

# Gratitude Gazette



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## Submissions

### 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**

### ANONYMITY- THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

I came from a family that was riddled with alcoholic drinkers and many of them had the problem as bad as I did. I recall the first month, or so, when I got sober, still hanging out with them at our favorite watering hole, drinking ginger ale. I would slip out every night at 8:00 pm and go to the A.A. meeting at 8:30 and return at 10:30 pm without telling anyone where I was going. I didn't want anybody to know that I was checking out the A.A. program. I didn't want to face the ridicule at the time and I wasn't sure it was going to work for me. If it didn't work, I wouldn't have to put up with their mocking me. You might say that I was protecting my anonymity at the time and didn't even

know it. After thirty days of that, I didn't care who knew about it because I believed I had found the answer, and I did.

Soon after that, I was one of them that wanted to shout it from the rooftops and try to sober up everyone around me and you know how that turned out. As I dragged each of my five brothers to A.A. meetings, it seems that they each learned just enough to be able to rationalize exactly why they were not alcoholics, and they ridiculed me any way. Two later died of alcohol related symptoms and a third committed suicide. Those were among the experiences that gave me hard earned lessons on the respect for the principle of anonymity. Of the rest of my immediate family of ten, only one sister saw something in me that she liked and she got so-

ber in the program and hasn't had a drink in over forty-two years.

We are exposed to the discussions in A.A. meetings as the newer members complain about someone breaking their anonymity, or the ones that want to shout it from the rooftops, like my former self, and that will always be the case in A.A. as *that* is one of the symptoms of alcoholism. We are failed idealists that need attention, but as we get more and more experience we learn the true value of the spirit of anonymity. We can always come up with some noble reason for tooting our own horn and we can dress it up in the altruistic motive of sacrificing one's own anonymity to save someone's life and that, sometimes, in the long run, destroys the chance of being a good example

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# Submissions

continued

*You can't believe in  
God and play God  
at the same time.*

and often turns out doing just the opposite. I have been whiteness to that.

In Tradition eleven, it expresses the need of personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films, and we could extrapolate and add much of the social media of today, and that is a given. No one should try to be a representative of Alcoholics Anonymous as that often ends up being a black eye when that person relapses, which often happens.

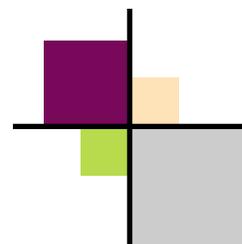
In Tradition twelve, it talks of anonymity as "the spiritual foundation of all of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." There is a difference in the "spirit of the law," and the "letter of the law." We who have been diligent with the program have been highly influenced by the spirit of what the founders learned and introduced us to in the form of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions and they all come in the form of unselfishness of the spirit. I have yet to find one prayer or principle in the two books that we use as reference guides that are of a

*material nature or of selfish motives.* This tells me that the things I do, that are as the result of practicing the principles of the program, should be done *without fanfare*, and unselfishly. As long as I needed that attention that I was always seeking when I was looking for the photo opp., I was still only following the letter of the law, so to speak. When I came to understand the spirit of anonymity, I was able to rein in my EGO and my selfish motives. I try to be a good role model and do it quietly. It seems to work better that way.

Today I live a quiet and modest life. I am not in competition with anyone. I have no adversaries. I am nobody's victim nor anybody's perpetrator. I actually care for those around me no matter whether they know it or not.

Rick R.

*You can't live  
one way and  
pray another.*



**Tradition I:**

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

**Unity:**

The state of being united or joined as a whole. The state of being one; oneness.

In July of 1955, during one of his talks on the three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill Wilson spoke of the famous (now no longer widely used) symbol of A.A. and its meaning within our fellowship. The circle, as he described, stands for the world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.'s three legacies of Recovery, Unity, & Service. He goes on to state that the base of our triangle represents Recovery, on which everything else rests & depends. Well if recovery is our base, then Unity is the scaffolding on which our weight surely rests. AA must stay unified or we cannot recover. That is a powerful statement – it means that as sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous we depend on each other, above all else. Unity is the glue that holds great Strength, together from great Weakness. The Big Book describes our disposition as one of passengers of a great liner the moment of rescue, and boy was that true for me. When Alcohol had driven me to my knees,

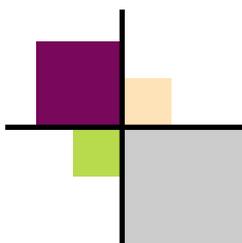
the Unity of AA's fellowship was the vision of a future I had not dared to hope for; in fact, I remember its demonstration at my first meeting very well.

I had walked in about 20 minutes late to what was a rather full, small meeting room. As I sat down, the members in the room could no doubt smell the alcohol & fear-based aroma that permeated about me. I began to listen as a member was sharing about their experience relating to whatever given chapter was read that night (I honestly have no recollection), but what I do remember was the look in her eyes, the calm nature in which she spoke, and the inner peace with which she seemed to flaunt so freely; a peace that I was certain to never have. As that feeling sunk in, tears began to come up from within in me. I could feel that (in no small part to my current blood alcohol level) these would not be the light easy tears I could hold back, but the kind of tears that can only come from years of built up fear, shame, & humility. I knew I had to leave, so I got up and tried to politely stumble back out of the door I had entered not five minutes prior. As I made my way to the car & did my best to hold back the emotional tidal wave that was about to hit, I heard a voice

call from behind me. As I turned a gentleman approached and stated that he was “not there to get me back into the meeting,” much to my relief. He simply said, “I just want you to know that you are welcome here,” or something to that degree. I honestly can't remember exactly what he said, but what he did next I will never forget. He looked me in the eye, and man to man, he hugged me. Nothing more was said, nothing more needed to be said, it was a moment that forever changed my life; the perfect demonstration of AA Unity. What I didn't realize then is that the second I walked into that meeting room I had demonstrated a desire, the only desire required for reception of this amazing gift; a desire to stop drinking. I didn't realize that with that desire came a membership & with that membership came one everlasting promise; that my seat would always be there. It was in a simple hug that I first received that promise, & it is through the practice of unity in all of our affairs today that we continue to share that gift with one another.

Gratefully,

*Ben D.*



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**Editorial:**

**On the 1st Step**

The first of the 12 steps in the creed or philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous is, "We admitted that we were powerless over alcohol--that our lives had become unmanageable." By such an admission any alcoholic, provided he is sincere, has achieved his first success on the road to well-being.

Such an admission is usually very difficult for the alcoholic to make. The very nature of his disease makes him shun the knowledge of his inability to cope with the problems of everyday life. Hence his desire for something that will rapidly create whatever he *thinks* he lacks as an individual. With a few drinks under his belt he can fashion the most wonderful dreams about himself. These dreams *can* become his real characteristics--but only when he recognizes that he must dominate alcohol rather than have alcohol dominate him.

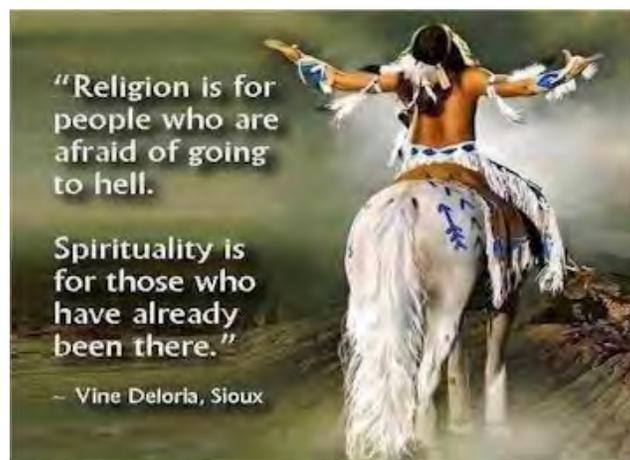
The sincerity with which the newcomer takes the first step is the gauge by which his recovery through A.A. can be measured.

Over the years the alcoholic develops a three-dimensional ability at picture building, which is a kind

way of saying that alcoholics are adept liars. So that by really taking the first step--admitting freely and without reservation that he is an alcoholic--a person starts to build a new pattern of thought. The whole, at last, is fabricated from truth rather than wishful thinking or fantasy.

"Ye shall know the truth--and the truth shall make you free" applies certainly to the first step in this program--for truth, to the alcoholic, is simply admitting to himself that he can't handle alcohol, and because of this his life is unmanageable. To those who accept this first step the other eleven follow in the natural course of events--as the scope of the teachings of A.A. become realized and some small rewards have been received.

John B



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 vote.
<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	Center for Spiritual Living - 26805 Murrieta Rd. Sun City, CA 92585
<b>GSR Meeting - District 17</b>	2nd Tuesday - 6:30pm	Center for Spiritual Living - 26805 Murrieta Rd. Sun City, CA 92585
<b>Intergroup Meeting</b>	3rd Tuesday - 6:45pm <b>Visitors Welcome</b>	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.”

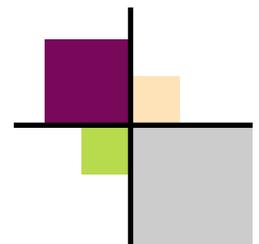
AA co-founder Bill W. 1949

## 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; ensure that he or she has some phone numbers of several AA members and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

# 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	Darcie
2nd Weekend	Mosh Pit (Temecula)
3rd Monday	Paul R
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	Donna B
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)
5th Monday	Sunday Came to Believe (Temecula)
5th Tuesday	Greg L
5th Wednesday	Richard and Bobbi L
5th Thursday	Andrea
5th Friday	John and Brenda W
5th Weekend	Wednesday Men's Stag (Murrieta)



## 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.

### 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 article's 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.

**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.

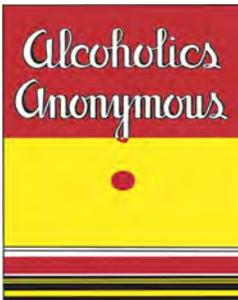
Click for online form to sign up

<http://www.temeculacentraloffice.org/gratitude->

### 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...



### Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over our addiction - that our lives had become unmanageable

### How It Works



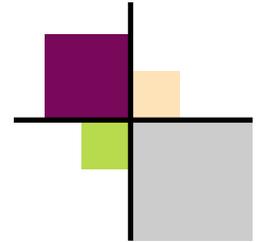
The fact is that most alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so-called willpower becomes practically non-existent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week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

- A.A. Big Book, p. 24 (Substitute your own addiction for *drink* if your addiction is different than alcohol)

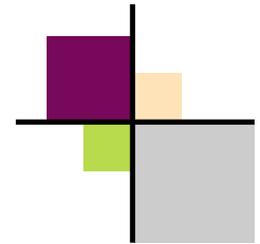
### Tradition 1

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

	Dec 15	Dec 14	\$ Change	Jan - Dec 15
Tem Del Rio Survivors	500.00	325.00	175.00	4,452.00
Mur Community House/Mon-Sat 7am/ABSI	251.00	270.00	-19.00	3,141.00
Tem Serenity Friday 6pm #710973	240.00	0.00	240.00	624.00
Wildomar Wild Ones #653642	200.00	200.00	0.00	1,250.00
Tem Ser Cir/Sat Noon/Young at Heart	135.00	0.00	135.00	135.00
Tem Hill Recovery Sat 8am Early Risers	120.00	72.00	48.00	1,477.50
Tem RC Church Office/Tue 6pm/Mosh Pit	120.00	180.00	-60.00	1,360.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	104.00	0.00	104.00	744.00
Tem Mon Night Men	100.00	100.00	0.00	1,210.00
Tem Serenity Monday 6pm #610281	85.00	0.00	85.00	515.00
SC Boston Billies/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	64.00	0.00	64.00	239.00
Tem/Wed 5pm/Just Us Girls	60.00	38.40	21.60	348.00
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	57.00	42.70	14.30	449.51
Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	50.00	145.61	-95.61	239.96
Mur Community House/Sun 730pm/The Geek	37.00	50.00	-13.00	363.10
LE 1st Lutheran/M,Tue,Th,Sat 730pm/Bells	29.00	0.00	29.00	192.27
Wildomar Grape Street/Fri 7pm/Step Study	29.00	0.00	29.00	29.00
Tem Hill Recovery Mon 10am Open Arms	25.00	0.00	25.00	132.73
Wildomar on Grape /Sun7pm/Pigs onthe Wall	25.00	0.00	25.00	95.00
Mur United Methodist/Wed 8pm/Discussion	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Mur/UJC/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI #709011	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
Murrieta The Searching Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Rainbow Grange/Sun 730pm/Participation	0.00	0.00	0.00	163.00
SC The Whatever Group 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.23
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	0.00	250.00	-250.00	1,650.00
Serenity Cup Tournament	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00
Tem Hill Recovery Tue Noon Living Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
Tem Mary Phillip Sen Ctr/Thur 6pm/For Fun	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Fri 7pm/Bats Belfry	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	0.00	0.00	0.00	242.00
Tem Sat 8pm/World Famous Speaker Meeting	0.00	90.50	-90.50	577.00
Tem Ser Cir/Fri 10am/ Womens Living Sol	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.32
Tem Ser Cir/Fri Noon/	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,881.45
Tem Ser Cir/Mon-Sun 6pm/Serenity Hour	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Tem Ser Cir/Mon Noon/Participation	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.00
Tem Ser Cir/Sun Noon/Participation	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.54
Tem Ser Cir/Thur Noon/Nooners	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.02
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	0.00	180.00	-180.00	482.62
Tem Ser Cir/Tue Noon/Living Sober	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00



Tem Serenity Wed 6pm	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.00
Tem St Catherine's/Fri Noon/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.90
Tem The Meeting Place/Thurs 630pm/Solutio	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Tem TMPT Sunday 5pm PB4P #713748	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.60
Temecula Joe & Charlie Workshop #711469	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.23
Temecula Tue Alano Grapevine Mtg	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Temecula Valley AA Womens Association	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.00
Wildomar IVH/Sat 730pm/Participation	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Womens Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00	426.77
Mur United Methodist/Thur 8pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.55
Mur United Methodist/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	0.00	50.00	-50.00	500.00
Mur Community House/Wed 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	0.00	321.00
Menifee/Sun 9am/Grass Roots #706488	0.00	60.00	-60.00	343.33
LE TMP M-Sat 7am Early Birds	0.00	5.49	-5.49	0.00
LE Meeting Place/Sun 7am/Att Mod	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
LE Meeting Place/Sun 1030am/Speaker Mtg	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
LE Meeting Place/Mon-Fri 530pm/	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.50
LE Meeting Place/M-F Noon/#171639	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
LE Lutheran Church Taco Tuesdays	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.00
LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	0.00	66.00	-66.00	200.00
LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Hemet Provident/Tue Noon/Sober Seniors	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Hemet Arrid/Sat 7pm/Back to Basics	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50
District 17 Liason	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.65
Canyon Lake Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.00
Canyon Lake The House Women Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Anza Manic Mondays Women's Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Anza Coldwell Bldg/Thur 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,231.00</b>	<b>2,185.70</b>	<b>45.30</b>	<b>27,665.28</b>



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

*There are 2 times when you ought to go to meetings.*

*1. when you want to go*

*2. when you don't want to go*

## Valley Buck a Month Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Dec 15</b>		
12/31/2015	Marcos	5.00
12/31/2015	Gene W	5.00
12/31/2015	Franz	2.00
12/31/2015	Anonymous	2.00
12/31/2015	Todd	1.00
12/31/2015	Suzie	10.00
12/31/2015	Jim	5.00
12/31/2015	Georgia	1.00
12/31/2015	Tom	1.00
12/31/2015	Steve	5.00
12/31/2015	Dave	5.00
12/31/2015	Ron	1.00
12/31/2015	Lee	1.00
12/31/2015	Stephanie	5.00
12/31/2015	Tom C	3.00
12/31/2015	Mary	1.00
12/31/2015	Tom S	2.00
<b>Dec 15</b>		<b>55.00</b>

## Personal Contributions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Dec 15</b>		
12/05/2015	Terese B	20.00
12/05/2015	Sharon C	5.00
12/05/2015	Sandra N	5.00
12/05/2015	Jim F	30.00
12/05/2015	Pauline S	25.00
12/11/2015	Paul R	20.00
12/15/2015	Todd H	500.00
12/15/2015	Mike B	20.00
12/15/2015	Troy S	25.00
12/16/2015	Linda F	50.00
12/20/2015	Debi G	10.00
12/20/2015	Mark F	10.00
12/27/2015	Tom C	10.00
12/30/2015	Judy M	500.00
12/30/2015	Nancy W	100.00
<b>Dec 15</b>		<b>1,330.00</b>



### Activity Log

Phoned in	184
Walk ins	167
AA Meeting	65
Al-anon	5
12 Step	10
Donations/Purchases	99
Misc/Other Business	21

# Happy New Year

## Here we go 2016 and another year sober!

### Volunteers

- 1 Bert
- 2 Dan W
- 3 Debi
- 4 Debbie
- 5 Fitz
- 6 Janeen
- 7 Jill M
- 8 Jim F
- 9 John
- 10 Karen
- 11 Kelli
- 12 Kim W
- 13 Melissa
- 14 Nancy
- 15 Nick
- 16 Pat
- 17 Rich
- 18 Sharon
- 19 Shari
- 20 Sharii
- 21 Shawn
- 22 Steve S
- 23 Steven M
- 24 Tony



**Temecula Valley Central Office made 62 changes to the Meeting Directory  
In 2015.**



No birthdays were reported for the month of December 2015

# The 12 Step BOOGIE

brought to you by: **TEMECULA VALLEY HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H & I Committee)**  
DISTRICT 17

We encourage all members to help carry the message into Treatment Facilities, and Institutions.  
"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that; I am responsible."

FRIDAY NIGHT

## FEBRUARY 26th 2016

6-10pm

Ronald Reagan Sports Park's  
Temecula Community Recreation Center

### 30875 Rancho Vista Road Temecula, Ca. 92592

Come Join us for an Evening of  
Real Speakers, food and Drinks, Raffle's, Door Prizes,  
12 step Service opportunities, Fun, Fellowship  
Let's dance as if no one is watching, Life isn't about waiting  
for the storm to pass... It's learning to Dance in the Rain.  
Shake, Wiggle, Jive, Gyrate or Jiggle, Lets boogiewoogie!  
"We are not a drum line!"

Pre-sale Tickets \$10 or \$12 at the Door  
for more info, call James @ (951) 265-0395



Sounds by: "DJ SMILEE" of DJSmilee Entertainment. Booking inquiries: [DJsmilee1.com](http://DJsmilee1.com)



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, etc.

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 Valley's 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!!!

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