

# CENTRAL NEWS

December 2017



Exeter Persimmons Allen L.

## *Who Is a Member of Alcoholics Anonymous?*

The first edition of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" makes this brief statement about membership: "The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect, or denomination nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted." This expressed our feelings as of 1939, the year our book was published. Since that day all kinds of experiments with membership have been tried. The number of membership rules which have been made (and mostly broken!) are legion. Two or three years ago the General Office asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in. After they arrived we set them all down. They took a great many sheets of paper. A little reflection upon these many rules brought us to an astonishing conclusion. If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined Alcoholics Anonymous. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by! In some cases we would have been too discouraged by the demands made upon us. Most of the early members of A.A. would have been thrown out because they slipped too much, because their morals were too bad, because they had

mental as well as alcoholic difficulties. Or, believe it or not, because they did not come from the so-called better classes of society. We oldsters could have been excluded for our failure to read the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" or the refusal of our sponsor to vouch for us as a candidate. And so on ad infinitum. The way our "worthy" alcoholics have sometimes tried to judge the "less worthy" is, as we look back on it, rather comical. Imagine, if you can, one alcoholic judging another! At one time or another most A.A. groups go on rule-making benders. Naturally enough, too, as a group commences to grow rapidly it is confronted with many alarming problems. Panhandlers begin to panhandle. Members get drunk and sometimes get others drunk with them. Those with mental difficulties throw depressions or break out into paranoid denunciations of fellow members. Gossips gossip and righteously denounce the local Wolves and Red Riding Hoods. Newcomers argue that they aren't alcoholics at all, but keep coming around anyway. "Slippees" trade on the fair name of A.A. in order to get themselves jobs. Others refuse to accept all the Twelve Steps of the recovery program. Some go still further, saying that the "God business" is bunk and quite unnecessary. Under these conditions our conservative program, abiding

members get scared. These appalling conditions must be controlled, they think, else A.A. will surely go to rack and ruin. They view with alarm for the good of the movement! At this point the group enters the rule and regulation phase. Charters, bylaws and membership rules are excitedly passed and authority is granted committees to filter out undesirables and discipline the evildoers. Then the Group Elders, now clothed with authority, commence to get busy. Recalcitrants are cast into the outer darkness; respectable busy bodies throw stones at the sinners. As for the so-called sinners, they either insist on staying around, or else they form a new group of their own. Or maybe they join a more congenial and less intolerant crowd in their neighborhood. The elders soon discover that the rules and regulations aren't working very well. Most attempts at enforcement generate such waves of dissension and intolerance in the group that this condition is presently recognized to be worse for the group life than the very worst that the worst ever did. After a time fear and intolerance subside. The group survives unscathed. Everybody has learned a great deal. So it is that few of us are any longer afraid of what any newcomer can do to our A.A. reputation or effectiveness. Those who slip, those who panhandle, those who scandalize, those with mental twists, those who rebel at the program, those who trade on the A.A. reputation—all such persons seldom harm an A.A. group for long. Some of these have become our most respected and best loved. Some have remained to try our patience. sober nevertheless. Others have drifted away. We have begun to regard these not as menaces, but rather as our teachers. They oblige us to cultivate patience, tolerance, and humility. We finally see that they are only people sicker than the rest of us, that we who condemn them are the Pharisees whose false righteousness does our group the deeper spiritual damage. Every older A.A. shudders when he remembers the names of persons he once condemned; people he confidently predicted would never sober up; persons he was sure ought to be thrown out of A.A. for the good of the movement. Now that some of these very persons have been sober for years, and may be numbered among his best friends, the old-timer thinks to himself, "What if everybody had judged these people as I once did? What if A.A. had slammed its door in their faces? Where would they be now?" That is why we all judge the newcomer less and less. If alcohol is an uncontrollable problem to him and he wishes to do something about it, that is enough

for us. We care not whether his case is severe or light, whether his morals are good or bad, whether he has other complications or not. Our A.A. door stands wide open, and if he passes through it and commences to do anything at all about his problem, he is considered a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He signs nothing, agrees to nothing, promises nothing. We demand nothing. He joins us on his own say-so. Nowadays, in most groups, he doesn't even have to admit he is an alcoholic. He can join A.A. on the mere suspicion that he may be one, that he may already show the fatal symptoms of our malady. Of course this is not the universal state of affairs throughout A.A. Membership rules still exist. If a member persists in coming to meetings drunk he may be led outside; we may ask someone to take him away. But in most groups he can come back next day, if sober. Though he may be thrown out of a club, nobody thinks of throwing him out of A.A. He is a member as long as he says he is. While this broad concept of A.A. membership is not yet unanimous, it does represent the main current of A.A. thought today. We do not wish to deny anyone his chance to recover from alcoholism. We wish to be just as inclusive as we can, never exclusive. Perhaps this trend signifies something much deeper than a mere change of attitude on the question of membership. Perhaps it means that we are losing all fear of those violent emotional storms which sometimes cross our alcoholic world; perhaps it bespeaks our confidence that every storm will be followed by a calm; a calm which is more understanding, more compassionate, more tolerant than any we ever knew before.

Bill W. A.A. Grapevine, Inc, August 1946

## Step 12

*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

I experienced this Step in three parts. The first concerns the spiritual awakening. I was an agnostic when I came to A.A., and had no interest in spiritual matters, other than distilled ones. All I wanted was the secret to not wanting to drink. I stopped drinking many times, but could not stay stopped. When I started drinking again, every aspect of life always got worse. A.A. members told

me that only a Higher Power could relieve me of the obsession to drink. I worked through my agnosticism and cynicism in Steps 1, 2 and 3. I began to pray and trust God. This allowed me to take Steps Four through Nine. As the result, I have had a spiritual awakening, and God is a part of my life. The obsession to drink was lifted. I keep it lifted with Steps Ten and Eleven. The second part of Step Twelve: I have carried the message of this recovery to alcoholics in several ways. I have service positions with groups to make meetings possible. I have gone on 12 step calls to still-shaking drunks. I have taken men through the Steps and stay in this work continuously. The third part of Step 12 concerns "practicing these principles in all our affairs". This is preceded by the word "and". I believe this is important, because it means that it is not enough to just be spiritual and work with drunks. I offer a quote from Bill W., from "As Bill sees it", p.21, "I just know that you are expected, at some point, to do more than carry the message of A.A. to other alcoholics. In A.A. we aim not only for sobriety- we try again to become citizens of the world that we rejected, and of the world that once rejected us. This is the ultimate demonstration toward which Twelfth Step work is the first but not the final step." I take this to mean that 12 Step work includes service to our community outside the rooms of A.A.. If a member volunteers at a hospital or the rescue mission; that is Twelve Step work. I recently had a sponsee express concern over a possible conflict between A.A. service commitments and positions he held in two non-profit service organizations. I assured him that the non-profit work was not "stealing" time from A.A.. He is truly blessed to be able to do both. The question is always one of balance, just as it frequently is when we budget our time between recovery, family and work. (Note that recovery is first. Without it, we will not long have the other two.) Being open and honest with my sponsor, friends and family helps me maintain balance in my life, and to attain that most elusive of qualities, emotional sobriety

Our circle and triangle emblem has three sides: Unity, Recovery and Service. If we take one of these away, the triangle is incomplete and falls. Perhaps it is the same with our Twelfth Step; to complete it, we must attend to all three of its parts in balance.

Mark G.  
Visalia

*Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."*

## Tradition 12

The founding spiritual principle of Tradition Twelve is humility. The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions states ... "anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public." This prevents any member from becoming a super-star in the fellowship, in the sense of being "better than." We remain on a first-name basis as a measure of the equality in A.A. No one member is more important than another. However... there are some members that give a pretty darn good pitch, and have become as famous as one can get in an anonymous fellowship. I am a part of three groups that put on A.A. speaker events. In choosing a speaker, we listen to many A.A. talks on CD's and on-line. Some of these women and men really have a star quality; truly magnetic speakers. We discuss them, trade CD's, and ultimately vote to make a booking. This must be done up to a year in advance of an event, because these folks are in demand. We work hard to make the speaker feel welcome: make airline and hotel reservations, assign a speaker host, arrange transportation and a gift basket for the room and make sure they are taken care of in every way we can. We print and distribute fliers and make announcements at meetings. Getting a great speaker is the main attraction of the event. It's a program of attraction, and we want to get the best messenger we can. All this fuss over a speaker may seem contrary to Tradition 12. After all, it's supposed to be "Principles before personalities", and we do a good deal of work to get the best personality we can. However, the one great asset that all of our speakers have in common is humility. We may treat them like celebrities, but they don't act the part. Most seem rather embarrassed by the attention, and often refuse expenses. There is never a demand to pick out the blue M&M's from the snack bowl, but genuine gratitude for the arrangements, no matter how modest. The best A.A. Speakers are rich in humility and short on ego. (You must have some ego to get up in front of all those people.) Humility combined with ability is what creates the demand for a speaker. As long as we keep our

promotion inside A.A., we comply with the Tradition. We have some amazing messengers in our fellowship, who can work the Twelfth Step, without worrying about breaking the Twelfth Tradition.

Mark G.  
Visalia, Ca

## Speaker Meetings

### Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday December 1st, 2017 at 8:00 PM

**Speaker: - Bob H. - Exeter, CA**

### Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

Friday, December 8th, 2017 at 8:00 PM

**Speaker: - Joyce R,**

### Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 10:15AM

(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)

**Speaker: Tim M. - Fresno, CA**

*1st Sunday This Month Only!*

### The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting

The Gallery @ The Creative Center

410 E. Race Ave.

Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

**Dec 6 – Mark G. of Visalia – 7 Years!**

**Dec 13 – Mike K. of Visalia (Oildale) – 32 Years!**

**Dec 20 – Lynn S. of Visalia – 11 Years!**

**Dec 27 - Sally C. of South Bend, IN – 35 Years!**

**That's 85 years of sobriety in four simple one-hour sessions!**

## December AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Jean M.	Hanford	50
Bob H.	Exeter	43
Art M.	Three Rivers	43
Fran M.	Fresno	37
Becky L.	Porterville	36
Paul B.	Visalia	34
Hernandez	Tulare	34
Gary L.	Pixley	33
Dave L.	Conifer, CO	31
Dale S.	Exeter	31
Janet O.	Dinuba	30
Margie M.	Visalia	30
Robin S.	Visalia	30
Shannon S.	Porterville	29
Abraham G.	Visalia	29
Roy E.	Visalia	29
Jeff R.	Visalia	28
Bob N.	Lindsay	28
Tom H.	Visalia	28
Roger C.	Visalia	27
Antonia M.	Visalia	27
Scott B.	Porterville	26
Lisa S.	Visalia	26
Mike Y.	Visalia	26
Jim M.	Tulare	25
Victoria B.	Visalia	25
Linda B.	Visalia	25
Bob F.	Medford, OR	24
Bob S.	Porterville	23
Debbie A.	Tulare	23
Danny G.	Visalia	22
Belynda S.	Visalia	18
Tim T.	Visalia	16
Billy L.	Visalia	15
Paul F.	Visalia	15
Tina M.	Porterville	12
Paul M.	Exeter	10
Sandy H.	Visalia	7
Mark G.	Visalia	7
Ray D.	Visalia	4
Barbara VB	Visalia	3
Louie T	Strathmore	2

## Upcoming Events

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# Central Service Meeting

## Minutes November 14, 2017

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00

**CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doug H, Bob H., Stella T., & Sheri T.

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Mark

**SERENITY PRAYER:** Led by Doug H.

**12 TRADITIONS:** Louise

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Julie motioned, Louise 2nd and group approved

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Sheri read minutes

**TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT:** We had an income of \$3,095.45 and expenses of \$3,797.64 for a loss of \$702.19 for this accounting period. Group contributions were good. Sales were about average. Expenses: we had a \$1,003.50 literature order for this period and we also paid the rent for the hall for the New Year's Celebration. We had \$179.08 in net sales from the Square card sales from 6 transactions in October. We had 9 customers on Saturdays in October receiving \$206.61 total. The office has been operation normally. Submitted by Bob H. Treasurer

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Going well and had 133 unique visitors per day and 62 for Springville. 1,899 hits on page views for meeting directory.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT:** Stella- nothing to report at this time

**STEP FOR NEWSLETTER - VOLUNTEER**

December Step 12 Mark G.

Due to CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 11/20/17

January Step 1 Sheri

Due to CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 12/20/17

**TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

December Tradition 12 Mark G.

Due to CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 11/20/17

January Tradition 1 Julie

Due to CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 12/20/17

**H&I REPORT** - 2 volunteers signed up to go to Corcoran jail. There will also be a training conducted for Corcoran jail. They are also going to Pine & Robinson House and turning point twice a month. Next H&I meeting will be on 1/13/18 at 9am. Reported by Mike.

**GSO LIAISON-** None

**CSR REPORTS**

**Doug H.-Acceptance Group-**This is an open, Gay AA meeting in Porterville but everyone is welcome. We meet at the First Congregational Church at Fourth & Mill. This is a 1 hr meeting from 6-7 pm every Wednesday. The meeting has been growing; there have 20 - 25 people in attendance recently. We discuss what is going on in your sobriety today. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Wednesday of the month. Our group has been able to contribute to Central Office.

**Louise G.-The Rainbow Group-**We meet Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Polar Bear Room at Kaweah Delta Rehab on Acres. This is a 90 minute open gay AA meeting with a good balance of newcomers-middle-timers and old-timers. It is a chip meeting with birthdays celebrated the last Saturday of the month. Business meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month. Attendance averages around 15-20 attendees. A timer is used so more people can share.

**Mark G.-Valley Group-**The Valley Group presents a speaker meeting each Wednesday night at the Creative Center in Visalia. This is located at Race and Santa Fe, next to the Ice House Theater. This one-hour, weekly meeting features a single speaker sharing his or her unique message of recovery. Speakers are from communities throughout the central valley. It is an open meeting with an average attendance of 120 people. Court cards are accepted. It's a great place to meet friends, hear a great message and get ready for recovery.

**Keith A.-Springville Speaker Breakfast-**We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Springville. Breakfast is served between 8 and 10 am. and costs \$5.00. We usually serve around 65-80 breakfasts. The meeting starts at 10:15 with a 10 minute speaker. The main speaker starts around 11 am. For the month of December the meeting will be held the 1st Sunday instead of 2nd due to the Holiday schedule and will resume back to normal in January. The December speaker is Tim M. from Fresno. Come and join us!

**Julie M - Springville Gut Level Group-**We meet from 7 - 8:30 at the Lighthouse Chapel every Thursday night. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. We do ask if you are not an alcoholic that you please do not share-you are more than welcome to listen. Birthdays are celebrated the last Thursday of the month. Attendance usually around 15-25 good range of sobriety all around. Great mix of old and new sobriety. Great meeting come join us!

**Rae Ann B.-Tues Women's Amity Group-** This is a closed women's meeting for 90 minutes every Tuesday. We meet at Trinity United Reformed Church 6400 W. Walnut Ave. from 6:30-8:00pm. Business meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday after the regular meeting. We celebrate birthdays at the end of the month and give out chips weekly. We average 25-35 women with various lengths of sobriety. We also have many service positions.

**Stella T - Women's Changes-** This is an open women's meeting each Tuesday evening at 7 pm at the Church of the Nazarene in Porterville, 2005 W Olive St. in the Hope Room. This is a 1 hour meeting. A chairperson reads from AA approved materials and shares from their personal experience as it relates to the reading. The meeting is then open for discussion. Our business meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of the month during the final 15 min of the regular meeting. We celebrate AA birthdays on the last Tuesday of the month with either a potluck or a restaurant gathering

before the meeting. Cake is served following the birthday mtg.

**Rae Ann B.-Practicing the Principles AA Group-** This is a closed group which meets every Monday from 7pm-8pm at Christ Lutheran Church 3830 W. Tulare Ave in Visalia. We read from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and then there is discussion time. On the last Monday, we read the Tradition for that month. We give out chips weekly and celebrate birthdays. Attendance ranges from 20-30 people with various lengths of sobriety. All are welcome.

**Jonathan T – Tulare Unity Young People** – We meet every Saturday evening at 7:30 located at 220 W. Tulare Ave. for a young people's AA meeting. It's an open meeting where everyone is welcome! Please come and join us! Chip meeting and great fellowship.

**Jonathan T. –Monday Men's Stag Visalia** – We meet every Monday night at PPAV Hall, Visalia at 7:30 pm. Business meeting 1st Monday of each month. We celebrate birthdays at the last Monday of each month. We give out chips for various lengths of sobriety. Lots of experience, strength & hope in this closed men's group.

**Mike K-Sunday AM Serenity Seekers** – We meet at the Alano Club every Sunday from 10-11:30 AM. We have between 20-30 members attending regularly. We pass out chips every week and have a birthday celebration on the last Sunday of each month. We regularly contribute to all AA entities. Court cards are accepted. All are welcome.

**Alfonso P. – Dr. Bob and Friends** - This is a closed AA book study that meets every Wed and Thurs night from 7-8pm at 1804 N. Court St. in Visalia. We offer serious AA recovery.

**Alfonso P. – The Forgiveness Group** – Visalia – This group no longer meets due to lack of interest.

**Trudy W. – Lindsay Fireside Fellowship** - We meet Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 in the Fireside Room of Lindsay United Methodist Church (corner of Honolulu & Gale Hill due east of post office and city hall.) We are an open meeting; a small number of regulars welcomes newcomers and card carriers equally, sharing sobriety old and new. We celebrate birthdays the last Thursday of the month. Come help us keep the lights on for this community with recovery needs.

**Cody C. – Wednesday Spiritual Center of Living young people AA meeting** – We meet on Wednesdays from 7-8pm. The business meeting is held the last Wednesday of the month after the meeting. This is an open meeting with good attendance. We hand out chips and enjoy great fellowship. There is always room to grow at this meeting. We do sign court cards at this meeting. Also, there is a Tucypaa event on December 2nd starting at 4:30 located at Christ Lutheran Church. This will be an ugly Christmas sweater party, meeting and will have a baked goods sale with white elephant gag gift exchange. Everyone is welcome. For New Year's we will be serving Tri tip, chicken

with rice, salad, vegetables, cake & refreshments.

**Billy B. – Bridge Street Drunks Only** – We have 20 meetings a week. 7am meetings closed to AA's only and have about 20 average in attendance. It is a meeting with good long-term sobriety and a good mix with newcomers. This meeting is 7 days a week. Noon meeting 7 days a week. About 20 Average attendance. Mon-Fri are closed meetings. Sat & Sun are open meetings. Women meeting on Monday 5:30 pm with good attendance. Tuesday evening Literature study now in "As Bill Sees It" about 10 in attendance and is an open meeting. Wednesday evening 12 X 12 step study at 6pm. This is an open meeting and has about 10 in attendance. Thursday 7pm primary purpose meeting about 30 in attendance. Open meeting. Good place for newcomers to study the book. Easy to find a sponsor who will take you through the steps. Saturday evenings 7 pm which is an open discussion meeting. Sunday evening 10th step meeting – discussing of AA inventory now moved to 5pm. Closed meeting for AA's only. Holiday Meetings: Christmas Eve- Midnight to 1AM on Christmas. New Year's Eve-Midnight to 1Am New Year's day. Birthday meeting is the last Saturday of the month. Alternates between after 7pm meetings and noon meetings.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. **New Year's Celebration December 31, 2017 at the Lindsay Memorial Building: 775 Elmwood Ave.**

a. Planning meets at 6:30 right before C.S.R. meeting- please attend and help for this wonderful celebration

b. Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Bake Sale Auction 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Speaker meeting 8:00-9:30 pm. Dance 9:30 to 1:00AM Tickets \$22 in advance \$25 at the door.

c. Speaker: Robert M. from Tujunga CA and amazing band!!!!

d. Tickets given to CSR's to sell at meetings

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Central Office Hours-** still in conversation

2. **Central Office Board members-** Complete nominations and election at December Central Office meeting.

3. **Central Office Volunteers for Saturdays** – discussion about volunteers or a part-time paid additional person will be reviewed at board meeting.

**SEVENTH TRADITION: \$40.00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM**

Sheri T.

# District 47 Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by acting DCM Allen L.

**Committee:** Absent w/notification Josh F. DCM/ Present Greg G., D-47 Treasurer/ Present Cheryl H., D-47 Recording Secretary/ and GSR for the 2nd Sunday Speaker Breakfast Group of Springville. Allen L., GSR for Visalia Serenity Seekers AM Group; Don H., GSR of Visalia Bridge Street Group; Brook L., Alt GSR for Bridge Street. The Serenity Prayer and the GSR Preamble were recited by all present.

**Approval of Minutes:** MSP for approval of minutes for October D-47 meeting with the following correction; John W. is GSR of the Tulare Alpha Group, not the Visalia Civic Center Group.

**Treasurer's Report** – Beginning Balance \$ 1,826.38 contributions totaled \$ 162.71, GSR Assembly expenses totaled \$200.00. Ending Balance \$ 1,789.09. Report on file. CSO Report – Cheryl attended October CSO meeting as liaison for D-47. New Year's party in planning stages. Saturday office hours generating positive results. Revenue is increasing, Central Office on sound financial footing. DCM Report – In Josh's absence, the committee discussed the need for GSR's. District election will be held in December.

**GSR Reports. Cheryl H. Springville 2nd Sun Breakfast Speaker Meeting.** We have Hot coffee and fabulous food capped by awesome speakers! \$5.00 for breakfast, we start serving about 8am. Speaker meeting starts at 10:15, we are out of there by noon. **John W. Tulare Alpha Group;** We have between 8 and 12 members attending weekly. We are self-supporting and contribute to the 4 service entities when possible. We are an open participation meeting and welcome everyone. **Allen L. Visalia AM Serenity Seekers AA Group;** We meet Sunday mornings at the Visalia Alano Club at 10am. **Don H. Visalia Bridge Street Group;** Don is moving out of the district. His group will have a business meeting to approve Brook L as the GSR of the group.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) District 47 elections to be held in December. All positions need to be filled.
- 2) CNIA Election Assembly in Sacramento November 17-19.

## NEW BUSINESS:

GSR Don H. of the Bridge Street Group will be moving out of District 47. Thank you for your service Don!! December D-47 will be a pizza celebration. Cheryl will bring dessert.

**7th Tradition:** \$ 36.00

The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl H.

# Service Meetings

## AND ADDRESSES

### GSR Meeting at Central Office

449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM

### CSR Meeting at Central Office

449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:00 PM

New Year's Planning Meeting 6:30 P.M.

### H&I Meeting at Alano Club

Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray

Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9:00 am

2nd Saturday of odd months.

## SERVICE ADDRESSES

### Tulare County Central Office

449 E. Maple St..

Exeter, CA 93221

### District 47, C.N.I.A.

P.O. Box 273

Exeter, CA 93221

### CNIA Treasurer

PO Box 161712

Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

### General Service Office

PO Box 459, Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

# Upcoming Events

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# Lighter Side of AA

## WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

An Irish man walks into a pub & the bartender asks him what he wants to drink.

The man says, "Give me three pints of Guinness please."

So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more.

The bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold but you don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye out and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."

The man thanks the bartender and says, "Thank you for your concern but that isn't why I order three at a time. You see, I have two brothers, one is in Australia and one is in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together.

The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition.

Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more.

The bartender said to him, "I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."

The man said, "Oh, my brothers are fine----I just quit drinking."

Have a Joke???? Submit it to:

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# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

10/21/2017 THROUGH 11/20/2017

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
B.Day Club	50.00	650.00
CD & Tape Cont.	20.00	20.00
Group Cont.	1,770.38	21,798.49
Indiv Cont	45.00	5,399.21
Lit. Sales	320.10	5,679.01
Memorial Cont.	0.00	30.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	2.12	14.62
Sales Tax	44.41	688.74
Spec. Events	0.00	6,836.00
Spec. Items	253.70	4,073.57

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,095.45</b>	<b>\$42,683.93</b>
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<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	400.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	25.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	0.00	5,155.00
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	50.00	1,065.22
Office Equip.& Maint	140.87	185.87
Phone & ISP	185.29	2,003.48
Postage	3.00	160.55
Employee Taxes	1,516.52	5,685.39
Rent	525.00	5,775.00
Salary	1,441.60	16,191.07
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	720.00
Security System	0.00	433.67
Spec. Events	800.00	3,322.34
Spec. Items	346.00	2,282.95
Card Charge	2.50	89.48
Utilities	38.23	663.52
Website	0.00	117.39

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,089.01</b>	<b>44,825.93</b>
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<b>Net Gain(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$2,583.30)</b>	<b>\$363.71</b>
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<b>BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL.</b>	<b>\$15,336.75</b>
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<b>END. TOT. ACCT. BAL.</b>	<b>\$12,753.45</b>
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# Group Contributions

8/21/17 Thru 9/20/17	Month	YTD
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		22.79
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		160.00
Attitude Modification-210	150.00	990.00
Bills & Friends		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air		2,700.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	220.38	3,473.19
Central Calif. Roundup		522.46
Civic Center Grp.		100.00
Clodbusters-Tulare		630.00
Crossroads-Tulare		320.00
CSO Meeting	40.00	691.00
Dinuba Grp	25.00	140.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		25.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		60.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon	200.00	610.00
Foundation Group		101.75
Freedom Fellowship	150.00	641.90
Fri. Night Study Tulare		80.00
No. Cal H&I		287.25
Message of Hope		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		342.00
Monday Night Live		0.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		100.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville	150.00	243.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		0.00
Monday Meditation-Visalia		0.00
Mon Men's Book Study		0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		150.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		137.75
Porterville Young People		20.00
Practicing The Pinciples		92.15
Rainbow Group	75.00	375.00
Rule 62-Visalia		375.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia	100.00	500.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		170.00
Springville Gut Level		1,155.48
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg	500.00	1,320.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		210.00
Tulare Young People		10.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		100.00

Tulare Thurs. Noon	100.00	100.00
Tulare Sunday Night		200.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville	60.00	360.00
Tues. Noon Rec. Club		0.00
Three Rivers-Monday		258.00
Unity Thru Traditions		234.53
Valley Group		300.00
Valley Speaker Series		666.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		700.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		70.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		887.72
Women's Changes-P'ville		225.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		87.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		364.12
Young & Restless		90.00
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Total	1,770.38	21,798.49

## Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	8
Court Ref/Info	10
Meeting Information	16
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	4
Visitors to Office	39
Literature Sales	14
Specialty Sales	18
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	9
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	17
Spanish Contact	1
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Total	140

## Contributions

### **Birthday Club**

Craig W.	Visalia	8
Mark G.	Visalia	7
Louie T.		2

### **Individual Contributions**

Anonymous  
Jim K.

### **Newsletter Contributions**

None

### **Memorial Contribution**

None

## Editor's Corner

I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to carry the message! I have found joy in being the editor because it is another avenue for me to be of service, and I know that it is an opportunity to communicate with many more alcoholics than I would be able to otherwise. Come, claim your blessing and get that warm fuzzy feeling knowing you are helping another alcoholic. All you have to do is take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and write something up. Know what you want to say, but you don't feel you can write it up? I will take the time to help anyone! All you have to do is ask. Feel free to send any questions, comments, or content to:

**[centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)**

## CENTRAL NEWS

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The Tulare County Central Office Presents

Another Fantastic

# New Year's Eve Celebration!

Live Music  
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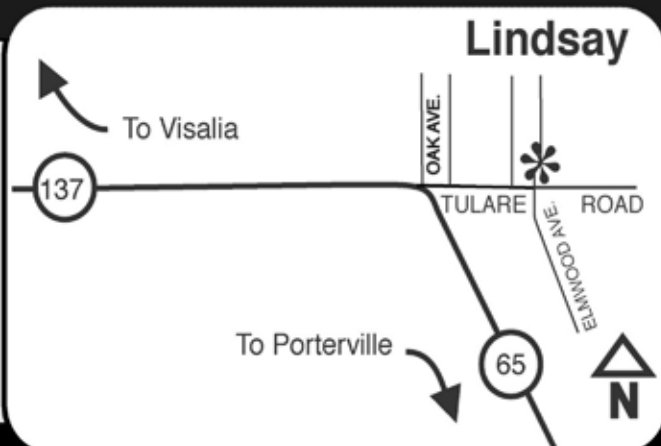
December 31, 2017, at the Lindsay Memorial Building: 775 Elmwood Ave.

**SPEAKER: Robert M. from Tujunga, Calif.**

## Directions

**From Visalia:** take 137 east to Tulare Road/Oak Street, turn left, go to stop sign, turn left at North Elmwood Ave.

**From Porterville:** Take 65 north to Tulare Road, turn right, go to stop sign, turn left at North Elmwood Ave.



**DINNER 5:00 to 7:00 PM    BAKE SALE AUCTION 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

**SPEAKER MEETING 8:00 to 9:30 PM    DANCE 9:30 PM to 1:00 AM**

Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**TICKETS: \$22 IN ADVANCE    \$25 AT THE DOOR**

Call 592-6999  
For Information

**JOIN US!!!**



# **TUCYPAA**

**Tulare County Young People in Alcoholics  
Anonymous**

**Unity. Service. Recovery.**



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**Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at:**

**First Jesus Name Church of Cameron**

**Creek**

**29076 Road 164**

**Visalia, CA**

**OUR MISSION:**

**Support young alcoholics in their recovery through the 12 steps**

**Promote unity among alcoholics of all ages**

**Encourage young members of A.A to participate in A.A.'s general service structure**

# *Your Content Here!!!*

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

All this can be accommodated we are available to help! Simply reach out to us here at Central News and we will do all we can to get the word out!!!

Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers is our primary purpose. What better way to do it than to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

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... and we will help you communicate to district 47!!!

