

May 2018

CENTRAL NEWS

Our Stories Disclose...

Fraisier Valley Springville, CA

“There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.” - Mark Twain.

One could replace “science” with “politics” or “journalism “ and Twain would be equally accurate. This is not what I want for my A.A. story. The Big Book tells us that, “Our stories disclose, in a general way, what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now”. Our stories of recovery are the heart of the A.A. Fellowship. We pass on recovery by the sharing of stories, so each of our stories are important. It’s also critical that they are true; free from exaggeration, rationalizations, deceit or conjecture. We are a program of rigorous honesty and our stories must be also. It can be a tough standard. When I had six months sober, I was asked to chair a speaker/discussion meeting. I was to have 30 minutes to share my story of recovery. I wasn’t sure what my story was at that point, but I was sure that it was boring. I had been to a few speaker meetings, and heard wonderful stories of great adventures in recovery. I didn’t have any. I wanted to have a story like Micky B., who I had seen recently. Two hundred people showed up to laugh, cry, shout and clap for his pitch. I couldn’t do

that. I had nothing to say, and 30 minutes to say it. I went to my sponsor. I told him my dilemma: My story has no drama. There were no arrests, car crashes, bar fights, illicit affairs, embezzlement’s, firings, gutter crawling, homelessness....I was a middle-class drunk holed up in my house alone, drinking moderately priced vodka from a half-gallon bottle. Boring. I didn’t go anywhere, answer the phone, or talk to anyone for weeks at a time. Nobody wanted to talk to me either. There was a divorce, but even that took years of drinking one day at a time, to finally happen. This sponsor said that it wasn’t up to me to call the story boring. That was for others to decide. He said that I should get up there and tell the facts of my drinking and recovery just as they happened. “There might be someone at that meeting whose story is exactly like yours. That’s who you are telling it for.” He was right, of course. There is a saying around A.A., “Identify, don’t compare.” I had been comparing my story with others I had heard. Mine seemed to come up short. Dag Hammarskjold wrote: “To be humble is not to make comparison”. So if I compare my story to anyone else’s , I am not being humble, and therefore....not spiritual. When the time came, I told my story the way it happened, and it was ok. It was not followed by an

invitation to the speaker circuit. I have shared the story a few times over the last seven years. More has been revealed about my journey in recovery, so I have more to share, but the basic facts are the same. We can't all be circuit speakers, some would prefer not to speak at all, but all of our stories have value. I was secretary of a speaker meeting for a few years, and many of our guest speakers shared my early dilemma; they didn't feel like they had a "good" story. Perhaps they were comparing, as I had done. I would tell them what my sponsor had told me—There was at least one alcoholic out there that needs your story, that's who you are telling it for. Each of our stories are great, precisely because it's OUR story, and it's the only one we have, or need. It's valuable, no matter how boring we might think it is. So many times, a member would get off the stage after speaking and tell me what a terrible job they had just done....and then start shaking hands with the long line of people waiting to thank them. Those fellow sober alcoholics know something. I say "yes" when asked to chair a meeting. I would hope we all do. To those who hesitate: Your story is great, because it's YOUR story. Share the treasure, pass it on, to help us all stay sober.

Mark G.
Visalia.

Step 5 *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*

The thought of doing a fifth step caused a lot of anxiety for me. First, the admitting I am an alcoholic, and now, AA's fifth suggested step is to admit to myself, to God, and to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs.

I could no longer deny that I had done these things—the resentments, the fears, and the items in my sex inventory. I had neglected family and cheated my employer out of both time and money.

The behavior I displayed while drinking had a negative effect on my family, my friends, and just about anyone I had contact with. It was difficult enough to put it down on paper in my Fourth Step inventory. How embarrassing it would be to admit these things to another human being, but I said I was willing to go to any length to get it. I was feeling guilty, shameful and full of remorse, desperate for some relief. My sponsor seemed to be happy, and other members I talked to about the Fifth Step shared with me about their experience in completing this step. In chapter five of the Big Book it says if we skip this vital step,

we may not overcome drinking. The whole idea, from what I have learned and what I am still learning, is the willingness to be honest—humbling myself enough to admit my defects and to tell someone else all my life story.

Here is another problem that nearly all of us face. Who do we tell? There are many great suggestions in the Big Book. If there is no suitable person, this step can be delayed so long as we are willing with complete readiness at the first opportunity. I myself was somewhat reluctant to go through with it even though I had chosen a sponsor and developed some trust. So when I did finally, not without hesitation and fear, do a thorough Step Five, my sponsor shared some of his Step Five with me. I didn't feel so alone anymore. That terrible sense of uniqueness lost some of its power, and the sense that I could forgive and be forgiven made a huge impact on my spirit. Some relief was immediately felt, the negative emotions that were bottled up began to vanish.

I've been given the opportunity to listen to the fifth steps of others and see their expressions when the burdens they have been carrying so long were lifted.

Keith A.
Visalia

Tradition 5 *"Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."*

There is a way to live life without drinking and we who claim sobriety through Alcoholic's Anonymous have the awesome responsibility of carrying that message to anyone who is suffering the way we once had. As I reflect on this tradition I think about some of the business meetings I have attended in my group. Boy oh boy get a few recovering drunks together to discuss the semantics of the meeting and the passion can be overwhelming! At one meeting in particular I brought up a question that I had a lot of passion about and I found out I wasn't the only one nor was my thought completely agreed upon.

I wish I would have read this tradition prior to bringing the question to the table. I would like to believe I would have framed the question entirely

different. This question I raised was about my own personal opinion and it's so easy for me to forget that in recovery its principles over personalities. My framework approach would have built in the thought process of this tradition by starting with the phrase, "If our primary purpose is to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers can we explore this idea together to ensure we are doing our best to follow through on that?"

Writing this new approach demonstrates to me that I was off the mark at that particular business meeting. I brought something up that was personal to me making myself bigger than the primary purpose of the group. I'm not saying that it's not okay to bring ideas up but let's not forget our primary purpose.

I'm glad that this is a program of progress not perfection. I'm very thankful to have this opportunity to explore this tradition and how it pertains to my sobriety. When I go back to the basics I'm afforded the opportunity to see how far off the path I can get.

Together we know the insanity of drinking. We also know the despair and self-loathing that attaches to the insane drinkers cycle. Even better, we know the freedom that sobriety brings. In order for us to continue the freedom of sober living we are responsible to help those who cannot see a future without drinking.

So as a reminder to myself and maybe to another who is reading this just for today ask yourself, am I sticking to our groups primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers? Ask then act!

Sheri T.

Upcoming Events

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Unity Through Traditions

At 5:30 PM on April 19th 2017 roughly a dozen alcoholics with sobriety ranging from newcomers to decades met at the Alano Club for the first time. Our purpose was to begin a study group focused on the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Using the group conscience a format was agreed upon, a secretary and treasurer were elected, we notified Central Office and the GSO and selected a name for our group, "Unity Through Traditions."

With all of our housekeeping done, the following week we began our study group, starting with Tradition One in the 12 x12. During our first year we completed the long form and corresponding chapters of each tradition twice. We studied and discussed the Traditions Check List, from the AA Grape Vine published between 1969-71. Next we completed a study and discussion of the AA pamphlet "How the Traditions were Developed." Looking back it seems we covered a fair amount of AA's grounding principles in only 50 weeks, one hour at a time.

Our group is a mix, not unlike most meetings, of oldtimers and newcomers and those in-between, The reading and discussion has answered questions and given new and different perspectives to young and old alike. We are not a meeting focused on the past, rather we are striving to understand how critical it is to carry the message of the Traditions. Trying to ensure that these principles make their way into our home groups, and doing our part to ensure that the "glue" of AA is respected and passed on. Trying to apply the principles found in the Traditions to our personal lives has proven insightful. Developing a level of responsibility to carry forward the message that brought us here: We before Me, He before Us, One purpose, no credit sought.

The 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are, we AA's believe, the best answers that our experience has yet given to those ever-urgent questions, "How can AA best function?" and How can AA best stay whole and so survive?"

We are an open meeting and all are welcome, Join Us!
Unity Through Traditions Group

Wednesday Nights 5:30PM
1311 W. Murray, Visalia Alano Club

Stepping Stones Pt. 1

Hello All,

The letter below is an email I received from the Stepping Stones Foundation in Bedford, New York, where Bill Wilson's home is located. It was a reply from an email I'd sent asking for information about the Foundation. It is mentioned in the background material for one of the agenda items being discussed at the General Service Conference being held in New York this month. Just to note: I would have never even known about Stepping Stones if not for my involvement with General Service by becoming a GSR. It is another great benefit that I have been able to realize from "becoming part of the process" in Alcoholics Anonymous. And those benefits by far outweigh any effort that I make. This brief mention about service isn't a sales pitch, it's an invitation! All are welcome, even just who just want to see what we're about. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Central Office in Exeter (the times and address are in the newsletter). I hope you enjoy the letter below!

Dear John

Thank you for your note. I was in meeting all day yesterday. Please let everyone know that we hope they will look at our website at steppingstones.org to learn more about the historic landmark. Also, you may want to obtain the movie "Bill's Own Story" from AA to see the Wilsons on the property.

Stepping Stones – Historic Home of Bill & Lois Wilson - is located in the Town of Bedford in upper Westchester County, NY – about an hour north of Manhattan. The site was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2012. It is a standalone private non-profit organization that runs the historic site and is not government-run or government-funded.

The Wilsons lost Lois' parent's home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn Heights, when a Depression-era pause on foreclosures was lifted and Lois and Bill could no longer make payments. Bill was not on salary with A.A. Lois' income was not enough to cover their expenses. They were living on the goodness of others – mostly A.A.s. Lois' diary reveals that they lived in 51 different places over two years. Although the Wilsons thought a home of their own was out of reach, Helen Griffith (an actress who also dabbled in real estate and had a friend in A.A.), was aware of the Wilsons financial situation

and made them a very affordable offer and reasonable payment plan to buy the home. At the time, the home was on about an acre.

Bill and Lois moved here in spring of 1941 and eventually named it Stepping Stones. They lived here until their deaths in 1971 (Bill) and 1988 (Lois). Al-Anon Family Groups became a formal organization right on the second floor of the home here when Lois and her friend Anne B. cofounded the first clearinghouse/office. Visitors came here throughout the time the Wilsons lived here just to visit or for events ranging from "oldtimer" picnics to symposia on alcoholism.

Continued June 2018...

Central Service Meeting Minutes March 27, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00

CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie M., Bob H, and Sheri T.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Stella T. & Louise G.

SERENITY PRAYER: Julie M.

12 TRADITIONS: Monica

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting with the following edit of spelling correction with Allen's name under GSO Liaison. Allen moved and with 2nd by Sheri.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Minutes of the board of directors meeting were read by Sheri T.

TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob H.- We had an income of \$3,172.29 and expenses of \$6,626.02 for a loss of \$3,453.73 for this accounting period. Group contributions were great. Sales were about average.

Expenses include a large literature order and our quarterly taxes from the last quarter of 2017 plus our normal expenses. We had \$363.35 in net sales from the Credit and Debit card sales from 8 transactions in January.

PI/CPC: Stella T. - Nothing to report.

WEBSITE REPORT: The website is still very active with 106 unique visitors per day. The website is updated with meeting changes. There were 72 views for Springville.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEER

April Step 4 Allen L. Due to
CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 3/20/18

May Step 5 Keith A. Due to
CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 4/20/18

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

April Tradition 4 Julie M. Due to
CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 3/20/18

May Tradition 5 Sheri T.. Due to

CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 4/20/18

H&I REPORT:- Bob read an e-mail from H&I and they are now taking online contributions. Website: www.handinorcal.org/contribute.

GSO LIAISON- Allen- Alternate DSM- Allen announced event that will be March 31st- see flyer for District 47.

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 on 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- The Visalia Rainbow meeting (Saturday evenings 5:30 - 7:00 PM) is an open discussion meeting which meets in the Polar Bear Room at Kaweah Delta Rehab on Acres. This is a topic discussion meeting with lots of good participation-facilitated by the use of a timer holding participants' shares to 5 minutes. Business meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, chips are given at every meeting but birthdays are celebrated on the last Saturday of the month.

Doug H.. -Springville Gut Level Group- This meeting meets every Thursday from 7:00-8:30 at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Lots of old and new sobriety.

Monica R.- Women's Amity Group- We are a closed women's group located at 6400 W. Walnut Ave in Visalia. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-8PM. We celebrate 1 year birthdays weekly and all other birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. We give chips weekly and have about 30 women attend regularly.

Keith A. -Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting- The Springville Breakfast Speaker meeting meets the 2nd Sunday each month. The meeting is located at the Veterans memorial building in Springville. Breakfast is from 8-10am. The meeting starts at 10:15 with a 10 minute warm up speaker, a break 10-15 minutes and then the main speaker to 11:30. Great food, fellowship! 50/50 raffle. Come join us! The April speaker is Rae Ann from Corcoran.

David T. Tulare Unity Young Peoples- We meet every Saturday night at 7:30 PM for an open young people's AA meeting. All ages welcome.

Billy B. Bridge St Drunks Only Group: -This group has 20 meetings each week. The early morning group (closed) meets 7 days a week with approx. 20 in attendance. The noon meeting (closed) meets M-F and has open meetings Sat. & Sun. There's a women's meeting at 5:30 - 6:30 Monday evenings. Tuesday night at 7:00 is an open literature study currently reading "As Bill Sees It". Wed. At 6:00 PM is an open 12X12 study meeting. The Primary

Purpose group meets on Thursday nights at 7:00. The meeting studies the Big Book and gives an opportunity for newcomers to be introduced to the program and find a sponsor. On Saturday evening at 7:00PM an open discussion meeting is held; and on Sunday evening 5:00PM there is a closed 10th Step workshop.

Jonathan T. Mens Stag - We meet at 7:30 at 820 east main street in Visalia every Monday night for a closed Mens meeting. Tons of sobriety in the group. We celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month. Lots of experience, strength and hope! Please join us.

Trudy W. -Lindsay Fireside Fellowship- We meet Thursday evening 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.

Trudy W. Exeter Quiet Trails Group - We meet every Tuesday evening in the Exeter Methodist Church fellowship room (behind the sanctuary) at the corner of Palm and D Streets. We are an open meeting welcoming newcomers and old timers alike. We celebrate birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. Please join our small town fellowship at our NEW TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Year's Celebration--
- a. Preference Forms- discussed

NEW BUSINESS

1. Picnic: Julie asked for a committee lead- Keith stated he would chair and Sheri said she would help. The first meeting is next month at 6PM before the CSR meeting.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$45.00

Announcements: Sister B's retreat is coming up.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri T.

Special Announcement

THE HILLMAN GROUP NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE WE MEET EVERY THURSDAY AT NOON. AT ST. RITA'S IN TULARE 954 S. "O" ST. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!!

May AA Birthdays

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

3/21/2018 THROUGH 4/20/2018

Name	City	Years
JGeorge L.	Tulare	58
Penny O.	Dinuba	50
Greg	Woodlake	41
Virginia E.	Lemoore	38
Allen L.	Visalia	37
Ed A.	Visalia	35
Bill T.	Exeter	34
Joe S.	Lindsay	34
Jose S.	Visalia	34
Jesse M.	Porterville	34
Jesse M.	Porterville	33
Harry C.	Visalia	32
Terry W.	Visalia	32
Luann B.	Three Rivers	31
Larry B.	Visalia	30
John B.	Tulare	30
Jeff S.	Visalia	30
Don S.	Visalia	30
Mark A.	Tulare	30
Sarah R.	Visalia	30
Dave I.	Visalia	29
Julie M.	Porterville	29
Steven M.	Porterville	29
Sharon Y.	Visalia	29
Jimmy V.	Visalia	28
Susan M.	Porterville	28
Steve D.	Visalia	28
Ron Mc.	Visalia	27
Joe S.	Porterville	26
Scott H.	Visalia	26
Melonie K.	Visalia	26
Wayne T.	Visalia	26
Gail G.	Visalia	25
Jerry Mc.	Visalia	25
Mike G.	Visalia	25
Mike N.	Visalia	25
Henry T.	Visalia	25
Brian C.	Visalia	25
Willie	Visalia	25
Louise G.	Exeter	25
Jack C.	Woodlake	24
Greg B.	Tulare	24
Manuel O.	Tulare	23
BOO M.	Visalia	21
Theresa S.	Visalia	21
Kathy D.	Visalia	17
Jim C.	Visalia	17
Jennifer R.	Visalia	15
Carolyn W.	Porterville	13
Lucy A.	Visalia	10
Tim A.	Visalia	8
Laura D.	Porterville	7
William K.	Springville	7
Courtney R.	Tulare	3

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	55.00	183.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	20.00
Group Cont.	1,694.62	7,228.89
Indiv Cont	515.00	4,137.26
Lit. Sales	374.25	1,976.85
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	11.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	52.60	256.69
Spec. Events	0.00	5,893.58
Spec. Items	302.30	1,759.62

TOTAL	\$2,993.77	\$21,466.89

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	160.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	84.95
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	244.08	2,106.68
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	220.84	707.79
Office Equip.& Maint	184.69	491.92
Phone & ISP	180.77	718.15
Postage	0.00	50.00
Employee Taxes	0.00	1,267.04
Rent	525.00	2,100.00
Salary	1,297.82	5,876.01
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	0.00	148.35
Spec. Events	0.00	2,885.84
Spec. Items	325.25	876.90
Card Charge	2.18	18.66
Utilities	97.06	390.18
Website	0.00	65.38

TOTAL	\$3,117.69	18,497.85

Net Gain(Loss) (\$123.92) \$2,969.04

BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL: \$15,448.42

END. TOT. ACCT BAL: \$15,324.50

Speaker Meetings

Group Contributions

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting
186 W. Walnut Ave.
Friday April 6th, 2018 at 8:00 PM
Speaker: - TBA

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting
 1820 N. Gem St, Tulare
Friday, May 11th, 2018 at 8:00 PM
Speaker: - Redhawk Modesto, CA

Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Building
 36000 Hwy 190, Springville
 Sunday, May 13th, 2018 at 10:15 AM
 (Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)
Speaker: Christine L Bakersfield, CA

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting
 The Gallery @ The Creative Center
 410 E. Race Ave.
 Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.
May 2 Linda W. of Los Osos - 33 Years!
May 9 Kim H. of Hanford - 5 Years & 4 days!
May 16 Allen L. of Exeter - 37 Years & 3 days!
May 23 - Zach B. of Fresno (TUFYPAA) - 1+ Year!
May 30 - Paul V. of Visalia - 22 Years!

That's 98+ years of sober experience in AA in five simple one-hour sessions!

Editor's Corner

A new year is upon us... it seems like the older I get the faster the time goes!! I am here today to wish you all well. If your recovery could use a little pep, why not get involved in some service work, make coffee, greet a newcomer, or perhaps...write an article, personal story, or some experience, hey even a joke!!! Being involved with the production of this newsletter has really been an unforeseen source of serenity! Thank you for letting me be of service. Have a 2018 that is happy joyous, and free!!

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Louie T.

2/21/18-3/20/18	Month	YTD
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		43.56
ABC Group		35.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		60.00
Attitude Modification-210		300.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	361.62	1,382.75
Central Calif. Roundup		0.00
Civic Center Grp.	75.00	75.00
Clodbusters-Tulare	225.00	587.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	19.00	169.00
Dinuba Grp		0.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends	25.00	65.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		0.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		150.00
Foundation Group		94.45
Freedom Fellowship		275.00
Fresno Village Group		350.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
No. Cal H&I		0.00
Message of Hope		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		0.00
Monday Night Live		0.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		0.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		0.00
Monday Meditation-Visalia		0.00
Mon Men's Book Study		0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		18.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group		156.00
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia	84.00	184.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level	45.00	45.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		0.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		120.00
Tulare Young People		45.57
Tulare Co. Young People		28.05
Tulare Fri. Book Study		20.00
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg	300.00	300.00

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Tulare Tuesday Night	100.00	200.00
Tulare Thurs. Noon		0.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville	120.00	120.00
Three Rivers-Monday		0.00
Unity Thru Traditions		152.51
Valley Group	100.00	200.00
Valley Speaker Series		621.00
Wandering Couples		161.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville	200.00	600.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		0.00
Women's Changes-P'ville		0.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		53.00
Young & Restless		28.00

Total	1,654.69	7,188.89

Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	5
AA Members	11
Court Ref/Info	8
Meeting Information	10
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	1
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	54
Literature Sales	19
Specialty Sales	24
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	13
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	18
Spanish Contact	1

Total	166



Contributions

Birthday Club

Cheryl H.	Springville	38
Peter B.	Camp Nelson	10
Steven S.	Visalia	7

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

Jim K.
Pete B.
Shannon S.

Tom S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Lighter Side of AA Service Meetings

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

An alky on a binge runs out of drinking money and breaks into a house. Rummaging through dresser drawers in a dark bedroom, he hears a small voice behind him:

“Jesus and I are watching you!” He freezes in fear. After awhile, when nothing happens, he starts rummaging away again.

And again comes that small voice from behind: “Jesus and I are watching you!”

This time, with his heart pumping madly, the drunk turns on the light and sees--nobody. Scared, he stutters, “Who-who-who said that?”

“I did!”

The thief whirls toward the voice, only to see a parrot perched in a corner of the room. Immensely relieved, his Dutch Courage returns and he smirks at the bird, “Oh, you did, did you--and who do you think you are?”

“Stuart!” answers the parrot.

“Stuart,” sneers the drunk, “what a stupid name for a parrot!”

“Oh yeah?” squawks the bird, “What do you think of ‘Jesus’ for a 200-pound Rott-weiler?”

Have a Joke???? Submit it to:

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AND ADDRESSES

Service Meetings

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray
Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9:00 am
2nd Saturday of odd months.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

Tulare County Central Office
449 E. Maple St..
Exeter, CA 93221

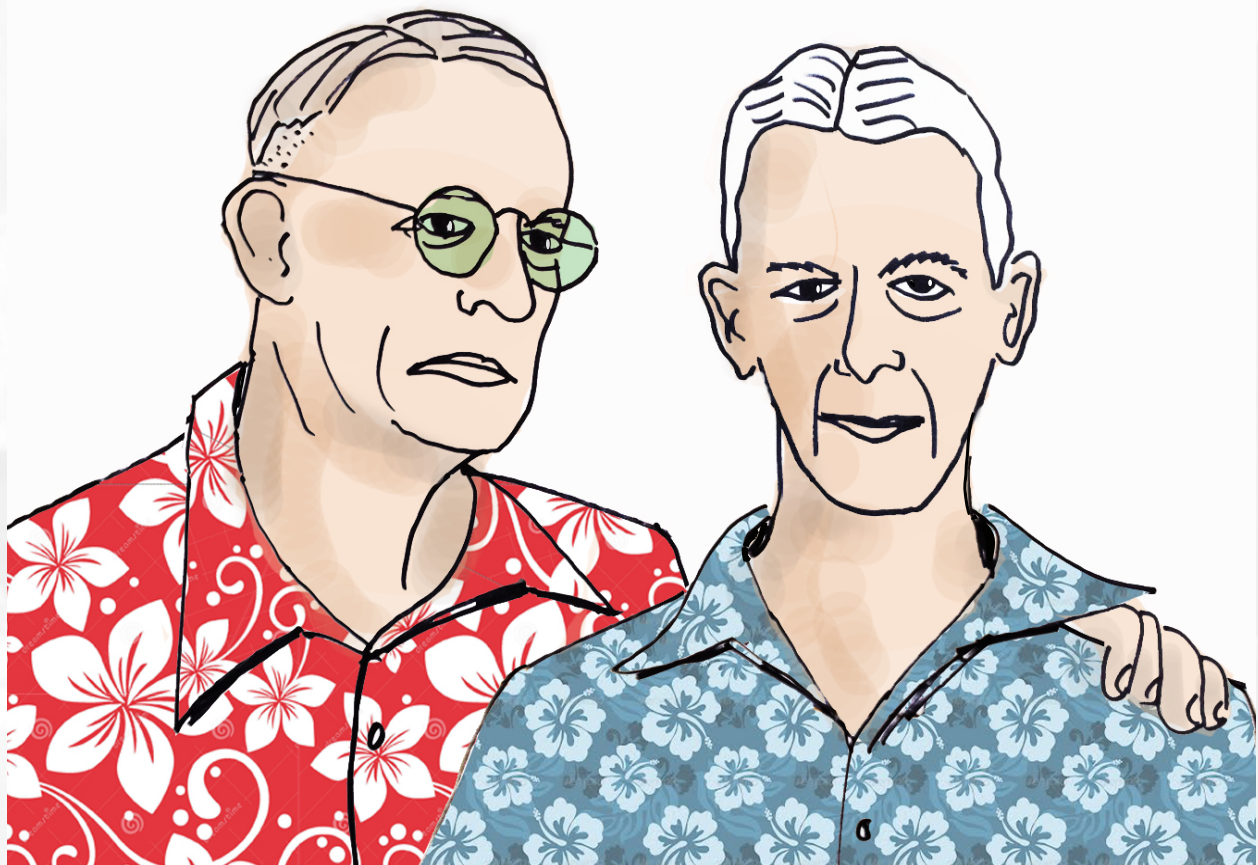
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Tulare County Central Office Founders Day Picnic



SATURDAY - JUNE 9, 2018
MOONEY GROVE PARK - VISALIA - ARBOR #9

SPEAKER: Dale A. FROM Canyon Country, Calif.
Lunch Served FROM 11 AM TO 12:30 PM
LUNCH: Adults: \$5.00 / Kids Under 12: \$1.00
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Side Dishes, Desserts & Free Coffee
Come Early for Setup at 8:00 AM - Picnic Starts at 9 AM - Speaker at 1 PM

SIXTH ANNUAL CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ROUNDUP



AA: A Solution for All Generations

Newcomers Welcome!

Roundup is Organized by
10+ Central Valley AA Groups

May 18 & 19, 2018

Hope Lutheran Church: 364 E. Barstow Ave, Fresno, CA 93710

ADMISSION \$20 per person

Saturday Night Dinner (5:30 pm) & Saturday Night Comedy Show (9:15 pm)
Registration Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

FREE EVENTS

Friday Night Speaker Meeting (7:30 pm), Saturday Speaker Meeting (7:00 pm),
and Marathon Meetings

GOLF TOURNAMENT

April 29, 2018, Riverside Golf Tournament

Register Online for Conference & Golf Tournament at www.3c2a.org

Last day to register is May 10th. No sales at the door.

HOTELS

Registration Code 3C2A

Courtyard by Marriott: 140 E. Shaw Ave, Fresno, (855) 479-0732

Country Inn & Suites: 6065 N. Thesta St, Fresno, (559) 435-5838

JOIN US!!!



TUCYPAA

**Tulare County Young People in Alcoholics
Anonymous**

Unity. Service. Recovery.



For more info contact:

"L"
559-972-3210
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559-977-4360
Amy
559-280-2679

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 suffer is our primary purpose. What better way to do it then to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

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

