

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 True Story: My Experience, Strength and Hope

They were exciting times
 They were challenging times
 Walking and playing under the stars
 Dancing and drinking in smoke filled bars

Woody's Wharf, Lucky Lion and Rusty Pelican, too
 But it was the Riviera, a classy bar and all brand new
 More vodka and Tequila Sunrises to pour and drink
 Well into the night numbing the will to feel or think

So many adventures and rides to a good beach bar
 Riding around Newport in a red-hot XKE Jaguar
 Then servin' up pizza and remembering still
 Just living life on youth and crazy self-will

But then life indicated it was time to grow
 Abstinence was required and a "Spirit" to come to know
 Through fun filled laughter and also some tears
 Imagine, it's only been forty years

Gone was the dancing and intoxicating drink
 Replaced by the Big Book and a new way to think
 In place of selfishness, Gratitude was in store
 Each day brings new lessons... there are always more

Karen. K



*God grant me the
Serenity to accept the
things I cannot change. . .
Courage to change the
things I can. . .
and the Wisdom to
know the difference.*

Just for Today

During my first couple of years in A.A. (back in the 70's), I offered to clean apartments for working singles I had met at the Alano club. They were my friends, so I asked them to leave the apartment door open and ten dollars under the phone.

On one occasion I arrived at a bachelor's apartment to find it locked. Being very conscientious, I went to the manager and asked her to open the door for the "cleaning lady". She obliged. I tidied up for about half an hour and didn't see anything familiar. There was no A.A. literature lying around. So I went to the mail box to check the name there. It didn't match. Then I decided to gather up my cleaning supplies and lock the door behind me, leaving the apartment half cleaned. The next day I got the correct directions from my friend and cleaned the right apartment.

Later that week I shared my story with my friend Jack who had long term sobriety. He advised me to just chalk it up as an anonymous good deed. He said, "Just for today, do a good turn for somebody and don't get found out." I was never found out!

Karen K... Murrieta



A Personal Experience With Tradition Two

Tradition Two: One Ultimate Authority

The long form of Tradition Two states, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

My home group usually takes its time in making modifications to the form and function of the way its meetings are held. When change is proposed it is discussed at a Group Conscience Meeting.



These monthly meetings, like many others, begin and end in loving prayer. They include groundbreaking ideas in coffee preparation, butt-can location, and literature rack placement. Most often our discussions run too long and any decisions are tabled until the next month.

Once a vote is called for it is hoped that the group is well enough informed that it can make a decision guided by a loving God, its primary purpose, and the spirit of AA. Finally, after passionate and intelligent dialogue, after all aspects of the situation including the minority opinion have been addressed, the group votes on the issue and an agreement is achieved with the majority vote and the group conscience is reached.

My home group is a fellowship of equals; the elder statesmen and downtrodden newcomer have the same voting rights as the service junkie, the perennial relapser, and the "mohawked" punk rocker. Group decisions are just that, group decisions. Once the group conscience is achieved the vote stands and is followed by all members regardless of their initial view on the topic.

Sometimes I find myself in the minority and I question the motives of the majority. This is why I must remember who the group's Ultimate Authority is and have faith. Once the group conscience has made the decision, then as a member of the group I should conform to it.

Like the steps are to the individual, the traditions are to the group. Just as I came to depend upon a Higher Power for guidance and strength, my home group depends upon a loving God to help guide it in the form of its group conscience. I must believe in the process that has allowed AA to grow and flourish and as Bill W said in 1948, "... hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us."

Semper Sober – John W.

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 <i>Visitors Welcome</i>	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

Love and



Service

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

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. Let us know when and how we can help.

Your Central Office Team

Central Office appreciates ALL of their volunteers.

Give us a call
(951) 695-1535

Submissions

We would love to print your submissions for the Newsletter. 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. All profanity will be edited out of the final copy. *Please submit in plain text.*

Submissions accepted via email at: gazette@temeculacentraloffice.org
Mailing Address: Temecula Valley Central Office, 28636 Old Front Street, #106, Temecula CA 92590



Get On The List

Be notified of meeting changes, new events and other important AA information from your Gratitude Gazette.

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

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!

Step Two Guidelines

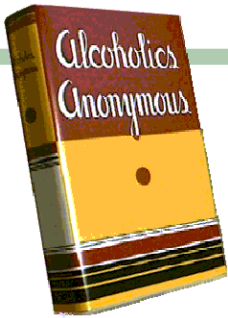
Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity

How It Works

When, therefore, we speak to you of God, we mean your own conception of God. This applies, too, to other spiritual expressions which you find in this book. Do not let any prejudice you may have against spiritual terms deter you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you. At the start, this was all we needed to commence spiritual growth, to effect our first conscious relation with God as we understood Him. Afterward, we found ourselves accepting many things which then seemed entirely out of reach. That was growth, but if we wished to grow we had to begin somewhere. So we used our own conception, however limited it was. We needed to ask ourselves but one short question. - "Do I now believe, or am I even willing to believe, that there is a Power greater than myself?" As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. It has been repeatedly proven among us that upon this simple cornerstone a wonderfully effective spiritual structure can be built.

-A.A. *Big Book* p.47

[More about Step 2 in the Big Book](#)



Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Group Contributions

	Jan 14
Tem Del Rio Survivors	220.00
Tem Sat 8pm/World Famous Speaker Meeting	204.00
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	168.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	120.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Sat 8am/Early Risers	100.00
Tem Mon Night Men	100.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	100.00
Mur Community House/Sun 730pm/The Geek	65.00
Murrieta The Searching Party	62.00
Tem Ser Cir/Mon Noon/Participation	60.00
Tem Serenity Friday 6pm	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	60.00
Tem Serenity Monday 6pm #610281	60.00
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	50.00
Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	50.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Thur 10am/Sisters Sharing	48.00
Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	48.00
Serenity Cup Tournament	35.00
Tem Lyndie Ln/Mon 10am/Open Arms	30.00
Wildomar IVH/Sun 7pm/Pigs on the Wall	22.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	20.00
TOTAL	1,682.00



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

Donations



Personal Donations

Date	Name	Amount
1/15/14	John and Brenda	10.00
1/28/14	Jim F	50.00
1/31/14	Anonymous	100.00
1/31/14	Anonymous	100.00
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Central Office News

Volunteers

1	Beth
2	Chris Ke
3	Debi G
4	Debbie R
5	Gary
6	Gay
7	Jill
8	John W
9	Joyce
10	Kevin
11	Kristen P
12	Kurt
13	Nancy
14	Rich
15	Sharon
16	Sharii
17	Shawn
18	Steve
19	Stuart
20	Tony
21	Trish
22	Tyrone

Daily Activity For January

Phoned in	111
Walk ins	71
AA Meeting	60
Al-anon	8
12 Step	9
Donations/Purchases	56
Misc/Other Business	12



Angela H and Bob H each took 9 years on January 2nd

Central Office is in need of volunteers.

Give us a call
(951) 695-1535

Buck A Month Club

Date	Memo	Amount
1/31/14	Anonymous	41.00
1/31/14	Gene W	5.00
1/31/14	Ron	3.00
1/31/14	Suzie	18.00
1/31/14	Shane	2.00
1/31/14	Marcos	5.00
1/31/14	Georgia	1.00
1/31/14	Tom	2.00
1/31/14	Mary	2.00
1/31/14	Jackie H	3.00
1/31/14	Arnie	1.00
1/31/14	Tim	3.00
1/31/14	Linda	10.00
1/31/14	Kenny	12.00
1/31/14	Paul	1.00
1/31/14	Eric	1.00
1/31/14	Cameron	12.00
1/31/14	Sandy	5.00
1/31/14	Stephanie	2.00
1/31/14	Rick	1.00
1/31/14	Michelle B	1.00
1/31/14	Mark	2.00
1/31/14	Lori	1.00
1/31/14	Diane	1.00
1/31/14	Edna E	1.00
	<u>136.00</u>	

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

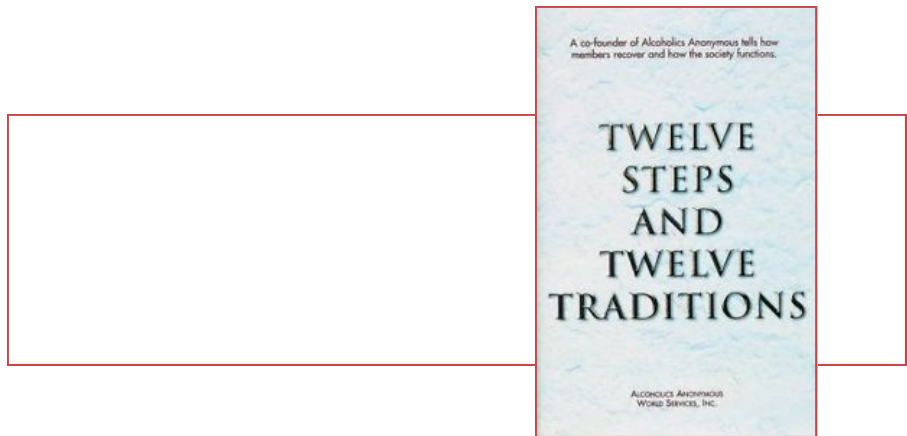
Contribute to Central Office for your Sponsor's Birthday

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



Temecula Valley Intergroup

Hot Line Schedule

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	Jim
3rd Tuesday	Gary W
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	Chris K
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	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)



Temecula Valley Intergroup



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 Events



5TH ANNUAL TVCO MEMORIAL PANCAKE SMACKDOWN

There are no free lunches... but there is a FREE breakfast and it's that time again!!!!

**Sunday March 2nd
Murrieta Community Center
41810 Juniper St. 7am - 12PM**



Who is invited??? Everyone!!!!
YES!! That means you!!
This is a full breakfast!!!

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, Milk, Juice & COFFEE!!
All Free & All You Can Eat!!!

There will be a speaker meeting following the breakfast so stick around!

**Huge Raffle!!
Tons of Great Prizes!!
Cash Drawing!!**

The event is also a memorial for all in our fellowship that we have lost. Please call Jason if you would like to add a picture of your loved one to the memorial board.

If you are interested in making a donation to help make this event possible PLEASE contact Jason 951-691-9974. To Donate to the Raffle PLEASE call Mike B 951-595-9722



**Early Bird Coffee 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Breakfast Served & Raffle Begins 8:01 - 10:45 AM
Speaker Meeting 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**