

# GRATITUDE GAZETTE

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### HUMOR & HEALING

*Friends of Dr. Bob and Bill W. meeting notes aboard the Sapphire Princess 28 day Polynesia Cruise (Final Installment)*

If we can't laugh at ourselves we're in bad shape. The first that attracted me to AA meetings was the humor. I am a sick alcoholic. I have sick sense of humor. How could we laugh at all the stories like the gal in the full body cast that we transport in the bed of a pickup truck from party to party? When we got there we would prop her up in a corner and we all would drink. Early on I laughed a lot but was crying on the inside. I enjoyed the joke. Laughing really began to get to me. We picked up a freezer for the guys basement bar and dropped it in his kitchen. His wife took one look at it and said it would never fit through the door and then down the stairs to the basement. His solution was to cut a hole in

the kitchen floor with his chainsaw and I watched it happen. He showed his wife! I wouldn't go to meetings without humor. I cried enough already. Humor works for me. It's okay for me to laugh. It changed my whole life. Sobriety has given me a freedom I've needed my whole life. We didn't think the grenade was live until we threw it in the fire pit. We had been riding around with it in the back seat. Humor is an attribute. We like to have fun. I came to AA and began to smile. I discovered my cheek muscles hurt. The more tragic the story, the harder I laughed. When I need to laugh, I take my teeth out and look in the mirror. It is a shared humor that is not at someone's expense. My God has sense of humor. He intends for me to laugh. We make a motion like slitting our wrists with a razor blade when a boring share becomes too long. AA allows me to rewrite my past. Life's darkness is so absurd.

Nothing can take my joy, my cosmic laughter, away. AA people don't gossip. We just carry the news.

Favorite sign, "FREE BOOZE...tomorrow."

### GROWTH

Life is wonderful. I am blessed beyond measure. I have learned patience, kindness, acceptance, love, and tolerance. Another's rudeness led me to anger and that controlled me. Growth allowed me to understand the paradoxes and contradiction of the program. I no longer become as annoyed and angry. I have learned if I get involved in an area of your life that I shouldn't get involved in then I deserve to get your misery. If I keep coming to meetings I will learn something. I have the loving protections of a Higher Power. I will get the message I need to hear. Our shared core values saved me. We grow in AA relative to others in the world "out there." My emotional growth was suspended when I began drinking.

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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

## INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

### THE TWELFTH STEP

12<sup>th</sup> step work keeps me humble. It keeps me aware of my disease and how serious my disease is. The answers are in the Big Book. No drink made me feel as good as sobriety and service in AA does. Get high on H & I. My service commitments help me to stay alive. I love life. I love being alive and not a slave to alcohol. Everything around me got better. I gave up fighting. I now live life peacefully. Some of my sponsees are still sober. I have been very lucky. They are driven by their self centered fears. They help keep me sober. There is nothing you can say that can get another person drunk as there is nothing you can say that will get another person sober when they are full of self will. I pass on my experience, that's my job. Some have a Teflon brain so no AA slogans stick. AA can survive without me. I'm not that important. Taking phone calls reminds me where I have been. My attitude changes when I do service work. I am convinced that my service commitments have been responsible for my long term sobriety. Years, no decades, ago, when I was 6 or 7 months sober I was answering the phones. The man's voice on the other end said, "I have got a gun in my lap and I am going to shoot myself." My immediate thought was that I can't do this. What if I say the wrong thing and cause a death. My sponsor says that I can't make a mistake if I just tell how I got sober. If I stay sober on a 12<sup>th</sup> step call it has been a success. I am exactly where I want to be. I am exactly where I am meant to be. I am responsible to extend the hand of AA to the man who is still suffering. I can only be responsible for my sobriety, not yours. I will help you by supporting your sobriety and tell you how I achieved my sobriety.

### THE LAST WORD

Judge Leon, now 88 years old came to our meetings. Announcing himself as an OA and not an AA I was intrigued with his story. In 1961, now 52 years ago, he was assigned to the bench in Los Angeles. His predecessor handed him a stack of files representing a dozen or more DUI cases. These were apparently good citizens and the judge passing on the files couldn't bring himself to impose the sentencing guidelines especially when he could pass them on to Leon. Judge Leon felt that he had an obligation to fulfill so he sought counsel of his mentors and senior judges he knew. They all offered the same words, "We have no other options than to lift licenses, fine them, and throw them in jail. But that didn't work well, Leon knew all too well. He did have a business acquaintance, his CPA, who was an AA secretary. He suggested Leon send a few to his AA meeting. Those few responded well to AA's message and the secretary asked Leon to send him some more. Sometime later the secretary asked the judge to send him all that he had. Then the test came. How could Judge Leon satisfy the legal system that these people had actually attended the meetings that he had sentenced them to attend? Thus began what we know today as the court card. This was but the beginning and out of this grew the DUI classes. The first big bump in the road came from Bill W and the New York office. The GSO was concerned with the violation of anonymity inquiries being raised. What next? Will you have police in uniform at our meetings? Solutions were found, assurances made, and history began.

Judge Leon and three others toured the country's jurisdictions telling of how AA slowed the revolving door of DUI offenders. He experienced about a 51% success rate, the same rate claimed by AA at the time. And of interest, as I close this report, Judge Leon enlisted the help of AAs to pre-qualify those offenders just before their arraignment since he had but 3 minutes to hear their plea and decide whether to send to jail or AA. So imagine some stranger comes to you and asks if you are powerless over alcohol and if your life has become unmanageable. Your answer might mean the difference between AA meetings and jail.

Gene W.

*"Thus began what we know today as the court card."*

\*The office staff would like to thank Gene for his contributions over these past months. We know his labor is a labor of love

for AA and his fellows. We look forward to hearing from him again as he travels the roads.

## TRADITION ONE

Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

As the 12 steps lay a spiritual foundation for a path of recovery for individual members, the 12 traditions provide the principles. It begins with the first tradition – an emphasis on unity.

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. Our lives and the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. Even in the beginning, one man knew that trying to get sober alone did not work.

Only by seeking out another alcoholic did he begin to recover.

These two men understood the importance of this unity very early. If we can continue this unity and follow all of the 12 traditions as well, AA will continue to thrive and save lives.

## SUBMISSION

### WHO AM I?

I was deeply touched by what I heard a young man at a meeting sharing about planning a party for his mother. He started to search through some old pictures and came up with photos of himself when he was 3 years old. Looking at them, he said something like: "that little boy was not an A-hole". I believe that everyone in the room could identify with him. But what happened in between?

Most of us were perfect when we were born but something influences us in those formative years that set the tone for the direction that our thinking would take. The childlike innocence gave way to the neediness and insecurity that alcoholics seem to have in common. The unworthiness tapes run rampant in our heads telling us that we couldn't make it without cutting corners and doing things that we were ashamed of and then we were plagued by our conscience. That little child was damaged and scared on the inside in a way that nothing could bring him peace, until he discovered the elixir in a bottle. When that failed him, he showed up in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous trying to make sense of it all.

When I look around the room at an A.A. meeting, it seems like we all look about the same on the surface, with a few minor differences due to age and generational things. We're all made up

of hair, eyeballs, elbows, and feet, and things like that. Most of us follow dress codes and courtesy standards. We're not that much different on the surface. Our real problems consume us on the inside and we spend years trying to convince the world around us that we are as good as they are while, inside, loathing what we had become. It's hard to convince a drunk that the child that he was at 3 years old is still inside of him and can resurface if he desperately wants it.

Suppose, for a moment, that we all woke up this morning with amnesia. We would all be the same. The only thing that makes us different is what is going on between our ears and we drag that with us everywhere we go. I discovered years ago that my brain, with the aid of my ego, was lying to me, and that I wasn't that hopeless loser that I thought I was. I also discovered that most of that damage could be reversed, and that I could, over a period of time, develop an approach to a life far superior to anything I could have imagined. The hardest thing that stands in the way of this is my inability to surrender, and to trust the process. With the help of the group, slowly letting go of some of the old ideas, you can start seeing the results in a short period of time, and it will be exhilarating, however, we didn't get this way overnight, and it will be a slow journey, but a very exciting and happy

experience. An old, departed friend used to say, "Your hair will be a different color before you know who you are." It means patiently changing some of those old habits that cause you grief, and replacing them with unselfish deeds that start to heal the conscience. I've heard it said, "Try it for 90 days and if you don't like what we have to offer, we will gladly refund your misery". What have you got to lose? Now, let's go find that kid.

Rick R. Poway, Ca.

# SUBMISSION

## New Attitude

I tripped over and fell atop the underside of a box-spring mattress while dancing with glee in my home (I was moving the bedroom set). In anticipation of garnering a four-year chip at the Saturday night, December birthday meeting, I had been looking in the bathroom mirror perfecting a lip-synching routine to the classic Patti LaBelle tune entitled: *New Attitude*. In my intrepid youth, I won many a lip-synching contest at various bars (all pre-karaoke, thank heaven. I can't carry a tune). It just seemed like the thing to do with all of my unbridled, sober enthusiasm.

I broke my pinky finger and a small bone in the palm of my hand when I spun (out of control), landing face-down into the pylon covering the wood frame. I scraped my knee and tore my nylons, too. I'd been dancing around with a spring in my step like an excited toddler all of December. Ms. LaBelle puts the spring in my music library, so when I heard the lyrics to the song pacing me on a recent morning jog, I identified with the words succinctly describing my alcoholic journey AND my newfound sobriety. As a relic of the 1980s, the thirty-year-old tune is something I can sink my joy into: I can't help bustin' a move or two, as in days of yore, naming and claiming a new attitude, courtesy of AA.

Given the grace of a New Year, I've jettisoned (with prayer, with love and with honor) people, places and things seemingly obstructing me physically, spiritually and mentally. For example, I found a close-up photo of my former husband, glaring with contempt (maybe it was just a hangover). It appears we were camping as jet skis loom in the background tethered near the shore of a lake. THAT LOOK permeated every encounter we shared in the last nine years of our ten-year marriage. I needed to make peace, so I wrote a prayer of gratitude for having married him and a prayer of blessing on the back side. I left the photo on my desk, unsettled with the many choices I had to dispense with the photo. Viola!

I went to a women's meeting intending to pass it around, seeking validation of my perception. Instead, I read the prayers aloud and then tore the photo into pieces aligned in a spiritual agreement that HE wouldn't want to keep the ugly photo, either. When I got home, I knelt in prayer with enormous gratitude as I looked at a more appealing photo perched on my dresser depicting a proud, smiling, happy man

hovering next to me holding our infant son.

THAT'S how I will remember him from now on.

This year, I'm done concocting resolutions, too. Rather, as a list-type person I'm penciling easy, breezy thoughts about goals I'd like to revisit or to achieve, outright: no harm, no foul, no drinking alcohol whether I succeed or I fall short. Since I must always, *always* regroup and reassess feedback, no matter the opportunity, better a prayerful evaluation with God, with my sponsor and with the fellowship. I can continually ask God (and others) how to get from here to the goal I envision, specifically: What's my next, indicated step FORWARD? I'll probably hear something like: Progress, not perfection. One day at a time. Keep it simple. Really, Lyn. Don't look back too often.

In moving forward, I'm allowing retrospective glances from which to learn, to rectify and to accept. I can attest that wallowing in my past as a harbinger for my future is emotionally exhausting and minimally cathartic. Over the last four, sober years, I've gradually sorted through boxes and boxes (still more boxes) of photos, of mementos, of sporting equipment gracing the walls of my memory and of the garage. Think about this: if those old love letters (nasty-grams), photos, dust collectors and sports equipment have any bearing on my activities today, why are they shelved? Over time, things deteriorate, right? Throwing away or selling something sentimental (everything I own) feels so...sacrilegious.

Why keep aged photos of one handsome young man or another posed alongside my (beautiful) youthful self? It's unlikely that I'll forget Rick or Tim or Michael, but our paths diverged many years ago, in a good way. My beloved SurfMobile (Ford Escape) remained on Hospice in my garage in the beginning of 2014 because the engine blew in the latter part of 2013. Though the vehicle was in excellent shape otherwise, the repairs were cost prohibitive. I placed the faithful vehicle (and many other dormant items) on Craig's List, *making room* for a new, more appropriate vehicle (and things) when the time is right. I threw away many other items in disrepair.

I cried quite a bit remembering my toddler son wobbling down the bunny slopes on snow skis. The itty-bitty knit cap and goggle set has been hidden in a duffle bag for many years. Taking them out sent me into a dither for about five minutes until I posted them for sale. I sold my trusty, dusty, short board over the summer

because I'm not an agile surfer as I once was... eons and eons ago. My long board is more utilitarian and dare I say, safe. Besides, I believe the abundant universe (God) has always been generous and fully restorative. There's no shortage of sports equipment to better suit my needs later on.

Abundant journals recounting innumerable, dramatic, scribbled experiences, underscoring a timeline of painful loss and untold confusion, *exceeded* by moments of unequivocal bliss, were tossed to the wind; shredded, just like that! Admittedly, I was tempted to read the voluminous pages of prose before I deep-sixed such eloquent, written perspectives and the delineated court documents outlining divorce proceedings resulting in financial abyss.

I arbitrarily perused the three-ring binders filled with my perspective on people, places and things many times. On a recent, quiet, weekday morning, drinking coffee at the kitchen table, I sensed it was time to let my documented growth take root. Indeed, the journals and legal documents served a purpose during a season of decided change long ago. Seasons of change still transpire. Whoa! Such is life. I kept the perfectly good, empty binders.

In addition, I tossed the grade-school posters bearing my young son's pictorial homework projects. I took photos of the collective pile of cardboard artistry because we worked long and hard on them. My son is 18 years old, now. As recycled as homework can be, perhaps he'll need some ideas for his brood in the future. We'll cross that bridge when we get there.

I crossed drawers filled with orphaned socks, with food storage containers sans the lids, playing cards, rubber bands, expired coupons, damaged DVDs and straggler keys. Tossed. Adios. Ciao, baby. Lastly, I tossed the ratty coffee cup I so love. It stirred memories of my adolescent son chauffeuring the SurfMobile along the scenic, dirt roads in Menifee and Temecula. He thought driving was a BIG deal (it is a rite of passage, after all) as he followed direction, stopping every so often so I could capture landscape photos. I always brought my cup filled with hot chocolate or coffee. Now, he has his own coffee cup gracing the console in his behemoth truck.

For four years, my bridge to sobriety has served me as an optimal (sometimes a not-so-smooth) path over and above questionable terrain.

## BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

I maintain the structure with the experience, the strength and the hope of the other members amid the variety of AA ways and means (which are too numerous to mention). I can attend any AA meeting, here or there (instant peace), knowing that the coffee's always on. If you're so inclined, I suggest you grab a cup. Listen and watch Patti LaBelle sing my AA Anthem: [New Attitude](#). Happy New Year! [Patti LaBelle New Attitude](#)

Lyn P. (Unity Hall)



When it came to Step 9, making direct amends to people I'd offended. I asked my sponsor if I couldn't just take the easy way out and send these people a letter?

He replied 'did you offend them by letter?'

A man walks into a bar and asks the Bartender to pour him a drink.

The Man pushes the drink away - and then asks for the bartender to pour him another one.

After the man drinks 10 drinks, the bartender asks him: "You never drank the first drink – was there something wrong w/ it?"

The Man replies, "I've been going to AA, and they told me that as long as I don't drink the first drink – everything will be ok!"

"An alcoholic is an individual who takes the most simple program and works on it until he has reduced it to its most complicated form."

# AA SERVICE MEETINGS

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

## 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

**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.



## HOT LINE SCHEDULE

1st Monday	Just Us Girls (Temecula)
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	Michael J
2nd Friday	Shannon
2nd Weekend	Mosh Pit
3rd Monday	Jill M
3rd Tuesday	Nancy 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	Linda D
4th Thursday	The Twilight Meeting at the Alano Club on Sunday (Temecula)
4th Friday	Women's Candlelight -Thursday (Temecula)
4th Weekend	Wild Ones Grape Street (Wildomar)

## 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 conscience.

Let us know when and how we can help.

*Your Central Office Team*

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

CENTRAL OFFICE APPRECIATES ALL OF THEIR VOLUNTEERS.

### 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](mailto: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 GUIDELINES

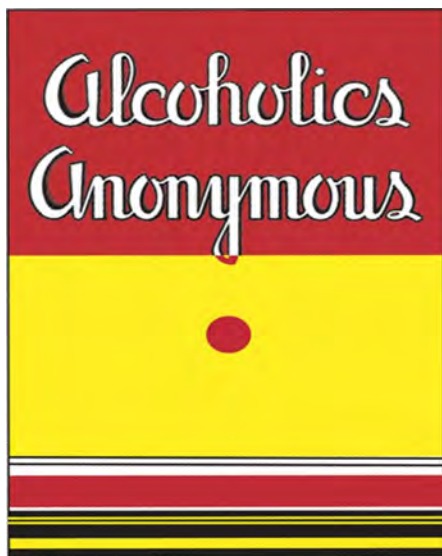
We admitted we were powerless over alcohol. That our lives had become unmanageable.

STEP  
1

## How It Works

The fact is that most alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so-called willpower becomes practically non-existent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week or a month ago. We are without defense against the first drink.

l) [More about Step 1 in the Big Book](#)



## Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	Dec 14	Dec 13	\$ Change	Jan - Dec 14
Tem Del Rio Survivors	325.00	200.00	125.00	3,192.00
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	270.00	191.25	78.75	2,279.25
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	250.00	250.00	0.00	2,150.00
Wildomar Wild Ones #653642	200.00	350.00	-150.00	2,340.00
Tem RC Church Office/Tue 6pm/Mosh Pit	180.00	180.00	0.00	780.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	180.00	0.00	180.00	671.00
Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	145.61	0.00	145.61	456.86
Tem Mon Night Men	100.00	125.00	-25.00	1,250.00
Mur Sat 8pm/World Famous Speaker Meeting	90.50	240.00	-149.50	618.50
Tem/Hill Recovery/Sat 8am/Early Risers	72.00	100.00	-28.00	1,196.22
LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	66.00	0.00	66.00	306.00
Tem Serenity Wed 6pm	60.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
Menifee/Sun 9am/Grass Roots #706488	60.00	60.00	0.00	487.56
Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	50.00	0.00	50.00	378.00
Mur Community House/Sun 730pm/The Geek	50.00	35.00	15.00	328.03
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	42.70	34.00	8.70	424.18
Tem The Meeting Place/Wed 5pm/Just Us	38.40	0.00	38.40	206.79
LE TMP M-Sat 7am Early Birds	5.49	5.00	0.49	45.49
Tem Del Rio Survivors/Mon Wed Fri Noon	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Tem Del Rio/Thur 10am/Sisters Share	0.00	22.00	-22.00	158.00
Tem Mary Phillip Sen Ctr/Thur 6pm/For Fun	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.50
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Fri 7pm/Bats Belfry	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	0.00	60.00	-60.00	647.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	0.00	0.00	0.00	297.00
Tem Ser Cir/Fri 10am/ Womens	0.00	35.00	-35.00	235.00
Tem Ser Cir/Fri Noon/	0.00	80.00	-80.00	50.00
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	560.00
Tem Ser Cir/Mon Noon/Participation	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.35
Tem Serenity Friday 10pm	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Tem Serenity Friday 6pm #710973	0.00	90.00	-90.00	431.67
Tem Serenity Monday 6pm #610281	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00
Tem/Alano Club/Sun 9am/Came to Believe	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Tem/Hill Recovery/Mon 10am/Open Arms	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
Tem/The Alano Club/Sun 6pm/Twilight	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00
Temecula Joe & Charlie Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Wildomar Grape Street/Fri 7pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.00
Wildomar on Grape /Sun7pm/Pigs onthe Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.00
Womens Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.74
Serenity Cup Tournament	0.00	15.00	-15.00	35.00
SC Methodist Church/Tue 7pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.20
SC Carmel Rd Tues 12 x 12 #177784	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.00
Murrieta The Searching Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	242.00
Mur/UMC/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI #161040	0.00	0.00	0.00	488.25
Mur United Methodist/Wed 8pm/Discussion	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Mur United Methodist/Thur 8pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
Mur Community House/Wed 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
LE TMP Sat 730pm Beginners and Birthdays	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
LE Meeting Place/Tue 730pm/Podium Part	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
LE Meeting Place/Sun 1030am/Speaker Mtg	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00
LE Meeting Place/M-F Noon/#171639	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00



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## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	0.00	60.00	-60.00	270.00
LE 1st Lutheran/M, Tue, Th, Sat 730pm/Bells	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.35
Hemet Provident/Tue Noon/Sober Seniors	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Hemet Provident/Mon 1pm/Share the Legacy	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Hemet Arrid/Sat 7pm/Back to Basics	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,185.70</b>	<b>2,232.25</b>	<b>-46.55</b>	<b>23,930.94</b>



## PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/02/14	Jim F	30.00
12/12/14	Paul Rohrbacher	20.00
12/12/14	Shep and Annie	20.00
12/12/14	Jim F	20.00
12/17/14	John and Brenda	10.00
12/19/14	Jason F.	10.00
12/19/14	Mike B	20.00
12/19/14	Jill A	20.00
12/19/14	Tom and Mary	100.00
12/19/14	Tom C	10.00
		<b><u>260.00</u></b>

## BUCK A MONTH CLUB

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/17/14	Cody	1.00
12/30/14	Gene W	5.00
12/30/14	Arnie	1.00
12/30/14	Wayne D	2.00
12/30/14	Georgia	1.00
12/30/14	Karen K	1.00
12/30/14	Edna E	1.00
12/30/14	Suzie	10.00
12/30/14	Chuck	20.00
12/30/14	Marcos	5.00
12/30/14	Mary	5.00
12/30/14	Ron	3.00
12/30/14	Sandy	5.00
12/30/14	Tom	2.00
12/30/14	Chelsea	1.00
12/30/14	Jennifer	1.00
12/30/14	Jack	1.00
12/30/14	Don	1.00
12/30/14	Donut Dave	5.00
		<b><u>71.00</u></b>

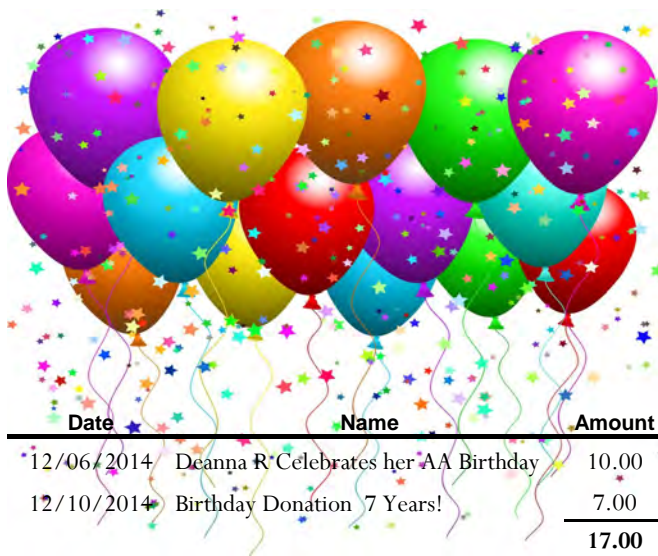
# CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Beth
- 2 Brenda
- 3 Chris
- 4 Debi
- 5 Debbie
- 6 Jill A
- 7 Jill M
- 8 John W
- 9 Kristie
- 10 Nancy
- 11 Nick
- 12 Rich
- 13 Sharon
- 14 Shari
- 15 Sharii
- 16 Shawn
- 17 Steve
- 18 Stuart
- 19 Theresa
- 20 Tony
- 21 Trish

## DAILY ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER

Phoned in	179
Walk ins	120
AA Meeting	76
Al-anon	6
12 Step	15
Donations/Purchases	85
Misc/Other Business	27



Date	Name	Amount
12/06/2014	Deanna R Celebrates her AA Birthday	10.00
12/10/2014	Birthday Donation 7 Years!	7.00
		<b>17.00</b>

Murrieta December Birthdays Community House 7am ABSI

Dan 30 years

Norma 35 years

# EVENTS

**CIRCUS**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Smackdown  
is Coming To Town!

Sunday March 1st  
Murrieta Community Center  
41810 Juniper St. 7am - 12PM

**This is a full breakfast and circus!!!  
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!**  
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

Games & Prizes!!  
Huge Raffle!!  
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 donating to the raffle or making a donation to help make this event possible  
PLEASE contact Jason 951-691-9974.

## EVENTS



**Dear Intergroup and fellow AA members,**

The Pancake SmackDown will be here soon and this year the committee has decided to go with a carnival/circus theme. We will still have the normal raffle that we have had in the previous years. In addition however we are asking if a few groups could put together a carnival attraction. Some of the ideas that have been brought up are a dunk tank, ring toss, dart throw at the balloons on a board, ect.

Putting an attraction together can be done instead of a group donating a raffle prize or cash toward the raffle.

Here is an example of what a group could do and how it would most benefit the event in terms of fundraising.

1. Pick your attraction.
2. Have your group donate and build the attraction.
3. Have your group take up a collection to purchase the prizes that can be won at your booth.
4. Bring your booth and your prizes to the event.
5. Have members of your group volunteer to run your attraction during the breakfast.
6. Sell tickets and collect funds that will be donated to the fundraiser.
7. Take your booth home at the close of the event.

The Pancake Smackdown is the Valleys largest event in terms of attendance as well as fundraising. The breakfast and speaker meeting are completely free. All food and raffle prizes are paid for and furnished by individual members and AA group donations.

Please keep in mind that raffle prizes and events booths are part of the fund raising side of this event. The food and venue cost around \$2,000 and must be raised prior to the day.

Thank you for all your support in making this day possible for EVERYONE!!!

Jason Friedman  
Smackdown Chairman

951-691-9971  951-691-9971