

# CENTRAL NEWS

*November 2018*



## *Come On! Be Happy Too!!*

Balch Park Afternoon -Louie T.

T WENTY years later? Dry, one day at a time, for twenty years? Once that would have seemed an unendurable sentence to be faced. In retrospect, the years have been so busy, so happy, so full of fulfillment that no one of those seven thousand three hundred days has been long enough. And I have been happy — not frivolously and determinedly cheerful — but deep down happy. A happiness so basic that it can withstand the occasional shocks of anger, frustration, impatience and bone fatigue that once would have sent me to the nearest and quickest alcoholic escape.

Fifteen years ago I wrote my story for the Big Book. In it I said that I belong to the school of AA thought which teaches that successful membership in AA frees us, so that we may range the world — in a manner of speaking—like any other human being. Practically expressed, this viewpoint means that I do not feel the necessity of going to meetings constantly. I go whenever I have a Twelfth Step case to work with (I never turn down a Twelfth Step case) and on my anniversary. I do not go out looking for Twelfth Step cases as a means of insuring my continuing sobriety. Yet I always tell new friends and even casual strangers, when I am in their company and they are having a drink, why I do not drink: I am in AA. A friend has remarked that she considers me the

alcoholic the least anonymous she ever heard of. This procedure has brought me more than a few Twelfth Step cases. Always it elicits inquiries and usually intense interest about the unorganized organization called AA. If there is this interest, I explain briefly my own experience before and after joining AA, smile, accept congratulations, secretly giving thanks inside myself for the philosophy I have hooked onto. For I am hooked on AA; that is the most certain thing I know. And it makes me happy to shoot arrows into the air.

I also believe that as soon as they are a bit competent in AA, the newcomers should carry the Twelfth Step work. That's how I got well — doing constant and intense Twelfth Step work, privately, in groups and in hospitals. I did it for a number of years, joyously. Now when I acquire a new customer, as soon as it's sensible to do so, I transfer him to an AA member younger in AA than I am, and so (I am convinced) provide him with some of the help and opportunity he needs to better himself as well as the new candidate.

I keep liquor in my home and serve it to friends. I literally do not want any. It's no deprivation for me to act as bartender for everyone excepting myself. I go to cocktail parties early and leave early, before my

friends and the other guests get silly and argumentative and boring. I have served my time paying back for the boredom I inflicted on others when I got drunk. Sometimes I pick up a Twelfth Step case at one of these parties.

Anyone tailing me as I move around the big city where I live might think me a liar and a hypocrite, for on occasion I go — alone — into a bar. The answer is simple: from the old, bad days I know where the washrooms are and, of course, when you gotta go, you gotta go. American cities are notoriously short of this kind of convenience; the most likely place always is in a bar. My intent in writing such details is, hopefully, to reassure the candidate for AA who hesitates about coming to that first meeting or keeping on coming. Joining AA does not mean to me the taking of perpetual vows of abstinence through years that loom ahead bleakly. Of course this is why we have the twenty-fourhour plan. But even so, two years before I achieved sobriety in AA, a friend told me not to come near her again until I had been sober for ten years. I yelled, "I'd rather be dead than face such a terrible future!" Her reply did not comfort me: "Keep on as you are and you will be dead." I knew that; but I did not know that in achieving sobriety in AA I'd also achieve the free-est kind of freedom, if freedom can be qualified. I would achieve the freedom of choice. I'd like all hesitant candidates to know that and to accept it: that they are not necessarily committing themselves to a life of bondage, however healing that bondage might be.

No one would be in despair because his body cannot handle strawberries. Well, my body just can't handle alcohol, that's all. It so happens I've had my gall bladder out and can't eat grapes, but that circumstance does not make me contemplate suicide. (The doctors assured me that my past drinking had nothing to do with the gall bladder trouble, for any possibly curious readers of this essay.)

Now, while I go to meetings only occasionally, I use AA daily, hourly, I might say every waking hour of my life. I have to deal with a lot of people. Frequently, I am in the position of being able to help them in many ways. Thanks to AA, I am more tolerant and, I hope, more understanding of others. A certain former impatience is minimized; I'm working on it. The sarcasm is replaced by — at least in intention — wit, or maybe just good humor, good nature. I hope I am easier to live with. And behind the anonymity of this essay, I will confess to a joy that approaches smugness in performing good deeds, also kept anonymous, if possible. You wouldn't think that

at my age anyone could be so naive? Ah, truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth. Retire to a private place for your prayers. Bread cast on the waters, and so on. Believe me, it's all true. At least, it's true for me.

Selfishly, for me, the best is that I'm in command. No compulsion by anything drives me to actions that I don't really want to do, don't approve of, and know are wrong. I hope I am no less human for being dry, twenty-years-plus dry, in AA.

The bad old years, the years of suffocating in the deep morass of alcoholism, are years I could have used to good advantage had I not been trapped by this hideous disease. There were seven or eight years before I found AA — oh, how I could have used those years! But they were not wasted; they stripped me of everything, including self respect; but they made me ready for the happiness of the last twenty years in AA. Come on, man, join us! Be happy, too. All you have to do to change your life is change your mind.

E.B.R., Manhattan, NY AA Grapevine September, 1967

## Step 11

*"Sought through prayer and mediation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."*

As with most steps in my life, I stubbornly approached step eleven with the various reasons why I was the exception to this step therefore making the case that surely would persuade my sponsor to skip me to step twelve. Lovingly she listened to my case and met me where I was at. She worked with me to find a mediation that would compliment my core values. Now that I have a working meditation that fits me I actually "work" this step almost daily and I wouldn't have it any other way.

When you read step Eleven in the 12 X 12 you will notice that Bill W. describes the commonality of my approach or should I say my reluctance to approach mediation by writing, "So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary." He then writes about how "we" would experiment with this step to find out what an amazing part of life mediation can be. That's what I have found in my life and it's wonderful to read my experience in his 12 X 12 writing, "As the

body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace." "Meditation is our step out into the sun."

He then suggests a way that someone new to meditation may start by reciting the St. Francis prayer written in the 12 X 12. Looking at this again I may make this a pleasant addition to my step eleven. I thought I would share my experience with step eleven. Please note, as with any share or suggestion please take what you need and leave the rest behind. Here is my experience: I have been blessed with a busy mind which means it is difficult to stop thoughts. One area that helps me is to run or fast jog. I put in my ear buds and listen to my playlist and run from 3 to 6 miles almost every day. (side note- I'm not a skinny minnie) When I'm finished my millions of thoughts are halted. I then take out my ear buds and mediate on a prayer until it's time to listen to God in the beautiful outdoors. I hear birds, see clouds, a friendly neighbor washing their car in God's presence. It is a time of peace for me and fills my daily cup.

I was eager to write this step for our newsletter because it is a step of great joy for me. I wanted to share that joy. What I have found is that my original mindset was to box in this step as a specific world understanding of mediation- making my understanding of meditation very, very small. What I've learned is that God is not small and neither are these steps- it takes a sponsor to help reveal my own boxed items to free me for a lifetime of joyful experiences. Writing this I wonder if first, does anyone read this and second has anyone experienced step Eleven as a joyful and vital step to their life?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheri T.

## Upcoming Events

**Have an Event?? Send an Email:  
centralintergroupnews@gmail.com**

**Tradition 11**  
*Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.*

When I first questioned the reasoning behind this tradition, I was told that it was to save A.A. from embarrassment: if a celebrity credited A.A. for his/her newfound sobriety and then went out and got drunk, AA. might lose its credibility. An alternative reason was also presented: if an eminent and well-respected personage publicly declared his/her affiliation with AA, it might ruin that person's credibility. Though both of these notions contain a degree of truth, a careful reading of the 12X12 shows a much deeper justification for "attraction not promotion" being the guiding principle of A.A.'s public relations policy.

This tradition is primarily to serve as a deterrent to self-aggrandizement and publicity seeking among A.A. members themselves. Though perhaps motivated to "spread the word" about A.A., these folks who would like to publicly proclaim the virtues of our program would also be jeopardizing the very notion of anonymity upon which this society is based. This dovetails nicely with the 12th tradition's insistence upon "principles, not personalities."

As stated in the 12X12: "In the beginning, the press could not understand our refusal of all personal publicity. They were genuinely baffled by our insistence upon anonymity. Then they got the point. Here was something rare in the world – a society which said it wished to publicize its principles and its work, but not its individual members. The press was delighted with this attitude. Ever since, these friends have reported A.A. with an enthusiasm which the most ardent members would find hard to match." (p. 182)

Of course we all know of celebrities and public figures who are members of A.A. Sometimes we know of this through the inner workings of the AA "grapevine" (not the magazine), but more often than not we learn through TV or the internet about a well-known

entertainer or movie actor being “in recovery”; in an interview, that person might even claim to be in a 12-step program, which is a very thinly disguised way of saying A.A. or N.A. There are also several Christian writers who, in the course of their writings, mention “meetings in Church basements” or a “fellowship of fellow-sufferers”. As their aim is not necessarily to promote A.A. but to simply confess that they are alcoholics or drug addicts, this perhaps falls into sort of a gray area concerning Tradition 11. The key here is humility, and not self-promotion.

Again, in the words of the 12X12: Tradition 11... ”represents far more than a sound public relations policy. It is more than a denial of self-seeking. This Tradition is a constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. In it, each member becomes an active guardian of our Fellowship.”

Louise G

## Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	0
AA Members	7
Court Ref/Info	6
Meeting Information	16
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	42
Literature Sales	11
Specialty Sales	14
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	5
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	14
Spanish Contact	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

## November AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Paul H.	Visalia	42
Mike G.	Visalia	36
Jim D.	Visalia	35
Cathy O.	Visalia	32
John T.	Visalia	30
Charlie M.	Visalia	30
Robert G.	Visalia	30
Tracy W.	Visalia	29
Cristy R.	Tulare	29
John D.	Visalia	29
Rod K.	Visalia	29
Max	Lemon Cove	29
Lynda B.	Visalia	28
Christine O.	Visalia	27
Jerri H.	Dinuba	26
Jerry M.	Visalia	26
Krystal G.	Visalia	26
Nancy D.	Visalia	26
Norm B.	Visalia	24
Paula Ann	Tulare	24
Mona	Visalia	23
Linda N.	Porterville	21
Lynn P.	Visalia	20
Pam S.	Porterville	20
Mandy S.	Visalia	19
Kara O.	Modesto	18
Terri S.	Westfield MA	18
Betty S.	Visalia	18
Art J.	Porterville	18
Vincent F.	Visalia	16
Bob A.	Visalia	11
Wally P.	Visalia	8
Jerome L.	Visalia	5

### Birthday Club

Mary C.	Three Rivers	30
Diane O.	Visalia	5

### Individual Contributions

Anonymous
Jim K.
Mike S.
Shannon S.
Shari T.

### Newsletter Contributions

None

### Memorial Contribution

None

# Central Service Meeting

October 9, 2018

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 by Julie M.

**CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie M., Bob. H., Stella T., Louise G., & Sheri T.

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** None

**SERENITY PRAYER:** Julie M.

**12 TRADITIONS:** Sheri T.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Stella T. . Motioned and Louise G.

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

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

an income of \$3,299.30 and expenses o \$3,707.49

for a loss of \$408.19 for this accounting period. Group

contributions were good. Sales were also good. We also

paid the rent in the amount of \$335.00 for the Veterans

Memorial Building for our New Year's event and also paid

half the fee of \$250.00 for the magician. We had a total net

sales of \$309.84 from 7 Credit and Debit card

transactions in September. Office operations are going

normally.

**PI/CPC:** Stella T. . - None to report

**WEBSITE REPORT:** David reported 9,000 page views in 30

days with 1,000 unique visitors. Numbers may drop

because of putting security software. Average is 300 page views

a day.

**STEP FOR NEWSLETTER - VOLUNTEER**

November Step 11 Sheri T. Due to CentralintergroupNews@

gmail.com 10/20/18

December Step 12 Keith A. Due to CentralintergroupNews@

gmail.com 11/20/18

**TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

November Tradition 11 Louise G. Due to

CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 10/20/18

December Tradition 12 Allen L. Due to

CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 11/20/18

**H&I REPORT:**-.H&I meet every other month- this was the off month so nothing to report

**GSO LIAISON-** Allen L. - Mini- PRAASA 2018 October 19th-

21st Hosted by California Northern Interior Area

07 and District 22. Address: American Legion Hall El Dorado

Post \$229 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA.

**CSR REPORTS:**

**Doug H.-Acceptance Group-**This is an open, Gay AA meeting

in Porterville but everyone is welcome. We meet at

the First Congregational Church on Fourth & Mill. This is a 1

hr meeting from 6-7 pm every Wednesday. The

meeting has been growing, there have 20 - 25 people in

attendance recently. We discuss what is going on in your

sobriety today. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Wednesday

of the month. Our group has been able to contribute

to Central Office. Mix of old and new sobriety.

**Doug H.. -Springville Gut Level Group-** This meeting meets

every Thursday from 7:00-8:30 at the Lighthouse

Chapel in Springville. This is an open meeting and all are

welcome. Lots of old and new sobriety. This meeting is growing- about 20-25 people.

**Sheri T.- Women's Amity Group-** We meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.. We are located at 6400 W.

Walnut Ave. in Visalia. This is a closed women's meeting with a

great mix of long term and new sobriety. We give

chips for sobriety days and milestones. The last meeting of the

month is a birthday meeting with a delicious cake.

We have 25-40 women weekly. Great meeting!

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

evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Fireside Room of

Lindsay United Methodist Church (corner of Honolulu & Gale

Hill due east of post office and city hall.). We are an

open meeting; a small number of regulars welcomes

newcomers and card carriers equally, sharing sobriety old and

new. We celebrate annual birthdays the last Thursday of the

month, and give chips for monthly progress every

week. Come help us keep the lights on for this community

with recovery needs.

**Trudy W. Exeter Quiet Trails Group -** We meet every Tuesday

evening in the Exeter Methodist Church fellowship

room at the corner of palm and D Streets. We are an open

meeting welcoming newcomers and old timers alike. We

celebrate birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. Please join

our small town fellowship 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Billy B. Bridge Street Drunks Only—** We have 20 meetings a

week. 7am meetings closed to AA's only and have

about 20 average in attendance. It is a meeting with good long-

term sobriety and a good mix with newcomers. This

meeting is 7 days a week. Noon meeting 7 days a week. About

20 average attendance. Mon-Fri are closed

meetings. Sat & Sun are open meetings. Women's meeting on

Monday 5:30 pm with good attendance. 1 hour

5:30-6:30. Tuesday evening Literature study now in "As Bill

Sees It" about 10 in attendance. 6-7 and is open.

Thursday 7pm primary purpose meeting about 30 in

attendance. Open meeting. Good place for newcomers to study

the big book. Easy to find a sponsor who will take you through

the steps- open. Saturday evenings 7pm which is an

open discussion meeting- 7-8. Sunday evening 10th step

meeting- discussing of AA inventory now moved to 5pm.

Closed meeting for AA's only. Holiday Meetings: Christmas

Eve- Midnight to 1AM on Christmas. New Year's eve

- Midnight to 1 AM New Year's day- open. Birthday meeting is

the last Saturday of the month. Alternates between after 7pm

meeting and noon meetings.

**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 with either a potluck or a restaurant

gathering before the meeting. Cake is served following the

birthday mtg.

**Julie M. — Filling in for Susan M.-** this is an one hour

meeting 6:30 - 7:30. First Congregational church Porterville. We read AA Big Book or 12 X 12 for 1/2 hour then share for 1/2 hour. Attendance from 10-12 each week.

**Louise Greene- Rainbow**— The Rainbow meeting is an open AA meeting from 5:30-7:00 Saturday night in the Polar Bear Room at Kaweah Delta Surgery Center on Akers in Visalia. This is a topic discussion with a timer set so as many people as possible can share. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Saturday of each month. The business meeting is on the 2nd Saturday. There's great sharing at this meeting and a good balance of old-timers and newcomers.

**David G.- Messy Pants Winos**— Messy Pants Winos meets Wednesdays at 7:00pm (but come early!) at the Visalia Alano Club. This is an open meeting, and old timers are appreciated. We do a call for sponsors who are willing to take on new sponsees; and vice-versa. We do birthdays, with cake, on the last Wednesday of the month. This is a one hour meeting.

**Kevin A.- Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting**— Spring Breakfast speaker meeting: 2nd Sunday of each month at the Springville Veterans Memorial Building. Coffee fellowship starts at 8:00. Breakfast served 8:30 - 10:00 at a cost of \$5.00. Meeting starts at 10:15 with a 10 minutes speaker then a short break, and then the main speaker. Great fellowship, 50/50 raffle. This month will be Ben B.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. New Years
  - a. Speaker Wayne B./ Lindsay Memorial Bldg
    - 1. Planning meetings held before the CSR meeting's at 6:00PM
  - 2. New Year line tentative line up
    - a. Mexican Fiesta/Bake Sale (looking for groups to contribute)/ Comedian/Magician/Speaker/50-50 raffle/and Billy W. From Fresno will have karaoke to follow
    - b. Keith will purchase the sodas & coffee & Stella will monitor the soda table

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Election Nominations begin in November with election in December
    - 1. 2 positions open for 2 year term- Sheri & Stella's positions are open they are eligible to serve an additional 2 year term
- SEVENTH TRADITION: \$59.00

**Announcements:**

We are happy to accept monetary donation from groups for the New Years party expenses

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri T.

\*\*\*Minutes are a general description of the CSR meeting and may not represent specific comments.

# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

9/21/2018 THROUGH 10/20/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	35.00	648.44
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	55.00
Group Cont.	1,086.95	18,469.28
Indiv Cont	426.00	5,611.80
Lit. Sales	332.60	5,280.36
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	175.90
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	48.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	42.20	613.22
Spec. Events	0.00	7,746.08
Spec. Items	211.55	3,881.22

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**TOTAL** **\$2,134.30** **\$42,529.30**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	400.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	84.95
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	0.00	4,420.23
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	175.90
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	6.00	2,404.27
Office Equip.& Maint	55.78	763.94
Phone & ISP	183.13	1,809.36
Postage	50.00	150.00
Employee Taxes	1,162.17	5,667.92
Rent	525.00	5,250.00
Salary	1,297.82	13,663.41
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	763.00
Security System	0.00	455.46
Spec. Events	0.00	4,040.63
Spec. Items	413.90	2,251.90
Card Charge	4.76	62.38
Utilities	35.30	621.43
Website	3.49	73.87

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**TOTAL** **\$3,777.35** **43,608.65**

**Net Gain(Loss)** **(\$1,643.05)** **(\$1,079.35)**

**BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL:** **\$12,919.16**

**END. TOT. ACCT BAL:** **\$11,251.11**

# Group Contributions

9/21/18-10/20/18	Month	YTD
110th Ave Men's-Lemoore	16.74	77.25
ABC Group		180.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare	139.52	199.52
Attitude Modification-210		1,000.00
Breath of Fresh Air		900.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	370.59	3,549.45
Central Calif. Roundup		600.00
Civic Center Grp.	59.00	351.100
Clodbusters-Tulare		812.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	59.00	421.75
Dinuba Grp	40.00	130.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		105.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		200.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		300.00
Foundation Group		144.45
Freedom Fellowship		665.00
Fresno Village Group		350.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		30.00
Half & Half		293.10
Lemoore Sat 12x12		100.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp	25.00	25..00
Message of Hope		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		200.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		200.00
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		500.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		30.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group		401.60
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		459.63
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level		124.50
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		692.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		120.00
Tulare Young People		146.57
Tulare Co. Young People		28.05
Tulare Fri. Book Study		20.00

Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		300.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		500.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues Noon 210	150.00	150.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		180.00
Three Rivers-Monday		0.00
Unity Thru Traditions		243.05
Valley Group	100.00	400.00
Valley Speaker Series		1,121.00
Wandering Couples		161.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville	100.00	800.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		100.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		244.31
Women's Changes-P'ville		84.29
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		281.76
Young & Restless		28.00
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Total	1,086.95	18,469.28

## Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

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

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club  
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray  
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 at 9:00 am  
2nd Saturday of odd months.

### SERVICE ADDRESSES

#### Tulare County Central Office

449 E. Maple St..  
Exeter, CA 93221

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

P.O. Box 273  
Exeter, CA 93221

#### CNIA Treasurer

PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

#### General Service Office

PO Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

# Lighter Side of AA

## WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

### The Stakeout

On a late Friday night, a pair of patrolmen were doing a stakeout of a local bar waiting to catch a few drunks driving home sloshed.

Finally a man stumbles out of the bar falling a couple of times on his way to the car. Once there, it takes him several minutes to get his key in the lock and the door open.

The drunk pulls out of the parking lot, driving straight as an arrow the patrolmen follow him for about a mile and observe no sign of him being drunk, finally they just pull him over to see what is going on.

“Good evening officers” beams the suspected drunk. After several minutes of questioning, a field sobriety test, and a breathalyzer, the patrolmen ask, “We watched you come out of the bar totally wasted, but you’re completely sober, what’s the deal?”

“Tonight;” replies the sober drunk, “I’m the designated decoy”

Have a Joke???? Submit it to:  
[centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)

## Editor's Corner

I was just looking and the editors corner and I realized i hadn't updated it in a while. I can't believe this year is already almost gone! If your recovery could use a little pep, why not get involved in some service work, make coffee, greet a newcomer, or perhaps...write an article, personal story, or some experience, hey even a joke!!! Being involved with the production of this newsletter has really been an unforeseen source of serenity! Thank you for letting me be of service. Have a 2018 that is happy joyous, and free!!

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

Louie T.

## Speaker Meetings

**Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting**  
186 W. Walnut Ave.  
Friday October 5, 2018 at 8:00 PM  
Speaker: - TBA

**Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting**  
1820 N. Gem St, Tulare  
Friday, October 12th, 2018 at 8:00 PM  
Speaker: -Kerry Fresno, CA

**Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
Sunday, October 14th, 2018 at 10:15 AM  
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)  
Speaker: Dusty B Tarzana, CA

**The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting**  
The Gallery @ The Creative Center  
410 E. Race Ave.  
Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.  
**Speakers for October**  
Nov 7- Dave F of Kingsburg  
Nov 14- Jen C of Fresno  
Nov 21- Tom W of Kingsburg  
Nov 28 A Very Special Thanksgiving  
Guest!



**TUFYPAA Presents:**

# **ACYPPAA Summit 2018**

## **Nov 2nd-4th**

*Wyndham Visalia Plaza Park  
9000 W. Airport Drive  
Visalia, Ca 93277*

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# Tulare County Central Office invites you to the **2018 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

# **Fiesta!**

**Speaker • Magician • Raffle Prizes • 50-50 • Karaoke**

**5:00 to 6:30 PM: CATERED MEXICAN DINNER**

**6:30 to 7:30 PM: BAKE SALE AUCTION**

**7:30 to 8:30 PM: MAGICIAN/COMEDIAN — TIM MANNIX**

**8:30 to 10:00 PM: SPEAKER — DAVID M. FROM L.A.**

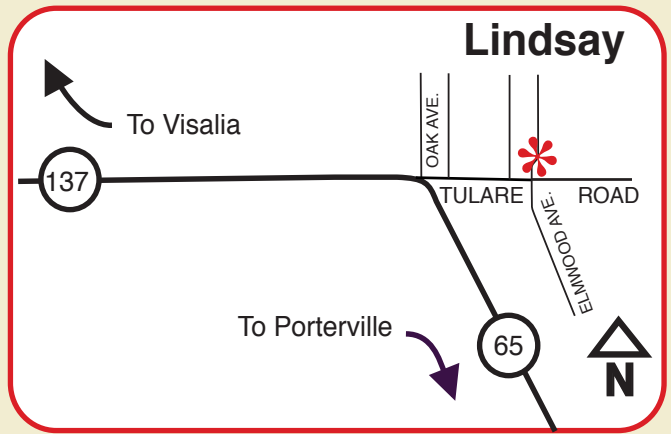
**10:00 to MIDNIGHT: KARAOKE**

**At the Lindsay Memorial Building: 775 Elmwood Ave.**

## **Directions**

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

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



Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Call 592-6999 for information

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