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Alcoholics Anonymous

Responsibility Pledge

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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Temecula Valley Central Office

# Gratitude Gazette

*Carrying the message throughout our valley*

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**“Editorial: On the 9th Step. . . "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.”**

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Like others of the Steps, Number Nine is closely related to Number Three --"to turn our will and our lives over to God as we understood Him." If we have accomplished this step to any measurable degree, we have attained at least a small measure of humility and a realization of our dependence on Him.

Having prepared a list of all people we have harmed and brought ourselves to the point where we are willing to make amends to them, our Ninth Step is one calling for positive action. There is a world of difference between being willing to do a thing and actually doing it. How many times in the pre-A.A. state have we said "I am sorry, I won't do it again" and felt that that constituted complete amends.

A sincere apology, with a true explanation to the person harmed, of what we believe to be the reason for our past actions can quite frequently readjust personal relations --but the A.A. realizes that this cannot take care of the ones we have really hurt and invariably these are the ones we should and do love most.

*(Continued)*

Most of us had at least a few years of real pathological drinking behind us when we first learned of the Twelve Steps. Those terrible years are the ones that become repulsive to us as we progress in our new-found life program for order and happiness--years in which our every action was influenced by alcoholic thinking, with all its implications. It naturally follows that whatever our state in life may be, those close to us bore the brunt of our outrageous behavior. How can one make amends to a dear wife, son or daughter or parent who through no fault of their own truly suffered physically and financially and more important, mentally, the humiliation and embarrassment of going through life with a drunkard? A simple "I am sorry; it won't happen again" is not enough. It is not enough for us and it is not enough for the aggrieved person.

Direct amends, by all means, is a must, in restoring physical property to the rightful owner, paying debts willingly within our ability to do so and retracting the lie that hurt a reputation; but the real amends are made in scrutinizing our day-in and day-out conduct and keeping that conduct "on the beam." The loved ones whom we have hurt don't want their "pound of flesh." Whether they are still in daily contact with us or not, amends are best made to them by restoring the love and confidence and respect they once had for us by the action of right living. With that thought clearly in our minds that "first drink" is an improbability, even an impossibility and the well-rounded, good life we all yearn for becomes readily visible to us.

~R.H.



## Service Meetings

H&I Committee Meeting	1st Monday 7:30 pm	Temecula Valley Alano Club 27470 Commerce Center Dr. Temecula, CA 92590
TVCO Board Meeting	1st Tuesday 6:30pm Visitors welcome as observers	Central Office 28636 Old Town Front St #106, Temecula, CA 92590
Mid So-Cal Area Meeting	2nd Sunday 9:30am	See the MSCA website <a href="http://msca09aa.org/">http://msca09aa.org/</a>
District 17 GSR Meeting	2nd Tues 6:30pm Visitors Welcome!	Springs Church 41735 Winchester Rd #C Temecula, CA 92590 <a href="https://www.aadistrict17.org/">https://www.aadistrict17.org/</a>
Intergroup Meeting	3rd Tuesday 6:45pm Visitors Welcome!	United Methodist Church, Murrieta 24652 Adams (At Kalmia & Adams) <a href="http://www.temeculacentraloffice.org/">http://www.temeculacentraloffice.org/</a>

# Tradition 9

Tradition 9, short form: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

To get a clearer understanding of the intended message, I think the original long form of Tradition 9 must be reviewed.

It reads:

***"Each A.A. Group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee and the groups of a large Metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The Trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office in New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, "The A.A. Grapevine." All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."***

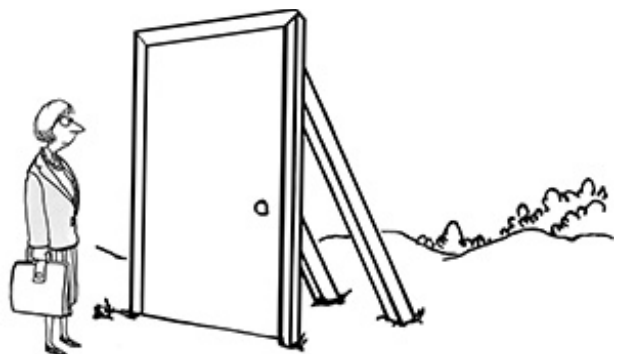
In every other society I can think of, a layered organization is critical, vital to its continuity. Every society it seems, except Alcoholic Anonymous. "Let's keep it simple" were the last words we heard from its fellow founder to his AA brother on his deathbed, and so it seems that this 9th Tradition has flowered from that very thought. By keeping to the tradition of the "least possible organization", small groups can limit this to rotating its positions such as secretary, coffee-makers, etc. Larger groups can likewise rotate its Intergroup Boards. Both groups governed by no other, propelled and guided solely by the spirit of service. In recognizing that the true leaders in AA are nothing but experienced and trusted servants, we can take pride in this difference between authority and service, two concepts that are at times polar opposites. It is in the spiritual principles given to us through Alcoholics Anonymous that intense gratitude is born in us, and with that, this spirit of service. As Bill wrote in the Grapevine in 1948: "With such assurances, we shall without doubt, continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry out our A.A. message to others; to make for ourselves a finer greater society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity."

~Anonymous

***"This could lead to the road of happy destiny,  
but right now I just hope its the door to the  
bathroom!"***

—Laura J., Mammoth Lakes, CA.

~reprinted from <http://www.aagrapevine.org/cartoon-winners> August 2018



# What Is the Public Information Committee?

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with Public Information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public through activities such as giving A.A. information talks at schools and civic organization meetings, providing A.A. literature to schools and offices, and insuring local media have accurate information and providing them with A.A. public service announcements.

~ Reprinted from aa.org

This will add up to be fourteen total visits where our trained ambassadors carry the message at non-AA events.

## News From the

## Public Information Committee

The Public Information Committee (PI) continues to have our leadership meeting each month. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the AA Central Office in Temecula from 4:15-5:15pm. The next meeting is 9/10/18 and we invite you to join us!

On August 25th, we had a remarkable training for 3 of our PI speakers, Bill D, Ethan W and Michael N. We are scheduled for a second training session on Sept 1st for Lawrence W, Megan and Michelle. There is a suggested guideline to follow when carrying the message to non-AA meetings and events. We are creating resources for the still suffering alcoholic in the public.

Our speakers have been visiting 9th grade health education classes for the past two years. On a regular classroom schedule, four speakers will present their experiences dealing with both positives and negatives and what AA has done for the member and the family.

We are looking forward to our upcoming visits to Temescal Canyon High School, Elsinore High School, Lakeside High School, Ortega High School and Murrieta Valley High School. This will add up to be fourteen total visits where our trained ambassadors carry the message at non-AA events.

Come and learn more about us!

Warren S.

Public Information Committee Chairperson  
951-609-5551

**WE NEED YOU!!**



**Gratitude Gazette**

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**Now accepting your submissions!**

Submit your original:

- Articles on the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, Service, or other recovery related material
- Photos, Jokes, Art,
- Poems

Please email submissions to:

**Temeculaaa@verizon.net**

# Upcoming Events & Office News

## Mark Your Calendar!

- ⇒ Sun, 9/16/18  
8am-5pm TVCO Softball  
Tournament  
Cal Oaks Sport Park  
10am-12pm Chili & Bakery Cookoff
- ⇒ Sat, 9/22/18 H&I Talent Show  
9am-3pm—Ronald Reagan Sports Park
- ⇒ Friday, 11/9/18 Central Office  
Anniversary Dance

## Hotline Schedule

### Week 1

Mon: Just Us Girls  
Tues: Tues 10am Women's 12x12 Murrieta  
Wed: Frank P  
Thurs: Thurs Women's 10am-Lyndie Lane, Temecula  
Fri: 101 Meeting Starters Temecula  
Sa/Sun: Liberty Bells, Lake Elsinore

### Week 2

Mon: Saturday Early Risers, Temecula  
Tues: Unity Hall 7am, Sun City  
Wed: The Funks  
Thurs: Frank P  
Fri: Erica  
Sa/Sun: Mosh Pit

### Week 3

Mon: JUGS 2, Temecula  
Tues: JUGS 2, Temecula  
Wed: Grass Roots, Menifee  
Thurs: Bert  
Fri: Back To Basics, Sun City  
Sa/Sun: JUGS2, Temecula

### Week 4

Mon: Sunday 7am Attitude Adjustment, Lake Elsinore  
Tues: Searching Party  
Wed: Linda D.  
Thurs: Step Sisters Pechanga Wed night  
Fri: Women's Candlelight Thursday, Temecula  
Sa/Sun: Wild Ones, Wildomar

## Service Opportunities

- ⇒ Central Office Volunteer. Shifts open M-F 10am-12:30pm, 12:30pm-3pm, or 3pm-5:30pm  
Sat shift is 9am-12pm
- ⇒ 12 Step calls—Ken is currently putting together a list of people available for 12 step calls
- ⇒ Intergroup Outreach Committee  
meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at Central Office.
- ⇒ Public Information Committee meets 2nd Monday each month from 4:15-5:15pm at Central Office

## August Office Activity

Phoned in: 249  
Walked in: 215  
AA Mtg requests: 180  
Al-Anon Alateen requests: 30  
Donations/Purchases: 205  
Misc: 40  
Website Activity: 4259 visits, up 38%

## Volunteers

1. Bert
2. Mark F.
3. Debi G.
4. Kelli
5. Diane S.
6. Dee Dee
7. Janice M.
8. Maricella
9. Chris

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### How Central Office Serves

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 & the 12x12
- ⇒ Grapevine Publications & Other Assorted Literature
- ⇒ Chips & Newcomer Packets.
- ⇒ Meeting Schedules
- ⇒ Information for other Central Offices

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. Being self-supporting means not only paying for your rent and coffee, but also paying for the services you receive through Central Office.

If your group has stopped contributing (or never started), please bring it up at your next business meeting and take a group conscious. Let us know when and how we can help.

~Your Central Office Team

# A.A.'s Legacy of Service

By BILL W. as printed in the pamphlet P-44

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

“In order to keep it, you must give it away”





### Current Group Attendance

Groups become inactive after 2 consecutively missed meetings. They become active again after 2 consecutively attended meetings. In-Active groups do not have voting rights. (The red "A" is used to mark an absence)

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#	Meeting Represented	Group Status	Month:											
			J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1	LE Liberty Bell	Active	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X				
2	LE AOG Wednesday Noon	In-Active	A	X	X	A	A	X	A	A				
3	LE Attitude Modification Sunday	Active	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X				
4	(intentionally left Blank)													
5	Mur ABSI Mon-Sat	Active	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X				
6	Mur Wednesday Stag	Active	X	A	A	X	A	A	X	X				
7	Mur Lil Big Book	Active	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	X				
	Mur Tuesday Womens	Active	X	X	A	x	A	X	A	X				
8	Mur Kalmia & Adams wed	Active	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	A				
9	Mur Solutions Meeting at the Sally	Active	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X				
10	Mur Robber's Roost	Active	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	A				
11	Mur Thurs. Nite 12x12	Active							X	X				
12	SC Fri 10AM womens 12x12 Unity	Active								X				
13	Menifee Grass Roots	Active	A	X	X	X	A	X	X	X				
14	SC Monday nigh Traditions study	Active			X	X	X	X	X	A				
15	SC Thursday 7AM Unity	Active							X	X				
16	SC Freeway Flyers Unity 5:30	Active							X	A				
17	SC Th. 715PM Womens BB Unity									X				
18	6pm Mon. Night Womens Madness	Active						X	X	X				
19	Heart of Temecula Mon. 7:30	Active					X	X	X	A				
	Tem Early Risers	Active	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	A				
20	Tem Mosh Pit	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
21	Tem Serenity Seekers	Active	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X				
22	Tem alano club tues traditions	Active			X	X	X	X	X	X				
23	Tem Mens Stag Serenity	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
24	Tem Saturday Att Adj	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A				
25	Tem Came to Believe	Active	X	A	X	A	X	A	X	X				
26	Tem Saturday Survivors	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
27	Tem Just us Girls TUMC	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
28	Tem sisters in sobriety wed 4:45	Active			X	X	X	X	X	A				
29	Temecula Monday Night Men	Active	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A				
30	Tem Del Rio Wed Wmn Prim Pur	Active							X	X				
31	Tem Principles Before Personalities	In-Active	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	A				
31	Tem Del Rio Veterans Mtg Wed	Active							X	A				
32	Tem Del Rio Tuesday 12 noon	Active							X	X				
33	Tem Del Rio Thursday 12 noon	Active							X	X				
34	Tem Pechanga step sisters wed nite	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
35	Tem Sunday Serenity Hour 6pm	In-Active	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	A				
36	Tem World Famous Speaker	Active	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A				
37	Tem Wed Breakfast club	Active			X	X	A	X	X	X				
38	Wildomar Grape St Friday 12X12	Active	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X				
39	Wildomar Pigs on Sunday at Grape	Active	X	A	A	X	X	X	X	A				
40	Wildomar Wild Ones at Grape	Active	X	X	A	A	X	X	X	X				
41	Tem Del Rio Tues 830 candlelight	In-Active								X				
42	Tem Del Rio Sun young alcoholics	In-Active								X				
43	Serenity Fri 10am womens BB	In-Active								X				
44	Tem Del Rio Survivors	Active							X	X				
		Active Meetings:	40											
		Registered IG Meetings:	69											
		Meetings in the schedule:	283											

# Group Contributions

## For August 2018

Tem. Del Rio Survivors	.....	\$1,200.00	Temecula Just Us Girls	.....	\$76.23
SC Unity Hall/Umbrella	.....	\$750.00	Lake Elsinore TMP Wed 5:30	.....	\$20.00
Tem Hill Recovery Sat 8am	.....	\$25.00	The Pizza Meeting		
Early Risers			Murrieta United Methodist,		
			Thurs 8pm Step Sudy	.....	\$145.00
Murrieta As Bill Sees It/ Mon-Sat 7am Grp #393	.....	\$268.72	Tem. Serenity Monday 6pm	.....	\$50.00
Murrieta As Bill Sees It/ Mon-Sat 7am Grp #394	.....	\$31.00	Anonymous Grp Donation	.....	\$27.18
Murrieta/TVCO Intergroup	.....	\$45.00	Tem. Pechanga SR. CTR Wed		
Serenity Mon Noon	.....	\$85.80	7pm Step Sisters	.....	\$20.00
			Lake Elsinore Meeting Place		
			Sun 1030 Spkr Mtg	.....	\$18.00

A word of thanks goes out to all of you who donate  
your time, your money, your resources and  
yourself.

When you give of yourself, you get out of  
yourself. None of us would be here without the  
willingness and gifts from each other.

*Thank you for all you do!*

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*Noun*

The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for  
and to return kindness.

Synonyms: gratefulness, thankfulness, thanks, appreciation, in-  
debtedness, recognition, acknowledgement, credit