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Temecula Valley Central Office

# Gratitude Gazette

951-695-1535 Hotline 24 hours

## 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

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## An Inside Job

I'VE been told that we feel toward others pretty much the same way we feel toward ourselves. If we like ourselves, we like others. This self-attitude is supposed to mold a child's pattern of relations with others and become part of his permanent personality.

I've noticed that my attitude toward others is not of a permanent nature. It fluctuates from day to day. If I love the world it's because I'm pleased with myself. But if I'm unhappy with the other two and a half billion, and stop to take a little Tenth Step inventory, I find that what is wrong with the world lies within. When I enter into relations with groups or individuals, and find that their attitude isn't what *I think* it should be, you can bet that *my* attitude isn't what it should be. Upon analyzing my attitude when I'm displeased with others, I find that the basis of my relationship, at the time, is of a self-seeking nature. I subconsciously know this is counter-AA and am displeased with myself. This displeasure projects to others; they sense it, and the results aren't very successful.

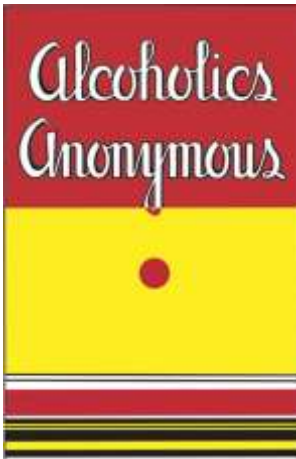
To my morning, evening and serenity prayer, I've added another to be used in relations with others approaching a problem alone, or facing life in general. This prayer is, "God. . .please help me to maintain the proper attitude." It works. Situations aren't as complicated when we aren't carrying the additional burden of self. Problems aren't as complex, and people, bless 'em, seem to behave when I do!

-- E. J. H

Nashville, Tennessee

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## Step and Tradition Guidelines

### 10th Step

*"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it."*

### How It Works

*"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."* (BB p84)

### 10th Tradition

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

*"As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in a fight, even a worthy one."*

*(12/12 p176)*

### 10th Promise

*"Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us."*



# Thoughts on the Tenth Step

**For this AA, that was the Step that helped him become an adult**

The Tenth Step is the teen years of the Steps for me. This Step makes me start acting like an adult or make my amends. For me, it is about honesty, humility, courage and acceptance.

Honesty is something I had to learn. I am still learning how to be completely honest. In "how it works," it talks a little about honesty. I needed to grasp and develop a manner of living that demands rigorous honesty.

I learned how to look at my actions with honesty: Did I do my best? Were my actions based on fear, anger or love? Am I looking at my actions, and not just my intentions? Am I telling the whole story or just the parts I want others to hear? And at the end of the day, I ask myself: Did I do what I said I would do?



Humility teaches me that there are other people here besides me. I'm not always first or last; sometimes others get the job, the girl, or whatever it is sometimes.

With humility, I can learn what my strengths and weaknesses are and what I'm good at and what I need to work on. I'm no better or worse than anyone else.

I've learned that there is no "us or them," nor "me or you." There is only "we." We are all just trying to get through this life as best we can.

I have to remember to pray for courage to do the things I need to do and to do God's will. I need to pray for the courage to change my actions when I'm having problems with people, places and things. And courage to look at my part in a problem and make my amends. I ask for the courage to do the mundane things in life I need to do but don't want to. And the courage to do things to improve my life. Lastly, I pray for the courage to say I'm wrong.

Acceptance has a big learning curve for me. I try not to waste so much time trying to changing things that aren't mine to change. Acceptance for me is that I'm the one who needs to change in accordance with people, places and things.

-- Jeff H.

Columbia, Missouri

# AT SIX YEARS OLD THE DIE WAS CAST

When I look back on my experience, after going through my pre drinking years, my drinking years, and my sober years in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, it isn't hard to see what a troubled individual I was. In my days from birth to the day I entered grammar school I was unaware of the dysfunction in my immediate environment and with the absence of supervision, discipline and role models, I did just about anything I wanted to do and most of my behavior became dishonest, selfish and, for the most part, shameful, as I later learned. *On my first day of parochial school the world came apart for me* when I looked around the classroom, of approximately fifty first graders, and realized that I did not fit in. All of the other kids in that room were having fun and enjoying that experience and was terrified and knew that I could never live up to what was expected of me at that time. As a result of that I developed fears and inhibitions that those other kids didn't seem to have. I learned right from wrong in church but was much too insecure to do what was right. *I learned to cut corners, to lie, to steal since I had no confidence* that I could ever keep up with my peers. I began to over compensate and to act out to make up for my short falls but it never worked for me. Fist fighting became a regular event. This all went on till I turned thirteen and found the answer to all of my problems. I had access to alcohol and I didn't recognize it at first but it immediately removed all of those fears and inhibitions and *for the first time in my life I felt normal* and that I was as good as anyone and better than most, so I thought. I continued to drink to feel good but when I awoke in the morning I was more terrified than before and all I had to do was to take that first drink, and half way through my second drink, everything was right with the world again. I continued this pattern until I was twenty eight years old when I woke up one morning to face the hideous four horsemen and I had a moment of clarity. I knew that *I had to do something about my drinking or I would die a horrible death at the hands of others or by my own hand*. I called Alcoholics Anonymous, struggled to find the location of the meeting place, arrived there two hours later and was greeted by three members who were compassionate and understanding and as they listened, my sense of isolation slowly went away, as did the desire to drink. I have never wanted a drink from that moment (Oct.15, 1969) to the present. I have never had to struggle with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and have embraced it as best I could, to the best of my understanding. I came to understand that the things that I did as a child and as a practicing alcoholic were the ingredients of the disease of alcoholism and that, *the die was cast at the age of six*, all of the ingredients were there long before I ever took a drink and all I had to do was add the alcohol. Once I removed the alcohol, all of the ingredients were still there and that is what the program helped me to set right. I was not responsible for becoming an alcoholic; I am, however, accountable for my behavior while I was drinking, and as long as I am willing to make restitution and clean up the wreckage of the past I can free myself from all of the guilt and shame and walk away with my dignity and self respect. Today my life is better than it ever could have been, had I never become an alcoholic in the first place and, of that, I am convinced.

Rick R.



## No Opinion on Outside Issues

### Tradition 10 – Long Form

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Based on history, our founding members, attempted to avoid the fate of other social movements when drawn into controversial issues. In the Twelve and Twelve it asserts that if we allow A.A., as a whole, to endorse or oppose public causes, our Society will perish. The example cited in the Twelve and Twelve is the Washingtonian Society from the 1840's. Some of the debated issues that were prominent at the time were prohibition (the so-called wet-dry issue) and abolition of slavery. It is speculated that the Washingtonians might have survived the abolition controversy but not the attempts to reform America's drinking habits. Therefore, Bill W. stated that we should refrain from even giving the impression that A.A. has an opinion on medications, jails, hospitals, churches, psychiatrists, legalizing marijuana, politics, etc.

An article in the 1960's claimed that Alcoholics Anonymous was a dogmatic cult. According to the story, Bill W. was relying on Tradition 10 when he stated that, if true, we would learn from the experience and make amends, but if it is false there is no need to debate the issue because our record speaks for itself. Bill W. stated that our adherence to maintain anonymity supports our position of "absolute neutrality." At the time, the accusation that A.A. was a cult caused outrage among A.A. members and it can still create controversy, but as Bill W. predicted "our record speaks for itself." Tradition 10 was also cited as the reason that Alcoholics Anonymous declined to compete for The Nobel Prize when it was offered in the 1980's.

Because of Tradition 10, and the fact that our very lives depend on it, we are charged with the task of refraining from projecting our personal experiences as a reflection of A.A. as a whole. The Twelve and Twelve acknowledges that as individuals we have opinions, experiences, and expertise that can at times encroach on our singleness of purpose in A.A. This is especially daunting in the current climate of the electronic age. Technology allows us to have immediate access to all kinds of information and websites on a plethora of subjects that provides information about someone's personal background as well as their current status.

Social media provides a way to share what is currently happening in someone's live. But, it also allows a platform to express opinions about controversial subjects. Our Alcoholics Anonymous Book states that our past will become our greatest asset. But this does not mean that we can use our past experience to justify becoming involved in controversial issues that convey the impression that we are stating an "AA opinion." An A.A. Grapevine pamphlet titled Traditions Checklist asks various questions that we, as individuals, and as members of Alcoholics Anonymous, should address to preserve each of the Traditions. One of the questions on Tradition Ten asks, "How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?"

Teri Hunter

## A VISIT TO A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Public Information (PI) Committee in District 17 had been quite active in the past two years as they served the cities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Temecula and Wildomar. In 2016, Tom S. as the PI chairperson, did an outstanding job of getting the PI members to distribute A.A. "Big Books" (Alcoholics Anonymous) and LIVING SOBER to public libraries and the school libraries of the middle and high schools in the four school districts.

In 2017, Warren S. assumed the chair position of the PI Committee as Tom S. moved out of the area. The new PI attempted to distribute A.A. pamphlets to all the hotels in District 17 but met with limited enthusiasm of the management to display A.A. materials in their lobbies.

Now what? March of 2017 was a very productive month. A visit to PRAASA 2017 in Sacramento provided the opportunity to meet David B. the PI chair for Central and South Orange County. Their PI group had visited a school in Santa Ana and another visit was planned to Capo Valley High School in a couple of weeks. Our PI group was very excited about joining them in their visit to Capo. We sent five speakers who participated in several of the classrooms. We became committed to develop our skills and to visit high schools in District 17.

Contact was made with the head teacher for Health Education at Temescal Canyon High School near the end of the 2016-2017 school year and tentative approval was obtained from the site principal. The teachers would select the date for the site visit and it would be sometime in the first couple of months. We now needed to begin the recruitment of quality speakers.

PI membership began to increase and at the end of the summer as we had a roster of 24 A.A. members with 8 women and 16 men. We also created a Leadership Group which met the second Monday of each month at the A.A. Central Office in Temecula. A plan was now developed to provide essential pamphlets, A.A. DVD's and a series of practice opportunities in which to describe, "what alcohol did to me (both positive and negative)" and "what has A.A. meant to me." Members put their thoughts on paper to structure their presentation. Everyone seemed to be having fun. As we got closer to Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> people began to withdraw from the group as we lost fifty percent of the membership in the final two weeks of the preparation. Wow! The final training session took place on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and everyone left with blurry eyes from crying as we listened to our members sad tales.

At 6:50 a.m. on 9/18/17, nine speakers were in the 805 Teacher Lounge and were ready to go. Period 1 and period 5 were double periods as there were two classes of Health Education scheduled. This "mighty" group of speakers broke up in groups of 3 for the first four presentations and increased to 4 speakers per period with the last five presentations. Nine presentations – WOW! They "touched" close to 300 students during their presentations. Let me share with you the response received from the head teacher;

"Thank you and your team SO VERY MUCH for providing our students with the opportunity to learn from such a kind and caring group of individuals! I believe the program was a smashing success!!!! I would very much like to do the same thing next semester, and of course we can work on addressing, as a group, what we think our strengths were and what we could do to improve."

It was definitely worth the time, effort and commitment. One of our speakers said, "I'd like to do that every week."

## Here Come the Judge

An alcoholic judge gets tired of his caseload and decides to take the afternoon off. After a few drinks, he gets on the train headed for home. While on the train, he notices that the train starts spinning and promptly throws up all over himself. Upon arriving at his home, his worried wife exclaims, "Thank god you're alright. What happened to you?" The quick thinking judge explains that some drunk in court threw up all over him. She says "Well OK, why don't you hop in the shower and get cleaned up?" While in the shower, the wife asks the judge, "You know that drunk who threw up on you? Well, what did you do to him?" The Judge responds "Uh, I umm, gave him 30 days." Wife: "You should've given him 60 because he peed in your pants too!"

I was shocked, confused and bewildered as I entered Heaven's door  
 Not by the beauty of it all, or the lights or its decor.  
 But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp--  
 the thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.  
 There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.  
 Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice  
 Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,  
 was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.  
 I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.  
 How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.  
 And why's everyone so quiet, so somber? Give me a clue."  
 "Hush, child," said He "They're all in shock.  
 No one thought they'd see you."

Judge NOT.

***Anonymous***

Submitted by AC

## Serious Anonymous 12-Step Program

1. We admitted that we were powerless over seriousness -- that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that only by lightening up could we achieve a state of non-seriousness.
3. Made a decision to turn our constant self-criticism over to our sense of humor and learn to "lovingly and wholeheartedly" laugh at ourselves.
4. Decided to give ourselves a break once in a while, instead of constantly doing searching and fearless moral inventories of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being that our wrongs were often in our heads.
6. Were entirely ready to accept that our characters were as good as anybody else's and possibly better than most.
7. Quit harping on our shortcomings.
8. Made of list of all persons we thought we had harmed and saw that they'd forgotten all the crap we'd blown out of proportion.
9. Quit making amends for breathing air and taking up a few square feet of the planet's surface.
10. Resigned ourselves to the fact we were going to criticize ourselves at times, but would try to stick to our guns when we knew we were right.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to calm down and realize we're not responsible for everything.
12. Having experienced immense relief from these steps, we would try to carry this message to other over-serious people and to practice these principles in all of our affairs.

Author unknown.

## RENT-A-SPONSOR

- Are you tired of being told like it is?
- Still looking for that easier, softer way?
- Had enough of that same old time-tested direction?

**No Reading! No Writing! No Deadlines!**

### **STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- \*Listening to your sniveling without constant reference to the Big Book or Steps!
- \*Co-signing your excuses and rationalizations!
- \*Work only the Steps you want, in the order you choose!
- \*Learn the secret of giving it away before you even have it!
  
- \*Why "walk the walk" when you can just "talk the talk?"
- \*Remember, it's better to look good than to feel good!
- \*Why save your ass at the cost of losing your face?

Unknown Author [ <http://www.thejaywalker.com> ]

# AA Service Meetings

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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 <i>All are welcome,</i>	Central Office - but only Board members may vote.
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	Center for Spiritual Living - 26805 Murrieta Rd. Sun City, CA 92585
GSR Meeting - District 17	2nd Tuesday - 6:30pm	Center for Spiritual Living - 26805 Murrieta Rd. Sun City, CA 92585
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

## 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.**

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-(Temecula)
1st Friday	101 Meeting Starter Alano Club (Temecula)
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	Joel R
2nd Friday	Erica
2nd Weekend	Mosh Pit
3rd Monday	JUGS 2
3rd Tuesday	JUGS 2
3rd Wednesday	Grass Roots (Menifee)
3rd Thursday	Cheri
3rd Friday	Back To Basics (Sun City)
3rd Weekend	JUGS 2
4th Monday	Sunday 7 Am Attitude Adjustment (Lake Elsinore)
4th Tuesday	Dan C
4th Wednesday	Linda D
4th Thursday	Paul R
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	Bobbi And Richard
5th Thursday	Andrea
5th Friday	Brenda and John W (Wildomar)
5th Weekend	Men's Stag – Tuesday 7:30 pm (Temecula)



951-695-1535 24 hours

## 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.

### 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.

Please Share

Your

Experience

Strength

And

Hope!

**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-gazette/>

### Central Office Service

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!**

Please call (951) 695-1535

## September 2017 Group Contributions

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	Sep 17	Sep 16	\$ Change	Jan - Sep 17
Tem Del Rio Survivors	1,200.00	1,000.00	200.00	10,800.00
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella #164257	475.00	900.00	-425.00	3,865.00
Tem Just Us Girls 2	281.00	67.00	214.00	1,636.50
Tem Hill Recovery Sat 8am Early Risers	277.00	120.00	157.00	1,413.00
Tem Ser Cir/M-S 7am/Att Adj Group	249.65	0.00	249.65	2,000.89
Mur As Bill Sees It/Mon-Sat 7am Group	200.00	241.00	-41.00	1,272.50
Menifee/Sun 9am/Grass Roots #706488	144.96	103.00	41.96	871.07
Tem Serenity Friday 6pm #710973	142.85	124.00	18.85	586.76
Temecula The Mosh Pit	120.00	120.00	0.00	488.40
Mur Monday Night Men	100.00	100.00	0.00	900.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur 715pm/Serenity Seekers	44.00	0.00	44.00	194.00
Mur United Methodist/Tue 10am/Womens	0.00	50.00	-50.00	325.00
Mur United Methodist/Wed 8pm/Discussion	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.49
Mur/TVCO Intergroup/#179377	0.00	49.00	-49.00	500.25
Mur/UMC/Mon Noon/Womens ABSI #709011	0.00	0.00	0.00	188.80
Murrieta The Searching Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
SC Living The 12 Traditions Mon 7pm	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
SC Mernas/Wed 7am/Mens Breakfast	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Tem Alano Club Friday Speaker Mtg	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0.00
Tem Hill Recovery Mon 10am Open Arms	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Tem Mon Night Men	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Fri 7pm/Bats Belfry	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Mon 6pm/Mon Madness	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00

*Thank you!*

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Tem Pech Sr Ctr/Wed 7pm/Step Sisters	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.50
Tem Pechanga/Sun 730pm/Participation	0.00	123.60	-123.60	300.00
Tem Ser Cir Thursday 6pm	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Fri Noon/	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Thur Noon/Nooners	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Tem Ser Cir/Tue 730pm/Mens Stag	0.00	100.00	-100.00	225.00
Tem/Wed 5pm/Just Us Girls	0.00	40.00	-40.00	280.50
Temecula Joe & Charlie Workshop #711469	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Wildomar IVH/Fri 7pm/Step Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	190.00
Wildomar IVH/Mon 7pm/Lil Big Book	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00
Wildomar Wild Ones #653642	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Winchester/Sun 6pm/Outlaws	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Mur Salvation Army/Thurs 630pm/Solutio	0.00	20.00	-20.00	40.00
Mur Community House/Wed 7pm/Mens Stag	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
LE TMP Wed 530 The Pizza Mtg #709008	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00
LE TMP M-Sat 7am Early Birds	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
LE Meeting Place/M-F Noon/#171639	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
LE AOG Church/Wed Noon/Acceptance	0.00	10.00	-10.00	30.00
LE AOG Church/Thur Noon/Womens BB	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
ICYPAA	0.00	34.00	-34.00	0.00
Hemet Womens AA Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Anza Valley AA Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Anza Manic Mondays Women's Meeting	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,234.46</u></b>	<b><u>3,221.60</u></b>	<b><u>12.86</u></b>	<b><u>28,493.66</u></b>

*Thank you!*

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## Personal Contributions

## Valley Buck a Month Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
09/30/2017	Tom C	Personal Donations	15.00	09/13/2017	Just Us Girls	Valley Buck a Month Club	11.00
09/30/2017	Michael J	Personal Donations	10.00	09/30/2017	Gene W	Valley Buck a Month Club	5.00
09/30/2017	Debi G	Personal Donations	20.00	09/30/2017	Georgia	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Mark F	Personal Donations	10.00	09/30/2017	Tim	Valley Buck a Month Club	2.00
09/30/2017	Paul R	Personal Donations	20.00	09/30/2017	Bob	Valley Buck a Month Club	5.00
09/30/2017	Mike B	Personal Donations	20.00	09/30/2017	Tom	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Annie D	Personal Donations	40.00	09/30/2017	Mary	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Crystal B	Personal Donations	10.00	09/30/2017	Ron	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Tim M	Personal Donations	10.00	09/30/2017	Adam	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Jim F	Personal Donations	30.00	09/30/2017	Cat	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
09/30/2017	Terese B	Personal Donations	<u>20.00</u>	09/30/2017	Karen K	Valley Buck a Month Club	2.00
			<b><u>205.00</u></b>	09/30/2017	Mark	Valley Buck a Month Club	2.00
				09/30/2017	John	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
				09/30/2017	Ralph	Valley Buck a Month Club	10.00
				09/30/2017	Dedrick	Valley Buck a Month Club	10.00
				09/30/2017	Dan C	Valley Buck a Month Club	2.00
				09/30/2017	Don	Valley Buck a Month Club	1.00
				09/30/2017	Mark	Valley Buck a Month Club	5.00
				09/30/2017	Robin	Valley Buck a Month Club	2.00
				09/30/2017	Marcos	Valley Buck a Month Club	<u>5.00</u>
							<b><u>69.00</u></b>

**THANK YOU!**

## Central Office Activity

### September 2017

#### Activity Log

Phoned in	198
Walk ins	223
AA Meeting	97
Al-anon	1
12 Step	2
Donations/Purchases	108
Misc/Other Business	24

August 2017 Birthdays from Murrieta Community House ABSI Meeting J

1. Ralph Murrieta Celebrated 1 Year

#### Volunteers

1. Bert
2. Chris
3. Debi
4. Janice
5. Judy
6. Karen
7. Kelli
8. Mark
9. Melissa
10. Nick
11. Sarah
12. Steve
13. Stuart
14. Tony
15. Jack

## Gratitude Month November 2017

For decades now, AAs in the U.S. have set aside all of November as Gratitude Month – marking the occasion with a possible special contributions to the Offices around the country. In the spirit of the Seventh Tradition, A.A. is self-supporting through its members' contributions, and frequently turns away money from well-meaning outside contributors. This means that the active input of every A.A. is vital to the Fellowship.

The Temecula Valley Central Office wants you to participate in Gratitude Month this year. We need your support. Here are a few suggestions on how to make a contribution this month.

1. Have your group pass the basket a second time for TVCO during the month of November.
2. Make a personal donation to TVCO of \$36.50 in the month of November. This donation equates to a dime a day for 2016. Last year we had some individuals and groups donate a dollar for every day. \$365.00!
3. Follow the AA Birthday/Anniversary Plan and catch up on your birthday if you have not already donated a dollar, or two, for every year you have been sober.
4. Have your group donate to TVCO a Group Birthday donation of a dollar or two for every year your group has been in existence.

### "WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX"

"Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. It is each member's responsibility to support the services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.'s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported."

From MG-15 AA Guidelines on Finance