

CENTRAL NEWS

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AA Historic Article of the Month

Fraizer Valley Sunset

ON CULTIVATING TOLERANCE

By Dr. Bob Smith

July 1944, AA Grapevine

During nine years in AA, I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in education advantages; and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own.

I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human

nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance, we might tend to become a bit smug or superior - which, of course, is not helpful to the person we are trying to help and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything that might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another - and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words, it often promotes an open-mindedness that is vastly important - is, in fact, a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

Step 7

"Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings."

I learned early through deep discussion with my first sponsor, that my main problem was my ego. It was huge! Like many of us I had an overinflated view of myself, I lived in a self-imposed delusion of grandeur. I was a victim of my own pride, selfishness, and self-centeredness. Like the actor of the play trying to run the whole show. Then I decided to allow the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in. I thoroughly worked the first 6 steps under the watchful eye of a caring sponsor and sanity returned. God's will had become the central focus and results were apparent to others, if not to me.

However, feelings of anxiety, irritability, regret, anger, shame, fear, envy, and judgment still arose without warning and still posed a hindrance in my daily life. Directly following steps 3 and 5 I had that feeling of relief, like that of a heavy burden being lifted from my shoulders but, to that point some of those shortcomings persisted. I had chosen to live my life in complete surrender to God's will, but that was not enough to remove my shortcomings. I had to be more proactive! The 12 X 12 says "The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves toward others and toward God. The whole emphasis of Step Seven is on humility. It is really saying to us that we ought to be willing to try humility in seeking the removal of our shortcomings just as we did when we admitted that we were powerless over alcohol, and came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. If that degree of humility could enable us to find the grace by which such a deadly obsession could be banished, then there must be hope of the same result respecting any other problem we could possibly have."

Therefore I humble myself on a daily basis, asking God to continue to remove the shortcomings that hinder me from realizing his will in my life. I pray that those stumbling blocks are removed that I can have the ability to be of assistance to another alcoholic. Like everyone else, progress is my priority so when one of those shortcomings rears its head, I immediately with humility, love, and tolerance ask God to do for me what I can't do for myself and remove my shortcomings once again!

Louie T.

Tradition 7

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

I'm so glad to be writing this article on tradition seven, not because I'm an expert at this tradition but because it's a tradition I struggle with and honestly I am just learning about my struggle. When I first came into the rooms of A.A. and they passed the basket (insert eye roll here) I thought, "Here we go again...an institution just looking for a buck." Wow my attitude has completely changed since that initial impression. For me, A.A. rooms are priceless. What wouldn't I pay to have the life so freely given to me through our program? But how to navigate that is what I struggle with. I was relieved to read Bill's writing's on this tradition sharing some of the exact struggles I have today. In the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions known to most of us as the 12 & 12 Bill W. writes his thoughts and experiences about Tradition Seven and writes, "Alcoholics are certainly all-or-nothing people. Our reactions to money prove this." He goes on to write about how at first they wanted to have tons of money for A.A. to help the still suffering alcoholic to the notion of "You can't mix A.A. and money. We shall have to separate the spiritual from the material". As this discussion was going on a man with many relapses needed financial help and Bill gave him money leaving himself with little. When the hat went around at his meeting he was going to give something extra and exchanged it for a lesser amount. What he came across was this thought, "Then I woke up. I who had boasted my generosity that morning was treating my own club worse than the distant alcoholics who had forgotten to send the Foundation their dollars. I realized that my five-dollar gift to the slippee was an ego-feeding position, bad for him and bad for me. There was a place in A.A. where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!" The hat in my world is now the basket and passing it sometimes just seems routine not mattering much. Not that I couldn't put a little extra in but why? Having several 24 hours put together I have extra pennies in my pocket. When I see someone suffer, I want to help. Isn't that were my money should go? If I can help someone out shouldn't I? Well, I'm learning that depends. What is my motivation for helping? A situation occurred where I wanted to input my finances to help another out. I of course spoke to my sponsor about this. To my surprise she said, "Sheri, even

if you are doing a good deed, like helping someone financially it still is a form of control". I really wrestled with this and we had great conversations. I love the saying, "You don't know what you don't know" I really didn't understand my helping someone with finances being a form of control. She went on to tell me that what may be very generous really is a way to get out of being uncomfortable for that person and wanting to control their outcome inputting myself where I didn't really belong. OUCH! That hurts- but it's the truth. I've also learned that by doing this I'm taking away a valuable lesson that our Higher Power may be teaching that person and I don't have the right to do that. I'm so glad that my sponsor helped me know something about myself I didn't realize. As Bill wrote and I'm learning to understand myself with finances is it comes back to my ego. I want to feel better or even be a superhero to someone but at what cost? To them and to me? Nope, our groups are self-supporting and I want A.A. to be here for the generations to come. Maybe I should think of that when the basket comes around and if I see an eye rolling new comer like I used to be put an extra dollar or two for them with the prayer they receive freely what was given to me freely. Where else can you go where money doesn't influence the institution? I'm so grateful for the thought and depth and vision our founders had in developing the steps and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. I may not grasp all of it but I'm thankful to have the opportunity to try and wrap my mind around it and more importantly act different than my ego wants to lead.

Sheri T.



July AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Bobby	Visalia	46
Jim K.	Visalia	40
Evelyn D.	Visalia	39
Judy C.	Porterville	38
Sandy F.	Visalia	37
Jim B.	Springville	36
John R.	Tulare	34
Margaret D.	Woodlake	31
Mike P.	Exeter	31
Hank P.	Dinuba	30
Danette L.	Visalia	29
Colin M.	Three Rivers	28
Marilyn N.	Visalia	28
Michael H.	Visalia	28
Mike H.	Visalia	27
Sharon S.	Visalia	27
Ken W.	Porterville	27
Jim M.	Visalia	26
Ginger G.	Visalia	25
Walt N.	Porterville	25
Terry S.	Visalia	24
Chris H.	Visalia	24
Bob C.	Visalia	24
Manuel M.	Tulare	22
Rafael C.	Carlsbad CA	22
Sue J.	Henderson NV	21
Gary H.	Porterville	20
Jan F.	Squim WA.	19
George C.	Visalia	18
Jim K.	Visalia	15
Cynthia S.	Tulare	15
Tammy C.	Tulare	14
Michaele	Visalia	14
Bettelu	Visalia	14
Sherry B.	Visalia	8
Chris H.	Visalia	8
Leah T.	Porterville	4

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave

Friday July 7, 2017 8:00-9:30 PM

Speaker: Ken B.-Porterville 11 Years

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

Cross & Blackstone Tulare

Friday July 14, 2017 8:00-9:30 PM

Speaker: Rick S, - Exeter 31 Years

Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday July 9, 2017 @ 10:15

(Breakfast @ 8:30-10:00 AM)

Speaker: Sharon H. - Bakersfield

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting

The Gallery @ The Creative Center

410 E. Race Ave.

Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

Speakers for June:

Jul 5- Cindy S. of Fresno- 20 Years!

Jul 12 – Pat E. of Bakersfield - 29 Years!

Jul 19 – Jennifer S. of Fresno- 5 Years!

Jul 26 - Jimbo K. of Visalia – 40 Years (tonight)!

That's 94 years of sobriety in four simple one-hour sessions!

Central Service Meeting

Minutes: June 13, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00

CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: None

SERENITY PRAYER: Led by Dave

12 TRADITIONS: Julie M.

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion to approve – Mark, 2nd by Ken

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:Read by Sheri T.

TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob

reported we had an income of \$5,178.28 and expenses of \$5,488.76 for a loss of \$310.48 for this accounting period. Group contributions were very good. Sales were about average. We had our normal expenses plus our quarterly taxes and a large literature cost. We collected \$293.42 from the Square card sales from 5 transactions in April. The office has been operating normally.

WEBSITE REPORT: Going very well- 128 unique visitors per day. 3,800 views for Visalia page and 141 views for Springville page.

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

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEER

July Step 7 Sheri T. Due to

CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 6/20/17

August Step 8 Mark G. Due to

CentralinetergoupNews@gmail.com 7/20/17

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

July Tradition 7 Sheri T. Due to

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H&I REPORT – Mark brought up the letter from the department of corrections for A.A. to come to the Mountain Home however we don't have enough people at this time.

GSO LIAISON- Doug H. brought up that Zak may have a work conflict which may make it difficult for Zak to continue his various roles at our meeting.

TUCYPA LIAISON- Nothing to report

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.

Sandy.-The Rainbow Group-This is an open gay AA meeting but everyone is welcome. It is held at the Kaweah Delta Rehab Facility in Visalia, in the Polar Bear room, every Saturday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. We have a very good mix of newcomers and long timers coming from Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties. We hand out newcomer packets and AA Big Books free to newcomers. Court/Program cards are signed. Each meeting is a chip meeting and birthdays/anniversaries are celebrated on the last Saturday of each month with a delicious cake. We close the meeting with the “Responsibility Declaration.

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. July 9th our speaker is Sharon H. from Bakersfield. Good food and great fellowship. Come and join us! We need a new treasurer.

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 meeting of the month we meet for dinner before and cake after. Great mix of old and new sobriety.

Rae Ann B.-Tues Women's Amity Group- This is a closed women's meeting on Tuesday from 6:30 – 8pm. We meet at Trinity Christian Church, 6400 W. Walnut

Rd. Rm 10. We discuss a topic related to alcoholism every week and the last week is a birthday meeting. We give out monthly chips weekly and celebrate yearly anniversaries the last Tuesday of every month. The 3rd Tuesday is our business meeting after the regular meeting. We average 20-30 women from newcomers to long-timers sharing their experience, strength and hope. There is a no host dinner at Amigos at 5pm for fun and fellowship!

Stella T - Women's Changes- This is an open women's meeting each Tuesday evening at 7 pm at the Church of the Nazarene, 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.

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 - We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for a closed AA men's meeting at the PPAV Hall 820 E. Main street in Visalia. We celebrate birthdays at the end of the month and have our business meeting on the first Monday of the month. 25-30 people in attendance. Please join us, newcomers welcome! Lots of experience, strength and hope shared.

Blake-Sunday Night Serenity Seekers – We meet on Sundays at 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Serenity Center on 117 Locust Street. We have a speaker followed by open discussion. We don't celebrate birthdays or hand out chips. We have a good mix of old timers and newcomers. Between 20 and 25 attendees each week.

Mike K-Sunday AM Serenity Seekers – Our group meets every Sunday morning at the Visalia Alano Club from 10:00-11:30AM. It is an open meeting. We celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. We have regularly 20-30 members attending. We have many long time members and always welcome new members graciously. Court cards are signed at the meetings. Business meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM.

Zach D-The Young & Restless Meeting-We meet

every Wed at 7 pm at 117 S. Locust St in Visalia. This meeting is a chair and participation meeting. The chairperson reads "Daily Reflections" at the start of the meeting. Chips are passed out every week, also birthdays are celebrated weekly. Chapter 5 & the 12 Traditions are read at the beginning of the meeting and it ends with A Vision for You. This is a meeting primarily for young people in AA but all are welcome to attend. We also play spin the bottle!

Zach D-RSVP (Porterville Young People)- We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30pm at the First Congregational Church located at 165 E Mill Street. A chair- person reads from selected AA literature followed by any AA members celebrating a sobriety birthday in the week prior to the meeting. AA members are chosen to share using the popcorn (tag) method. The last Friday of the month, after the meeting, we celebrate monthly birthdays at a select restaurant. Monthly business meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month. This meeting is primarily for young people in AA but all are welcome to attend.

Alfonso P.-Bill and Friends-This is a closed AA book study that meets every Friday from 12 to 1 pm at the 210 restaurant on Center St. We offer books and literature. We practice and live principles before personalities.

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

Alfonso P-The Forgiveness Group – This is a closed meeting. We meet on Tues & Thurs from 10am – 11am. We meet at the Bethlehem Center, 1603 Dinuba Blvd., the corner of Houston & Dinuba Blvd. New time same days.

Ken I.-Bridge Street Drunks (Only) – At Bridge Street we have meetings morning, noon and night. Enjoy great fellowship with really smart and good looking people that also happen to be sober. A person reads from selected AA literature and the group shares on that topic. Business meeting is 2nd Saturday and Birthdays are last Saturday. Bridge Street Drunks only @ 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia has meeting 7 days a week. 7am are closed meetings. Noon meeting are closed on week days and open Saturday & Sunday. Plus various evening meetings Monday thru Thursday & Saturday. Check your schedule for times. Business and Birthday meetings are held on the last Saturday each month. Times alternate between morning and noon. Good fellowship and great meetings!

Joe H.- Friday Foundation Group –Welcome one and all every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of the month for a closed "Big" book study meeting. We are located at the center for Spiritual Living on the corner of Locust and Acequia in Visalia. We open with the "Set aside prayer" and close with the "Responsibility Declaration". Entry is in the West rear door by the parking structure. The address is 117 South Locust St. It's an hour long book study. We sign court cards and hope to see you there.

Frances – Women's 12 X 12 Study Group - The Saturday morning Women's AA 12X12 meeting is a closed AA meeting that occurs Saturday morning at 9am – 10am. We meet at Christ Lutheran Church on Tulare Street and Demaree in Visalia. Each week we read a step or tradition for the 12X12 and then discuss it. We sign court cards and celebrate birthdays weekly. The last Saturday of the month we have an "Ask the Basket" meeting where we discuss questions about AA and recovery. We hold our business meeting at 10am on the last Saturday of the month. We donate to AA at all levels. This is a great opportunity to meet women in recovery and learn tools for sobriety and living life on life's terms.

Dan B. – Christ Lutheran Civic Center Group - This is an open meeting that meets every Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Chips are given every week. Birthday's celebrated the last Tuesday of the month. 30 to 40 fellows attend ever week. Lots of long time sobriety. It's a great meeting!

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Picnic – June 10, 2017

- a. A successful picnic with an overall profit of \$1,353.81. Although the Founders day picnic is truly focused on Central Office thanking AA and all the groups that support us the profit is humbly appreciated.
- b. The baskets were amazing and thank you to the generous groups for the outstanding donated baskets- huge hit!
- c. There was a hiccup with the meats served and discussion about future prevention was reported by Julie M.

2. New Year's Party

- a. Julie M. brought up the potential of Los Paisanos (a taco truck that would cater) for the New Years party. The price is excellent and the group eagerly exchanged ideas about a theme behind this festive idea.

3. Website Editor: David introduced himself as our new editor and he is in need of the password from Tim. Bob will help him get it. Welcome David and thank you for your service!

4. Central Office Inventory :

- a. The last two questions were discussed at our meeting
- b. Mark G. brought the great discussion of his group on the question, "If Central Office was to discontinue operations what would be the impact on the membership?" They brought up the example of Kings County discontinuing and the negative effect of not having AA meeting lists available and no one to call for the stillsuffering alcoholic. Also, the conversation of literature came up with this conversation. You never know what you are getting when you buy online but buying from the Central Office you are assured that it's A.A. approved literature.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Year's Party: Great discussion

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$36.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie announced that Shirley K. will be speaking at the Creative Center

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00PM

Sheri T

Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone!! My name is Louie T and I am the new Alcoholic Editor of the Central News!! I am VERY excited to be of service to you all! It has been a real pleasure preparing this month's edition and I would love for any and all feedback on how it came out. I would like to bring a little more history so I have started to include a historic article written in the current month. If anyone is an AA history buff I would love to add some articles about AA history. If this is you please reach out to me. I am always open to including information, stories, pictures, events, announcements, etc. Feel free to send any questions, comments, or content to:

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Louie T

Service Meetings

AND ADDRESSES
Service Meetings

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray
Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 9:00 am
2nd Saturday of odd months.

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Upcoming Events

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District 47 Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2017

* A copy of each month's minutes with written reports are in the District 47 binder housed at Central Office.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by District Committee Member Josh F.

Committee: Josh F. DCM/ Greg G., D-47 Treasurer/ Cheryl H., D-47 Recording Secretary/ and GSR for the 2nd Sunday Speaker Breakfast Group of Springville.

Nick V., GSR for Rainbow Group; **Dean J.**, GSR of Visalia Young Peoples Group; **Allen L.** GSR of AM Sunday Serenity Seekers Group;

The Serenity Prayer and the GSR Preamble were recited by all present.

12 Traditions: Bill E. Concept 6 explained by DCM Josh.

Approval of Minutes: MSP for approval of minutes for the May 2017 D-47 meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Beginning Balance \$1,178.02 > contributions totaled \$253.22, expenses \$ 170.00 Ending Balance \$ 1,261.24. Report on file.

CSO Report – Alt DCM Pat J. resigned via text to Josh. Thank you for your service as GSR and to the District.

DCM Report – Josh F. reported on the annual meeting of the General Service Conference. A copy of DCM report given to GSRs. *Considerable discussion regarding DCM attendance at area committee meetings (acm's) each month ensued. It is time for District 47 to consider an internal regulation to effectively support the DCM. It takes considerable time and expense for any DCM to travel from Tulare County to Sacramento for an acm. The DCM attends 8 area committee meetings each year in Sacramento and 4 assemblies held in various districts. It appears the summer months are a dead time for acms, the important months are February, September and December. Perhaps it would behoove the DCM to pare visits to the three important acms. Technology increases communication between area officers and DCMs. 8 area committee meetings may no longer be necessary. Reimbursing the DCM \$200.00 for each acm attended was suggested. For assemblies, it was suggested the DCM be reimbursed for hotel, meals, gas and registration. Motions will be entertained in August.

GSR Reports –Allen L. Visalia AM Sunday Serenity Seekers AA Meeting; We meet Sunday mornings at the

Visalia Alano Club at 10am. We give chips for various lengths of sobriety and celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of every month with cake. We have a good mix of newcomers and old timers. We are an open meeting. Our business meeting is held after the meeting on the first Sunday of each month. We are represented by both a CSR and GSR and regularly contribute to AA entities and H&I. **Dean J.** Visalia Young People Young and Restless; The Young and Restless meeting continues to grow in unity, strength and numbers. Check us out every Wednesday, 7:00 PM at 117 S. Locust in Visalia. We play 'spin the bottle'. **Nick V.** Visalia Rainbow Group; Woo! Sobriety is fabulous! Come share in the journey with us. Share of your own experience. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Saturday. Chips handed out weekly. **Cheryl H.** Springville 2nd Sunday 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. Get outta bed and join us at the vortex of Tulare County spirituality!

OLD BUSINESS: Delegate Presentation; Delegate Vicki will be in Visalia at the Center for Spiritual Living, 117 So. Locust, September 23. Time is from 12:30 to 2:30. Lunch will be served and Vicki will give her report on the General Service Conference. \$100.00 will be given to the church for the event. D-47 will provide the food. Nick V. has been instrumental in securing the venue. Fliers will be available soon.

NEW BUSINESS: NO District 47 Meeting in July, next meeting August 2nd.

7th Tradition: \$ 21.00

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

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl H.

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Louie T.

Contributions

Birthday Club

Ed A. Visalia 31
Susan M. Porterville 27

Individual Contributions

Anonymous
Ed A.
Jim K.
Julie M.
Michele S.
Mike S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	7
Court Ref/Info	5
Meeting Information	7
H&I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	1
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	34
Literature Sales	16
Specialty Sales	14
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	8
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	12
Spanish Contact	1
Total	110

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

5/21/2017 THROUGH 6/20/2017

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
B.Day Club	58.00	14.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Group Cont.	1,920.79	13,208.19
Indiv Cont	807.00	4,319.42
Lit. Sales	493.35	2,953.66
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Contri.	0.00	0.00
S & H	5.00	12.50
Sales Tax	65.10	380.69
Spec. Events	2,122.00	6,836.00
Spec. Items	342.40	2,347.15
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TOTAL	\$5,813.64	\$30,471.61

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	240.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	25.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	732.62	3,875.11
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	6.00	805.47
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	0.00
Phone & ISP	182.97	1,080.22
Postage	0.00	59.55
Employee Taxes	0.00	2,551.15
Rent	525.00	3,150.00
Salary	1,441.60	8,911.21
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	142.66	285.32
Spec. Events	583.19	2,172.34
Spec. Items	168.50	1,142.58
Card Charge	14.83	45.01
Utilities	41.19	484.40
Website	0.00	35.70
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TOTAL	\$3,878.56	25,413.06
Net Gain(Loss)	\$1,935.08	\$5,058.55

BEG. TOT. ACCT BALANCES: \$15,513.21

END TOT. ACCT. BALANCES: \$17,448.29

Group Contributions

5/21/17 Thru 6/20/17

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		22.79	Tulare Sunday Night	200.00
ABC Group		0.00	Tues. Men's-P'ville	60.00 180.00
Alpha-Wed- Tulare	100.00	100.00	Tues. Noon Rec. Club	0.00
Attitude Modification-210		390.00	Three Rivers-Monday	90.00
Bills & Friends		0.00	Valley Group	175.00
Breath of Fresh Air		2,200.00	Valley Speaker Series	666.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	320.79	1,916.09	Wed. Acceptance, P'ville	200.00 500.00
Civic Center Grp.		0.00	Weekend Attitude Adj.	20.00 70.00
Clodbusters-Tulare		200.00	Women's Amity-Visalia	631.28
Crossroads-Tulare	200.00	200.00	Women's Changes-P'ville	75.00 225.00
CSO Meeting	36.00	394.00	Women's Fri. Night-P'ville	87.00
Dinuba Grp	75.00	40.00	Women's Sat AM 12x12	165.00
District 47		400.00	Young & Restless	40.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		25.00		
Exeter-Quiet Trails		0.00		
Exeter Sun Afternoon	100.00	410.00		
Foundation Group		86.00		
Freedom Fellowship		172.80		
Fri. Night Study Tulare	50.00	50.00		
No. Cal H&I		287.25		
Message of Hope		0.00		
Monday Men's Mtg.	114.00	228.00		
Monday Night Live		0.00		
Mid Valley-Tulare		0.00		
Mon Book Study-S'ville		93.00		
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		0.00		
Monday Meditation-Visalia		0.00		
Mon Men'sBook Study		0.00		
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00		
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		84.75		
Porterville Young People		20.00		
Practicing The Pinciples		92.15		
Rainbow Group	63.00	236.00		
Rule 62-Visalia	100.00	200.00		
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00		
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		400.00		
Soberfest Groups		0.00		
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		170.00		
Springville Gut Level	150.00	765.48		
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg	80.00	820.00		
Sun PM Serenity Seekers	90.00	90.00		
Tulare Young People		10.00		
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00		
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00		
Tulare Tuesday Night		0.00		
			Total	1,920.79 13,208.19

Lighter Side of AA

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

How many alcoholics does it take to change a light bulb? Just one. He holds the bulb and the world revolves around him!

An old-timer comes home from his home group meeting, gets ready for bed, and is on his knees saying his evening prayers.

He's in the middle of his "God blesses" saying "God bless the guy who says the same thing no matter what the topic, God bless George, God bless the 'cake lady,' God bless..." suddenly he pauses and looks up. Then says, "You know God. I wonder if there is AA in heaven. If there isn't AA in heaven, I don't know if I want to go there. These folks are so important to me, I don't want to spend eternity without them."

There's a bolt of lightening and a loud clap of thunder and then the olde timer hears a voice saying, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is AA in heaven. The bad news is ... "You're scheduled to chair the meeting tomorrow night."

Have a Joke??? Send it in!!!!

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