tem Mon Night Men	150.00	969.00	Mur United Methodist/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI	0.00	80.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sat 8am/Early Risers	100.00	981.00	Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	0.00	120.00
Tem Serenity 6pm Friday	90.00	150.00	Mur Community House/Wed 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	132.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sun 9am/Came to Believe	80.56	359.56	Menifee/Sun 9am/Grass Roots #706488	0.00	180.00
LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	60.00	227.00	LE Meeting Place/Sun 7am/Att Mod	0.00	3.45
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	60.00	434.00	LE Meeting Place/Sun 1030am/Speaker Mtg	0.00	120.00
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	50.00	420.03	LE Meeting Place/M-F Noon/#171639	0.00	150.80
Mur United Methodist/Thur 8pm/Step Study	30.00	72.00	LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	0.00	150.00
Wildomar IVH/Sat 730pm/Participation	25.00	25.00	LE 1st Lutheran/M, Tue, Th, Sat 730pm/Bells	0.00	113.77
Mur Community House/Sun 730pm/The Geek	20.00	90.79	Hemet Valley Wide/Wed 6pm/Meat & Potato	0.00	30.00
Wildomar IVH/Fri 7pm/Step Study	10.00	35.00	Hemet Unity Church/Wed Noon/Lucky Ladies	0.00	40.00
Tem The Meeting Place	5.00	10.00	Hemet Provident/Tue Noon/Sober Seniors	0.00	75.00
Murrieta The Searching Party	0.00	30.00	Hemet Provident/Fri 7pm/Old Barn Meeting	0.00	120.00
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	0.00	280.00	Hemet Arrid/Sat 7pm/Back to Basics	0.00	36.00
Serenity Cup Tournament	0.00	340.00	Corona Glen Ivy Sun 5pm BB Study	0.00	20.00
Sun City/Mon 645/We Ladies #706188	0.00	185.00	ACYPAA Advisory Council	0.00	84.53
Tem ABT/Mon 7am/	0.00	10.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,037.56</b>	<b>17,690.28</b>
Tem Lyndie Ln/Mon 10am/Open Arms	0.00	48.00			
Tem Lyndie Ln/Thur 10am/Sisters Sharing	0.00	75.00			
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Fri 7pm/Bats Belfry	0.00	60.00			
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	0.00	204.00			
Tem RC Church Office/Tue 6pm/Mosh Pit	0.00	300.00			
Tem Recovery Road Crew	0.00	28.01			
Tem Roving Meeting/Fri 10pm/Young Sobies	0.00	50.00			
Tem Ser Cir/Fri 10am/ Womens	0.00	57.00			
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	0.00	339.80			
Tem Ser Cir/Sun 10am/Big Book Study	0.00	130.00			
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	0.00	20.00			
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	0.00	370.00			
Tem Ser Cir/Tue Noon/Living Sober	0.00	60.00			
Tem Ser Mon 6pm Serenity Hour	0.00	165.00			

## Personal Donations

Date	Name	Amount
09/14/2013	John and Brenda	10.00
09/16/2013	Anonymous	5.00
09/30/2013	Anonymous	250.00
09/30/2013	Paul Rohrbacher	250.00
		<b>515.00</b>

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	Women's Closed As Bill Sees It - Monday 12:00 (Murrieta)
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)
2nd Monday	Saturday Early Risers (Temecula)
2nd Tuesday	Unity Hall 7 Am (Sun City)
2nd Wednesday	The Funks
2nd Thursday	Julie P
2nd Friday	Sun City Swingers
2nd Weekend	Mosh Pit
3rd Monday	Paul R
3rd Tuesday	Gregg or Paul R
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	Paul R
4th Monday	Sunday 7 Am Attitude Adjustment (Lake Elsinore)
4th Tuesday	Searching Party
4th Wednesday	Jo H
4th Thursday	The Step Sisters – Wednesday (Temecula)
4th Friday	Women's Candlelight –Thursday (Temecula)
4th Weekend	Wild Ones Grape Street (Wildomar)
5th Monday	Sunday Came To Believe Lyndie Lane, Temecula
5th Tuesday	Gregg Paul R
5th Wednesday	Bobbi And Richard
5th Thursday	Charlene And Jeff (Murrieta)
5th Friday	Brenda and John W (Wildomar)
5th Weekend	Men's Stag – Tuesday 7:30 pm (Temecula)

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# AA Events To Come

# F.E.A.R.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013

730PM-1AM

THE VAULT

41607 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, TEMECULA

DJ SMILEE  50/50 RAFFLE, COSTUMES  
DANCING & DOOR PRIZE

ALL 12 STEP GROUPS ARE WELCOME  
CHILDREN ARE FREE, BUT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENTS



PRE-SALE TICKETS \$10 OR \$12 AT THE DOOR  
FOR MORE INFO, CALL MARILYN AT (714) 307-6006  
**FORGET EVERYTHING ABOUT REALITY**

# AA Events To Come

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Bells**

**We Are Half Cracked**



**BUT LIBERATED!**  
**CAMPOUT**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**October 18, 19 & 20 2013**

# HURKEY CREEK

**Bring your friends &  
families**

**so that they can  
experience that**

**“WE ARE NOT A  
GLUM LOT”**

**Saturday Potluck 5:30**

**Open Campfire Meeting 7:30**

For more info or to RSVP call John W. @ 760 622-4792

**Scheduled meeting throughout the weekend.**

Sober Activities such as:

Biking, Horseshoes & Hiking.

A weekend for: \$15.00 a person or \$30.00 for the entire family.  
If you wish to have a day pass only, the park fees are \$2.00 per person.  
Dogs are \$2.00 each at the gate upon arrival.