

# CENTRAL NEWS

December 2018

## *'Tis the night before Christmas---*

Winter Persimmon Exeter, CA -Allen L

“THIS is Christmas, fella! Just one won't hurt you.” Where have we heard that one before? We've heard it in many places, many times—every Christmas, every New Year's, every holiday season. At the office party where all is hilarity. In the warmth of our good friend's home. From the doorway of the bar where the gang is gathering for a bit of libation on the way home.

Any holiday can be trying, and the Yuletide with its extended period of fun and frolic, starting before Christmas and carrying on through New Year's, can be the hardest.

Perhaps the most dangerous moment comes at the instant when our good friend is gently trying to persuade us, “Just one won't hurt you.” He's proud we joined A.A. and stopped drinking. He thinks it's wonderful. But he doesn't quite understand. He can't see why “just one” during this gay and relaxed season will hurt us.

The Yuletide poses a choice—we can take the short view or the long view, the dim view or the bright view. We can be worried and miserable, or relaxed and happy. Or, to put it bluntly, we can get drunk or we can stay sober.

From the short view, the setup looks unfair— unfair to

us. Look at everybody! They're all having a good time. They're gay and giddy, romping from one exciting party to another. Everybody but us. We've been discriminated against. The fates have been unjust. Life is cruel.

And so, for one week or 10 days, or however long the party season seems to go on, we can mope around with our chins bumping the floor, bemoaning our raw deal and oozing self-pity from all our pores. We can even wind up taking “just one.”

‘But let's consider the long view, just to see what it has to offer.

At the most, the Yuletide period runs two weeks. How does that compare to the length of time that you have been in A.A. and sober— and you, and you, and me? How does it compare to the years ahead that all of us can go on in A.A., sober?

Two weeks isn't so long, especially when it's broken up into periods of 24 hours each. What's 24 hours compared to all we've gained so far and all that we can gain in the future? Just 24 hours is all that anyone needs to get through the whole Yuletide safely.

Eight of those 24 hours can be disposed of easily by taking the doctor's advice about sleeping. So that really leaves only 16 hours to worry about, at a time, and no one who knows anything about horse trading would trade 16 hours for a lifetime. Furthermore, a good share of those 16 hours can be filled with A.A. friends and A.A. talk and A.A. thought.

But time is not the only comparison that the long view brings into focus. Santa Claus, it has often been said, comes only once a year for most people.

Must we not admit that Santa Claus comes every day for us? Hasn't he been coming every day for however many days we have been sober, after all those years of being drunk, mentally or physically?

Old Kris Kringle, if we want to use that name for the moment, has been a regular caller. Furthermore, the choice of gifts we have been receiving shows pretty discriminating taste. What better gift, what more practical and at the same time more valuable gift, could one give an alcoholic than sobriety?

Not everyone subscribes to the theory sometimes expressed in the words, "I'm glad I'm an alcoholic." Some think that is straining it a bit, perhaps almost as much as if a bed-ridden patient proclaimed he was glad he had tuberculosis. But it's reasonable to assume that, having developed into an alcoholic, we are glad now that we found A.A. and sobriety, and glad for the knowledge and the viewpoint that we have gained in A.A.

This knowledge and the A.A. viewpoint combine to give us the opportunity to make a great deal more of Christmas than we ever could before. We already have learned through rough experience that it really is better to give than receive and that, in fact, only by giving do we receive. We have been forced to learn the real meaning of Christmas. To help ourselves, we have had to undertake to help others; to stay sober ourselves we have had to help others get sober.

Through no virtue or nobility of our own, but through a choice imposed on us by circumstance, we have learned the real meaning of Christmas, and its true spirit of giving, and of good will, and peace.

We have learned this day by day. The experience of A.A. has piled up the proof until what was once only fatuous sentiment for which we had little time, especially at Christmas, has become a vibrant, living truth. We know so by personal experience.

Christmas, then, brings us a warming reminder of all the good we have received and can now pass on to others, and that where we once had little to give, we now have much.

—T.D.Y AA Grapevine December 1947

**Step 12** *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

First thing is what is the spiritual experience? When I was a newcomer, I read in the big book that I was suffering from an illness which only a spiritual experience could conquer. What an eye opener that was! I suppose that would be considered my first spiritual experience. For a guy who didn't think much about religion or spirituality, that seem like a pretty tall order... I was doomed to either an alcoholic death or a spiritual way of life.

My early acquaintances in AA and the people I heard sharing in meetings told me that having a willingness to believe in a power greater than myself, an honesty about my alcoholism, and an open mind were indispensable for my recovery.

Next came the Twelve Steps to recovery. The first step, conceding to my innermost self that I was an alcoholic, was not all that difficult considering the condition I was in. Deciding I wanted what AA had to offer meant I would be doing an inventory and making the amends. Then, I was told I couldn't keep what I had received unless I gave it away. To have friends and not be so lonely, being able to experience life's ups and downs on a daily basis, enjoying family time, vacations, etc, without having any alcohol to change my perception of reality was mine as long as I was willing to share AA with the alcoholics who still suffered.

Trying to carry the message of AA and practice AA's principles in my daily life enables this once suffering alcoholic to be both happily and usefully whole.

Keith A.  
Visalia

# Tradition 11

*“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”*

I volunteered to write this article on Tradition Twelve. I was not sure where to start, so I decided to try to identify the principles expressed in each of our Twelve Traditions and how our reverence for our tradition of anonymity helps us keep our principles before our personalities.

Our common welfare's dependence on unity is the principle of Tradition One. Here anonymity shows up in the form of putting our petty distinctions aside and remembering that it is our alcoholism only that binds us together in this life-saving fellowship.

In Tradition Two we are told that our only authority is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Here we are each an anonymous part of a whole—you can serve but you cannot govern.

Tradition Three also seems to tell us to put our petty distinctions aside. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. Who you are, what you do, or what you believe does not matter. Those things cannot keep you out of AA. You belong if you say you belong. No application form or resume is necessary, and that's definitely keeping membership in our fellowship anonymous.

Tradition Four says our groups are autonomous. At first it is hard to see how anonymity is the spiritual foundation of this tradition. But by the time you get to the part that says, “except in matters affecting AA as a whole,” you begin to see the common welfare principle again come into play.

Our primary purpose as an AA group, according to Tradition Five, is to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Its message means the group's message—not the message of any one individual. And of course the group's message is the AA message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of AA. In other words, as members of an AA group we share our experience with working the steps with the alcoholic who still suffers. The moment we stop honestly sharing our experience and begin to preach, lecture, or philosophize, we are putting our personalities before

our AA principles.

Tradition Six asks us to refrain from using our AA membership to profit personally or to promote outside enterprises. Our observance of personal anonymity here prevents us from destroying the integrity of our fellowship and polluting our message by eroding the principle of one alcoholic helping another—“for fun and for free” as some AA's like to put it.

Tradition Seven says our groups should be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. What does anonymity have to do with this? In the 12 & 12, Bill W. tells us that the spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. As AA members we are often asked to give up what is easy or convenient for the sake of maintaining our integrity and autonomy. Bill W. also says that anonymity is real humility at work. During our drinking careers we used and abused the people around us and often took advantage of the generosity of well-meaning do-gooders. A big part of our recovery is becoming willing to shoulder our responsibilities. So it is very important that we each anonymously put what we can in the 7th tradition basket and humbly pay our own way.

The principles of one alcoholic helping another and of paying our own way are both at play in Tradition Eight. When we do our Twelfth Step, we share AA's principles of recovery—for free—we are not paid consultants marketing our expertise on alcoholism or recovery. However, when we ask a fellow member to provide a non-twelfth-step service such as managing our central office or paying his or her own travel expenses while representing our group as a GSR, we should not expect these services to go uncompensated simply because they are being performed by AA members. The spirit of anonymity demands that services provided to facilitate our twelfth-step work that we would otherwise have to pay for should be paid for whether they are being performed by an AA member or not.

“AA as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.” I had to think a while to see the principle being supported by anonymity in Tradition Nine, but I think it echoes the principle of Tradition Two: our ultimate authority being a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our groups are autonomous, and our

participation is governed only by the principles of the AA Steps and Traditions. However, our service boards and committees (Central Office, H&I, PI/CPC, etc) are organized to facilitate communication and more efficiently support our twelfth-step work, maintaining the spirit of anonymity by reducing the likelihood of AA being represented by self-styled gurus and missionary types eager to pass on their version of the AA message.

Tradition Ten's connection to anonymity is pretty clear. It tells us to keep AA out of public controversy; we offer no opinions, and we take no sides on outside issues. What we have to offer, the principles of AA's Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, speak for themselves. Principles are truths; they stand alone. Our principles need no defense nor promotion. Principles have no need to argue; personalities do.

Traditions Eleven and Twelve both deal specifically with two separate facets of anonymity and how both are essential to AA effectiveness: personal anonymity and anonymity as a spiritual foundation.

I'm going to end this little exercise quoting the Long Form of Tradition Twelve. As usual, Bill W. expresses the idea both powerfully and eloquently: "And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

Allen L.  
Exeter

<b><u>Birthday Club</u></b>		
Linda J.	Pixley	23
Louie T	Porterville	3
Britnee H.	Visalia	1
<b><u>Individual Contributions</u></b>		
Anonymous		
Jim K.		
Linda J.		
Mike S.		
<b><u>Newsletter Contributions</u></b>		
None		

## November AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Jean M.	Hanford	51
Bob H.	Exeter	44
Art M.	Three Rivers	44
Fran M.	Fresno	38
Becky L.	Porterville	37
Paul B.	Visalia	35
Hernandez	Tulare	35
Gary L.	Pixley	34
Dave L.	Conifer, CO	32
Dale S.	Exeter	32
Janet O.	Dinuba	31
Margie M.	Visalia	31
Robin S.	Visalia	31
Shannon S.	Porterville	30
Abraham G.	Visalia	30
Roy E.	Visalia	30
Jeff R.	Visalia	29
Bob N.	Lindsay	29
Tom H.	Visalia	29
Roger C.	Visalia	28
Antonia M.	Visalia	28
Scott B.	Porterville	27
Lisa S.	Visalia	27
Mike Y.	Visalia	27
Jim M.	Tulare	26
Victoria B.	Visalia	26
Linda B.	Visalia	26
Bob F.	Medford, OR	25
Bob S.	Porterville	24
Debbie A.	Tulare	24
Danny G.	Visalia	23
Belynda S.	Visalia	19
Tim T.	Visalia	17
Billy L.	Visalia	16
Paul F.	Visalia	16
Tina M.	Porterville	13
Paul M.	Porterville	11
Sandy H.	Visalia	8
Mark G.	Visalia	8
Ray D.	Visalia	5
Barbara VB	Visalia	4
Louie T	Porterville	3

# Central Service Meeting

November 13, 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:** Susan

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Susan . Motioned and Louise G. 2nd

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

**TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT:** Bob H.- We had an income of \$2,134.30 and expenses of \$3,777.35

for a loss of \$1,643.05 for this accounting period. Group contributions were good. Sales were about normal. We paid our Quarterly employees taxes in the amount of \$1,162.17 plus our normal expenses. We had a total net sales of \$287.05 from 8 Credit and Debit card transactions in October. Office operations are going normally.

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

**WEBSITE REPORT:** David- 7,800 page views in 30 days almost 1200 unique visitors.

**STEP FOR NEWSLETTER - VOLUNTEER**

December Step 12 Keith Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 11/20/18

January Step 1 Susan Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 12/20/18

**TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

December Tradition 12 Allen Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 11/20/18

January Tradition 1 Cheryl Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 12/20/18

**H&I REPORT:**-.It is very important that when contributing to H&I you clearly state it is for district 93 otherwise your contribution may fund a different district.

**GSO LIAISON-** Allen L. - Joe G. Will be our liaison for our area & State wide. \$1700 is in the treasury. Had the assembly and was able to see plans for spending. Service fairs for area with a pre-conference may happen around March 2019.

**CSR REPORTS:**

**Julie M.-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.

**Cheryl H... -Springville Gut Level Group-** Meets every Thursday at Lighthouse Chapel 7:00-8:30PM. The group is a solid recovery AA meeting. Traditions are paramount and group conscience rules. Group celebrates birthdays the last Thursday of each month. Join us for an hour

and a half as we trudge the road of happy destiny!

**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. —Wednesday Night Acceptance -** We meet every Wednesday night from 6-7pm at the First

Congregational church on Mill & 4th Street. This is an open AA Gay meeting and all are welcome. Usually 15-20 each week celebrate birthdays on the last Wednesday of the month.

**Louise Greene- Rainbow**— The Rainbow meeting is an open AA meeting which meets on Saturday nights in Visalia from 5:30-7:00PM at the Polar Bear Room of the Kaweah Delta Surgery Center on Akers Ave. This is a topic discussion meeting with the chair person sharing for 10 minutes and subsequent participants limited to 5 minutes. This meeting has a good balance of old-timers and newcomers and support for all who suffer from this disease. Business meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month and birthdays are celebrated the last Saturday.

**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.

**Susan M.- 50/50 group**— This is an open book study/discussion meeting. We read from either the Big Book or 12&12 for 30 minutes and then share about what we read or whatever a person wants to talk about. We meet at the First Congregational church in Porterville from 6:30 - 7:30 on Thursday nights. It's a great meeting with 10-12 in attendance each week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. New Years
- a. Speaker change- David M. From L.A./ Lindsay Memorial Bldg
- 1. Planning meetings held before the CSR meeting's at 6:30PM
- 2. New Year line tentative line up was shared
- 3. Tickets at Central Office
- 4. Need groups to contribute items for the bake sale

**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

- 2. Louise is resigning her term and Stella & Sheri were nominated. Voting December.

**SEVENTH TRADITION:** \$53.00

**Announcements:**

We are happy to accept monetary donation from groups for the New Years party expenses  
Breakfast 2nd of December with speaker Linda L.

**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

10/21/2018 THROUGH 11/20/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	24.00	672.44
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	55.00
Group Cont.	1,889.84	20,359.10
Indiv Cont	102.00	5,713.80
Lit. Sales	703.59	5,983.95
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	53.85	667.07
Spec. Events	0.00	7,746.08
Spec. Items	271.25	4,152.47
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,044.53</b>	<b>\$45,573.81</b>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	440.00
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	0.00	2,404.27
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	763.94
Phone & ISP	183.60	1,992.96
Postage	0.00	150.00
Employee Taxes	0.00	5,667.92
Rent	525.00	5,775.00
Salary	1,297.82	14,961.23
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	763.00
Security System	0.00	455.46
Spec. Events	77.30	4,117.93
Spec. Items	0.00	2,251.90
Card Charge	8.28	70.66
Utilities	38.89	660.32
Website	3.38	77.25
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,174.27</b>	<b>45,782.92</b>

**Net Gain(Loss)**            **\$870.26**            **(\$209.11)**

**BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL:**            **\$11,276.09**

**END. TOT. ACCT BAL:**            **\$12,146.35**

# District 47 Mtg. Minutes

## November 7, 2018

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:01 p.m. by District Committee Member Josh F.

**Committee members present:** Josh F.- DCM. ; Allen L.- Alt. DCM and GSR for Visalia AM Sunday Serenity Seekers AA Group. Greg G.- District Treasurer ; John W.- D-47 Recording Secretary and GSR for the Tulare Alpha Group. Kenneth B.- GSR Springville Gut Level. ; David G.- GSR Messy Pants Winos and Sun. PM Serenity Seekers. ; Danette L.- GSR Sat.Womens 12 X 12.; Boo M. - GSR Tuesday Women's Amity Group. ; James W.-Bridge Street Drunks Only.

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

**Twelve Traditions:** David G.(Who read the long form of the traditions, followed by a supportive applause when done.)

**12 Concepts:** Concept 11 read by Josh F. (with a lengthy discussion of the General Service Board and their duties)

**Approval of Minutes:** Due to logistical problems, the October minutes will be approved via email. Any addendums will be added then.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg G. reported a balance forward of \$1798.68. Income of \$201.79 (group contributions). Current expenses of \$0.00. Bringing an ending balance of \$2,000.47.

**CSO Liaison:** Alan L. reported that this New Year's celebration will have whole new look. We're going to have a magician/comedian first, then the speaker and then instead of a dance, we're going to karaoke the night away. Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. The dinner will be catered. There was then some discussion about inviting a group from Fresno who do a "great job". The prize for the winner is still being discussed.

**DCM Report:**– Josh reported not much was going on. He then optioned to have the 3 who attended the Mini-PRAASA give a report. Alan reported that alot

was gained at the event with the open mic portion especially having a "nice feel". The future budget was discussed also.

-Greg G. then spoke of the wonderful look of the 2018 General Service Conference Report (which are available via your group's GSR or at the Centtal Office). It is full of pictures with a colorfull layout. Of special,usefull interest for any curious member is the detailed breakdown of the 2017 financial report. Greg pointed out that one could easily find out where the money goes and how it is used. Comparisons can be seen how our area measures up to other areas of the US and historically how we are keeping up (or not) with our areas group contributions to GSO. It is very educational for the member wanting to know that our contributions are not being wasted.

**New Business:**- Josh posed the question to the group if it wanted host an assembly in 2020. It was noted that the last assembly that we hosted at the Tachi Palace was very expensive. It was not a money making event. Discussion followed about the benefit that comes with the local membership getting involved with GSO service. There was not a decision made and the topic was tabled until next months meeting.

Of special interest is the Winter Assembly in January, 2019. It is an important Area assembly close to home (Fresno). All GSRs should attend. A GSR school will be offered to anyone interested in attending.

David G. inquired about the date of our next service fair, H & I involvement (which was discussed a few months ago) and how we could let them make an informative presentation. It will be scheduled in mid to late 2019.

### 7th Tradition: \$47.00

The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration at 8:03 pm.

**Respectfully submitted, John W**

# Group Contributions

9/21/18-10/20/18	Month	YTD
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		77.25
ABC Group		180.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		199.52
Attitude Modification-210		1,000.00
Breath of Fresh Air		900.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	142.33	3,691.76
Central Calif. Roundup		600.00
Civic Center Grp.		351.10
Clodbusters-Tulare		812.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	53.00	474.75
Dinuba Grp	35.00	165.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		105.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	300.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		300.00
Foundation Group		144.45
Freedom Fellowship		665.00
Fresno Village Group		350.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		30.00
Friday Noon 210	86.10	86.10
Half & Half		293.10
Lemoore Sat 12x12		100.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		25.00
Message of Hope		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.	105.00	305.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		200.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-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	240.00
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
Tues. Men's-P'ville		180.00
Three Rivers-Monday		0.00
Unity Thru Traditions		243.05
Valley Group		400.00
Valley Speaker Series	800.00	1,921.00
Wandering Couples		161.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		800.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		100.00
Women's Amity-Visalia	185.01	429.32
Women's Changes-P'ville		84.29
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12	263.40	546.16
Young & Restless		28.00

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 Total 1,889.84 20,359.10

## Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
 Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
 Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:00 PM  
 New Years Planning Mtg 6:00pm

H&I Meeting at Alano Club  
 Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray  
 Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at 9:00 am  
 2nd Saturday of odd months.

### SERVICE ADDRESSES

#### Tulare County Central Office

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 Exeter, CA 93221

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

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 Exeter, CA 93221

#### CNIA Treasurer

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 New York, NY 10163



# Lighter Side of AA

## WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

An old wino goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor I have this problem with gas, but it really doesn't bother me too much. They never smell and are always silent. As a matter of fact, I've farted at least 20 times since I've been here in your office. You didn't know I was farting because they didn't smell and are silent."

The doctor says, "I see. Take these pills and come back to see me next week."

The next week the wino goes back, "Doctor," he says, "I don't know what the heck you gave me, but now my farts...although still silent they stink terribly."

"Good", the doctor said, "Now that we've cleared up your sinuses, let's work on your hearing."

Have a Joke???? Submit it to:

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## Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	7
Court Ref/Info	10
Meeting Information	16
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	1
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	36
Literature Sales	11
Specialty Sales	17
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	7
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	18
Spanish Contact	1
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<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

## 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!!

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Louie T.

## Speaker Meetings

### Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday December 7th, 2018 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - TBA

### Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

Friday, December 14th, 2018 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - Kerry Fresno

### Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, December 9th, 2018 at 10:15 AM

(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)

Speaker: Linda L. - Los Angeles, CA

### The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting

The Gallery @ The Creative Center

410 E. Race Ave.

Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

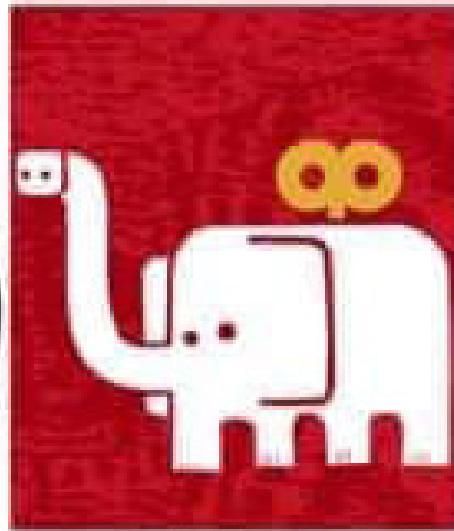
### Speakers for December

Dec 5- Jerry "Bubba W. of Tulare

Dec 12- Mandy S of Visalia

Dec 19 Nolen B of Visalia

Dec 26- A Very Special Christmas Guest!



# UGLY SWEATER PARTY

## WHITE ELEPHANT GAG GIFT EXCHANGE

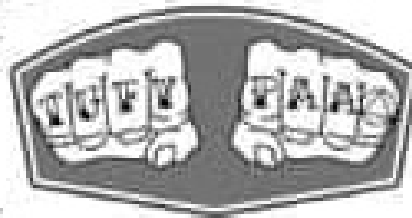
DECEMBER 15TH @ CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

3830 w. Tulare Ave

Visalia, Ca 93277

Speakers:

Carrie A. & Thomas C.



- *Dinner \$15*
- *Speaker Mtg*
- *50/50 Raffle*
- *White Elephant*
- *Bake Sale*



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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.**

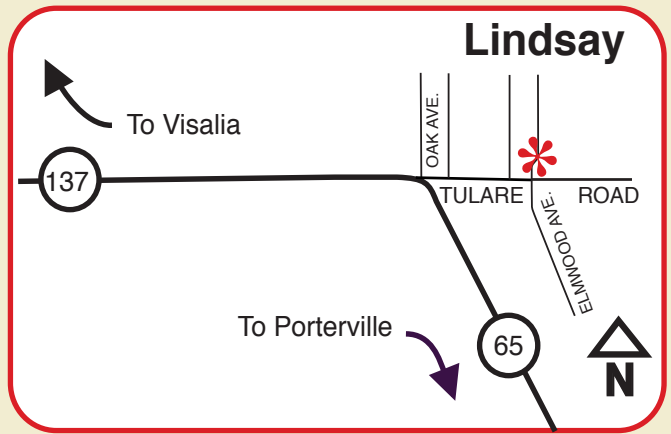
**10:00 to MIDNIGHT: KARAOKE**

**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

# FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019 SYMPOSIUM ON A.A. HISTORY

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*Housing & Meals included*

\$25 discount code expires Aug 1: EARLYBIRD25

[www.aahistorysymposium.org](http://www.aahistorysymposium.org)

A.A. on Reservations  
San Quentin Group  
Bill's "Spook" Sessions  
Debate over Special  
Purpose Groups  
The Spanish Big Book  
Al-Anon Pioneers

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G.S.O. ARCHIVIST**

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

