

*February 2019*

# CENTRAL NEWS

## *There Are No Graduates*

Winter Sunset Allen L Exeter, CA

How long will the alcoholic have to attend A.A. meetings and associate with alcoholics? That seems to bother a lot of non-alcoholics and some alcoholics. First let us understand that as far as anyone knows today there is no cure for alcoholism. Once the individual has crossed that line which separates the alcoholic from other drinkers there is no trail back. They must spend the rest of their lives without the use of alcohol as a beverage if they want to live normal happy lives.

Therefore part of the question has been answered by the alcoholic. When he honestly and sincerely admitted he was an alcoholic he made his own choice. In fact he made it long before he admitted he was an alcoholic. The choice was made for him when alcohol made an alcoholic out of him. Seems to me then the only choice the alcoholic and his family has is— what kind of alcoholic does he want to associate with? The dry alcoholic or the wet alcoholic?

The alcoholic who has come into A.A. has again made a choice. He prefers to spend his time with the kind of people he finds in A.A. He knows them and they know him because he has been associating with them

while he was drinking. He enjoyed their company in bars, cocktail lounges and saloons. He and they had a common purpose there. Now, in A.A., he and they find another common purpose. This time the purpose of remaining sober on an all time basis. He did not, nor does he have to, change his society, he only changes the place where he wishes to meet and associate with them.

How long he will be in A.A. or how much he will put into A.A. will depend on how much he needs out of it. He will receive only in proportion to what he gives. No matter how much time and energy he uses up in A.A., no matter how much he is away from home, the most radical A.A. in the world has a happier home life and his family is better off than the best wet alcoholic in the world.

The best advice I can offer to the non-alcoholic members of the family is leave him alone, let him run his course. He may go on an A.A. binge, he may get so honest that it's painful; he may start out to tell you that your spiritual life is all wrong; he may go off on any one of several tangents. But remember this, that sooner or later he will find the middle of the road.



Remember also that he is starting out on a new way of life and a lot of the road is uncharted for him. He will make you mad, irritated and resentful, but look around at the older members and you will realize that it worked for them. Most of them went through the same experiences. So too it will work for him. Don't worry about how long he will have to do A.A. work because therein lies your and his salvation.

—J.F.H. Linda Vista, California  
AA Grapevine April, 1947

*Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*

## Step 2

The action part of this step is "Came to believe". Because I already had faith in a Higher Power, this was an easy step for me. But if I didn't? What if my life hadn't seemed to provide me with any evidence for faith? This step would probably have been difficult. What is faith? How does one come to believe?

In one sense, faith is another form of expectation. People with faith can expect that their Higher Power will work in their life in the way that is best for them. Said another way, people with faith inherently trust that their Higher Power wants what is best for them. They expect that if it's good for them and aligns with what their Higher Power has in store for them, then it shall come to pass.

Of course, every prayer has three answers: "yes", "no", and "ask again later".

But if I didn't have faith, if I didn't expect I would get what is best for me, what should I have done with the Second Step? I think my best course of action would have been to take a watch-and-see attitude. I should have gone ahead and worked my program as if a Higher Power will give me what is best for me. I still could have gone ahead and remained neutral with those expectations. Maybe it would work. Maybe it wouldn't. But I ought to have given it a fair shake, by being willing to entertain the idea that it could work. Who knows what the future holds?

Within the rooms of A.A., one often hears that people without some sort of faith "came to believe" after a while. The watch-and-see attitude turns into a trusting attitude.

The follow up to "came to believe" is "... a Power greater than ourselves ..."

I do think that everyone has a concept of a Power greater than themselves. A really old joke I heard was attributed to Richard Pryor: "When you are running down the street with your hair on fire, you don't cry out to Bank of America!" To me, this says that at a fundamental level, everyone still has the concept of a Power greater than themselves. Whether I have a friendly relationship, an active dislike, or tell myself a Power greater than myself doesn't exist, when emergency response kicks in, my mind will reach out to something greater than myself.

The second part of the Second Step is "... could restore us to sanity".

I had tried to stop drinking on my own, before showing up in A.A. I tried numerous times; each time with a shorter duration of being able to remain dry. I never felt so demoralized as that moment when I realized that not only could I not stop this time, but all the previous failures to stop were solid evidence that I couldn't stop, ever.

Apparently, I was broken.

I did not know how to fix myself. I knew that I needed fixing. But there was an insurmountable gulf between my need and my ability. This was not something I had encountered before – at least for something that mattered. It didn't just matter a little bit, either. This was a matter of life and death.

If all my actions come from this mind of mine – then my mind was broken. Later, when reading the Second Step, I had no problem accepting that I had lost my sanity.

In computers, we sometimes do what is called a "sanity check". Essentially, when we program a computer to do something, well we have to check the results, because it's a machine. It has no intelligence. If the task is to program the computer how to add two numbers, the sanity check is telling it to add  $2 + 2$ , and verifying that the answer it gives back is indeed 4. (With sloppy programming, sometimes the answer isn't.  $2 + 2 =$  puppies might be cute, but my bank isn't going to be happy with the resulting deposit. )



## February AA Birthdays

# Tradition 2

*For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*

My first experience with this tradition was when my home group suspended a couple of members for being disruptive during meetings. I was around two years sober at the time and had yet to attend a business meeting. I was none too happy about this, but had just enough sense to wait until the next business meeting before expressing my displeasure. Thank God I had a sponsor that would go through each tradition with me before I moved on to the next step.

To further complicate matters the group conscience of the business meeting covers all twenty weekly meetings. The debate was pretty heated, a vote was taken, the members were reinstated, a lot of feathers were ruffled. It's kind of funny now; neither of the individuals attend meetings at this location any longer.

Lesson learned. I now attend almost every business meeting of my two home groups. Ironically, my other home group is a tradition study.

My views on this tradition have evolved, probably as my giant ego has softened. Just as I needed a higher power to restore me to sanity the groups conscience relies on a loving God as expressed through its collective members. In AA there is no coercive human authority because each member has a sensitive and responsive conscience and alcohol will discipline him/her if a slip occurs we have little need for the man made rules or regulations. Despite the fact groups veer off at times and the conscience of the group will prove a far more infallible guide than the decision of any individual member however wise it may seem. We need not depend on inspired leaders because our leadership of service can be rotating. We enjoy a kind of democracy that is truly unique. How cool is that.

Mitch K

Name	City	Years
Merle F.	Porterville	43
Kay C.	Visalia	40
Reyes A.	Visalia	36
Joe B.	Visalia	36
Joe B.	Tulare	35
Hal E.	Porterville	34
Yolanda D.	Visalia	34
Kristy B.	Visalia	33
David G.	Tulare	33
Connie D.	Tulare	32
"Mad Jack"	Pixley	32
Ken R.	Visalia	32
Brent S.	Tulare	31
Debbie M.	Porterville	31
Jamie M.	Porterville	31
Jack R.	Tulare	31
Chris K.	Tulare	31
Bob V.	Visalia	30
Dave W.	Lindsay	30
Holden M.	Visalia	30
Pat L.	Visalia	30
Dan G.	Visalia	29
Doug M.	Visalia	29
Sig G.	Visalia	29
Rick E.	Visalia	28
Dave H.	Visalia	27
Vickie H.	Tulare	26
Mark F.	Visalia	26
Linda R.	Visalia	25
Tarrie J.	Visalia	25
Tammy P.	Tulare	25
Trevor H.	Visalia	24
Jennifer S.	Visalia	22
Gloria C.	Visalia	22
Angela F.	Visalia	22
Dale L.	Visalia	19
Paige S.	Visalia	18
Judy K.	Visalia	18
Linda N.	Tulare	17
Denece B.	Visalia	17
Kimi K.	Tulare	13
Ricky T.	Visalia	12
Bob G.	Visalia	10
Derek B.	Visalia	10
Lee B.	Tulare	7
Pat J.	Springville	7



# Happy New Year

Hope everyone is doing well in this second week of the year so far. I just want to start by saying thank you to everyone who was a part of our New Year's Eve event for 2018.

Thank you to those who attended, and I hope you enjoyed our slightly different format this year. Thank you to the decorating crew, we whipped that out in under an hour. Thank you to Stella and her sweet daughter for setting up and selling the sodas this year. Stella is always of service at the picnic, and NYE event selling sodas. I really appreciate it Stella, your efforts do not go un-noticed.

Thank you to Keith for purchasing the sodas and delivering them to Lindsay. Keith was working that day, took a break, and bought and delivered sodas to Lindsay, went to Fresno for a job, then made it back to Lindsay that evening for the event. That makes me tired just writing it. Thank you Keith. Oh, and he also worked New Year's Day. Dang.

Thank you John W. for coming to help with whatever was needed that day, no questions asked. John has been attending these events for as long as I have been around, and I appreciate his service every year. BBQ guy, cleaning up afterward, decorating, getting ice, whatever we need, he is there.

Thank you Brent for being the M/C and Auctioneer. Our bake sale brought in \$1600.00, what a generous outcome from all AA members. Thank you to those who brought items to be auctioned. Some people brought one item (like myself, I ran out of energy to do more) and others brought 5 and 6 items in total. Greatly appreciated. The Viagra cookies were a hit again. HA Gotta make it interesting. And for the two Vanna's, Kenneth and Bill, you guys were a great help. Thank you Tim Mannix for putting on a fabulous magician/comedy show. He brought people up on stage, which made it even more fun. He told Shirley her part was a non - speaking part. Hilarious. Our own Tom from Visalia with 90 days of sobriety was a great sport, and participated in the act also.

Kane C. from Santa Clarita did a fabulous job. I am so glad I am old and can't remember anything. I have

heard Kane several times before, but it was like the first time hearing his story again. His wife Karen was just so gracious and friendly. We had a scheduling conflict with our first speaker which was Wayne B. Then I booked David M. from Los Angeles, and he was unable to attend due to work. He asked Kane to be his sub, and I did not have to do anything. Come to find out later that David is having some medical difficulties also, so if everyone could say a prayer for him, and his quick recovery, that would be wonderful. Third time was a charm with the speaker, Kane's message had us in the front row in tears. Good tears, not bad.

Thank you to Billy from Fresno for taping our speaker, and also bringing Karaoke for the first time to our NYE event. Only around 10-12 people stayed for karaoke, but I can tell you, it made the whole night for me. Melissa W. was the only one with guts to get up there, then our own Bill S. from Porterville followed. After that it was the women against the men, hilarious. Of course the women were so much better. HA I said I would not get up there for a million dollars, and I did it anyway. It was a blast. Have not received my check yet.

Thank you Bob for always selling tickets and keeping track of all the income for the night. Bake sale, sodas, 50/50, tickets sold, it is a lot, and we appreciate you making sure it all comes out correctly.

Thank you Susan and Rose for selling 50/50, great job. Even though I did not win, great job.

Thank you Marcie for taking care of the coffee all night long. Can't have an AA event without lots of coffee, great job.

Thank you to everyone that donated money for raffle prizes. I have AA members every year give me money so I can spend it. HA We don't use any of our Central Office funds for that, this is all separate donations. I give the receipts to Bob and he has them on file at the office, if anyone would like to see where their hard earned money was spent. I received \$1280.00 this year, and it was a lot of fun shopping. I am overwhelmed every year by the kindness and generosity of everyone.

Ok, I think that is it, I sure hope I did not forget anyone, and if I did, thank you, thank you, thank you.

On another subject, we are having elections in February at the Central Office Meeting for three board members. The date is February 12th. We had some unusual events occur at our December board meeting during the elections. One member was nominated



and was not present. I have never had that happen before in all the time I have been attending meetings, or been on the board. We did not add his name to the list because he was not there. It was brought to our attention that we did not do that correctly, and we are looking into that. Also there were three positions open and only three people nominated. In a foresight, I just figured we did not need to vote since three and three was it. I again was incorrect on that, and we are correcting the situation with another election in February. I want to apologize for the mistakes, and assure everyone that they were done out of lack of experience in the situation, and not any malicious intent toward the office, or the board. I do make mistakes frequently, and appreciate when people speak up to help me.

The requirements to be on the board are two years of sobriety, and you do not have to be a CSR to run. There is one, one year position to be filled, and two, two year positions. The seat on the board is a two year commitment, but sometimes people have to leave for other reasons, is why there is one, one year term.

We had some nominations in January, and will have more in February, and elections that night. Would love to see as many people as possible there. We are just trusted servants on the board, and do the best job we can.

Thanks,

Julie M.

## 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.**

## *Advice to my nephew...*

Here's what I told my nephew when he was going into the Navy -

You need to know that you have a pedigree, that is, a predisposition to become an addict or an alcoholic, because it's on both sides of your family, and it does run in families.

Sometimes it skips a generation, but it's still there.

Some people can have one or two drinks and it's not a problem, but if you're drinking more than that, it can only get worse. If you can't stop when you want to or if you're drinking and getting into trouble, those are 'red flags'

If it causes problems at work or at home, you're better off not drinking at all; because if you put poison in your body, it awakens 'the beast' and it never goes away.

Some people who don't have an actual drinking problem will still have the 'personality' of an alcoholic; "I know everything, I'm always right, my way or the highway."

Their children are prone to having a problem with alcohol, too.

The best thing you can do is avoid that stuff; don't even touch it.

It's also a good idea not to hang around with people who are drinking or 'using' because you end up doing what our friends are doing.

And forchrisake don't drink & drive; that's an invitation for trouble !

Gary P



# Central Service Meeting

January 8, 2019

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

**CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie M., Bob H., Susan M., Sheri T.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stella T

**SERENITY PRAYER:** Led by Julie

**12 TRADITIONS:** Allen L

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Minutes of the last meeting were amended to read that there was not an election of new Board Members, there was a consensus of the group that the three nominated members for the Board would be approved, since there were three positions and three nominations.

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

**TREASURER REPORT/OFFICE REPORT:** Bob H.- We had an income of \$2,339.97 and expenses of \$2,303.03 for a gain of \$36.94 for this accounting period. Group contributions were below average. Sales were about normal. We had our normal expenses for the period. Credit and Debit card sales for the year were \$2,776.43 in net sales of 67 transactions of 50 customers served. We are starting a new year of carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism at about \$6,000 less than we had at this time last year.

**PI/CPC:** No report

**WEBSITE REPORT:** David reported in the last 30 days there were 14,500 page views, up from last month.

## STEP FOR NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEER

Feb. Step 2 David G.

March Step 3 Susan M

## TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Feb. Tradition 2 Mitch K.

March Tradition 3 Mitch K

**H&I REPORT:-** The regular Business meeting for H&I will be this Sat 1/12 at 2 pm. at the Visalia Alano Club.

**GSO LIAISON-** GSO Winter Assembly will be in Selma the weekend of Jan 18 & 19. GSR school is included. It will be very informative for new GSRs and those interested in becoming a GSR. District 47 treasury balance is \$1,869.26

## 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 been 20 - 25 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

Thurs at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville from 7-8:30 pm. Open AA meeting. Discussion centers around recovery by working Steps and adhering to Traditions. Birthday meeting is the last Thurs of each month, we meet at El Nuevo for dinner then attend meeting. Springville is above the clouds - join us!

**Jonathan T.-Monday Men's Stag-** We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for a closed mens meeting located at 820 E Main in Visalia. We celebrate birthdays on the last Mon of the month and have lots of experience, strength and hope! Please join us!

**Mitch K - Bridge St Drunks Only-** We have 20 meetings a week. 7am meetings closed AA only and have about 20 average attendance. It is a meeting with good long-term sobriety and a good mix with newcomers. This meeting is 7 days a week. Noon meets 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. Tues evening literature study now in "As Bill Sees It", from 6 - 7, an open meeting with about 10 in attendance. Thurs @ 7pm is the primary purpose meeting with about 30 in attendance, also an open meeting. Good place for newcomers to study the Big Book. Easy to find a sponsor who will take you through the steps. Sat evenings is an open discussion meeting from 7 - 8. Sun evening is at 5pm and is a closed meeting for AA members only, it is a 10th Step meeting, discussion of AA inventory.

**Trudy W - Lindsay Fireside Fellowship -** We meet Thurs evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Firesie Room of Lindsay United Methodist Church (corner of Honolulu & Gale Hill due east of post office and city hall). We aer an intimate, open meeting, discussing a new topic each week. A handful of regulars welcome newcomers and card carriers equally, sharing sobriety old and new. We celebrate annual birthdays the last Thurs of the month and give chips every week for monthly progress under one year. Come share your light iin one of the longest-standing meeting locations in Tulare County.

**Truday W - Exeter Quiet Trails Group -** We meet every Tues evening 7:30 - 8:30 in the Exeter Methodist Church fellowsip room behind the sanctuary at the corner of Palm & D Streets. We are an open topic-discussionn meeting with rotating secretaries monthly, welcoming newcomers and old timers alike. We celebrate birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. Please join our robust small town fellowship.

**Sheri T - Tues Women's Amity Group -** We meet every Tues from 6:30 - 8 pm. 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, stength & 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!

**David G - Messy Pants Winos** - Messy Pants Winos meets Wed at 7:00 pm (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 Wed of the month. This is a one hour meeting.

**Monica R - Porterville RSVP Group** - This is an open young people's meeting where all ages are 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 6:30 pm on Friday nights.

**Susan M - Half & Half Group** - This is an hour long open Book Study/Discussion meeting. We read from either the Big Book or the 12 x 12 for 30 min and then share about what we read or whatever a person wants to talk about. We meet at the 1st Congregational Church in Porterville from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Thurs nights. It's a great meeting with 8 - 12 in attendance each week. We contribute to Central Office on a regular basis. The meeting was started in Feb, 2018 and were able to contribute \$493.10 to Central Office in 2018.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- New Years Celebration - At this point, we had a net income of \$1,195.52 with more ticket sale money still due
- Book Keeper & Employee - There was a lot of discussion about not being able to afford another employee and waiting until the current employee decides to retire to put someone else on and train them for the position. There will be more discussion and more will be revealed at future meetings.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Date for Picnic - Bob will check on 3 dates - June 1, 8 or 15
- Board Member Election from last month - As noted above in the Correction of the last Minutes, there was raucus discussion regarding the election, or lack of as some noted. We are going to have a new election for Board members in Feb. There were nominations of Elgin M, Mike S & Hal W. Susan M was also nominated but has since withdrawn her name. Sheri T was nominated and declined to run. There will also be nominations in Feb. Each Group may have a representative at the meeting and there is one vote per person. Two years sobriety is required to serve on the Board.  
Bylaws Review - Cheryl H suggested the bylaws be looked at and possibly amended.

**SEVENTH TRADITION:** \$32.00

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:27 pm

## Upcoming Events

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## Speaker Meetings

**Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting**  
186 W. Walnut Ave.

**Friday February 1st, 2019 at 8:00 PM**  
**Speaker: - Scotty B. - Porterville**

**Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting**  
1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

**Friday, February 8th, 2019 at 8:00 PM**  
**Speaker: - Mitch K**

**Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting**  
Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
**Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at 10:15 AM**  
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)  
**Speaker: TBA**

**The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting**  
The Gallery @ The Creative Center  
410 E. Race Ave.

**Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.**  
**Speakers for February**  
**Feb 6 - Roxanne H. of Visalia**  
**Feb 13 - David G. of Tulare**



# District 47 Mtg. Minutes

## January 2, 2019

**Attendance:** Josh F., Allen L., Danette L., Greg G., James, David, Kenneth, Don, Boo and Brian.

**Call To Order:** A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm., by DCM Josh F.

The GSR preamble was recited by members. Allen L., read the 12 Traditions and Josh F. Concept #1.

**Approval of Minutes:** The December business meetings minutes were unavailable and will be submitted for approval in February.

### Finances:

**Treasure report:** Greg G. reported the following Treasurers' report: Balance forward:\$2,222.35

a. Income: 118.48. Expences: \$471.57. Current Balance: \$1,869.26

### Reports

**CSO:** Liaison Allen L., reported the following: Central Office Board elections: 3 members elected: Sherry from Hanford, Susan M., Porterville and Stella. Allen attended the New Year's eve event but had nothing to report.

**H&I:** Liaison David, reported the following: H&I's next business meeting is 01-12-19 at 9am at the Alano Club.

**DCM:** Liaison Josh F. reported the following:

1. He put in a bid for the 2020 Mini-Praasa; we did not get selected.

2. The 2020 assemblies will be as follows: (i) Winter Assembly, January 18-19, 2020, District 54 (Sacramento); (ii) Pre-Conference Assembly, April 4-5, 2020 District 21 (Roseville); (iii) Post-Conference Assembly, May 16-17, 2020, District 53 (Fresno); (iv) Mini-Praasa, October 16-18, 2020, District 19 (Yuba City).

3. Vicki R., last panel's delegate, is currently the Area 07 H&I liaison, and has a lot of experience in that area. She said she'd be happy to participate in the fall service workshop we've discussed at the last couple of meetings.

4. Mike K., the current delegate, gave a brief report. He mentioned that, in correspondence from the

General Service Board, he heard mention of the possibility exploring a 5th edition of the Big Book. We will, of course, learn more if this picks up any steam. Information

### Old Business:

Winter Assembly: 01-19-19 -01-20-19, in Selma at St Joseph's Catholic Church.

Fall Workshop: (H&I) David working on ideas and event venue. Josh reported if we give Vikki (d-19) notice she may be available to come speak. Information

**New/Other Business:** Spring Workshop: Discussion as follows: Date (03-30-19 10-am-2pm ask for 9am set-up) Brian (C.S.L.) & Boo (St. Paul's) to research venue and report back. Event much as the same as last event. Josh to provide & break down General Service agenda items. Group take (?10 items) pair w/ traditions, have presenters and discussions.

**Big Book:** Don brought BB discussion on editions and copyrights. Josh F., informed group of his interpretation as that the 1st & 2nd editions were not copyrighted due to law confusion at that time. 3rd & 4th are owned and copyrighted by GSO.

**7th Tradition:** Allen L., inquired, on behalf of the CSR's, opinion on the 7th Tradition, stating the 7th tradition is given in the groups meetings, why then is it also taken at the CSR meeting? Discussion ensued: levels of service: two sides of a coin: 1. Gratitude of service and 2. Trusted servants. Each group is autonomous in all matters including the 7th tradition. Groups do not have to take a 7th tradition.

**Where District monies are put into use:** GSR's to assemblies, Area member gas money, PRASSA reimbursement and other functions.

### Announcements

**7th Tradition:** \$38.00 Noted

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm, after reciting the Declaration of unity and Responsibility declaration.

The next business meeting will be held on February 6, 12, 2019, at 7:00pm.

Recorder and respectfully submitted by Boo



# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE  
**Income & Expense Statement**  
 12/21/2018 THROUGH 1/20/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	53.00	53.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Group Cont.	1,652.39	1,652.39
Indiv Cont	1,825.00	1,825.00
Lit. Sales	130.05	130.05
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	31.09	31.09
Spec. Events	3,823.89	3,823.89
Spec. Items	271.20	271.20

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**TOTAL**                    **\$7,786.62**        **\$7,786.62**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	40.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Lit. Costs	1,811.25	1,811.25
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	142.78	142.78
Office Equip.& Maint	225.14	225.14
Phone & ISP	183.71	183.71
Postage	0.00	0.00
Employee Taxes	1,216.17	1,216.17
Rent	525.00	525.00
Salary	1,287.82	1,287.82
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events	2,084.18	2,084.18
Spec. Items	0.00	0.00
Card Charge	5.96	5.96
Utilities	93.46	93.46
Website	3.38	3.38

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**TOTAL**                    **\$7,618.85**        **7,618.85**

**Net Gain(Loss)**            **\$167.77**            **\$167.77**

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

**END. TOT. ACCT BAL:**                    **\$12,351.06**

# Group Contributions

<u>12/21/18-1/20/19</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		0.00
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210		0.00
Bill & Friends		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	347.39	347.39
Central Calif. Roundup		0.00
Civic Center Grp.		0.00
Clodbusters-Tulare		0.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	32.00	32.00
Dinuba Grp		00.0
District 47	400.00	400.00
Dr. Bob & Friends		0.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	100.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		0.00
Foundation Group	50.00	50.00
Freedom Fellowship		0.00
Fresno Village Group		0.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Friday Noon 210		0.00
Half & Half		0.00
Lemoore Sat 12x12		0.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		0.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		0.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		00.0
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		0.00
Mon Men's Book Study		0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		0.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group	60.00	60.00
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		0.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level	116.00	116.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		0.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People		0.00
Tulare Co. Young People		0.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study	0.00	



Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night	300.00	300.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues Noon 210		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		0.00
Three Rivers-Monday	147.00	147.00
Unity Thru Traditions		0.00
Valley Group		0.00
Valley Speaker Series		0.00
Wandering Couples		0.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		0.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		0.00
Women's Changes-P'ville	100.00	100.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		0.00
Young & Restless		0.00
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Total	1,652.39	1,652.39

## Contributions

### Birthday Club

<u>Reyes A.</u>	<u>Visalia</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Linda N.</u>	<u>Tulare</u>	<u>17</u>

### Individual Contributions

#### Anonymous

Bill H.  
Elgin M.  
Jim K.  
Mike S.

### Newsletter Contributions

None

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### Memorial Contribution

None

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None

# Service Meetings

## AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club  
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray  
Saturday, March 9, 2019 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

### Alcoholic One Liners

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

What's the difference of deer nuts and beer nuts? Beer nuts are a \$1.75, but deer nut are under a buck.

A termite walks into a bar and says, "Where is the bar tender?"

Three conspiracy theorists walk into a bar. You can't tell me that's just a coincidence!

When The Hulk goes off into a vicious rage and destroys everything, he's "Incredible." But when I do it, I'm "an alcoholic."

Cop: "Have you been out drinking?"

Me: "Uh yeah, I'm 28, I've been out drinking literally hundreds of times."

I screamed at my neighbor, "What on earth are you doing on our roof!"

He screamed back, "I saw you at the bar, and you said the drinks were on the house!"

I just read an article about the dangers of drinking that scared the crap out of me. That's it. No more reading!

"Your finest Scotch, please."

"Yes, sir," the guy at Staples says as he hands me a 12 year old roll of tape.

Everyone has their own path, fortunately mine leads to the liquor store.

How do you get 30 drunk Canadians out of the pool?  
"Please get out of the pool."

I used to drink all brands of beer. Now, I am older Budweiser!

Raising children takes a village, preferably one with many vineyards.

There are drunk bikers. There are old bikers. There are NO old, drunk bikers.

My girlfriend told me to go out and get something that makes her look sexy... so I got drunk.

The speed of light is when you take out a bottle of beer out of the fridge before the light comes on.

Son, when I was your age there was no social media. You had to go to a bar and buy endless drinks to be ignored by multiple women.

I liked beer so much that my family didn't know I drank until they saw me sober!

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

## Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	6
Court Ref/Info	5
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	3
Visitors to Office	28
Literature Sales	7
Specialty Sales	13
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	10
Prospective Members	3
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	12
Spanish Contact	2
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<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>



# Second Annual AA Women in Unity Retreat

June 21, 22, & 23, 2019

Registration opens Friday 6/21 at 4pm with opening meeting at 7:00pm

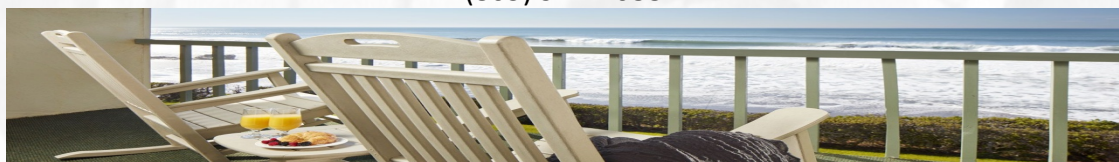
Contact hotel directly for room reservations and mention AA retreat for special hotel rates

Cavalier Ocean Front Resort

9415 Heart Drive

San Simeon Ca 93452

(805) 927-4688



- Early Bird Registration ends on 4-15-19 after 4-15-19 registration is 35.00 with meals 120.00. Not refundable but transferable.
- Sherry G. sherrydutra@comcast.net or Sherri D red57pearl@gmail.com for questions
- We are in search of speakers please submit CD or mp3 or letter explaining the reason you feel you would be a good speaker. Topic is 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> step. Mail to address below.

Registration	With meals	Without meals	
NAME (as you want it on your name badge)			
Earlybird before 4/15/19 registration with 3 meals Sat and am only Sun.	100.00	25.00	
After 4/15/19 registration with 3 meals Sat and Sun am only	120.00	35.00	
NEWCOMER DONATIONS	\$	\$	
Grand Total Make check payable to Women in Unity AA			
Address – phone- email			(registration to be mailed or emailed?) please enclose self addressed stamped envelope if you want confirmation mailed
Mail check to... AA Women in Unity c/o AA Central Office	449 E Maple, Exeter, CA 93221		CLEARLY MARK ON ENVELOPE AA WOMEN'S EVENT  DO NOT MAIL CASH  One registration form per person please



# *Your Content Here!!!*

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

All this can be accommodated-we are available to help! Simply reach out to us here at Central News and we will do all we can to get the word out!!!

Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffer is our primary purpose. What better way to do it then to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

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

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

