

CENTRAL NEWS

December 2019



'Tis the Night Before Christmas

Early Morning Ag-- Tulare, CA Louie T.

“This is Christmas, fella! Just one won’t hurt you.”
Where have we heard that one before?

We’ve heard it in many places, many times—every Christmas, every New Year’s, every holiday season. At the office party where all is hilarity. In the warmth of our good friend’s home.

From the doorway of the bar where the gang is gathering for a bit of libation on the way home. Any holiday can be trying, and the Yuletide with its extended period of fun and frolic, starting before Christmas and carrying on through New Year’s, can be the hardest.

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

The Yuletide poses a choice—we can take the short view or the long view, the dim view or the bright view.

We can be worried and miserable, or relaxed and happy. Or, to put it bluntly, we can get drunk or we can stay sober.

From the short view, the setup looks unfair— unfair to us. Look at everybody! They’re all having a good time. They’re gay and giddy, romping from one exciting party to another. Everybody but us. We’ve been discriminated against. The fates have been unjust. Life is cruel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—T.D.Y. AA Grapevine December 1947

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

According to the 12x12, the first sentence in STEP 12 says, "The joy of living is the theme of A.A.s Twelfth Step". Then it goes on to say that 'action' is the key word.

If I understand this correctly, by working all of the steps, somewhere along the line a spiritual awakening is to be had. It is a spiritual program after all.

The definition of a spiritual awakening is that we of A.A. have acquired a new thought system. Life is not a dead end. We have been transformed.

To believe in something other than my self-centered self has been quite an experience and a process.

In the beginning I was willing to work the first three steps. It seemed simple enough but I had serious reservations about Step 4 and 5. Procrastination took hold. When I asked people how they did it, they would reply, 'read the book'. What??? Where??? My sponsor had me write and then we got it done. Step 5, Step 6 and 7. I was cautioned on 8 and 9 not to be hasty. Step 10 seemed easy enough but I would forget. Step 11? Ugh!! I wasn't into prayer and meditation at that time and my sponsor said the Serenity Prayer would suffice. Again, it is a process. Now Step 12 appealed to me, although I really had no substantive message to carry,

but I did want people to stay sober. How simple is that?

Going to Step studies and embarking on a spiritual journey has changed me. Today when I hear the 12th Step read, I put emphasis on the word “the”. The outcome of working all the Steps results in a spiritual awakening. It has to. The application of the Steps is a life changing event which is unexplainable but it works.

Let define 12th Step Work; Making coffee and setting up a meeting. Perhaps just sitting in a meeting and giving a word of encouragement and confidence to a newcomer. Learn to be a listener instead of an advice giver. Agree to speak at A.A. functions. Saying ‘yes’ when someone needs a sponsor. 12th Step work encompasses so much more. Then there is the ‘practicing these principles in all of our affairs”. What are these principles? I didn’t know for a long time what the spiritual principles were and I was afraid to ask. I was told early on to always make short goals for myself and as I complete one, I add another one. The past two years one of my goals has been to make a list of spiritual principles and define them. I have over 40 and the list continues. Practice them all in all of my affairs? Let’s not get hasty. My shortcomings still trip me up at times but I’ve learned to forgive myself and move on. Life is too short to hang on to remorse, guilt or fear.

In order to carry the message, I fully understand that my responsibility is simply to carry the message of hope; to all alcoholics, newcomers and old-timers alike. I had a sponsor who always said, “don’t judge, don’t criticize and delete the need to know”. No matter the issue or situation. That keeps it simple for me. It also keeps me out of self (most of the time). Another realization is that I occasionally fall back into old behaviors. I love the ‘progress not perfection’ part of our solution.

As alcoholics, we are all the same. We are all equal. Alcohol is no respecter of persons. We mess up; sometimes life on life’s terms is unacceptable. Let us remember the ‘joy of living’. Give ourselves a chance and in doing so, we carry the message that no-one is ineligible to share what we have been so freely given.

Cheryl H.

Tradition 12

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”
(long form)

The AA pamphlet entitled “Understanding Anonymity” is largely concerned with the use of members’ full names at a public level. There is a good description of the damage one can do to AA’s image when using success in sobriety to symbolize 12 Step work at media levels or at public forums. When these ego trips auger in, as they so often do, our organization seems less effective overall.

Some members would rather their names not be associated with AA at all, as if ashamed of membership, or for various legitimate reasons. The pamphlet determines that we should be entitled to this brand of anonymity and that disclosure of one’s attendance should be protected. Our maxim is “If you hear it here, leave it here.”

The other side of anonymity is our expectation of status among our members. Does length of sobriety assign status to those who achieve it or is it really “one day at a time”? We tell new people that they are the most important members but often in the same breath tell them to “sit down and shut up,” that their opinion is not valued. I don’t think I will ever completely understand hierarchy in our groups. Surely lengths of sobriety are meaningful, but it is at least as important that I want what you have.

An old story circulates in our groups about Bill Wilson, our esteemed co-founder, having attended a regular local AA meeting in California. This was early in our history, but his name would have been auspicious and would have drawn immediate, enthusiastic attention, the kind Bill craved. The greeter at the door did not recognize his face and instructed him to be seated, that the meeting would start presently. He was treated with courtesy as a visitor would expect but without the reverence and awe generated had he disclosed his full name. He was not afforded the opportunity to speak

and left the meeting with the other ordinary alcoholics. Bill inadvertently stumbled onto the connection anonymity has with humility.

My sponsor explained it to me in his wise, simplistic way when he said "It's Alcoholics Anonymous, not Alcoholics Famous. AA is no place to make a name for yourself!"

That's it in a nutshell.

(submitted anonymously)

Central Office Contacts

Answering Service Calls	0
AA Members	12
Court Ref/Info	4
Meeting Information	13
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	2
Visitors to Office	38
Literature Sales	15
Specialty Sales	23
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	13
Prospective Members	1
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	18
Spanish Contact	1
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Total	141



Service Meetings

AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

H&I Meeting at Alano Club
Visalia Alano Club, 1311 W. Murray
Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 9:00 am
2nd Saturday of even months.

SERVICE ADDRESSES

Tulare County Central Office

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District 47, C.N.I.A.

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Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

General Service Office

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

Contributions

Birthday Club

Sara S. Visalia 1

GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB
Members - \$ 340.00

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

David G.

Jim K.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

In Memory of Elgin M.

Linda N.

Tulare County Hospitals & Institutions

TULARE COUNTY HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Tulare County Hospitals and Institutions Committee, I take a moment to express our gratitude to the Tulare County A.A. Fellowship, who continues to generously contribute to the Northern California Hospital and Institution Pink Can, which funds our activities.

It is easy to take for granted the privilege of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the confined alcoholic in facilities in our area, while practicing our spiritual principles in working in cooperation with the administration of the facilities we serve. It is easy to take for granted the literature we gift to the confined alcoholic, purchased by the generous contributions to the pink can by the Northern California A.A. Fellowship. We were recently reminded of how fortunate we are here in the NorCal area in a recap on the National Corrections Conference held in Houston, TX. When traveling outside of our area, the struggles of limited facilities to enter, minimal literature to provide, and lack of service structure become evident.

We, in the Northern California Hospital & Institutions Committee Area are blessed with the awesome service structure which has been passed down for well over 70 years, governed by Alcoholics Anonymous' Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. As a 9th Tradition Service Committee, we are responsible to those we serve: The patient or inmate group within a facility; the facility; The A.A. Fellowship of Northern California which funds our activities. In adherence to our service structure, we encourage A.A. Members to attend our Tulare County H&I Committee Meeting, and groups to send a representative as a liaison between the Committee and the local A.A. Fellowship to maintain transparency. We are experiencing growth in committee attendance by requesting our fellowship participate. We have expanded our activities in the last month to include Mothering Heights in Visalia and Mental Health Wellness and Recovery. However, we continue to have minimal representation from groups outside of Visalia and Tulare, resulting in activities remaining in the Visalia area. We encourage other

areas of Tulare County to send representatives to our Committee Meeting. Together, we can grow and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the confined alcoholic throughout Tulare County.

Our next meeting is December 14, 2019, 9:00 am, Visalia Alano Club. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of even months, 9:00 am, Visalia Alano Club.

It is a blessing to be in service with such an amazing group!

Joyce R
Tulare County H&I Area Chair

Speaker Meetings

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday December 6, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - TBA

Friday Book Study Speaker Meeting

1820 N. Gem St, Tulare

Friday, December 13, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - Alcoholic Andy

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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

Speaker: Doug H. - Porterville

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

120 N. Hall St. Visalia, CA 93291

Every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

Dec 4 - Dylan S. of Visalia 7 Years

Dec 11 - Bret R. of Visalia 8 Years

Dec 18 - Rosanna H. of Visalia 12 Years

Dec 25 - Jerry S. of Tulare 13 Years

That's 40 years of sober experience in AA in four simple one-hour sessions!

December AA Birthdays

Name	City	Years
Jean M.	Hanford	52
Bob H.	Exeter	45
Art M.	Three Rivers	45
Fran M.	Fresno	39
Becky L.	Porterville	38
Paul B.	Visalia	36
Hernandez	Tulare	36
Gary L.	Pixley	35
Dave L.	Conifer, CO	33
Dale S.	Exeter	33
Janet O.	Dinuba	32
Margie M.	Visalia	32
Robin S.	Visalia	32
Shannon S.	Porterville	31
Abraham G.	Visalia	31
Roy E.	Visalia	31
Jeff R.	Visalia	30
Bob N.	Lindsay	30
Tom H.	Visalia	30
Roger C.	Visalia	29
Antonia M.	Visalia	29
Scott B.	Porterville	28
Lisa S.	Visalia	28
Mike Y.	Visalia	28
Jim M.	Tulare	27
Victoria B.	Visalia	27
Linda B.	Visalia	27
Bob F.	Medford, OR	26
Bob S.	Porterville	25
Debbie A.	Tulare	25
Danny G.	Visalia	24
Belynda S.	Visalia	20
Tim T.	Visalia	18
Billy L.	Visalia	17
Paul F.	Visalia	17
Tina M.	Porterville	14
Paul M.	Porterville	12
Sandy H.	Visalia	9
Mark G.	Visalia	9
Ray D.	Visalia	6
Barbara VB	Visalia	5
Louie T.	Porterville	4
John W.	Visalia	1

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

10/21/2019 THROUGH 11/20/2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	1.00	796.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	5.00
Grateful Givers Club	465.00	3,625.00
Group Cont.	2,800.54	17,059.52
Indiv Cont	82.00	4,572.10
Lit. Sales	715.95	5,061.23
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	27.16
Newsletter Cont.	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	4.00
Sales Tax	59.81	638.70
Spec. Events	0.00	7,321.89
Spec. Items	505.86	4,378.90

TOTAL **\$4,630.16** **\$43,489.50**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Ans. Serv.	40.00	440.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	64.95
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	1,897.52	5,626.01
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	48.48	1,012.69
Office Equip.& Maint	156.84	711.28
Phone & ISP	199.86	2,082.06
Postage	0.00	168.66
Employee Taxes	0.00	5,697.24
Rent	525.00	5,775.00
Salary	1,277.82	14,066.02
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	691.00
Security System	0.00	487.38
Spec. Events	0.00	2,392.18
Spec. Items	237.00	2,028.50
Card Charge	9.28	93.01
Utilities	26.46	634.31
Website	6.77	50.18

TOTAL **\$4,425.03** **42,570.47**

Net Gain(Loss) **(\$205.13)** **\$919.03**

BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL: **\$12,922.94**

ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL: **\$13,080.77**

Central Service Meeting

November 12, 2019

DATE: Nov 12, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mike S.

TIME: 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal W, Mike S, Mike K.
ABSENT: Elgin, Monica

SERENITY PRAYER: Mike S.

12 TRADITIONS: Louie T.

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

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: More discussion
on fund raising maybe our next one will be in the first
quarter of 2020 and another one in the 2nd quarter 2020.
We will have more discussion when the new Board takes
over.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Bob reported we
had an income of \$3,301.66 for a loss of \$499.94 for
the period. Sales and contribution were about average.
Grateful Givers brought in \$440.00 which was very much
appreciated. We had 12 transactions in credit and debit
card for total sales of \$332.99 in October. Expenses
included our regular monthly expenses plus our
quarterly employee taxes.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Mike K reported
that we needed to talk about our answering service. This
was moved to new business.

VOLUNTEER STEP WRITERS FOR CENTRAL NEWS

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Step Due Date	Member
Dec	12	Cheryl H.
Jan	1	Louie T.

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Month	Tradition Due Date	Member
Dec	12	Trudy W.
Jan	1	Mike K

WEB SITE REPORT: David reported that we back up to
speed with 4631 visits and 561 unique.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Louie the newsletter was going

along find. Would like to receive more AA stories from
members so he could publish them in the newsletter.

H&I REPORT: Joyce reported we are requesting all AA
groups, elect an H&I representative to act as liaison
between the AA groups and the Tulare County H&I
Committee. Have your rep bring your groups questions
and concerns to our committee and make weekly
announcements about upcoming H&I committee
meetings and activities at the group level. This will ensure
that all AA members interested in carrying the message
to the confined alcoholic know to get involved. Currently,
we have no representatives outside of Visalia and Tulare.
Please continue to pass the pink can at your meeting, and
put Area 93 on the checks to NorCal. We have several
opportunities to be of service as we continue to grow.
Please join us the 2nd Saturday of even months, 9:00am
at the Alano Club.

GSO LIAISON: Kenneth reported that the new officers
are Allen L. DCM, Kenneth B. Alt. DCM, Josh F.
Treasury, Sec. Jim K .and Greg G. Registrar. Election
Assembly Nov 15th thru the 17th. Treasury report: we
have a balance of \$1965.53

CSR REPORTS:

Erica E.: Hillman House Saturday night young people.
Everyone is welcome at this young people meeting. We
celebrate birthdays and give out chips. Please come share
your experience, strength and hope with us. Meeting
starts @ 7:30pm in Tulare at the Hillman House.
David G. - The Messy Pants Winos meets every
Wednesday at 7: PM for 1 hour at the Visalia Alano Club.
This is an open meeting, with a 15 minute speaker, and
then the meeting is open for discussion. We have mostly
new comers, so experience members are needed. Our
monthly business meeting is the second Wednesday of
the month.

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.

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

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.

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.

Jesse M: Sunday Speaker breakfast. The 10 minute speaker was Laura and the 40 minute was Dusty husband & wife from Tarzana. Served 80 breakfasts and next month December 1 Doug H. from Porterville will be the main speaker.

Alice S.: Women's Amity Group meets Tuesday at 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Trinity United Reformed church at 6400 W. Walnut in Visalia. Birthdays are celebrated the last Tuesday of the month with chips and cake. We have diverted group with long term sobriety and newcomers with 20-40 in attendance. It is a closed meeting.

Alice S.: Sober Sisters meet every Monday at 7:30 to 8:30pm. The location is the Hillman House in Tulare. We celebrate birthdays on the last Monday of the month. We are very small group can use some support and it is an open meeting.

Cheryl H.: The Springville Gut Level continues to grow. We have an official Big Book Thumper who brings the BB to life. Several of our members have registered for the International in Detroit next July. Everyone is welcome to visit and participate at Gut Level. We are not a glum lot, we insist on having fun.

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

Louie T.: Hillman Group meets on Thursday at noon @ St. Ritas Church in Tulare. It is a very intimate group 10-15 please join us.

OLD BUSINESS: Need another big fundraiser along with taking your sponsor to breakfast maybe like a Casino night. There info after the first the year.

NEW BUSINESS: Erica, Louie and Cheryl where nominated to fill the 3 vacant Board seats. Will have elections next month there is time to put name in. It was decided to look into a different way of having an answering service for after hours. We pay \$40.00 per month and the service we have now appears have a problem. We are going to table this till next month hoping we can up with some ideas. David G. had a suggestion on putting our CSR reports on an apt. this would allow folks to look up different groups without finding a newsletter. David was going to look into this and come back next month with some info.

.7th TRADITION: \$24.00

Group Contributions

<u>10/21/19-11/20/19</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
10th Ave Men's-Lemoore		50.45
ABC Group		0.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Attitude Modification-210		675.00
Bill & Friends		305.00
Breath of Fresh Air	1000.00	1000.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	132.52	3,550.32
Central Calif. Roundup	434.50	434.50
Civic Center Grp.	60.00	333.40
Clodbusters-Tulare		900.00
Crossroads-Tulare		150.00
CSO Meeting	24.00	421.31
Dinuba Grp	50.00	252.00
District 47		400.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	600.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		270.00
Foundation Group		50.00
Freedom Fellowship	228.00	228.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		50.00
Friday Noon 210		0.00
Half & Half		250.00
Hillman Group		100.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		40.00
Messy Pants Winos		40.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		200.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		00.0
Mon Book Study-S'ville		0.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		300.00
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		62.00
Porterville Young People		40.00
Practicing The Principles		0.00
Rainbow Group	90.00	400.00
Rule 62-Visalia		150.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		100.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		607.00
Soberfest Groups		0.00
Serenity Sisters	50.00	258.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Springville Gut Level		410.00
St. Ritas Group		200.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		425.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People		290.00
TUFYPAA		313.75
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00
Tulare 2nd Fri Spkr Mtg		0.00
Tulare Tuesday Night		700.00

Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		290.00
Three Rivers-Monday		147.00
Unity Thru Traditions		34.35
Valley Group		0.00
Valley Speaker Series	581.52	581.52
Wandering Couples		141.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		400.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		442.42
Women's Changes-P'ville		162.50
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women in Unity	50.00	50.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		180.00
Young & Restless		150.00

Total	2,800.54	17,059.52

Lighter Side of AA

Mythology

Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, an honest lawyer and an old drunk are walking down the street together when they simultaneously spot a hundred dollar bill. Who gets it? The old drunk, of course; the other three are mythological creatures.

Q: What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A: Holly Davidson.

Q: What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? A: Claustrophobia.

Q: What nationality is Santa Claus? A: North Polish.

Q: What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A: Rebel without a Claus.

Q: How do you know Santa Claus has to be a man? A: No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed? A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? A: Claustrophobic.

What He Really Wants...

**BUT DAD, ALL THE OTHER KIDS LEAVE
COOKIES AND MILK FOR HIM.**



**TRUST ME ON THIS SON,
I KNOW WHAT SANTA WANTS.**

--Alice S.

Song: Your Gather is a Drunk

To The Tune Of Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

**Oh you better not shout, you better not cry,
You better not pout, I'm tellin' you why,
Daddy's home and I think he's drunk.**

**He's walkin' real slow, he slurs when he speaks,
I don't even think he's shaved in two weeks,
Daddy's home and boy is he drunk,**

**He spent most of our money on Johnny Walker
Black
And then he took all of the rest and lost it at the
track.
Soooooooo....**

**You better not pout, you better not cry,
I don't like that look in his eye,
Daddy's home and I think he's....
Daddy's home and boy is he.....
Daddy's home and he's really drunk!**



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 ■ stanthonypretreat.org
Make checks payable to "St. Anthony Retreat"
ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

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New group starting up?????

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Take some amazing photos around our district???

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