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STEP THREE

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him".

As I Grow and Mature, ever so slowly, but watching closely to be Progressive in my venture of this AA Program. The things I do and say to those outside the Fellowship can differ slightly, but only to the point of remaining Annonymous and not in the sense of treating those outside the rooms of AA any Better or Worse than those inside. The "Causes and Conditions" spoken of by My Sponsors and those I hold in deep respect from the Program of AA, have become words to Live by when faced with a Light or Dire situation.

Whether in or out of the Program of AA Society, I have to think before I speak and even play out past situations to remember what came about or how it impacted relationships in the Last similar problem or incident, so as not to make the same mistake again. Trying to always practice this to avoid the "Insanity of doing the same thing over ande over, expecting a different outcome".

I have to remember that only my Creator is Perfect and that in turn, makes only His Will Perfect and I am not. So, when I read this Step, whether it be in a meeting format or in some AA literature, I should always practice it in my life, in the world or with the fellows of AA. More importantly with those very close to me, because I never know how far my comments, example or attitude can affect the next person they make contact with.

I was born Imperfect and I am going to make mistakes, as

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long as I don't use it as an excuse to do harm to others, whether it be emotionally, physically or financially. Being imperfect reminds me that I will never quit having to make amends. There are going to be times, no matter how hard I try to do the right thing (depending on the situation) in the case of "People, Place or Thing" Regardless, the outcome will not come out as I would like it to be. This will always remind me of Step Three and to give it to my Higher Power, which in turn has kept me Sober and will continue to keep Me Sober for at least another Day.

Joe H, Sober Date 12-31-2010

TRADITION THREE

"The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking."

This Tradition seems quite simple. If one wants to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous you must have a desire to stop drinking. Indeed, why else would anyone even show up at a meeting? If I didn't have a drinking problem and want to stop, I would not have gone to an A.A. meeting. I didn't have a great social life, but I didn't stagger in to the Alano Club just to meet people. I was desperate to stop drinking and I could not; I came to A.A. for help. However, not everyone who comes to a meeting is an alcoholic. This reality is one reason why there is Tradition Three, and why it needs to be upheld. I was at a meeting recently where two young people entered carrying clipboards. (To me, this is never a good sign, although not as bad as a video camera.) When the secretary asked if there were any newcomers, they volunteered that they were not alcoholics, but nursing students. It was part of their training program to attend an A.A. meeting and take notes on what we do. This was a "closed" meeting, which means attendance is limited to alcoholics only. The two were politely referred to an "open" A.A. meeting, where non-alcoholics are welcome to attend. We all parted on good terms. On another occasion, I was secretary of a closed meeting where a newcomer introduced himself by

name only. I asked him if he was an alcoholic. He said, "well, I still drink, if that's what you mean." I then asked if he had a desire to stop drinking. (Our meeting states in the preamble that it is for alcoholics only, or for those with a desire to stop drinking.) When I reminded him of this, he sat back, paused, and said, "Well, you can just call me an observer". I told him that at closed meetings, we did not have "observers" and directed him to an open meeting. He stalked out, grumbling. The Tradition was enforced. The other Side of Tradition Three is that if anyone says that they *are* an alcoholic, or wish to recover, they are automatically a member: Nothing to sign, no credit check, no contracts, no fees, and misery fully refunded if not completely satisfied with this simple program. It does not matter how they look, sound or smell; money or no money, we don't turn away alcoholics who want to recover. You are a member when you say you are a member. If any group ever debates whether to admit or deny membership in the group to an alcoholic, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions offers a simple test: "What would the Master do?". All of us, thankfully, know the answer to that.

Mark G. Visalia.

Upcoming Events!!

Saturday March 11, 2017
Valley Speaker Series
Christ Lutheran Church - Tulare, Ca.

Sunday April 23, 2017 CCCAA Golf Tournament Riverside Golf Course - Fresno, Ca.

Friday/Saturday April 28/29, 2017 CCCAA Roundup Hope Lutheran Church - Fresno, Ca.

Sunday May 21, 2017 TCCO Golf Tournament Tulare Golf Course - Tulare, Ca

(See Flyers attached)

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Editors Corner:

Hello all! Welcome to the March 2017 edition of the Tulare Central Office Newsletter. I want to bring your attention to the meeting schedule on the web site. Please take a peek and send any corrections to the Central Office. Enjoy the articles from our members and the business meeting notes from our volunteers. Again I would like to thank Allen L on the graphics, always a picture that represents the area we live in.

MARCH AA BIRTHDAYS

Name	City	Years	
Manuel C.	Tulare	42	
Kristi H.	Visalia	41	
Art W.	Lampasas TX	39	3/7/78
John G.	Armona	34	
Barbara S.	Hanford	34	3/27/83
Ray D.	Tulare	33	
Laura H.	Visalia	33	
Sylvia M.	Visalia	32	
Allan L.	Visalia	31	3/3/86
Jesse M.	Porterville	30	
Rod R.	Tulare	30	
Vick G.	Exeter	30	3/3/87
Cy F.	Visalia	30	
Marcie M.	Porterville	29	3/15/88
Mark C.	Hanford	28	3/20/89
Lawrence C.	Tulare	26	3/16/91
Dave S.	Visalia	24	
Tom S.	Visalia	24	
Wendy S.	Visalia	24	
Gary S.	Three Rivers	22	
Jeanmarie D.	Porterville	15	3/25/02
Mitch H.	Terra Bella	15	3/12/02
Jeff P.	Visalia	14	3/1/03
Stephanie G.	Visalia	13	3/1/04
Chuck W.	Exeter	12	3/16/05
Edward V.	Dinuba	11	
Pete B.	Camp Nelson	9	3/24/08
Steven S.	Visalia	6	3/26/11
Zach D.	Visalia	4	3/21/13

CENTRAL NEWS

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-Tim H

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting 186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday March 3rd, 2017 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - Mike K. - Visalia, CA

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting Cross & Blackstone, Tulare Friday, March 10th, 2017 at 8:00 PM Speaker: - Britta B. - Visalia, CA

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting Veterans Memorial Building 36000 Hwy 190, Springville Sunday, March 12th, 2017 at 10:15 AM (Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM) Speaker: Kat H. - Fresno, CA

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting The Gallery @ The Creative Center 410 E. Race Ave. Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. Speakers for March Mar 1 - Pancho Z. of Visalia- 16 Years!

Mar 8 - Sheila T. of Fresno - 9 Years!

Mar 15 - Rob S. of Fresno - 9 Years!

Mar 22 - Sherri D. of Visalia - 30 Years!

Mar 29 – Cami T. of Visalia – 15 Years!

That's 79 years of sobriety in five simple one-hour sessions!

CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 14, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRES-

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: None **SERENITY PRAYER:** Led by Doug H.

12 TRADITIONS: Julie M.

SECRETARY REPORT: Corrections to the minutes

were made and minutes were approved.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The minutes

were read.

TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob

H.- We had an income of \$10,946.61 and expenses of \$4,878.39 for a gain of \$6,068.22 for this accounting period. Group contributions were excellent again. This report includes our annual New Year's event. Sales were good also. Individual contributions actually exceeded group contributions. Expenses include our annual office insurance and expenses for the New Year's event. When making group contributions please tell your group treasurers to be sure and tell me (Bob) what group it is from so we can credit your group for it. We are starting another year of carrying the AA message of recovery in Tulare County. I want to thank all the AA groups and members that make this possible. I want to thank the outgoing Central Office members and welcome the new members of the Board. Bob H.

WEBSITE REPORT: The website is working well with about 119 visitors per day.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEER

March Step 3 Joe H. April Step 4 Mark G.

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

March Tradition 3 Reyes

April Tradition 4 Joe H.

H&I REPORT – Zach D. discussed that H&I did meet on January 14th and read minutes.

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.

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.

Joe H.-Friday Foundation Group-Welcome one and all every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Friday of the month for a closed big book study meeting. It is held at the center for Spiritual Living on Locust 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 first Friday varies due to seasonal groups. Located 117 S. Locust St. in Visalia meeting from 7pm-8pm and court cards are signed.

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 & Santa Fe in Visalia, 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. Carolyn W.-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. Our Speaker for March is Kat H. from Fresno. 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. 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.

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.

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 from 10-11:30 am. It is an open meeting. We have had to move to the Alano Club for our meeting as our meeting place was sold. We are currently looking for a place to meet. We are trying to meet at the Creative Center in the future. We celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of the month and give out chips each week for various lengths of sobriety. We have many long time members that attend regularly and always welcome newcomers graciously.

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 birth-days 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-Porterville RSVP- 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. On the second 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 – Bridge Street Drunks meet at noon every day of the week. We have both closed and open meetings. We usually have 10-15 attendees. Business meeting 2nd Sat. Birthday meeting last Sat. Each day we read from that days reflections to start the meeting and use that for our topic. We have many long timers. Newcomers are welcome and court cards are signed.

Jonathan T. – We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for a closed AA men' 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.

Joe H.- Friday Night Foundation Group –Welcome one and all every 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Friday of the month for a closed book study meeting. Starting the month of March we will begin studying "Came to believe" from the AA book list. 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. First Friday varies due to seasonal groups. The address is 117 South Locust Street. The hour long meeting runs from 7 - 8pm. Court cards are signed and we 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Central Office Inventory
 - a. Many CSR's brought the feedback from group that they liked idea of Central Office being opened on Saturdays and possibly extended hours. The idea of starting a potential volunteer group for Saturdays was discussed both pros and cons of the idea and a thought to possibly form an ad hoc committee was added to the discussion. Discussion was tabled for next month as CSR's are to talk with groups and obtain more feedback.
- 2. Annual Picnic June 10, 2017 NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. New Year's Party- we need cooks or catering for this year and it will be in Lindsey.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$42.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Unions Grove planning committee on March 14, 2017 at 6pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00PM

Sheri T.

SERVICE MEETINGS

AND ADDRESSES

SERVICE MEETINGS

GSR Meeting at Central Office 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM Picnic Planning Meeting 6:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 9:00 am 2nd Saturday of odd months.

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If we examine every disturbance we have, great or small, we will find at the root of it some unhealthy dependency and its consequent unhealthy demand. Let us, with God's help, continually surrender these hobbling liabilities.

- Bill W

DISTRICT 47 MEETING

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2017

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

<u>Present;</u> Josh F. <u>DCM</u>/and GSR for the Bridge Street Drunks Group of Visalia; <u>Greg G.</u>, <u>D-47 Treasurer</u>; <u>Cheryl H.</u>, <u>D-47 Recording Secretary</u>/ and GSR for the 2nd Sunday Speaker Breakfast Group of Springville.

Pat J., GSR of Springville Monday Night Book Study; **Nick V.,** GSR for Rainbow Group; **Allen L.,** GSR for Visalia AM Sunday Serenity Seekers AA Group; **Martha M.,** GSR Porterville Friday Night Loose Women AA Group; **Dean J.,** GSR of Visalia Young Peoples Group; **Don H.**, GSR of Bridge Street Drunks Group; **Glenda G.,** GSR of Porterville Tuesday Night Women's Changes AA Group.

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

Twelve Traditions: Glenda G.

Twelve Concepts: Josh F. Concept 2; Complete authority of Conference Charter....

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

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Group contributions totaled \$ 337.79. Balance \$1,108.79

CSO Report - No report

PI/CPC- NA

H&I Report - NA

<u>DCM Report</u> – **Josh F.** Attended Winter assembly as did Allen and Don. Preliminary agenda items were presented by Delegate Vicki. D-47 workshop well into planning stage. PRAASA in Sacramento the first weekend in March.

DCM Report

2017 Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference Selected Agenda Item Summaries

Below are brief summaries of Agenda Items that may be of interest.

(1) Proposed Introductory Footnote to the Pamphlet "Problems Other than Alcohol" (Item II.B). This item originates from a 2016 Advisory Action to add an introductory paragraph to the pamphlet explaining to professionals. The trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and accessibilities has recommended that a footnote at the bottom of page one – rather than an introductory paragraph – be added which states as follows:

This pamphlet id derived from an article written by A.A. co-founder Bill W. in 1958. Therefore, some of the language may be dated, but the issues addressed are prevalent today.

The Committee expressed that a footnote would be more appropriate

than an introductory paragraph because the pamphlet is not specifically directed to professionals, and is used by a broad range of people. The Committee's reasoning is that an introductory paragraph for professionals "would seem to limit [the pamphlet's] scope and narrow its usage to the pamphlet's many readers who are not themselves professionals.

- (2) <u>Proposed Addition to the Pamphlet "Self Support:</u> Where Money and Spirituality Mix" (Item IV.D). Area 08 has recommended that the following text be added to the pamphlet:
- Q. Is there a limit to how much money an A.A. group can contribute?
 - A. No limits each group is autonomous. Although contributions may vary, there is no limit on the amount that a group can contribute for the betterment of A.A. as a whole. Each group conscience may determine how much is to be spent for the betterment of the individual group.

The answer to this question is presently located in the A.A. Guidelines on Finance; however, the Guidelines are not usually available to group members. Given that this question arises relatively frequently, Area 08 believes the proposed language would be helpful.

(3) Proposal to Discontinue the Pamphlet "Too Young?" (Item VI.B). Area 08 is requesting that this pamphlet be retired on the grounds that it is not attractive to its target audience. Area 08's letter in support of the proposal contains the following quote from a young person in AA:

"Unlike what we do in the meetings and in the book, the 'Too Young?' pamphlet is presented as a work of fiction, or as accounts of other people's stories. In A.A. we share our experience, firsthand, not a weird comic rendition of it."

According to an informal survey in Area 08, roughly 85% of the young people asked about the pamphlet "where turned off by the pamphlet and strongly disliked it."

- (4) Progress Report Regarding Literature for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues (Item VI.G). The special literature subcommittee on this issue has reviewed stories submitted from throughout the fellowship and has forwarded 23 stories to the Publishing Department with the following suggestions:
 - 1. <u>Format</u> The subcommittee recommends a pamphlet-styled format containing entire stories (as opposed to snippets).
 - 2. <u>Content</u> Recognizing that the proposed literature would reflect the sharing of our "experience, strength and hope," and that we are not in the business of the diagnosis and/or treatment of mental health illness, the subcommittee recommends consideration of an introduction from a medical perspective much like "The Doctor's Opinion" in the Big Book.
 - 3. In addition to having an introduction written by a medical professional, the subcommittee suggests having the final draft reviewed by a medical professional or panel of medical professionals as was done for the pamphlet "The

A.A. Member – Medications & Other Drugs."

There are three former and current Class A members of the publishing department with specific expertise in this area, who will help to develop a draft introduction "that is up-to-date and utilizes the most accepted medical/psychiatric terminology." One goal is to submit a draft to the 2018 Conference Committee on Literature.

- (5) Create New Literature and/or Revise Existing Literature to Focus on Safety in A.A. (Item VI.J). As you might imagine, there is a healthy amount of background material on this issue. In addition, G.S.O. has recently published a "service piece" regarding safety in AA. That was distributed by our Delegate at the Workshop held on February 11, 2017 in Porterville. The piece can also be downloaded from AA's website. Just do a web search for "AA service material safety."
- **(6)** Request to Add a YPAA Subcommittee to the General Service Structure (Item VII.J). Area 08 has requested that a new YPAA subcommittee be created which would allow more interaction between YPAA entities and the general service conference.
- (7) Consider Proposal for a New Publication, Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 1970 (working title). "The never-before-collected General Service conference talks of Bill W. provide a fresh perspective on the history of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement and allow interested readers to read and appreciate more of his writing. The talks include important details of A.A.'s early history and the development of the General Service structure. Most of his talks (those that can be recovered and are not wholly repetitive), as well as some key talks by important Class A trustees for historical context and perspective, are to be included in this unique collection the first time ever in printed form." Josh F.

GSR Report – **Glenda G:** Two members celebrated birthdays in January; Rose R with 4 years and Vicki B with 1 yr. We had a potluck before the meeting with a beautiful cake. The group has a business meeting the $3^{\rm rd}$ Tuesday of every month. We also have a CSR, a treasurer and group input. Ours is a healthy AA group.

OLD BUSINESS:

~*Martha M.* Winter Workshop. February 11 at Porterville 12 Step Recovery Club. 9 am to 1:30 PM Fliers available. Topics to include Member safety; sexual predators, threats of violence, Group response to criminal behavior, 13th Steppers and Self-support.

NEW BUSINESS:

7th Tradition: \$45

.00 The meeting closed with the *Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration* t 8:00 pm. Respectfully submitted, Cheryl H.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1/21/17 - 2/20/17

Birthday Club

Zach D. Visalia 4

Individual Contributions

Anonymous George L. Jim K.

Mike S.

Shannon S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACTS

1/21/17 - 2/20/17

Answering Service Calls	2
AA Members	9
Court Ref/Info	13
Meeting Information	19
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	3
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	1
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	4
Visitors to Office	50
Literature Sales	19
Specialty Sales	30
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	11
Prospective Members	2
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	14
Spanish Contact	3
Total	180

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

1/21/17 - 2/20/17

Contract	Mondo	VTD
Group	Month	<u>YTD</u>
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210		0.00
Bills & Friends		0.00
Back to the 40's		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air	210.00	0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	318.99	649.60
Civic Center Grp.		0.00
Clodbusters-Tulare		0.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	42.00	165.00
Dinuba Grp		40.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		25.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		0.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon	60.00	160.00
Foundation Group	22.00	62.00
Freedom Fellowship		0.00
Fri. Night BB Study Grp.		0.00
Message of Hope		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.	114.00	114.00
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	44.00	44.00
Porterville Young People	20.00	20.00
Practicing The Pinciples	92.15	92.15
Rainbow Group		89.00
Rule 62-Visalia	100.00	100.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		200.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		70.00
Springville Gut Level		330.48
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg	20.00	40.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
T.C. Young People		0.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		0.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville	60.00	60.00
Tues. Noon Rec. Club		0.00
Three Rivers-Monday		90.00
Valley Group		0.00
Valley Speaker Series		0.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville	100.00	200.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		249.96
Women's Changes-P'ville		150.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		0.00
Total	993.15	3,351.19

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE Income & Expense Statement

1/21/2017 THROUGH 2/20/2017

INCOME MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		
B.Day Club	4.00	138.00		
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00		
Group Cont.	1,037.14	3,395.19		
Indiv Cont	439.58	2,973.58		
Lit. Sales	596.75	1,250.65		
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00		
Misc.	0.00	0.00		
Newsletter Contri	bution 0.00	0.00		
S & H	2.50	5.00		
Sales Tax	71.44	145.55		
Spec. Events	0.00	4,714.00		
Spec. Items	323.20	799.25		
TOTAL	\$2,474.61	\$13,421.22		

EXPENSES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Ans. Serv.	40.00	80.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	1,591.25	1,782.00
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	447.82	456.82
Office Equip.& Main	t 0.00	0.00
Phone & ISP	179.38	358.90
Postage	49.00	52.21
Employee Taxes	1,124.12	1,124.12
Rent	525.00	1,050.00
Salary	1,976.73	3,294.55
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events	0.00	1,589.15
Spec. Items	0.00	368.68
Card Charge	7.67	15.40
Utilities	100.07	197.60
Website	35.70	35.70
TOTAL	\$6,076.74	10,955.13
Net Gain(Loss)	(\$3,602.13)	\$2,466.09
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ENDING TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES:\$14,855.83

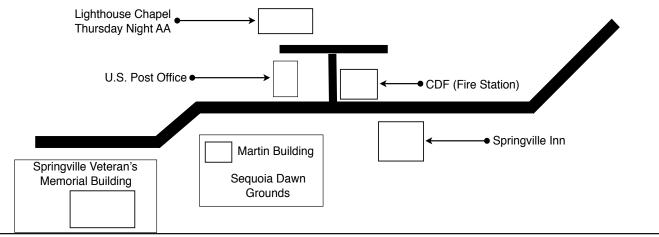
BEGINNING TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES:\$18,457.96

Sunday Morning, March 12, 2017

Always the 2nd Sunday of the Month - Come Join Us!

Speaker: Kat H. Fresno, CA

Special Sunday Speaker in Springville's Serenity



Springville Veterans Memorial Building 36000 Highway 190 Springville, California

For Information: Call 559-539-3814

- From Highway 99 at Tipton (south of Tulare) Take Highway 190 turnoff toward the Sierras - 32 miles east to Springville
- From Highway 99 at Bakersfield Take Highway 65 north 45 miles to Highway 190 - 17 miles east to Springville

8:00 AM	Coffee's Hot - Attitude Adjustment Time
8:30 AM	Breakfast Service (\$5.00)
10:15 AM	Meeting Starts (7th Tradition is honored)
10:30 - 10:45 AM	10 Minute Speaker - Main Speaker





Fifth Annual Central California Council Roundup

LOVE & TOLERANCE

is our code

April 28 & 29, 2017

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

ADMISSION \$20 per person

Saturday Night Dinner & Saturday Night Comedy Show

FREE EVENTS

2 Days of Speaker & Marathon Meetings Young Peoples ▲ Old Timers ▲ Marathon Meetings

Register Online at www.3c2a.org



Tulare Golf Course 5300 S. Laspina Street

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

Please Arrive by 11:45 a.m.

Scrambles Format Lunch Included

Entry Fee: Only \$9000 Includes Golf Cart, Range Balls, and Prizes for Closest to Hole, Long Drive, and many others.

This year we are challenging Tulare County groups to come together and provide either monetary support or actual prizes for Long Drive, Closest to the Hole, etc.
---- If your group wants to be a part of this, let Jim know by May 14th ----

This is going to be a fun event! It supports our Central Office, so come out and have a good time with your golfing friends.

Please return your entry form & payment by May 14, 2017. Thanks!

Golf Townament Entry Form

Form your own team or just sign up and be placed on a team by tournament organizers. Each team should have an A, B, C and D player.

Name:	Phone:				
Address:					
My handicap is:	For TEAM Entry Only: I am player A B C	D (ci	ircle	one))
Total amount enclosed for	entrant(s) @ \$90.00 each: \$				
Additional Individual Entrants —OR	R—Team Members.			AM E e on	
Name:	Handicap/AverageScore:	A	В	С	D
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Make checks payable to:
"Tulare County Central Office"

Send Entry Form & Check to:
Jim Kusserow
3102 West Howard Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

To Contact Jim
call: (559) 740-8443
e-mail: jkusserow@comcast.net

See that Jim gets this form by May 14, 2017