

CENTRAL NEWS

January 2019

Patching an Old Coat with New Cloth

Success Lake Sunrise Porterville, CA Louie T.

Somewhere in the Bible it says, "A man does not patch his old coat with new cloth." Perhaps I have not quoted it correctly but that is certainly the general idea. It bears thinking about.

At first I said to myself, "Why not? Suppose you have to make your old coat do for another year? Why not patch it as strongly as possible with the best new cloth you can get? You can't go around exposed to the weather, shivering while you wait for the time you can afford a new one. Yes, patch the old thing up and wrap it around you, it will, at least, cover the rags beneath."

When we come into A.A., our lives are just about that threadbare. We clutch our old coats to us, hoping that no one can see through the holes; see the selfish, impoverished little personalities that we are. We have used that old cover-up so long that we are afraid to let it drop. At our first meetings we pick up an idea here and another one there. Patches. We grasp them eagerly and try to incorporate them into the old life.

"We are sick people." All that's fine. A good dose of meetings and a little 12th Step work. "Don't take the first drink." Swell, as far as it goes. But many of us

hardened sinners have known for years that we were alcoholics and were quite aware of the fact that alcohol in any form was poison to us. Why didn't we stop drinking? Because our personalities were such that we had to have the illusion of warmth that we got from it. We had to feel that we were really remarkable people.

We are not remarkable people. We are, most of us, rather mediocre individuals who couldn't bear the hard work and sustained effort that it would have taken to lift us above this level; flashin-the-pan people, who achieved a small success early in life and have lived on the memory of it ever since.

Throw the old coat away. Patches won't do. We must accept the whole A.A. program, from the 1st Step through the 12th. We must make our moral inventory realistically, from the point of view that, on entering A.A., we were failures in life and were regarded as such in all eyes but our own.

Our new coat may have to be a very plain one. Our new life will perhaps be quite prosaic and humdrum. Well, so be it. It will be far better, far more satisfying to ourselves and those who depend on us than those

sleazy old rags of remembered glamour that we hugged about us for so long.

—M.N. Manhattan AA Grapevine January 1948

Step 1 *“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol-- that our lies had become unmanageable.”*

When I came into the program of AA, I was told this was the only Step I had to take 100% with no reservations, What an order! The other Steps I could work on over and over but if I ever thought I could control alcohol, maybe just have one beer, my sobriety -and possibly my life - would probably be over. That I could have just one drink was a lie and I better not believe the lie if I wanted to live.

When I first told my employer (yes! I still had a job at that time!) that I might have a problem and they sent me to a treatment center, I had come to the realization that my I was powerless. I couldn't stop drinking no matter what I tried. But. There is always that But. My life wasn't totally unmanageable. I mean, I had a job, a car, an apartment. What was unmanageable about that? I didn't look at the fact that I was behind on my rent, my car payment and paid my utilities when they sent me a 24 hour notice.

Needless to say, I drank again. I completed the 28 day treatment and started going to meetings. Usually daily. I went back to my old life and job. I didn't talk in meetings, didn't have a sponsor and didn't hang around with anyone. I stayed by myself, just like before the treatment center. When called on in a meeting to share, I would say my name, identify as an alcoholic and say I was sober today so doing just fine. I didn't say I was dying lousy inside and scared to death. I would go to work every day, I was an outside sales person so would call on my customers. Sometimes. Sometimes I was too filled with fear to go inside an office. I would sit in my car by a park and read a book. I used to drink but had quit doing that. Needless to say, I drank again. I took a 60 day sobriety chip then stopped by a liquor store and picked up a 4 pack of wine coolers. Within two weeks I had lost my job - actually I would guess you could say I gave it away - and had reached total bankruptcy, not the financial kind the emotional kind, in my life. Just like the 12 x

12 says. My bankruptcy as a going human concern was complete, to paraphrase.

I went back to meetings with a complete new attitude. One of total defeat. I was finally able to say more than my name at meetings. I admitted I was powerless over alcohol and that my life was totally unmanageable. I started on the road to sobriety and taking a thorough 1st Step was the start.

I will be eternally grateful that I was morally and physically bankrupt from living the life I had and it left me totally desperate and unable to imagine how I was going to continue living. All I could see if my future was death. Somehow, from somewhere, I got the courage to actually find a sponsor, work the 1st Step thoroughly and start on the road of sobriety.

I am writing this the day after Christmas 2018. Another sober Christmas! My first sober Christmas was 1990 and if anyone had told me what was in store for me I wouldn't have believed them. Life has had its ups and downs but through it all, with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and a Higher Power in my life, and thoroughly working Step One of the Program, I have been able to stay sober one day at a time. In my opinion, it is only because I worked a complete and thorough First Step.

Susan M

Tradition 1 *Our common welfare comes first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity*

Every AA member needs to understand that each individual should have a commitment to unity. Unity is the bond that holds us together. We need one another; each and every one of us. Unity is an active force and one of the spiritual principles. Unity is the key to our survival. Practicing unity is an act of faith. Unity is a decision which shapes our actions and our attitudes.

Our common welfare means that 'we' comes before 'me'. Alcoholism separates us from others and unity is an antidote to alienation. We need each other more than we need our old ideas. Common welfare also means that every one of us needs every one of us.

Our common welfare is the beginning of being in

service. We soon learn the group has a secretary and in some cases a treasurer, CSR, GSR and that the group makes decisions for the good of the group based on unity. The secretary follows the group conscience and comes to understand that communication between trusted servants and AA members of the group is a result of unity.

As individual AA members, we learn our experience with unity allows us to recover in an environment of acceptance, freedom and love. The freedom we gain allows us to participate in the life and growth of our fellowship.

Cheryl H.

Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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

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Exeter, CA 93221

District 47, C.N.I.A.

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CNIA Treasurer

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General Service Office

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

January AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Eddie M.	Exeter	47
Janice M.	Exeter	46
Rosemary H.	Three Rivers	45
Ray C.	Corcoran	44
Wilma L.	Tulare	43
Phyllis Q.	Porterville	43
Margie M.	Visalia	41
Ray C.	Exeter	41
John S.	Ivanhoe	40
Lyna H.	Three Rivers	39
Neva H.	Visalia	39
Edith M.	Visalia	37
Gary P.	Visalia	37
Peggy F.	Dinuba	36
Paul P.	Farmersville	35
Ramon V.	Porterville	34
Avg. Dave	Visalia	33
Mike K.	Visalia	33
Mike S.	Visalia	33
Mike S.	Hanford	33
James R.	Visalia	32
Monte W.	Visalia	31
Karen B.	Visalia	31
Don W.	Tulare	30
Jim B.	Visalia	29
Jack R.	Visalia	29
Sandi M.	Porterville	29
Paul S.	Visalia	28
Raymond C.	Visalia	28
Dusty A.	Visalia	27
Scott O.	Visalia	27
Linda A.	Visalia	26
Raleigh A.	Visalia	26
Tim M.	Visalia	26
Dick	Visalia	26
Sandy W.	Woodlake	25
Gale D.	Visalia	24
Eric M.	Visalia	24
Bob Y.	Hanford	22
Stan B.	Terra Bella	21
Greg G.	Porterville	20
Martin	Dinuba	19
Catherine C.	Visalia	15
Bob M.	Visalia	14
Jim P.	Visalia	14
Elgin M.	Exeter	13
Linda I.	Visalia	13
Martha M.	Porterville	12
Miguel S.	Dinuba	11
Maria G.	Dinuba	11
Kim L.	Tulare	5
Vicki B.	Porterville	3

Central Service Meeting

December 12, 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: approved

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Sheri read minutes

TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT: Bob H.- We had an income of \$3,044.53 and expenses of \$2,174.27

for a gain of \$870.26 for this accounting period. Group contributions were great. Sales were about normal. We had our normal expenses for the period. We had a total net sales of \$335.32 from 8 Credit and Debit card transactions in November. Office operations are going normally.

PI/CPC: Stella T. - None to report

WEBSITE REPORT: David- 12,000 page views in 30 days almost 1100 unique visitors. The two upcoming events are on the website page.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER - VOLUNTEER

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

February Step 2 David G. Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 1/20/18

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

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

February Tradition 2 Mitch K. Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com 1/20/18

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. Turning point is being visited 3 times a month. They go to the jail once or twice a month as well as visit Corcoran monthly. Men & women are serving.

GSO LIAISON- Allen L. - \$2,222.00 is in the treasury. An assembly will be hosted in Selma on January 19th & 20th with area 53 our Spanish speaking district as our hosts.

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. Open AA meeting- Discussion centers around recovery by working steps and adhering to Traditions. Birthday meeting is the

last Thursday of each month. We meet at El Nuevo for dinner then attend meeting. Springville is above the cloudsjoin us!

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. A speaker leads the meeting sharing her experience, strength & hope then picks a topic. 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.

Mitch K. 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 meets Saturday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Polar Bear Room at Kaweah Delta Surgery Care Center on Akers in Visalia. This open meeting is a topic discussion with a chair person who picks a topic and participates share for 5 minutes. Birthdays are celebrated the last Saturday of the month. Business meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday. There are many opportunities for commitments and leadership is honored & encouraged.

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.- Half & Half 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. We contribute to Central Office every couple of months.

Mike K. - Valley Group Speakers Meeting— The valley group speaker meeting meets every Wednesday from 7-8 pm. Cards are signed. There are usually 50-75 people in attendance each week. The valley group also has two large speaker events per year, which Dontes it's excess funds to the central office.

Jonathan T. - Monday Mens Stag— We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for a closed mens meeting located on 820 E. Main in Visalia. We celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month and have lots of experience, strength & hope! Please join us!

Monica R. - Porterville RSVP Group— This is an open young people's meeting where all ages is welcome. We give chips for various lengths of sobriety and someone chairs the meeting. We define "young" as anyone with room to grow. We meet at the First Congregational church in Porterville at 6:30pm on Friday Nights.

1. New Years

a. Speaker change- Kane C.

1. We need someone to lead bake sale

2. Keith will bring soda's and Stella will watch over table

NEW BUSINESS

a. Elections were completed

1. Stella & Sheri were elected to serve another two year term.

2. Louise is resigning her term and Susan will finish her term

b. A discussion was completed about being present to be elected.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$27.76

Announcements:

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

Monica announced that Saturday was an Ugly Sweater party.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri T.

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

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday January 4th 2019 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - TBA

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

Friday, January 11th 2019 at 8:00PM

Speaker: - Louie T, Porterville

Sunday AM Breakfast Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, January 13th, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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

Speaker: Ben B Canyon Country, 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

Jan 2 - Josh M. of Porterville

Jan 9 - Monique H. of Lemoore

Jan 16 - Elgin M. of Exeter

Jan 23 - Rita McB. of Visalia

Jan 20 - Jeff L. of Fresno

District 47 Mtg. Minutes

December 5, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 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. ; Billy G.- Mon. Men's Stag. ; Brian P.- GSR Rainbow Group

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

Twelve Traditions: James W.

12 Concepts: Concept 12 was read by Alan L.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the November 2018 minutes was M.S. & P. without amendments or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Greg G. reported a balance forward of \$2,000.47. Income of \$421.88 (group contributions). Current expenses of \$200.00, (To reimburse our DCM for travel and lodging to attend the December Area Committee Meeting in Sacramento). Current balance of \$2,222.35.

CSO Liaison: Alan L. reported on this New Year's celebration. 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. Elections for Board Members will be taking place this month at the Central Service Office (CSO) Meeting. Anyone interested in running for a position on the board needs to have at least 2 years sobriety. Prior CSR experience is not mandated. 3 board positions will be needing members to serve.

DCM Report:– Josh reported that next month

there is a great opportunity for anyone interested in attending an Area Assembly in our local area. (The reason why this is a unique opportunity is that our District 47 is at the most southern end of our Area. Assemblies are seldom this close to home.) The CNIA Winter Assembly will be in Selma January 19 & 20th. Anyone interested in finding out how an Area event functions are encouraged to attend. Again this is a great opportunity. There will be a GSR school also for new GSR's to answer any questions may have. A newly elected GSR can easily attend this short, informative class at this Assembly in Selma.

Josh then reported that the new AA pamphlet concerning mental health issues has been published. There are 12 personal stories from AA members regarding mental health issues in recovery.

New Business:– Josh again posed the question to the group if it wanted to host an assembly in 2020. Discussion again followed about the benefit that comes with the local membership getting involved with GSO service. With some vigorous prompting from Boo, the group voted to make a bid for Area Mini-PRAASA (Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly). There was then discussion with descriptions of some Area officer positions where a General Service Representative (GSR) can serve. Although some positions (like Registrar) aren't as glamorous as other Area Officers, it is vital to the function of General Service.

7th Tradition: \$49.00

As a note to the group, the raucous laughter at our meeting does make it hard for the secretary to take minutes, please try and control yourselves better in 2019!

The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, John W

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE
Income & Expense Statement
11/21/2018 THROUGH 12/20/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	139.00	811.44
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	55.00
Group Cont.	1,213.11	21,572.21
Indiv Cont	436.92	6,150.72
Lit. Sales	225.10	6,209.05
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	39.79	706.86
Spec. Events	0.00	7,746.08
Spec. Items	286.05	4,438.52

TOTAL **\$2,339.97** **\$47,913.78**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	480.00
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	41.20	2,445.47
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	763.94
Phone & ISP	183.69	2,176.65
Postage	0.00	150.00
Employee Taxes	0.00	5,667.92
Rent	525.00	6,300.00
Salary	1,297.82	16,259.05
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	763.00
Security System	158.76	614.22
Spec. Events	0.00	4,117.93
Spec. Items	0.00	2,251.90
Card Charge	6.80	77.46
Utilities	46.27	706.59
Website	3.49	80.74

TOTAL **\$2,303.03** **48,085.95**

Net Gain(Loss) **\$36.94** **(\$172.17)**

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

END. TOT. ACCT BAL: **\$12,183.29**

Group Contributions

<u>11/21/18-12/20/18</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		77.25
ABC Group		180.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		199.52.00
Attitude Modification-210	200.00	1,200.00
Bill & Friends	50.00	50.00
Breath of Fresh Air		900.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	404.66	4,096.42
Central Calif. Roundup		600.00
Civic Center Grp.		351.100
Clodbusters-Tulare		812.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	27.76	502.51
Dinuba Grp		165.00
District 47		400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		105.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		300.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon	100.00	400.00
Foundation Group		144.45
Freedom Fellowship		665.00
Fresno Village Group		350.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		30.00
Friday Noon 210		86.10
Half & Half	200.00	493.10
Lemoore Sat 12x12		100.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		25..00
Monday Men's Mtg.		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	29.00	59.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group	100.00	501.60
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		459.63
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration	2.00	2.00
Springville Gut Level		124.50
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		692.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		240.00
Tulare Young People		146.57
Tulare Co. Young People		28.05
Tulare Fri. Book Study		20.00

Central Office

BOD Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2018

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	99.69	324.74
Valley Group		400.00
Valley Speaker Series		1,921.00
Wandering Couples		161.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		800.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		100.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		429.32
Women's Changes-P'ville		84.29
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		546.16
Young & Restless		28.00

Total	11,213.11	21,572.21

Contributions

Birthday Club

Bob H.	Exeter	
44		
Becky L.	Porterville	37
Mike K.	Visalia	
33		
Michele S.	Exeter	11
Bob A.	Visalia	
11		

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

Jim K.
Mike S.
Shannon S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

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Memorial Contribution

None

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Julie M, Bob H., Louise G., Stella T. & Sheri T.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:00

PRESIDENT: Julie M.

VICE PRESIDENT: Louise G.

SECRETARY: Sheri T.

TREASURER: Bob H.

PI/CPC: Stella T.

MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING: Read by Sheri T.

OFFICE OPERATIONS: Bob H.- Insurance is going up 25% which equates to an estimate of \$100.00 more per year.

NEWSLETTER: Nothing reported

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Year's Celebration

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections
 - a. Susan- Secretary
 - b. Julie- President
 - c. Stella - PI/CPC
 - d. Sheri- Vice President
2. Payroll services
 - a. Payroll services is being researched for streamlining central office duties.
3. Office Operations
 - a. New year's Celebration- going well
 - b. Board will research hiring a part-time employee- re-search items- still in process

It was discussed to think about job description and interview questions

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15

Lighter Side of AA

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

The Jump

An alcoholic, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 PM. He sat down next to this blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV as the 10:00 news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at the alcoholic and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

The alcoholic says, "You know what, I bet he will." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." The alcoholic placed a \$50 bill on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset and handed her \$50 to the alcoholic, saying, "Fair's fair... Here's your money."

The alcoholic replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."

The blonde replies, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd jump again."

The alcoholic took the money.

ID Please

An aging woman alcoholic walks into a bar and the bartender asks for ID. "You've got to be kidding," she said. "I'm almost 60 years old."

The bartender apologized, but said he had to see the license. The alcoholic showed his ID, then paid and told the bartender to keep the change. "The tip's for carding me," she said.

The bartender grinned and put the change in his pocket "Thanks," he said. "Works every time."

Have a Joke???? Submit it to:
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Editor's Corner

Happy New Year!!

I Can't believe that 2019 is already here,, As always i am excited about life, excited about recovery, and excited to see what God has in store for me. Good or otherwise I am certain that as long as I accept his will it will be great!

I really appreciate all of you and i am forever grateful for my new found life!

Share your gratitude and experience...

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Louie T.

Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	0
AA Members	10
Court Ref/Info	3
Meeting Information	12
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	8
Specialty Sales	19
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	8
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
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