

# CENTRAL NEWS

July 2019



Old Harmony Schoolhouse, Porterville, CA Louie T

## *Only Nice Things Happened*

One afternoon a little more than three years ago, I was riding down First Avenue in a cab. I was wedged in the corner of the seat and my brother propped me up with his two hands. With my two hands I propped up a pint of rye. The rye was a decoy to get me into the cab and to my destination—Bellevue Hospital. I'd been there before, and I knew I wasn't going to like it.

I'd been drunk a little over a month that time and after five years of kicking it around, I'd finally managed to lose a pretty good job that I'd had for 22 years. I was up to my neck in debt and all the friends I had in the world could have held their annual meeting at the Commodore—in a phone booth.

If you had met me that afternoon and said, "Kel, how are you doing?" honesty would have compelled me to admit that I wasn't doing so well.

There followed four rugged days as a guest of the Department of Hospitals. I was discharged on March 16, 1942, to make room for the expected arrival of fellow Hibernians who had overtrained for the parade and had become tired and confused.

After that there were six weeks at a place, Chester Crest, and if that name suggests a country club, I'll hasten to add that it is formally known as the New York Christian Home for Intemperate Men. I was both Christian and intemperate—and had been called worse.

The first three weeks up in the country I learned to eat and sleep again and to walk out into the daylight without blinking. The last three weeks, when my head had cleared, I did some serious thinking.

It was during that time that I decided that I didn't really want to be a bum and that I would have to stop drinking. I left Chester Crest in good physical condition but I was loaded down with fears.

I was afraid that I couldn't stay sober. I was afraid that I couldn't get a new job which would enable me to support my two children. I was worried because I'd failed to file an income tax return and because I hadn't the money to pay the tax, if I had filed. I was worried because I knew that if I had a job, however small, it was only a question of time before the bloodhounds



from the finance companies would pick up the trail and come yapping at my heels.

When I got back to New York, I met an old friend, a woman I'm very fond of. While I'd been sweating it out up at Chester Crest, she had found A. A. and it wasn't long before I found myself in the old 24th Street clubhouse. When I got an idea of what A. A. was all about, I grabbed on like a drowning man would grab a life preserver and after three years I'm still holding on.

And here's the funny thing—NONE OF THE THINGS I WORRIED ABOUT EVER HAPPENED!

I got a job and was able to take care of the children and myself. I went to the Internal Revenue boys and explained that I hadn't filed and couldn't pay because I was a drunk and I told them what I was trying to do about it. The deputy with whom I talked said that he had thousands of good answers for as many excuses but he was darned if he had one for that and he guessed he would have to sit it out and hope for the best. I stopped running from the bloodhounds and they skidded to a stop and decided, too, to wait.

After I'd been dry a year I asked for and got my old job back. Six months later the firm inquired about my debts and gave me the money to clean them up. I'm still paying back the company in slow and easy stages.

Only nice things happened to me and all I did was stay sober, stick close to A. A., and try to carry out the suggested steps of the A. A. program. Yes, only good things, thanks to A. A., and the help which I must have received from the Higher Power that I call God.

E. K., Jersey City, N. J Grapevine July 1945

## Step 7

*"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."*

As it is written in the twelve steps and twelve traditions on page 70. "Since this step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us."

Having completed steps one through six with my sponsor, I was now ready to start step seven.

Now I had some more homework to complete. To start I needed to understand what my task was for this step, Also how to go about doing step seven. First I needed

understand what humbly means in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is how I present myself to my higher power in the execution of step seven.

The Little Big Book Dictionary describes humbly as follows. "-not showing or feeling superiority toward others / modest / being aware of ones shortcomings / reflecting a spirit of submission or courteous yielding to the opinion, wishes, or judgment of another."

Being aware of my shortcomings through working the previous steps. With the willingness to have them removed whole heartedly by my higher power, having the mindset to let them be removed. Understanding humility, and how to approach my higher power with it, I was ready to work step seven. So I contacted my sponsor, and we scheduled to meet to further my progress with the steps of alcoholics anonymous.

When it was time, we met up. My sponsor reviewed step seven with me. He then shared his own experience of working step seven with me. Next we opened the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous to page seventy-six. Together we both recited the seventh step prayer to our higher power with humility. Having completed step seven, I was now ready to move on to step eight. From page seventy-six of The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous the seventh step prayer reads as follows.

"My creator, I am now willing that you have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen."

Billy G.

*"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."*

## Tradition 7

On having first read this Tradition, my initial reaction was that there should be a semicolon after "self-supporting", not a comma. I have long been a fan of the semicolon, and feel that it is under-utilized in modern prose. After taking a deep breath, I realized that this was just an emotional response and that a comma was just fine. Moving forward, I considered what the 7th tradition means to me as an A.A. member. I hear this in every meeting, "...at around 7:30 we will pass the basket in honor of the 7th tradition, so that we can remain fully self-supporting through our own contributions." The newest members know



what this means: time to get your court card signed. What it really means is that everyone throws in a buck or two to keep the meeting going. Our meetings are supported by the voluntary contributions of members of A.A. only. All contributions from non-members are politely declined. Poverty has been a guiding spiritual principle since the early days of A.A. One can go back to the fund-raising dinner the co-founders hosted in 1940, with the hope of landing big contributions from the likes of John D. Rockefeller Jr. (for you millennials, he was a really rich guy from the old days, like Taylor Swift is now.) Mr. Rockefeller, by the grace of God, gave only a modest amount(\$5000); it was only enough to keep the co-founders going. He told them that he felt that any large amount of money would ruin Alcoholics Anonymous. That spirit of poverty guides the fellowship today. I am a part of two groups that hold large A.A. events. We have raffles and auctions, which raise money from A.A. members. We don't accept prize donations from non-A.A. members, although they are frequently and generously offered. We keep detailed records of our income and expenses. After the event, any surplus funds are given away to other A.A. entities.

Gifts from well-meaning outsiders are a continuing problem for A.A. The A.A. General Service office will accept donations from members or groups, but no individual may contribute more than \$3000. Many times A.A. is left money by the estates of grateful families. A.A. will accept a one-time gift from the estate of a member only, but no more than \$5000.

As A.A. members, it is our responsibility to contribute to each group we attend. The only money we get is what we all throw in the basket. This responsibility extends up the chain of A.A. The Group and individual contributions fund the Central, District, Area and General Service Offices.

The Seventh Tradition is not all about money; there is Spiritual significance. It is about participation in your recovery, responsibility and carrying the message. When I put a buck or two in the basket, I'm investing in my own recovery. I have a stake in the process. Each member who gives a quarter, a dollar, a five or some time is part of the solution. We are self-supporting and mutually supporting; one drunk helping another drunk. We are all small parts of a greater whole.

MARK G.

## July AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Bobby	Visalia	48
Jim K.	Visalia	42
Judy C.	Porterville	40
Sandy F.	Visalia	39
Jim B.	Springville	38
John R.	Tulare	36
Margaret D.	Woodlake	33
Mike P.	Exeter	33
Rick S.	Exeter	33
Ed A.	Waurika OK	33
Hank P.	Dinuba	32
Danette L.	Visalia	31
Sandra K.	Visalia	30
Colin M.	Three Rivers	30
Marilyn N.	Visalia	30
Michael H.	Visalia	30
Mike H.	Visalia	29
Sharon S.	Visalia	29
Ken W.	Porterville	29
Jim M.	Visalia	28
Ginger G.	Visalia	27
Walt N.	Porterville	27
Terry S.	Visalia	26
Chris H.	Visalia	26
Bob C.	Visalia	26
Manuel M.	Tulare	24
Rafael C.	Carlsbad CA	24
Sue J.	Henderson NV	23
Gary H.	Porterville	22
Jan F.	Squim WA.	21
George C.	Visalia	20
Jim K.	Visalia	17
Cynthia S.	Tulare	17
Tammy C.	Tulare	16
Michaele	Visalia	16
Bettelu	Visalia	16
Sherry B.	Visalia	10
Chris H.	Visalia	10
Leah T.	Porterville	6
Jonathan T.	Visalia	3
Rollan	Visalia	3
Markus B.	Visalia	2
Kyle S.	Visalia	2
Jerry O.	Visalia	1

## Upcoming Events

Have an Event?? Send an Email:  
[centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)

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# Central Service Meeting

June 11, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mike S.

TIME: 7:00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal, Elgin, Mike S.

ABSENT: Mike K

SERENITY PRAYER: Was said by all

12 TRADITIONS: Jonathon T.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved  
Additions, Corrections, & Approval of Minutes.

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Finalized the picnic. Bylaws were passed and now looking for a 5th Board member. Bob reported the Grateful Givers has raised \$935.00 for Central Office.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Bob reported we had a net income of \$452.77 for the period. Group contribution were good, sales were about average. The Grateful Givers has received \$755.00 for this period and calls and traffic at the office was about average.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: None

## VOLUNTEER STEP WRITERS FOR CENTRAL NEWS

### STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Step	Member	Due Date
July	7th	Mike K.	6/20/19
Aug.	8th	Louie T.	7/20/19

### TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Tradition	Member	Due Date
July	7th	Mike K.	6/20/19
Aug.	8th	Allen L.	7/20/19

WEB SITE REPORT: Site is doing well. We had 1200 less hits this month compared to last month.

H&I REPORT: Last of the month is the business meeting. We are visiting 4 times a month to the women facility, once a month to Bob Wiley and 6 times a month to Corcoran. We have 8 folks that trying to get signed up to visit the jails.

GSO LIAISON: Allen L. report that he is attending the Post Conference on the 22 of this month. He is looking for someone from the Board that will speak on a variety of different topics about Central office at the Service Fair on Aug 3, 2019. It will take place in Porterville at the 12 Step Recovery Club

## CSR REPORTS:

Blythe-The Tulare Unity Young People group has renamed itself to Saturday Night Jay Walkers Young People. It is still being held at the First Congregational Church on 220 West Tulare Ave in Visalia from 7:30 to 8:45. All are welcomed and young is defines as anyone who has room to grow. We need your support, please join us. We also celebrate various length of sobriety with chips.

Allen L. - The Serenity Seekers AM meet on Sunday at 10:00AM. We do birthdays for 30, 60, 90, days and 6 month and 9 month chips weekly. Monthly birthdays are celebrated with cake on the last Sunday of the month. We have between 20 to 30 members in attendance. We contribute to all AA entities. We have a CSR, GSR representative and a good mix of old timers and newcomers at most meetings.

Monica R. - Porterville RSVP-Young People Group meet Friday 6:30PM at 165 E. Mills. This is a young people meeting we welcome all ages, young is define anyone with the room to grow. We give out chips for various length of sobriety.

Mitch K. - We have 20 meeting a week at Bridge St in Visalia. The morning 7:00AM meetings are closed. The noon meeting is closed Monday thru Friday and open meeting on the week end. Monday evening meeting is a closed women meeting. Tuesday and Wednesday are Book Studies, Thursday night s the Primary Purpose group. Saturday evening is an open discussion and Sunday is the 10th Step. All meetings have a good mix of old and new, a great place for fellowship and find a sponsor and hear the message.

Louie T. - Sunday Night Serenity Seekers is an open meeting on Sunday at 7:30 at The Center for Spiritual Living. We have a 30 minute guest speaker followed by an open discussion. We have from 30 to 40 in attendance with a variety of sobriety.

Jonathon T. - Monday Means Stage meets every Monday at 820 East Main (PPVA Hall) in Visalia. We celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month. Please come join us.

John T.-St. Johns meeting is a Book Study and meet at the St John's church in Tulare. The group made a \$50.00 contribution to Central Office. St John will send money to the Central Office but sure how much yet. John has suggested to other meeting that he goes to start donating to Central Office on monthly bases.

Hal W. - Quiet Trails meets in Exeter at the Methodist church from 7:30 to 8:30. This meeting is a subject meeting for 1 hour. We recognize birthdays at the end of the month. We have about 15-20 folks in attendance.

Cheryl H.: Springville Gut Level AA group meets at the Light Chapel on Thursday from 7-8:30pm. A good mix



of folks and donate to the AA entities using the 50-30-10-10- suggestion.

Jesse M.: Springfield Breakfast Speaker meeting. We severed 83 breakfasts from 8:30 to 10:00am. Cheryl H. was our 10 minute speaker and Tina from L.A. was the 30 minute speaker. Great fellowship good food and no one is ever ignored.

Louie T: Hillman Group at St. Rita church. The meeting is at noon on Thursday on the corner of "O" St. and Barisley in Tulare. We need your support we are looking for a Sec and our average attendance is 8-10.

Trudy W: Fireside Fellowship in Lindsay. Been short people lately due to folks in the hospital. We can use your support.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike S. wanted to thank everybody that participated in making the picic happen!! We netted \$1805.00. Lots of fellowship and super weather.

It was reported that the Grateful Givers Club is now up to \$1805.00

**NEW BUSINESS:** Monica R. was elected our 5th Board member with a title of Board Member at Large.

David: Wanted to add a component to the web site that would make it easier to update and make changes. The cost increase was \$2.50 and was approved by the CSO's.

.7th TRADITION: \$45.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50pm

## Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	1
AA Members	9
Court Ref/Info	12
Meeting Information	18
H & I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	1
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	1
Visitors to Office	41
Literature Sales	10
Specialty Sales	16
Churches & Schools	1
General Information	10
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	13
Spanish Contact	1

**Total** 135

# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

5/21/2019 THROUGH 6/20/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	22.00	443.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	5.00
Grateful Givers Club	485.00	1,610.00
Group Cont.	1,137.20	8,943.82
Indiv Cont	431.84	3,211.58
Lit. Sales	988.65	2,849.33
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	27.16
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	2.00
Sales Tax	114.27	387.19
Spec. Events	2,298.00	7,321.89
Spec. Items	479.80	2,538.69

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**TOTAL** \$5,956.76 \$27,339.66

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	240.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	64.95
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	907.00	3,659.49
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	89.75	317.95
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	509.44
Phone & ISP	187.82	1,118.56
Postage	0.00	58.66
Employee Taxes	0.00	2,582.81
Rent	525.00	3,150.00
Salary	1,277.82	7,676.92
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Security System	158.76	317.52
Spec. Events	308.00	2,392.18
Spec. Items	300.00	1,249.50
Card Charge	19.92	54.68
Utilities	36.33	438.04
Website	3.38	20.42

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**TOTAL** \$2,817.03 \$19,568.73

**Net Gain(Loss)** \$3,139.73 \$7,770.93

**BEG. TOT. ACCT. BAL:** \$13,018.85

**END. TOT. ACCT BAL:** \$15,121.83



# District 47 Meeting

June 5, 2019

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by District Committee Member Josh F.

**Committee:** Josh F., DCM; Allen L., Alt. DCM and GSR for Visalia AM Sunday Serenity Seekers AA Group; Greg G., Treasurer; James W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only Group; Don W., GSR for Springville Breakfast Meeting; Kenneth B., GSR for Springville Gut Level Group; Dannette L., GSR for Women's Amity Group; Brian P., GSR for Rainbow Group.

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

**Twelve Traditions:** Anonymous Participant

**Twelve Concepts:** Concept 6; Josh F.

**Approval of Minutes:** The April 3, 2019 and May 1, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg reported of a balance forward of \$1,706.79. Total income for the month of April was \$306.86. There were no expenses for that period, leaving a balance of \$2,013.65.

**CSO Report:** Allen L. provided a report, indicating that an additional board member will be selected.

**DCM Report/Old Business:** Fall Workshop: Josh reported that Mike K. has agreed to attend the August 3, 2019 workshop, and that the Porterville Recovery Club had been secured as a venue. District 47 Meetings: Members further discussed possible venue and format changes for District 47 meetings. The consensus was that any change should be made sometime in 2020.

**The meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration at 8:02 pm.**

## Contributions

### Birthday Club

Sandra K	Visalia	30
James W.	Visalia	10
Joyce R.	Visalia	6
Rafael D.	Visalia	4
Markus B.	Visalia	2

### GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members - \$485

### Individual Contributions

Anonymous  
 David G.  
 Jim K.  
 Joyce R.  
 Shannon S.

### Newsletter Contributions

None

### Memorial Contribution

None

## 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.

To date the Grateful Givers Program raised \$1,610.00 Great Job and let's keep supporting our Central Office!!

# Group Contributions

<u>5/21/19-6/20/19</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		21.60
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210		425.00
Bill & Friends		150.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	263.20	1,757.84
Central Calif. Roundup		0.00
Civic Center Grp.		160.40
Clodbusters-Tulare		400.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	45.00	254.00
Dinuba Grp		50.00
District 47		400.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		300.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		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
Hillman Group St. Rita's	100.00	100.00
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		300.00
Mon Men's Book Study		0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		28.00
Porterville Young People		40.00
Practicing The Pinciples		0.00
Rainbow Group		260.00
Rule 62-Visalia	50.00	100.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		500.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Sobriety Sisters		158.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level	169.00	360.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		200.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People		80.00
TUFYPAA		313.75

Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night	400.00	700.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville	60.00	230.00
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	150.00	150.00
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Total	1,137.20	8,943.82

## Service Meetings

### AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, July 10, 2019 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting at Alano Club  
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray  
Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 9:00 am  
2nd Saturday of even 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 Speaker Meetings

## The Geenie and the bottle

A drunk was stranded on a desert island with no food or 'drink' or way to escape. He found a bottle and dusted it off and a magic genie appeared. "You have freed me!" exclaimed the genie, "I grant you three wishes!" "Anything I want?" the drunk asked. "Yes, any three things you want!" the genie replied. "Oh WOW! I want a bottle of Rum that always stays full!" cried the drunk.

POOF! The bottle appeared. He took a big slug and the bottle stayed full!

"Oh WOW Oh WOW!" the drunk exclaimed. Still drinking the genie is looking at his watch... "You still have two more wishes!" Holding the bottle high the drunk exclaimed "I want two more of these!"

## What Next

Two alcoholics are out in the woods hunting when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy takes out his phone and calls 911.

He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says: "Calm down, I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a gunshot is heard. Back on the phone, the alcoholic says: "OK, now what?"

## Not Scared

The Devil walks into a crowded bar. Within seconds the bar emptied with people running out screaming all over the place, all except for one old drunk leaned over the bar.

The Devil wanders across to the old drunk and says "Do you know how I am?"

The old drunk took another sip of his beer and answered "Yep"

The Devil stared at the old man and asked "Well aren't you afraid of me?"

The old drunk looks the Devil up and down for a minute and shrugs "I married your sister 40 years ago, why the hell should I be scared of you?"

## Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday July 5th, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - TBA

## Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

Friday, July 12th, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - Daryl S Sanger

## Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, July 14th, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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

Speaker: Treehouse Dave - 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.

Jul 3 - Scot L. of Visalia 31 Years

Jul 10 - Julie P. of Upland 26 Years

Jul 17 - Ge X. of Visalia 2 Years

Jul 24 April M. of Visalia 10 months 23 days

Jul 31 Jonathan T. of Visalia 3 Years

That's 63 years of sober experience in AA in five simple one-hour sessions!





District 47 Presents a Summer Service Fair

# Opportunities for AA Service in Tulare County

*Where do you fit?*

**Panel presentations by members of four AA service entities with a questions and comments session following each presentation!**

## **H&I Committee**

What is the H&I Committee? • What purpose does it serve?  
H&I Member's Experience • AA Member introduced to AA through H&I  
Sign-up and clearance information

## **Central Office**

What is Central Office? • What purpose does it serve? • How can you support Central Office?  
CSR (Central Service Representative) • Central Office Board of Directors  
12th-Step List • Bridging the Gap/Contact on Release  
PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Communities)

## **TUFYPAA**

What is TUFYPAA? What purpose does it serve?  
Service Positions available • Personal Experiences of Young People in AA

## **District, Area and General Service Conference**

What is the General Service Conference? • What purpose does it serve?  
GSR (General Service Representative) • DCM (District Committee Member  
Area 07-CNIA • Area Officers • Appointed Positions • Delegate  
Our Delegate's personal experience with General Service • 2019 Delegate's Report

**Free Tri-Tip Lunch • AA Fellowship • Service Information**

**August 3, 2019 • 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**Porterville 12 Step Recovery Club • 186 S. D Street, Porterville, CA**



The Valley Speaker Series Presents:

# SOBERFEST 2019

\$15 pre-sale  
dinner tickets

Get your  
tickets now!

Saturday October 12th, 2019  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3830 W. Tulare Ave, Visalia

**11am-5pm**

Back to the 40's step workshop  
(Newcomers who attend receive free dinner ticket)

**530pm-630pm**

Ranch style tri-tip & spaghetti dinner

**7pm**

Speaker Meeting  
Bob D. of Las Vegas, Nv  
Sober 40 Yrs, 11 months, 12 days!!  
Meeting is ASL Interpreted

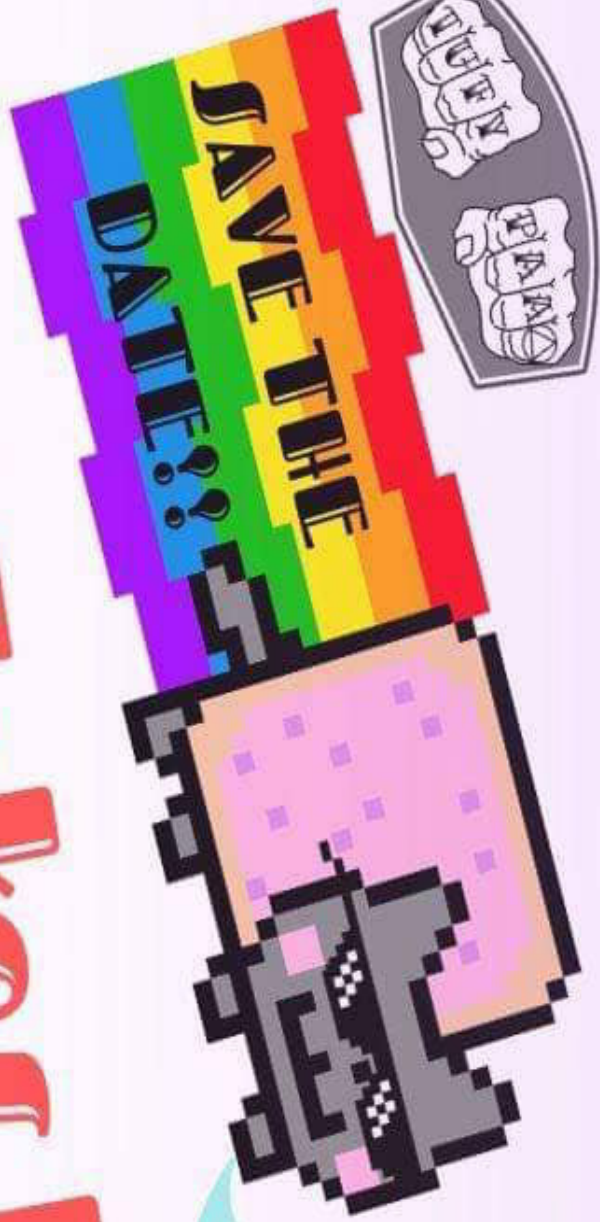
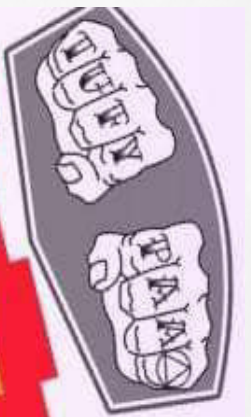
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**R U LGBTQ?  
R U NOT?  
either way, get in  
the car and go!**

# TUFFY Talks **Pride?** July 6

## speaker starts at 6pm

LOCATION?????????  
???? TBD  
(BUT MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!)

**DANCE TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW**



questions?

Emily

858.752.2835

OR

Chris

310.482.7232



**details coming soon!**





# 4TH ANNUAL UNITY & SERVICE CONFERENCE

July 19 - 21, 2019

CONCORD HILTON, 1970 DIAMOND BLVD, CONCORD, CA



## APPLYING OUR TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS TO REAL LIFE

Bob D., Las Vegas, NV  
Scott H., Kamloops, BC  
Meg & Drew B., Concord, CA  
Vikki R., Yuba City, CA  
Melissa L., Rochester, NY  
Jeanne Woodford, CA

Sponsoring: Using All 3 Legacies  
AA Around the World  
Three Legacies in Relationships  
Safety in AA  
Concepts in the Home Group  
Speaker - Past Class A Trustee  
& Past San Quentin Warden

## Service Panel Speakers + Bonus Workshops

Friday Night Ice Cream Social\*  
Saturday Evening Banquet\*  
Showcasing Highlights from the AA Play "In Our Own Words"  
Sunday Morning Concepts Breakfast\*

**THIS IS A SELL OUT EVENT! Register at: [UnityAndServiceConference.org](http://UnityAndServiceConference.org)**  
Base Registration: \$35. \*Ticketed events require Pre-Reg due to availability!

[Hilton Hotel Discounts](#) available until June, 2019, or until hotel block sells

*Sponsored by the Love and Service Group, Pleasant Hill, CA*

*Email [info@unityandserviceconference.org](mailto:info@unityandserviceconference.org) or call (925) 922-5639 for more info*





# 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**





# 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 x 3 /  
6058-082-655  
559-280-8507*

## 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



# *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!!!