

CENTRAL NEWS

May 2019

Spring Skyline Stratford CA Louie T.

Our School for Living

At one of my very early meetings, I heard one of our older, experienced men make the statement . . . "A.A. is a school in which we are all learners and all teachers." Being in educational work and having gone to school a good part of my life, this appealed to me, and I started to take my A.A. on that basis. I have never been sorry. After some years of sobriety I am still attending that school, and have found it to be the most important school in the world for me, because I have finally begun to learn how to live.

Inspecting A.A. from an educational point of view, we see "the ideal learning situation." What do the educators strive for? INTEREST is a most necessary requisite to learn anything well. Do we have that qualification when we first approach A.A.? If we haven't, we soon develop an intense interest, if we continue with this new way of living. For many of us, it is the first ray of hope in many years, and naturally we are interested in living again. So, in this school of ours we have the first and one of the most important requisites, in any successful learning experience; a keen interest.

A second important need for doing a good job of learning anything: is motivation or INCENTIVE. We certainly have an incentive in learning in this school. For many of us the incentive is life itself.

When we are attempting anything new, it is encouraging to see PROGRESS. In A.A. we see progress almost immediately; others see it also and comment on how much better we look and how different we seem. This rapid, apparent, improvement is most helpful to us in our new school.

A fourth essential in a good learning situation is continued review and ACTIVITY. We have many opportunities to develop along these lines with meetings, hospital calls, clubrooms, and helping other people. As a group, alcoholics like to do things. We dislike standing by, listening and watching others. In A.A. most of us soon have a chance to talk to some other problem drinker or his family and to show them how the fellowship has helped us. We can always find action of some sort or another and that is most helpful in our school.

Unlike most schools, A.A. makes allowances for INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES in an ideal way. From the beginning we are told that there are no rules, no musts, no time limit, no restrictions of any kind. We may go as slowly or as rapidly as we like; we may become active immediately or we may wait until we think we are ready; we may take as much or as little of The programs we like. (The importance of staying away from that first drink is stressed, of course.)

Reviewing these salient points so important in any successful educational experience; interest, incentive, progress, activity and attention to individual differences, we see that in our school we have the most favorable opportunity to learn to know ourselves and to learn how to live. There are many other characteristics and attitudes necessary and important in A.A. and any good school but I have attempted to list only a few of the outstanding essentials in "an ideal learning situation."

Our school is different from other schools in many respects but probably the two greatest differences lie at the beginning and the end. The entrance requirements are higher; in some cases scores of years of hell and thousands of dollars and . . . WE NEVER GRADUATE.

P. B. J.—Cleveland AA Grapevine Feb. 1946

Step 5 *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*

Trust God, clean house, help others. With that age old AA saying ringing in my mind I sat down with my sponsor the first December of my suggested program of recovery.

As I look back, it was kind of funny it was around Christmas time and we were having a hard time coming up with a time and date to get together. I also remember being interrupted a couple of times by my sponsor's phone and his grandson. Geez, didn't they know how important my moment of truth was.

After taking the first four steps I was ready and eager. Both the big book and the 12 & 12 had specifically warned that skipping this step is likely to lead to relapse and for me that was a sure death. I pocketed my pride and went for it; holding nothing back. I found it very relaxing and totally freeing. My sponsor

was very patient, understanding and easy to talk to. When I was finished my sponsor handed me a note "not guilty" just like his sponsor had done so many years before. I felt a huge relief. I'm sure that was a start of the many spiritual experiences I've had since. The feeling of walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe. Now I know science can't accomplish that.

Mitch K

Tradition 5 *Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*

The long form of Tradition 5 says "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose". Becoming a spiritual entity is not a proclamation, rather it is a result of growth. As a group seeks its identity it will experience both success and failure just as the founders did while developing the traditions.

It has taken me a long time to recognize the threads in the language that bind our Traditions together. Language in Tradition 5: "each group" & "its" speak directly to the autonomy from Tradition 4. As well, "ought to be a spiritual entity" suggests how God may express Himself from Tradition 2.

If my home group is actively seeking Unity and purpose, is inclusive and accountable then we are prepared to "carry the message". Right here is where I need to be mindful and aware. Tradition 5 says "alcoholic who still suffers". It does not say to the newcomer. Following Tradition 3 includes all newcomers with a desire.

Am I, and is my home group, aware of members of our fellowship that find themselves suffering long after the obsession to drink is removed? Am I aware of losses, setbacks, changes or life in general that are having an effect on the person sitting in the chair next to me? When I speak, do I express unity? Do I recognize God as the authority? Am still romancing the drink, or am I done? Do share how important my Home Group is? Am I carrying the message?

"There is another reason for this singleness of purpose. It is the great paradox of A.A that we know we can

May AA Birthdays

seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away." My home group offers me the ability to practice being unified, to recognize our purpose, to demonstrate a welcoming attitude and to show up and be accountable. With that in mind I can feel comfortable that I have an opportunity to share the message.

Mike K.
Sunday Serenity Seekers

Contributions

Name	City	Years
JPenny O.	Dinuba	51
Greg	Woodlake	42
Virginia E.	Lemoore	39
Allen L.	Visalia	38
Bill T.	Exeter	35
Joe S.	Lindsay	35
Jose S.	Visalia	35
Jesse M.	Porterville	35
Jesse M.	Porterville	34
Harry C.	Visalia	33
Terry W.	Visalia	33
Luann B.	Three Rivers	32
Larry B.	Visalia	31
John B.	Tulare	31
Jeff S.	Visalia	31
Don S.	Visalia	31
Mark A.	Tulare	31
Sarah R.	Visalia	31
Dave I.	Visalia	30
Julie M.	Porterville	30
Steven M.	Porterville	30
Sharon Y.	Visalia	30
Jimmy V.	Visalia	29
Susan M.	Porterville	29
Steve D.	Visalia	29
Ron Mc.	Visalia	28
Joe S.	Porterville	27
Scott H.	Visalia	27
Melonie K.	Visalia	27
Wayne T.	Visalia	27
Gail G.	Visalia	26
Jerry Mc.	Visalia	26
Mike G.	Visalia	26
Mike N.	Visalia	26
Henry T.	Visalia	26
Brian C.	Visalia	26
Willie	Visalia	26
Louise G.	Exeter	26
Greg B.	Tulare	25
Manuel O.	Tulare	24
BOO M.	Visalia	22
Theresa S.	Visalia	22
Kathy D.	Visalia	18
Jim C.	Visalia	18
Jennifer R.	Visalia	16
Carolyn W.	Porterville	14
Lucy A.	Visalia	11
Tim A.	Visalia	9
Laura D.	Porterville	8
William K.	Springville	8
Courtney R.	Tulare	4
Britnee H.	Visalia	1

Birthday Club

Allen L.	Exeter	38
Anonymous		24
John B.	Visalia	16
Bill H.	Visalia	14
Pete B.	Camp Nelson	11
Trudy W.	Lindsay	4

GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members - \$370.00

Individual Contributions

Anonymous
Bill H.
Jim K.
Jim B.
John B.
Pete B.
Shannon S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Central Service Meeting

April 9, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Elgin

TIME: 7:00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike S., Elgin M., Hal W.,

ABSENT: Mike K.

SERENITY PRAYER: Elgin

12 TRADITIONS: Monica

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Additions, Corrections, & Approval of Minutes. Under new business it should read 4 Board members not 3. Approved

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Will be discussed under old business.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Bob reported we had an income of \$2,278.78 and expenses of \$2,644.92 for a loss of \$366.14. Contributions, sales and expenses were about normal. Traffic and calls were about average.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: No report

VOLUNTEER STEP WRITERS FOR CENTRAL NEWS STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Step	Member	Due Date
May	5	Mike K	
June	6	Mitch K.	

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Tradition	Member	Due Date
May	5	Mike K.	
June	6	Cheryl	

WEB SITE REPORT: Traffic about like last month

H&I REPORT: None

GSO LIAISON: Allen reported the Pre-Conference Assembly will be on April 13 and 14 in Nevada City. The Pre-Conference Service Fair went well with 4 Area Officers attending. A tentative date has been set for Summer Service Fair for Aug 3. David G. serving as the chair and will be held at the Porterville Recovery Club. A good way to get into service in the Tulare County area.

CSR REPORTS:

Trudy: Lindsay Fireside Fellowship- Same as last month.

Blyth: Tulare Unity Young People: This an open young people group where all are welcome. We define "young" as anyone with room to grow. We celebrate various lengths of sobriety with chips. This group needs support, please join us and help support our young people community every Saturday night 7:30 to 8:45 pm.

Mike K.: Valley Group Speaker Series: Our meeting is located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00pm at Center and Hall streets in Visalia. Cards are sign. The Valley Group also has two large speaker events

per year which donates its excess funds to Central Office.
Stella T.: Women's Tuesday Night Changes: Same as last month

Mike S.: Monday Means Stag: Same as last month.

David G.: Messy Pants Winos: We meet on Wednesday at 7:00PM at the Visalia Alano Club. This is an open meeting and old timers are welcome. We get a good number of newcomers, so experienced members are needed. This is a one hour meeting.

Monica: RSVP Group- Young People: Same as last month

Cheryl: Springville Gut Level AA: Gut level appreciates the transparency of the new board. Gut Level is passing a donation can for Central Office after the 7th Tradition basket. Gut Level supports Traditions, sponsorship, the spiritual principals and welcomes all people.

Hal W.: Tuesday Night Quiet Trails: Same as last month

OLD BUSINESS: Picnic is set for June 1 at Arbor 9 at Mooney Grove in Visalia. The guest speaker will be Tony O. from Bakersfield; the Men Stage in Porterville is doing the BBQ while the Visalia Stage is doing the sodas. There will be baskets for sale that are donated from the groups.

Our changes in the By-Laws are being taken back to the groups for their opinion and we will vote on them next month. Central Office has established a Grateful Givers Club for the members who want to make a contribution of their own that will go directly to Central Office. Please check the flyer in Newsletter for details or contact your CSR for the info. There discussion on a Regional Golf Tournament involving members from Bakersfield to Fresno. As soon as we know more we will the info out to you so you can make plans to attend.

New Years Eve Dinner/ Speaker Meeting will be put on the Valley Speaker Group in Visalia and all proceed will go to Central Office. There will be more info on this event later this year

NEW BUSINESS:

May have an election for a 5 Board Member next month depending on the outcome of the By-Laws

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$30.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45PM

Attention New Program Grateful Givers

The Central Office board and the group C.S.R.'s are excited to introduce to all Alcoholic Anonymous members of District 47 a new program Grateful Givers. The purpose of the program is to assist individuals interested in making a monthly contribution to the Central Office. Making the process of contributing as simple as possible is the goal of the program. Individuals would be given a stamped addressed envelope with which to send in their contribution. The envelope will contain an information form for your name, address and contact number. Fill out the form and drop your contribution in the mail. As soon as it arrives at the Central Office you will receive a thank you note/receipt containing a stamped envelope for the next month's contribution. The names of the members involved nor donation amounts to the Central Office will be released. The Central Office will publish the total monthly contributions in the newsletter each month. The Central Office operates completely off our contributions, group contributions, the Birthday Club and special events. In the recent year this has not been enough to sustain our financial responsibilities. Our hope is that the Grateful Givers Club will give that a boost. We chose the name Grateful Givers because Alcoholic Anonymous saved our lives. As a result we are grateful that we again have the ability to give. If you are interested in getting involved in the program you can contact your C.S.R. or contact the Central Office. We will be making contribution envelopes available to the groups by way of your C.S.R.

Women In Unity #2

June 21,22,23, 2019

The cavalier ocean front resort is in San Simeon, CA. It is a 4-star hotel located off highway 1. It is a peaceful location right on the ocean with beach access. It is a wonderful place to relax while joining in fellowship through sisterhood.

Wake up in the morning, grab a cup of coffee while enjoying the beautiful ocean view and soft breezes. Before heading out for a day of interesting meetings and educational panels or just a conversation with the other women in the fellowship.

In the evening as the day winds down meet up with friends old and new for a good meal and lively conversation.

To conclude your day at the hotels outdoor fire pit watching the sun set sets over the ocean and reflects at us it's not hard to remember who is in charge here. Gazing at stars and listening to the music of the ocean waves crashing on the rocks below.

Cambria is only 15 minutes away so you could take some time during the break to explore or shop. We are hoping that you will come and enjoy the views and the rewards of sisterhood.

-Rita M Visalia

Editor's Corner

Hello My Family!!

Here we are, another lovely May has arrived! The weather is great and life is going well. I am happy to see an increase in participation in the Birthday club, this really helps to raise some extra funds to support our Central office.

I really appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Editor of the Central News! I am in service in many other ways, but this seems to be one of the most rewarding forms of service I do! So... if you are looking to get into service but are short on time, find an article about AA online and share it with us! Write a short story about your experience strength and hope. Heck, we use jokes too send me one of those!

Have a great month see you next time!!!

Louie T.

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District 47 Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Attendance: Josh F., Allen L., Danette L., James W., David G., Kenneth, Don, and Billy G.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm., by DCM Josh F.

The GSR preamble was recited by members. David G. read the 12 Traditions and Billy G. read Concept #3. Approval of Minutes: February minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance

Treasure report: Greg G. was sick—no report:

Reports

CSO Liaison: Allen L. reported that 4 new members were elected to the Central Office board.

H&I Liaison: No report

DCM: No report.

Old Business: All set for the Pre-Conference Service Fair/workshop on March 30, 2019 at the Center for Spiritual Living in Visalia from 10 am to 2 pm.

New/Other Business: Representing the Valley Group, David G. asked if District 47 could facilitate group insurance coverage for the multiple AA events that take place in Tulare County each year.

7th Tradition: Not collected

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 April 9, 2019, at 7:00pm.

Recorded and respectfully submitted by Allen L., Alt. DCM

April 3, 2019

Attendance: Josh F., Allen L., Danette L., Greg G., James W., David G., Boo M.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm., by DCM Josh F.

The GSR preamble was recited by members. David G. read the 12 Traditions, and James W. read Concept #4. Approval of Minutes: March minutes were not submitted, so they were neither reviewed nor approved.

Finances:

Treasure report: Greg G. reported the following Treasurers' report: Balance forward: \$1,668.97.

Income: \$238.32. Expenses: \$426.00. Current Balance: \$1,480.54.

Reports

CSO: Liaison Allen L. reported that the Central Office board needs one more board member. Special election will take place at the May Central Service meeting. Planning has begun for the Founders Day Picnic scheduled for June 1. 2019.

H&I: Liaison David G. the next H&I's business meeting will be held on Saturday 04-13-19 at 9am at the Visalia Alano Club.

DCM: District 47 held our Pre-Conference Agenda Item Workshop on 3-30-19. Approximately 25 in attendance. Four CNIA officers attended and made presentations.

Old Business: Pre-Conference Assembly to take place in Nevada City, CA on April 13 & 14.
7th Tradition: \$12.00 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 May 1, 2019, at 7:00pm.

Recorded and respectfully submitted by Allen L., Alt. DCM

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

3/21/2019 THROUGH 4/20/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	107.00	394.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	5.00
Grateful Givers Club	370.00	370.00
Group Cont.	1,855.97	6,275.58
Indiv Cont	459.44	2,756.98
Lit. Sales	350.16	1,542.73
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	27.16	27.16
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	2.00
Sales Tax	46.96	212.76
Spec. Events	0.00	5,023.89
Spec. Items	286.55	1,573.20

TOTAL **\$3,503.24** **\$18,183.30**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	160.00
Fees-Taxes	25.00	64.95
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	326.37	2,083.49
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	85.42	228.20
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	509.44
Phone & ISP	188.21	742.92
Postage	0.00	58.66
Employee Taxes	1,366.64	2,582.81
Rent	525.00	2,100.00
Salary	1,277.82	5,121.28
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	0.00	158.76
Spec. Events	0.00	2,084.18
Spec. Items	182.00	949.50
Card Charge	4.77	22.22
Utilities	76.39	370.56
Website	3.16	13.54

TOTAL **\$4,100.78** **17,800.51**

Net Gain(Loss) **(\$597.54)** **\$382.79**

BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL: **\$13,109.49**

END. TOT. ACCT BAL: **\$12,566.08**

Service Meetings

AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office
 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
 Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
 449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
 Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club
 Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray
 Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 am
 2nd Saturday of even months.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

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Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	0
AA Members	11
Court Ref/Info	7
Meeting Information	15
H & I	2
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	39
Literature Sales	13
Specialty Sales	26
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	7
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	15
Spanish Contact	2

Total

142

Group Contributions

<u>2/21/19-3/20/19</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore	13.59	21.60
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210	200.00	425.00
Bill & Friends		150.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	353.63	1,210.60
Central Calif. Roundup		0.00
Civic Center Grp.	32.75	160.40
Clodbusters-Tulare	400.00	400.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	30.00	162.00
Dinuba Grp		50.00
District 47		400.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		200.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon	150.00	150.00
Foundation Group		50.00
Freedom Fellowship		0.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare	50.00	50.00
Friday Noon 210		0.00
Half & Half		0.00
Lemoore Sat 12x12		0.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		0.00
Messy Pants Winos		40.00
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	28.00	28.00
Porterville Young People	40.00	40.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group	100.00	260.00
Rule 62-Visalia		0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		250.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Sobriety Sisters	158.00	158.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level		116.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		0.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People	80.00	80.00
TUFYPAA		313.75
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00

Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		300.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues Noon 210		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville	120.00	170.00
Three Rivers-Monday		147.00
Unity Thru Traditions		34.35
Valley Group		0.00
Valley Speaker Series		0.00
Wandering Couples		141.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		200.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		0.00
Women's Changes-P'ville		100.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		0.00
Young & Restless		0.00

Total	1,755.97	6,175.58

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting
186 W. Walnut Ave.
Friday May 3rd, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Speaker: - TBA

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting
1820 N. Gem St, Tulare
Friday, May 10th, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Speaker: - Ramon Porterville, CA

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting
Veterans Memorial Building
36000 Hwy 190, Springville
Sunday, May 10th, 2019 at 10:15 AM
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)
Speaker: Chuck G. - Los Angeles, CA

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
120 N Hall St, Visalia, CA 93291
Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.
Speakers for February
May 1 - Johnnie R. of Fresno 1 Year
May 8 - Bethany C. of Visalia 2 Years
May 15 - Elliot M. of Visalia 1 Year
May 22 - Christina D. of Three Rivers 1 Year
May 29 - James W. of Visalia 10 Years
That's 15 years of sober experience in AA in
five simple one-hour sessions!

Lighter Side of AA

Jet Feul

A couple of Alcoholics were working as ground marshals at the airport in Atlanta directing planes on the tarmac. One night the fog rolled in really thick and all planes were grounded... having nothing to do the two alcoholics became really bored.

The two usually got good and drunk on their way home, but having nothing to do and being really bored the committee got rolling in their minds.

Suddenly one of the alcoholics blurts out, "I heard that you can get a real buzz off drinking jet fuel." With nothing better to do, they decided to give it a try. By the time their shift was over they were really flying high!!

The next morning one of the alcoholics called the other and asks, "How are you feeling?"

The other says, "I'm great never felt better."

He asked, "Do you have a hangover?"

As suspected the other says "No, wow this is great! We can drink all we want and not get a hangover."

Then with a solemn tone the first alcoholic asks "Well, I did discover one drawback...have you farted yet?"

The other replies, "No why?"

...because, "I'm calling you from Detroit!"

Gorilla Gouging

A gorilla walks into a bar, orders a Mai Tai, and hands the bartender a \$20 bill. After recovering from his shock, the bartender thinks, Hey, this gorilla doesn't know how much drinks cost, and hands him back one dollar in change, saying, "We don't get too many gorillas in here." The gorilla replies, "At 19 bucks a drink, I'm not surprised."

She's At it Again

John was sitting outside his local pub one day, enjoying a quiet pint and generally feeling good about himself, when a nun suddenly appears at his table and starts decrying the evils of drink.

"You should be ashamed of yourself young man! Drinking is a Sin! Alcohol is the blood of the devil!"

Now John gets pretty annoyed about this, and goes on the offensive.

"How do you know this, Sister?"

"My Mother Superior told me so."

"But have you ever had a drink yourself? How can you be sure that what you are saying is right?"

"Don't be ridiculous--of course I have never taken alcohol myself"

"Then let me buy you a drink - if you still believe afterwards that it is evil I will give up drink for life"

"How could I, a Nun, sit outside this public house drinking?!"

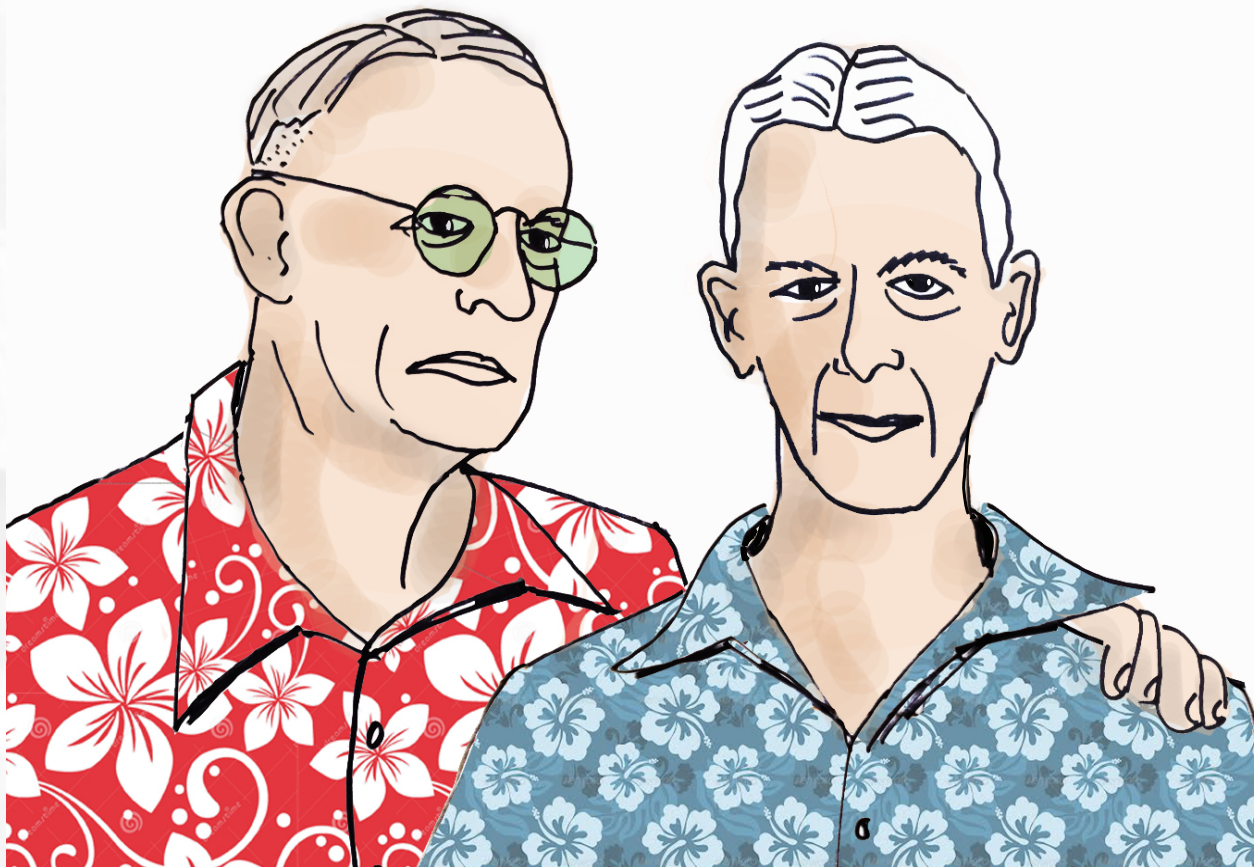
"I'll get the barman to put it in a teacup for you, then no one will ever know."

The Nun reluctantly agrees, so John goes inside to the bar.

"Another pint for me, and a triple vodka on the rocks", then he lowers his voice and says to the barman "and could you put the vodka in a teacup?"

"Oh no! It's not that Nun again is it?"

Tulare County Central Office Founders Day Picnic



SATURDAY - JUNE 1, 2019
MOONEY GROVE PARK - VISALIA - ARBOR #9

SPEAKER: Tony O. FROM Bakersfield, Calif.
Lunch Served FROM 11 AM TO 12:30 PM
LUNCH: Adults: \$5.00 / Kids Under 12: \$1.00
Hamburgers AND Hot Dogs WITH All The Fixin's - Chips - Dessert - Free Coffee
Come Early for Setup at 8:00 AM - Picnic Starts at 9 AM - Speaker at 1 PM

Announcing a Weekly Open AA Speaker Meeting in Visalia



**New Location
Starting
April 3, 2019**

The Valley Group

Meets Every Wednesday
Evening
7-8 PM

Chip Meetings for Newcomers!

**Meeting in The Parish Hall
at St. Paul's Church
120 N. Hall Street
Visalia, CA 93291**

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

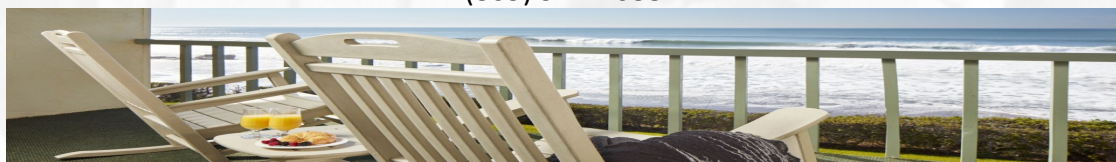
Contact hotel directly for room reservations and mention AA retreat for special hotel rates

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 3rd and 11th 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



RECOVERY RETREAT

February 14-16, 2020
with **John McAndrew**

\$250 Shared Occupancy
\$350 Private Occupancy
(if space available)

RETREAT BEGINS WITH 6PM DINNER ON FRIDAY
AND ENDS AFTER 12PM LUNCH ON SUNDAY

*If Interested
1/23/20
6058-082-655*

St. Anthony Retreat Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

Parish Name: _____ Email: _____

Room Preference: Shared \$250 Name of Roommate, or we can assign one _____

Private \$350 (if space available) _____

Special Needs/ Dietary Needs: _____

Able to climb stairs? yes no EMERGENCY CONTACT : _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Charge All: Deposit Only:

WE ACCEPT MC, VISA & DISCOVER

Name on Credit Card: _____



Please Print

Signature

To make a reservation, please send form and \$75 deposit per person to
St. Anthony Retreat ■ PO Box 249 ■ Three Rivers, CA 93271 -0249
(559) 561-4595 ■ Fax (559) 561-4493 ■ stanthonyretreat.org
Make checks payable to "St. Anthony Retreat"
ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

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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

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

