



## STEP NINE

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*“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others”*

Probably the step that puts us in direct touch with our past. This step is very dependent on the previous step. Our willingness and motivation must be without resentment, or this step will not go so well. This can be a daunting task because who really wants to face someone and tell them what a mess of a person we were. But that’s the key isn’t it, to fully face the person that we WERE, past tense!

The wisdom of this step has always fascinated me. Even in the big book we are told that “...we will be amazed before we are half way through.” This was true for me as I began my journey through this step. Although there were groups of people that I had harmed or cheated or lied to, I found that when I approached many of them, they had forgotten much and generally pleased that I was on a path out of darkness. My experience tells me that this step isn’t so much for the people we make amends to, but it is ourselves that gain the humility necessary to live a non-self-centered life.

There were times where I had destroyed property in a complete fog, I knew I had done it, but could not remember specifics, like location. You see I had many a night (and day) where only part of my brain was working, the rest was in a black out. After talking with an AA friend (my sponsor also gave me the same advice) it was suggested that I pick a local charity, admit to the person in charge my wrong doing and the desire to take responsibility for my actions. I could then offer a donation in-line with the damage done. This didn’t have the same effect as approaching and facing the actual person I had harmed, it did however give me some semblance of humility.

There were other instances that I could never repay, like the lost time with parents, spouse, children and friends. My only reparation is living a sober life and freely giving my time to those I loved and cared for. My parents were able to see me sober for many years before they passed and my children are an important part of my life, including my grand-children.

I have another theory about step 9. Considering the belief that “...More will be revealed...” I am certain that as time goes by, little snippets of the past will come to light. Along with these snippets will be the realization that I had a part in the damage done that I must acknowledge and attempt an amends. I wonder if the ninth step is a lifelong commitment to right the wrongs of the past when revealed?

This step is the transition period from the past to the present and future. We all have a past and that past will always be with us, but it is with facing it, and trying to right wrongs done that we can “...not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.” We have gained insight into the damage that our disease caused and can use that insight to help others that are still suffering. This is a powerful step and one that can lead to the next chapter of our development, that of living a humble, fulfilling life in service to others.

-Tim H  
Visalia

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## TRADITION NINE

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*“AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”*

Not Organized?

This tradition is a little confusing for me at first glance. It

is hard to see AA as we know it as not being organized. We have meeting schedules. We have open meetings, closed meetings, gay meetings, step-study meetings, book-study meetings, speaker meetings, and more. Our group secretaries often maintain lists of members and their sobriety dates. Some meetings have phone lists. We have sponsors who meet regularly with their sponsees. We have numbered Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service. Most meetings around here begin with "How it Works" and end with The Lord's Prayer. It all seems pretty organized to me.

However, our actual program of recovery is in the Big Book. The Twelve steps are the AA program. It is as simple as that. What we have come to know as the fellowship or culture of AA is what has grown out of our necessity to pass on the "one-drunk-talking-to-another-drunk" method of carrying the AA message and practicing Step Twelve.

So, yes, our fellowship seems very organized, but in reality our membership is not. There are no dues, fees or membership requirements (other than a desire to stop drinking). There are no rules to guide our members' behavior, and there is no authority to enforce rules even if we had them. We don't sign up for AA, and we can't be kicked out. We are members if we say we are members. Tradition Four declares, "Each group should be autonomous." Individual groups may come up with their own group rules or meeting procedures, and even if a group is breaking AA traditions, there is no policing AA authority to keep a group in line. As AA members, we have the freedom and the responsibility to police our own groups.

Somewhere I heard about a thing called the theory of emergence. It has something to do with how individual, interacting parts work together to create something new (like a pattern or system or organization) that is its own unique thing--something that emerges out of those seemingly random interactions and becomes something beyond just the sum of its parts. Supposedly, this is what causes fish to swim in schools with such a precise unity that it seems as if one mind were directing the entire group of fish. I think the somewhat organized structure we have come to know and expect in our AA groups has emerged in much the same way. Sounds a lot like "a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience" to me.

#### Service Boards and Committees?

Of course, when we work together to make AA more effective, to reach more suffering alcoholics, or to communicate with the institutions we sometimes cooperate with, we then find it necessary to organize things. That

is where the "service boards and committees directly responsible to those they serve" bring this organization to our Twelfth-Step work.

Locally, we have the Central Office (or Intergroup) that serves the AA membership of Tulare County, providing AA literature for groups; maintaining a meeting directory (both on paper and online); manning telephone inquiries and facilitating Twelfth-Step calls. Our groups are represented at the monthly Central Office meeting by their CSRs (Central Service Representatives).

Our groups are also able to communicate with AA's General Service Office (New York) through their GSRs (General Service Representatives), who meet once a month at the District 47 General Service Meeting. We are in District 47, which is part of the California Northern Interior Area, which is part of the Pacific Region. This structure provides a conduit for local groups to send input to New York on issues that affect AA as a whole.

Our H&I committee is organized to provide Twelfth-Step opportunities for AA members who would like to carry the message into hospitals and institutions, where potential AA members are locked up or otherwise confined.

These are three local service boards or committees that are organized to give Tulare County AA members the opportunity to be of service. Once you've become a part of one of these, you will soon be aware of even more service entities within the service structure of AA that you can be a part of. So enjoy your freedom and take advantage of the opportunities for AA service provided by these organized service boards and committees.

Allen L.  
Exeter

#### Editors Corner:

Hello all! Welcome to the September issue. It is such a pleasure to be involved with the Tulare Co. AA fellowship. The quality of sobriety that I have found is remarkable and I thank all the members of this community. Thanks to Allen L for contributing the monthly picture for the mast head. Suggestions and content can be sent to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) anytime. I will be checking email once a day and will respond within a week.

Thank you all for contributing articles and keep them coming.

- Tim H.

# SEPTEMBER AA BIRTHDAYS

Name	City	Years
Joe F.	Porterville	37
Dick C.	Visalia	35
Margie C.	Exeter	34
Robert H.	Exeter	33
Rebecca M.	Lemoore	33
Gerald V.B.	Exeter	30
Joan C.	Visalia	30
Tom P.	Dinuba	30
Ruth B.	Visalia	29
Cliff L.	Visalia	29
John W.	Tulare	29
Carolyn K.	Visalia	28
David H.	Visalia	28
Ken R.	Visalia	28
Warren G.	Visalia	28
Hal W.	Lemon Cove	28
Jerry" Bubba" W.	Tulare	27
Joan A.	Exeter	27
Kelley N.	Tulare	27
Linda P.	Visalia	27
Ty N.	Tulare	27
Cary K.	Visalia	25
Mike H.	Visalia	25
Kim A.	Tulare	24
Tom C.	Visalia	24
Noel	Mexico	24
Russell W.	Visalia	23
Elly Q.	Three Rivers	22
Ken F.	Visalia	22
Linda J.	Porterville	21
Cruz J.	Tulare	20
Cindy S.	Porterville	19
Anetta P.	Porterville	15
Mark H.	Exeter	13
Barbara W.	Quincy CA	11
Melanie M.	Visalia	11
Kim H.	Tulare	11
Vendy	Visalia	10
AL S.	Visalia	9
John H.	Springville	8
Jose G.	Dinuba	8
Joyce S.	Porterville	5
Kathy E.	Lindsay	2



“Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven’t the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol”  
 - Bill W.  
*c. 1939 AAWS, Alcoholics Anonymous, 1st Edition*

“The camel each day goes twice to his knees, He picks up his load with the greatest of ease, He walks through the day with his head held high, and stays for that day completely dry.”  
 -Attributed to Dr. Bob



**REMEMBER -- THE NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 31ST THIS YEAR..... IT'S NOT TO EARLY TO START PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE DINNER/SPEAKER MEETING/DANCE!**

# DISTRICT 47 MEETING

MINUTES: AUGUST 5, 2015

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

**Present:** **Josh F.** District Committee Member and GSR for the Bridge Street Drunks Group of Visalia; ; **Bob A.**, Acting Alternate DCM and GSR of the Monday Night Men's Stag Group of Visalia and the Sunday AM Serenity Seekers Group of Visalia; **Greg G.**, Treasurer for District 47; **Carolyn B.**, of Porterville Tuesday Night Women's Changes AA Group; **Pat J.**, District Registrar and GSR for the Springville Gut Level Group and the Springville Monday Book Study; **Martha M.**, of Porterville Friday Night Loose Women AA Group; **Sherri D.**, H&I rep & GSR for the Saturday Night Message of Hope Group of Visalia; **Cheryl H.**, Acting D-47 Recording Secretary and GSR for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker Breakfast Group of Springville; The Serenity Prayer and the GSR Preamble were recited by all present.

**Twelve Traditions:** Pat J.

**Twelve Concepts:** Pat J.

## Approval of Minutes:

**Treasurer's Report** – **Greg G.** reporting that the District had a beginning balance of \$ 1,116.39. Income for the month was \$ 424.53. Expenses were \$ 585.00. The District's ending balance for the month was \$ 955.92. Prudent reserve is \$800.00.

**CSO Report** – **Bob A.** reported he attended the CSO meeting. The New Year's Party needs a DJ. The chairperson is Mark G. of Visalia. The New Year's Party will be held at the Strathmore Veteran's Memorial Bldg. this year. Central Office is ordering the new pamphlet on spirituality.

**REGISTRAR** – **Pat J;** No Report

**PI/CPC-** **Brent G.;** No Report

**H&I Report** – **Sherri D.** reported there is a need for a women's coordinator for women's jail at Bob Wiley. H&I meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month at Visalia Alano Club.

**DCM Report** – **Josh F.** attended area committee in Sacramento in July. Oct. 3 in Fresno, there will be a workshop moderated by past delegate Lela M regarding how to write stories for submission in order to update the pamphlet for the 'woman alcoholic' and pamphlet for 'gay/lesbian alcoholic' and stories about alcoholics with mental health issues for a new pamphlet. October 3 is also the date set by Fresno districts for their Unity Day event. Josh would like to see D-47 support this event. CNIA is exploring

the idea of funding DCM's (on a need basis) to attend the monthly area committee meetings in Sacramento. Josh expressed to the acm that his concern is not necessarily monetary but rather interest and enthusiasm for members to be in service when the distance they have to travel is more than 400 miles in a day. Perhaps the exploration committee could investigate the length and frequency of acm's and assemblies. Josh wonders if 8 area committee meetings are necessary and perhaps a webx session during the summer months would be prudent.

## OLD BUSINESS:

2016 Mini-PRAASA – Cheryl H. reported the contract was signed with Tachi and a deposit of \$500.00 was tendered. CNIA will reimburse D-47 for the deposit. Brent g. has volunteered to chair the registration committee. Cheryl introduced a draft flyer, changes and improvements will be made.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of travel to area committee meetings for DCM.

**GSR REPORTS:** (Written reports will be included in minutes).

**Sherri D.** 'Message of Hope Group of Visalia' reports her group is an open meeting on Saturday Night, 7PM at the Carpenter's Hall in Visalia. Business meeting is third Saturday of each month at 5:45. We have varying lengths of sobriety and the chairperson usually has years to carry the message of hope. We celebrate birthdays and chip meeting on the last Saturday of the month. There are different lengths of sobriety. Join us!

**Martha M.** 'Porterville Friday Night Women's AA Group of Porterville' reports it is an open meeting every Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Porterville Recovery Club. This is a great meeting with lots of newcomers learning about the program. We have about 10 members with years of sobriety. I enjoy being of service and learning about the business of A.A.

**Cheryl H.** 'Springville 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting' reports this group is well attended from all over four counties. Coffee is always hot, a great breakfast is served, and the speakers are AA quality.

**Pat J.** 'Springville Thursday Night Gut Level AA Mtg' reports the Gut Level Mtg selects a chairperson who shares experience strength and hope for a couple of minutes then picks a topic for discussion. Business meeting is the first Thursday following the second Tuesday of each month, Birthdays are celebrated the last Thursday of the month after dinner at El Nuevo at 5:30. Come on up the hill and join us. **Pat J.** 'Springville Monday Night Book Study' is from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We are a book study meeting reading passages and sharing thoughts and comments. We study from the Big Book, 12x12, & As Bill Sees It. Business meetings are the last Monday of the month. Birthdays are celebrated as

they occur. Come on up and join us.

**Bob A. 'Monday Men's Stag'** We meet at the PPAV Hall on E. Main St in Visalia at 7:30 PM. We are a 90 minute meeting and we give out chips every Monday for various lengths of sobriety. We celebrate AA anniversaries the last Monday of the month with cake, pie or cheesecake. We have a mix of newcomers and seasoned veterans. Our secretary is Robert C. Come join the greatest meeting in Tulare County.

**Bob A. 'Sunday Morning Serenity Seekers AA Group'** We meet at 10am every Sunday at the Carpenters Union Hall at 319 N Church in Visalia. We give out chips every week for various lengths of sobriety and celebrate AA birthdays the last Sunday of the month with cake. We have a mix of newcomers and seasoned veterans. Our secretary is Charles N. All are welcome. It is a great way to start a Sunday, even during football season!

**Carolyn B. 'Porterville Tuesday Night Women's Changes AA Group'** At our recent business meeting we elected a new secretary, Alisha. We also held a birthday meeting and honored Leah T for her two years of sobriety. Additionally we sent money to Central Office, District 47, CNIA and AA GSO. Thank You!

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$ 23.00

The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl H.

## CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING

MINUTES: August 11, 2015

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

**CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Craig W., Bob H., Vicki B & Doug H

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Susan M

**SERENITY PRAYER:** Led by Craig

**12 TRADITIONS:** Mark G

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Minutes of the last meeting were approved

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Minutes of the board of directors meeting were read

**TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob H.-**

We had an income of \$3,498.13 and expenses of 2,555.51 for a gain of \$942.62 for this accounting period. Group contributions were excellent and sales were good. Expenses

were normal. We did pay the rent on the Veterans Building for our New Year's event.

**PI/CPC: Vicki B.- No Report**

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** There was a loss of \$48.98 and one contribution.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** The website is still very active with 98 unique visitors a day over a 15 day period. The Visalia meeting page continues to be the most visited page on the website with 3540 page views in a 15 day period.

**STEP FOR NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEER**

Sept	Step 9	Tim H
Oct	Step 10	Mark G

**TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

Sept	Tradition 9	Allen L
Oct	Tradition 10	Reyes

**H&I REPORT - No report**

**GSO LIAISON-** No 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 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 and we voted at our last business meeting to only have the birthday pot luck every 3 months. Our group has been able to contribute to Central Office. Caroline is our new secretary.

**Reyes.-The Rainbow Group-**This is an open gay AA meeting but everyone is welcome. We meet every Saturday from 5:30-7 pm. We meet in the Polar Bear Room in the Kaweah Delta Rehab Building at 840 S. Akers Street. We have a very good mix of Newcomer's and Long Timers coming from Fresno, Kings & Tulare counties. We hand out Newcomer packets and AA Big Books free to Newcomers. Court/Program cards are signed. We hold our Business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month. Each meeting is a chip meeting and we celebrate birthdays/anniversaries on the last Sat of the month with a delicious cake. We will be having our Eighth Potluck Anniversary on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, starting at 5:00 pm. Please join us in fellowship. We close our meeting with the "Responsibility Statement".

**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 150 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 85 breakfasts. The meeting starts at 10:15 with a 10 minute speaker. The main speaker starts around 11 am. Our Speaker for Sept has been scheduled and will be excellent, we just don't know who it is at this time.. Good food and great fellowship. Come and join us! We need your support.

**Julie M-Springville Gut Level Group**-This is an open AA meeting on Thursday night at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville from 7-8:30 pm. Attendance ranges from 15-25 per week. Good mix of old-timers and newcomers. We celebrate birthdays the last Thursday of the month.

**Allen L-Sunday Morning Serenity Seekers** –We meet at 10 am every Sunday morning at the Carpenters Union Hall at 319 N. Church in Visalia. We give chips out every week for various lengths of sobriety. We also celebrate AA anniversaries on the last Sunday of every month. We have a solid group of regular attendees and welcome all newcomers. Our average attendance is between 20-30 alcoholics. We regularly contribute to all AA entities. Business meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

**Alfonso P.-Bill and Friends**-This is a closed AA book study that meets every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the 210 restaurant on Center St. We offer books and literature. We have varying lengths of sobriety in attendance and we do sign court cards. Each meeting is a chip meeting.

**Alfonso P.-Dr. Bob and Friends**-This is a closed AA book study that meets every Monday and Wednesday from 7-8 pm at 1804 N. Court St. in Visalia. We study the Big Book on Monday and the 12x12 on Wednesday. We welcome all newcomers and we sign program cards. .

**Alfonso P-The Forgiveness Group** – this meeting is an Open topic meeting which meets at the Bethlehem Center, 11638 N. Dinuba Blvd in Visalia every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 – 2 pm..

**Vicki B.(Alt CSR) - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Annual New Year's Celebration** – Hall has been paid for. The DJ is Mike B. The Speaker has been booked

and is Steve A from Sherman Oaks. Need volunteers for all committees. **Next planning meeting Sept. 8 at 6 pm at Central Office.**

**SEVENTH TRADITION: \$20**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:03 pm**

## H&I REPORT

AUGUST 8, 2015

Monthly Report to Tulare County H&I Committee of AA

Bill H- (559) 740-8613 or [bhatzman98@gsm.uci.edu](mailto:bhatzman98@gsm.uci.edu).  
 Current H&I commitments include: Literature Chair, Men's Coordinator to the Tulare County Sheriff's Inmate Program and H&I Rep to Sunday Night Serenity Seekers at KDDH.

Here is my report for August 8, 2015

- I have literature! Anyone who needs it can call to get some. I also have Pink Cans for any groups that may need one.
- The Tulare County Main Jail and the Men's Correctional Facility (MCF) are open to badged representatives. Main Jail is open at 7:30 PM every Thursday and MCF is open at 8 PM every Saturday.
- MCF's Units A, B, C (RSAT), D and E are all eligible for our meetings.
  - Presently there are **15** Men "badged" to participate in this Inmate Program for AA. This is 3 more than last year. 4 of them speak Spanish! There are 8 AA women badged presently.
  - Jeff H continues to take a meeting to the Main Jail on Thursdays when available. Tim A and Alex B are taking a panel in bi-weekly.
  - Jeff H and Rudy G have been taking a panel to Unit A on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.
  - Alex B, Ryan S, Patrick S, Carlos M and I are taking panels to Unit D on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.
  - The table below list illustrates all H&I Opportunities **not** being met presently at MCF:

Facility/Unit	Day	Covered?
MCF/Unit A	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays	No
MCF/Unit B	All Saturdays	No

MCF/Unit C (RSAT)	All Saturdays	No
MCF/Unit D	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays	No
MCF/Unit E	All Saturdays	No

1 new Application for the Men's Inmate Program was submitted since July.

- a. Training for volunteers in 2015 will be held on ~~Jan 24 (PM), Mar 14 (AM), May 16 (AM), July 11 (AM)~~, and Sept 19 (AM) and Nov 14 (PM). AM Sessions run 8:30-Noon, PM sessions run 1-4:30 PM
- b. Any men who wish to apply to be "badged" to enter these facilities can contact me for an application. An application is attached to this email in case you want one. Please be sure any completed applications are returned to me for processing. The minimum requirements include:
  - Must be off all parole or probation
  - A minimum of 3 years since any period of incarceration in any federal, state, county or city facility.
  - Must have at least 6 months sober to apply. There's a requirement to have 1 year sober before the Sheriff will issue a badge to enter these facilities (it usually takes more than 6 months to complete the application and background check process)
4. Rafael A (559-303-2583) was appointed in 2014 as the Facility Coordinator to the Spanish Speaking AA Community for the Tulare County Sherriff's Inmate Program. We hope this will result in many more Spanish speaking AA members getting involved in H&I work there!
5. H&I Panels are taken into the Pine Recovery Facility at 2 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays every month. There is no clearance required for Pine, so those interested in H&I work who can't yet get into the Jails can get started with carrying the message here. Contact the leader if you are interested.
  - a. Greg O (559-623-6343) leads the panel on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays
  - b. Mike K (559-647-7705) leads the panel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays
6. H&I Panels at Turning Point were resumed on

Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Panels are held in the Classroom from 7-8 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month. Attendees and Panelists must sign-up 24 hours before attending their first panel. Turning Point Management reserves the right to refuse access to their facility. Bill H (559-740-8613) for the Sign-Up form and access criteria if you are interested.

7. As an H&I Rep to an AA group, I've been able to secure a position on the regular meeting agenda. This allows me to briefly discuss the H&I purpose and let members know how they can get involved at the end of every meeting. Contact Bill H (559-740-8613) if you're interested to learn more.
8. The staff at SATF at Corcoran State Prison are interested to invite panelists to attend AA meetings there. This effort will not be a focus for the Tulare County H&I Committee as we do not presently have adequate resources to meet the H&I opportunities in Tulare County. If you're interested to learn more, contact Bill H (559-740-8613).
9. Another opportunity to serve AA's H&I activities is through the GSO's Corrections Correspondence Program. This is not a function of the Tulare County H&I Committee. This program matches you with an Alcoholic inmate for correspondence. I started doing this in July 2008 and have had some pretty valuable experiences through more step work and writing, and recommend this service highly. This service opportunity does not have a minimum sobriety requirement. The Alano Club has agreed to let us direct mail through their address. If you're interested to learn more, contact Bill H (559-740-8613).
10. Bridging The Gap is another service opportunity available to AA members who wish to be of service to newcomers. This is not a function of the Tulare County H&I Committee. This service is organized through the Tulare County Central Office and matches AA members to individuals who are preparing to depart recovery facilities. This service affords AA members to meet these newcomers and help them find their way in AA. If you are interested to get involved in this service, contact Bob H at the Tulare County Central Office at (559) 592-6999 or [tccof@hotmail.com](mailto:tccof@hotmail.com).

# SERVICE MEETINGS

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club  
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray  
Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM

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# SPEAKER MEETINGS

## Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

Cross & Blackstone, Tulare  
Friday, September 11th, 2015 at 8:00 PM  
**Speaker: Charlie M. - Visalia, CA**

## Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building  
36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
Sunday, September 13th, 2015 at 10:15 AM  
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)  
**Speaker: Veronica C. - Stockton, CA**

## The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting

The Gallery @ The Creative Center  
410 E. Race Ave.  
Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.  
**Speakers for September**  
Not Received yet.

*Attn.. Speaker Group Secretaries: If you want your speaker listed in the Newsletter, please get the information to the Central Office (592-6999) by the 20th of the month preceding the month of the Newsletter.*

## CENTRAL NEWS

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-Tim H



# INDIVIDUAL, NEWSLETTER, MEMORIAL & BIRTHDAY CLUB

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE  
Income & Expense Statement  
7/21/2015 THROUGH 8/20/2015

## Birthdays Club

Joe F.	Porterville	37
Jim B.	Springville	34
Jim K.	Visalia	13

## Individual Contributions

Anonymous  
Jim K.  
Jim B.  
Julie M.  
Shannon S.

## Newsletter Subscriptions

Chuck H.  
Joe F.

## Memorial Contribution

None

## CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACTS

Answering Service Calls	3
AA Members	14
Court Ref/Info	18
Meeting Information	20
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	1
Bridging The Gap	1
Other 12 Step Programs	3
Visitors to Office	64
Literature Sales	20
Specialty Sales	32
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	19
Prospective Members	2
Twelve Step Calls	1
E-Mail Contacts	40
Spanish Contact	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>

INCOME	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
B.Day Club	84.00	449.52
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	10.00
Group Cont.	576.48	10,574.64
Indiv Cont	621.00	4,590.87
Lit. Sales	383.90	3,616.46
Memorial Cont.	0.00	343.12
Misc.	0.00	21.50
Newsletter Subscription	40.00	104.00
S & H	0.00	7.50
Sales Tax	59.82	498.86
Spec. Events	0.00	10,341.32
Spec. Items	364.05	3,009.60
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TOTAL	\$2,129.25	\$33,567.39

EXPENSES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Ans. Serv.	40.00	300.50
CD & Tape Cost	0.00	0.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	25.00
Insurance	0.00	500.00
Lit. Costs	189.35	2,711.58
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	107.98	602.16
Office Exp	400.00	759.22
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	345.17
Phone & ISP	172.96	1,377.97
Postage	49.00	154.76
Employee Taxes	1,349.45	3,503.92
Rent	525.00	4,200.00
Salary	1,357.82	10,857.10
Sales Tax-Paid	765.00	765.00
Security System	0.00	247.78
Spec. Events	0.00	4,672.24
Spec. Items	235.00	1,450.10
Utilities	34.37	558.55
Website	0.00	55.65
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TOTAL	\$5,225.93	33,086.70
Net Gain(Loss)	(\$3,096.68)	\$480.69

BEGINNING TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$12,688.30**

ENDING TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$9,591.62**