

CENTRAL NEWS

November 2021

Website: www.aa-tulareco.org

Sick Bed - A Test of Friendships

Fall Leaves - Allen L.

Occasionally an A. A. gets sick—legitimately—even as the average run of people. When you're laid up for weeks, there isn't much chance of a slip, so how, you wonder, does A. A. come into the picture?

The same way it comes into the picture wherever you are, whatever you're doing, once you get into the thing wholeheartedly. It certainly changed the picture of me as a sick man.

Some years ago, before A. A., I had a bad spell of rheumatic fever—brought on by overdoses of alcohol—and was home in bed for more than a month. I had one caller, just one, in that whole month, and he arrived drunk. Early this year, after a long stretch of A. A. living, I had to go to the hospital for over two months, and later had to pass a spring and summer of enforced idleness—convalescence the doctors called it.

I wish now that I'd kept some count of the people who came to the hospital to see me this time; A. A. s from all over the area, busy men and women who took time out from their jobs and other work to make the fairly long trip to my bedside.

The nurses kidded me, but couldn't contain their wonder at what caused my extreme popularity. I broke all records for visitors and other patients watched with growing amazement as they kept coming.

That was not the important angle, of course. What was so important during this period was that I now had real friends, people who actually cared, friends by the score.

Sitting still is the hardest work in the world for me. By nature, I'm pretty active. I loved the meetings, 12th Step work and all kinds of A. A. get-togethers. Now I've had to sit still for months. Without the understanding I have gained through A. A., without the changed outlook on life which it has brought, I don't know that I could have stood the inactivity.

Not only did my A. A. friends keep me bucked up. All the angles which worked so well to keep me sober before have worked during these months to help me get well faster—and with much less mental anguish. The 24-hour plan, not worrying about tomorrow—"easy does it" and "first things first" have remained my standbys and helped the days pass faster.

Though I was forced out of active participation, I was certainly not out of things for a day. A. A. included me in on all of the good things of life. I have been mighty grateful to A. A. for sobriety. Now I am grateful to it for infinitely more.

—C. E. F. Manhattan

Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

The eleventh of twelve steps of the alcoholic's anonymous life plan is that which prepares me for a permanent lifestyle of service, unselfishness and humility. The twelve steps are largely about humility and it's a long journey for those of us who think ourselves god-like.

Yet the practice of prayer and meditation is elusive, like humility. It's so much easier to go to meetings, do daily inventories, look for service work opportunities, than it is to practice listening for instruction from Greater Intelligence.

It's really simple when you think about it. How else can we interpret God's will for us unless we listen for it? We have to get it right from the source. Only a Supreme Being can source the future. He knows-I don't.

I'm told to pray for this instruction and that the power of prayer should not be taken lightly. I should not ask my Higher Power to consider my plans or pursuits. I'm asking guidance because my plan has already failed and I have no more power over preferred outlooks than I do over alcohol. That I don't know what's best for me has been adequately established. I've already won the lottery when the Grim Reaper was cast aside and I survived to practice the AA steps. Now the outcome is in the hands of a Greater Being.

He has some use for me. Why else save me?

-Anonymous

Tradition 11

Our Public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Tradition 11 reminds me that I must not let my ego deter me from the spiritual foundation of all our traditions "anonymity". I could easily boast about how AA saved my life, and if I were famous the media would happily present this to the whole world. Then what if I were to relapse? The result could be devastating for the future potential alcoholic who might think less of AA. "If it didn't work for me, why would it work for them" they might say? That is why anonymity is

for the good of the fellowship rather than solely to protect the identity of the member. Of course I'm not famous, and some might think this a farfetched notion, but Tradition 11 insures that we separate attraction from promotion. My primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, not put myself before AA. If I am working an honest program and being thorough in my step work. The Big book says others will probably notice the difference in me long before I do myself. To me that is very foundation of what attracted me to AA. I saw others in the Fellowship, happy, joyous and free and I wanted that too.

They had no agenda; they were not flagging me down at the local bar. They were exactly where they needed to be for the Alcoholic who is sick and tired of the insanity of our disease. A safe place amongst fellow alcoholics, sharing their experience strength and hope to help each other so they may recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Well then how do potential Alcoholics find out about us exactly? Today this can be accomplished by simply searching the internet, but what about before the internet, or those who don't have access? We can provide meeting guides and questionnaires at local businesses. But, is this promotion? We think not. I don't see commercials for AA. But an AA meeting guide sitting on the desk of a local hotel or hospital surely would only be picked up by the curious potential alcoholic. Who else would have interest in such things? Regardless of the reader, we only lay the tools at their feet. We cannot make them pick the tools up. And this definitely separates the fellowship and its members from the source of this information. Of course these are only a few examples of how one might discover AA. But, just think of the many in our Fellowship who may not have know about us otherwise.

We come from all walks of life and though our anonymity doesn't make us immune from the world's difficulties, it does however allow what we say in the rooms to stay in the rooms. I am grateful for AA and life I have gained through the steps and traditions. I came to believe in these rooms, and know happiness (most days) far better than anything I could imagine. And as much as I might want to tell the world that AA saved my life. Tradition 11 tells me that I am not more important than the fellowship of AA, no one is. And our personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films insures this.

-Patrick A

Tulare County Hospitals & Institutions

November 2021 Report

Hospitals & Institutions continue to serve the following facilities, Pine Manor Recovery, Women's Recovery Home, Mental Health and Turning Point (all are back to in person) Our local jails remain closed to meetings. H & I provides literature to facilities upon request and/or at time of in-person meetings.

H&I had one new orientator in October. H & I continues to encourage all groups to elect an H&I Representative and to attend the business meeting. This will/would ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee.

The next H&I bi-monthly business meeting and orientation is on November 27th, 2021.

9am will be an orientation, followed at 10am business meeting. The zoom acct. ID: **885 8119 7080 Password: Sober.**

December H and I orientation is pending business meeting vote. It lands on Christmas.

Note: All interested in this type of service work are welcomed/encouraged to attend. The information is also available at aa-tulareco.org.

Love & Service,

Boo

General Service Elections

It's Time for General Service Elections

At the District Level—District 47 will elect new officers at our regular monthly business meeting in December (12/1 at 7:00 p.m.). Positions to be filled are DCM, Alternate DCM, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar. All District 47 officers and GSRs are eligible to vote. The nomination process will begin at the November business meeting (11/3 at 7:00 PM). Both meetings will be held via Zoom: Meeting ID: 872 4177 2425 Passcode: D47GSR

At the Area Level—CNIA (California Northern

Interior Area) will be holding its Election Assembly on November 12-13, 2021. All CNIA elected officers, DCMs and GSRs are eligible to vote. This Election Assembly will be held via Zoom. Meeting ID: 857 7666 8238 Passcode: CNIA07 or Dial in by Telephone: +1 (669) 900-6833. Telephone Passcode: 540163

What is General Service?

In the early years of AA, The Alcoholic Foundation was set up with a board of trustees to carry out the business end of AA. In those days our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, were the leadership for AA as a whole. The two of them pretty much called the shots and the board carried out the business of AA in accordance with their direction. By the early 1950s, it became clear that Dr. Bob was ill and was not long for this world. Bill W, being aware of his own mortality, saw the need to put a service structure in place in order to turn the leadership of AA over to the group conscience of the general membership. The first General Service Conference was held in 1951. Delegates from across the United States and Canada met to propose, discuss, vote, and express the group conscience of our entire fellowship to provide leadership and direction to the board of trustees for conducting the business of AA. After The Alcoholic Foundation's name had been changed to The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and Bill W had written the AA Service Manual and the Twelve Concepts for World Service, the transfer of AA leadership from our beloved co-founders to the general membership was complete. Delegates meet every year for the General Service Conference. Agenda items for the conference are chosen from proposals made by individuals, groups, districts and areas. The proposals deal with policy, finance, publications, updates to literature, etc. Delegates serve on committees and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees to take action or not take on these items.

Does Your Group Have a GSR?

A GSR (General Service Rep) is the group's representative to both the district and the area—the AA group's link to AA as a whole. This kind of service isn't for everyone, but if you have an interest in being a part of AA's collective group conscience, ask at your next business meeting if your group has a GSR. If not, volunteer or suggest that your group elect

one. For many, serving as a GSR can be an excellent opportunity to be a part of discussions and decisions rooted in our Twelve Traditions. It can also be an exciting learning experience becoming familiar with the Twelve Concepts for World Service and seeing them work to facilitate the expression of God's will through AA's collective group conscience.

Group Contributions

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1st Friday Spkr Mtg | 20.00 | 115.00 |
| Alpha-Wed-Tulare | | 0.00 |
| As It Is Outlined in Book | | 0.00 |
| Attitude Modification-210 | | 0.00 |
| Breath of Fresh Air | | 0.00 |
| Bridge St. "Drunks Only" | 544.44 | 3,272.30 |
| Civic Center Grp. | | 655.94 |
| Clodbusters-Tulare | | 0.00 |
| Crossroads-Tulare | | 0.00 |
| CSO Meeting | 27.00 | 185.40 |
| District 47 | | 0.00 |
| Bill & Friends | | 0.00 |
| Exeter-Quiet Trails | 100.00 | 900.00 |
| Exeter Sun Afternoon | | 0.00 |
| Foundation Group | | 0.00 |
| Freedom Fellowship | | 250.00 |
| Fri. Recovery Club | | 15.00 |
| Fri. Night Study Tulare | | 0.00 |
| Friday Noon 210 | | 0.00 |
| Half & Half | 150.00 | 225.00 |
| Hillman Group | | 0.00 |
| Keep it Simple Sunday | 510.00 | 510.00 |
| Lindsay Fireside Grp | | 125.00 |
| Monday Men's Mtg. | 200.00 | 1100.00 |
| Mid Valley-Tulare | | 400.00 |
| Mon Book Study-S'ville | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Mon Lit Study-Visalia | 100.00 | 180.00 |
| Mon. Women's Reflections | | 200.00 |
| Nooners Group-Visalia | | 0.00 |
| Pine Recovery AA Mtg | | 0.00 |
| Porterville Young People | | 0.00 |
| Practicing The Principles | | 240.00 |
| Rainbow Group | 150.00 | 300.00 |
| Rule 62-Visalia | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Serenity Junction-Tulare | | 500.00 |
| Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia | | 200.00 |
| Sober Sisters | | 50.00 |
| Wed. Sobriety Celebration | | 0.00 |
| Springville Gut Level | | 575.00 |
| St. Ritas Group | | 0.00 |

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|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg | | 810.00 |
| Sun PM Serenity Seekers | | 0.00 |
| The Shack-Fri Night | 50.00 | 150.00 |
| Tulare Young People | 100.00 | 254.81 |
| TUFYPAA | | 0.00 |
| Tulare Fri. Book Study | | 0.00 |
| Tulare Tuesday Night | | 600.00 |
| Tulare Thur. Noon | | 0.00 |
| Tulare Sunday Night | | 0.00 |
| Tues. Men's-P'ville | | 30.00 |
| Three Rivers-Monday | | 160.00 |
| Three Rivers-Friday | | 46.00 |
| Unity Thru Traditions | | 390.00 |
| Valley Group | | 569.76 |
| Valley Speaker Series | | 1485.65 |
| Visalia Alano | 23.00 | 113.00 |
| Wed. Acceptance, P'ville | 150.00 | 280.00 |
| Weekend Attitude Adj. | | 0.00 |
| Women's Amity-Visalia | | 341.47 |
| Women's Changes-P'ville | | 200.00 |
| Women's Fri. Night-P'ville | | 100.00 |
| Women in Unity | | 0.00 |
| Women's Sat AM 12x12 | | 972.00 |
| Young & Restless | | 0.00 |
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| Total | 2,424.44 | 17,076.01 |

Central Service Meeting

DATE: October 12, 2021
 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Cheryl H.
 TIME: 7:04
 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl H., Patrick A.,
 Monica R., William E., ABSENT: Erica E.

SERENITY PRAYER: By All
 12 TRADITIONS: Matt H.
 AA MEMBER COMMENTS: None
 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Read by William, Trudy
 motioned to pass, Patrick 2nd, passed.
 REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Read by Cheryl.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Read by Bob;
 We had an income of \$4,098.60 for a gain of \$1,208.20
 for this accounting period. Group and Individual
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 gross sales in 8 transactions for credit and debit cards last
 month. Traffic and calls have been about average.
 Bob Hinton

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VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE STEP & TRADITION FOR CENTRAL NEWS

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

| Issue | Step | Member | Due Date |
|-------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Nov | Step 11 | Trudy W. | 10/20/21 |
| Dec | Step 12 | Monica R. | 11/20/21 |

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

| Issue | Trad | Member | Due Date |
|-------|---------|------------|----------|
| Nov | Trad 11 | Patrick A. | 10/20/21 |
| Nov | Trad 12 | Lauren H. | 11/20/21 |

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER REPORT: No Report

WEBSITE REPORT: No Report

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The H & I Regional Chair , Joyce R., continues to participate and update the committee on General Service meeting issues/agenda items etc...Or local H&I had two new orientations in September. H & I continues to encourage all groups to elect an H&I Representative and have them attend our business meeting. This will/ would ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee. The next H&I orientation will be on October 23rd, 2021 at 9:00 am. Zoom acct. ID: 885 8119 7080 Password: Sober. On November 27th (the bi-monthly business meeting and orientation) 9:00 am orientation, followed by 10am business meeting. Zoom acct. ID: 885 8119 7080 Password: Sober. Note: All interested in this type of service work are welcomed/encouraged to attend. The

information is also available at aa-tulareco.org. Love & Service, Boo

GSO LIAISON: No Report

BTG CHAIRPERSON: Monica is just getting started and has no report yet...Boo will hook her up with the proper connections for information.

CSR REPORTS: Tuesday Night “Friends Of Bill W. and Doctor Bob” Patrick, A., CSR, This is a Tuesday Night Open Meeting held at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 1701 East Prosperity Avenue, Tulare Ca, 93274. From 7:00pm-8:30pm. We are a fellowship of men and women sharing our experience, strength, and hope. This is an indoor meeting, sanitized daily, masks are optional. We give out chips and celebrate birthdays at the end of each month with cake and ice cream. Newcomers are welcome anyone may attend.

Tuesday Womens Changes Meeting Sheryl E GSR. October 10, 2021. We meet every Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the 12 step recovery club in Porterville. Vicki B is our secretary, Sheryl E is the treasurer. We average 25 women a week. Most times The PAAR girls come, averaging 10 of them. with \$120.00 in Prudent reserve. The last Tuesday of each month we celebrate with a birthday potluck and the group pays for our own plates, spoons, cake etc. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl E.

Springville Breakfast Meeting, Sheryl E GSR: October 10 2021. We meet on the second Sunday of every month, at the Springville Memorial Building.This is a speaker meeting. We start at 8:00 a.m. with fresh hot coffee, breakfast is served from 8:00 until 10, with the speakers from 10:15 until 11:45. We try to be out by noon. Tiffany J is the secretary and Julie is the treasurer. Our 10 minute speaker was Brittany) and the main speaker was Joe S from Scottsdale AZ. I don’t know who next month’s speaker is. We had a balance forward of 1447.76 and served 55 breakfasts and spent \$455.00 on plates, napkins etc. Our income was \$489.50 with our new balance of\$15119.25. Our prudent reserve is \$900.00. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl E.

The Women’s Saturday Morning 12x12 is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our meeting is held at 9 am, weekly, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. The Church address is 3830 W Tulare Ave, Visalia CA 93277, major cross streets are Tulare and Demaree. We read a step or tradition at every meeting. The last Saturday of the month is an “Ask it basket meeting” where anonymously submitted questions are answered by meeting attendees. We also celebrate various lengths of sobriety at each meeting with chips. AA approved literature is available for purchase. Business meetings are held on the last

Saturday of the month. Contributions have been made to all AA entities. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Lauren Hill

Tuesday Women's Amity Zoom report Tuesday Women's Amity group meets on-line weekly via zoom from 6:30pm-7:30pm (30 minute fellowship after meeting) (see Tulare CO AA meeting list to join via zoom). We are a closed women's meeting with anywhere from 10-12 participants. Each week we acknowledge and give out chips for lengths of continuous sobriety. We read out of daily reflections and pick a topic. Thank you for letting me be of service,
Boo M.

Bridge Street Drunks, Sara S. CSR; Bridge Street Drunks is a large meeting Group-we have coffee, and snacks. Business meeting last Sat. of month-alternating times between-8am and 1pm. Birthday meetings are last Sat. noon meeting, chip giving & cake! Literature is available-possibly have chip person position filled. Still looking for Tues. noon Secretary position to be filled. 19 meetings-closed. AA members. Mon-Sun- 7-8am...12-1pm Tues eve-6-7pm...Book Study Wed eve- 6-7pm...12x12 Study Thurs eve- 7-8:30...Big Book Study Sat eve- 7-8...Open meeting Sun eve- 5:30-6:30pm...10th Step Study Usual financial contributions- Thank you for letting me be of service,
Sara S.

Springville Gut Level, Monica R, CSR: We meet every Thursday at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville from 7-8:30pm. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. We regularly contribute to all AA entities. We celebrate yearly anniversaries on the last Thursday of every month with cake. We invite you to join us soon! Lindsay Fireside Fellowship, Trudy CSR: We are a small, intimate, one topic discussion meeting. We gather every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 in the fireside Room of the United Methodist Church, corner of Hoolulu and Gale Hill due east of City Hall. We have begun using the book As Bill Sees It as a topic generator and for readings. We celebrate annual birthdays at the end of each month, and give monthly chips anytime for folks under one year. We have been meeting regularly through the pandemic, thanks to the blessing of the Church, sitting socially distanced and wearing masks until last month when restrictions were lessened. We ask that anyone attending share their phone number(s) with us in case of need for contact tracing.

OLD BUSINESS: About the picnic...Central Office will get a \$50 refund for the park not having Electricity for us (we used generators), We were commended for leaving the area very clean. The after event meeting was held on Oct. 19th. Sara wishes to let the community know that she thanks us for letting her be of service. Lauren will have the VenMo cell phone for us this week.

NEW BUSINESS: There are two board seats open for elections this winter. Those are Cheryl H. and Erica E.. Nominations will be in November and the election will be in December.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$27.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Keep It Simple meeting is moving to 10 am.

We would like to thank Sara for producing a great Picnic this year...GREAT JOB!!!

MEETING ADJOURNED:8:07 pm

Central Office BOD Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 12, 2021

TIME: 8:16 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Cheryl Hinton
PREVIOUS MINUTES: read by Cheryl (last meeting)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report Absent

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT: Monica will contact CNIA BTG chairperson for information about BTG.
PI/CPC REPORT: Public Information & Cooperation with the professional community

(P.I./C.P.C.) We inform professionals and future professionals about A.A. - What we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. We attempt to establish better communication between A.A. and professionals, to establish simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating. We had our first opportunity to provide information about AA at the post Founders Day picnic. This was a wonderful event that piqued some interest at the booth. We were able to share some experiences as well as provide some additional information about AA. We even sold some literature! The PI/CPC Would like to thank everyone in attendance for their support. I would also like to thank everyone who helped at the booth for their service and let them know it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to future opportunities to represent AA and carry the message.

OFFICE OPERATION REPORT: Just finished Quarterly taxes and will order literature. Read by Bob; We had an income of \$4,098.60 for a gain of \$1,208.20 for this accounting period. Group and Individual contributions were good. Expenses include Specialty items cost, Literature cost and our regular monthly expenses. Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$270.00 in much appreciated contributions. We had \$1,019.11 in 84 total gross sales in 8 transactions for credit and debit cards last

month. Traffic and calls have been about average. Bob Hinton

OLD BUSINESS REPORT:

1. VenMo, waiting for the cell phone.
2. We discussed the issue about purchases made by private persons for the picnic event and they will be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS REPORT: Two positions will be open this year and nominations will be in November and the elections will be in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 pm

Bill Evans

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday Nov. 5, 2021 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - TBA

Sunday Night Valley Group Serenity Seekers

914 W. Center Ave.

Visalia, CA 93291

7:30-9PM

Nov 7 Cheryl H. Of Springville

Nov 14 RJ F. Of Hanford

Nov 21 Elizabeth L. Of Visalia

Nov 28 Justin R. Of Visalia

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, November 14th, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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

Speaker: Roland H. Oxnard, 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 October

Nov 3 Nick C. Of Kingsburg

Nov 10 Julie M. Of Porterville

Nov 17 Brian P. Of Visalia

Nov 24 Jerri T. Of Visalia

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

9/21/21 THROUGH 10/20/2021

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>MONTH</u> | <u>YEAR TO DT.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| B.Day Club | 94.00 | 760.00 |
| CD & Tape Cont. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Grateful Givers Club | 210.00 | 2,650.00 |
| Group Cont. | 2,424.44 | 17,076.01 |
| Indiv Cont | 1,028.36 | 8,210.82 |
| Lit. Sales | 1,176.90 | 4,942.68 |
| Memorial Cont. | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Misc. | 0.00 | 64.11 |
| Newsletter Cont | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| S & H | 0.00 | 7.04 |
| Sales Tax | 87.50 | 519.74 |
| Spec. Events | 2,743.00 | 2,743.00 |
| Spec. Items | 297.05 | 2,625.76 |

TOTAL **\$8,061.25** **\$39,999.16**

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>MONTH</u> | <u>YEAR TO DT.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Fees-Taxes | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| Insurance | 0.00 | 550.00 |
| Lit. Costs | 0.00 | 3,296.31 |
| PI-CPC Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter Cost | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Office Exp | 36.25 | 799.71 |
| Office Equip.& Maint | 0.00 | 669.33 |
| Phone & ISP | 117.97 | 1,174.70 |
| Postage | 0.00 | 118.30 |
| Employee Taxes | 1,377.56 | 5,294.84 |
| Returned Chk & Chg | 0.00 | 925.89 |
| Rent | 525.00 | 5,250.00 |
| Salary | 1,347.34 | 12,918.32 |
| Sales Tax-Paid | 0.00 | 436.00 |
| Security System | 0.00 | 556.36 |
| Spec. Events | 1,123.00 | 1,388.00 |
| Spec. Items | 0.00 | 1,225.07 |
| Card Charge | 33.33 | 126.14 |
| Utilities | 46.68 | 681.31 |
| Website | 4.48 | 41.42 |
| Workers Comp.Ins | 0.00 | 616.02 |

TOTAL **\$4,611.61** **36,092.72**

Net Gain(Loss) **\$3,449.64** **\$3,906.44**

BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL: **\$14,938.79**

ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL: **\$18,388.43**

District 47 Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

This is a Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:0 p.m. by DCM Allen L.

Committee: Allen L., DCM; Ralph D., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only Group; Jim K., Recording Secretary, GSR for Monday Men's Stag; Danette L., GSR for the Saturday Women's 12x12 Study, Josh F., Treasurer
The GSR Preamble was read by Allen L. 12 Traditions: read by Josh F.

12 Concepts: Concept 10 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: September 1, 2021 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. reported a balance forward of \$2,953.67 Income from groups, \$64.98. Thanks to the Civic Center Group for \$38.89! No expenses. Current Balance \$2,992.56.

CSO Liaison Report: No report

Registrar: No Report

H&I Report: Rafael D. Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Tulare County H&I volunteers continue to serve the following facilities: Pine Manor Recovery & Women's Recovery Home twice a month via zoom; Mental Health once a month and Turning Point twice a month in person. We remain flexible to meet the facilities Covid requirements regarding masks, social distancing and at times meeting outside. Our local jails remain closed to meetings. H & I provides literature upon request and literature is taken to in person meetings where it is given directly to the confined alcoholic. We continue to hold orientations monthly and cooperate with Fresno Area which holds orientation odd months. Volunteers are able to attend the orientation that works best for them as the Areas then share the orientated volunteer list. Our Area Chairs along with the Regional Chair are meeting regularly to plan a H&I Workshop for spring next year.

At our September 25, 2021 committee meeting, we reviewed the proposed policy revisions, slate of officers for the upcoming two years and the proposed 2022 budget. These items will be voted on at the October 10, 2021 General Committee Meeting. We encourage all Tulare County groups elect an H&I representative and have them attend our Committee Meetings to ensure that our collective conscience is carried to the vote at the NorCal General Committee Meeting.

The next H&I orientation will be on October 23rd, 2021 at 9:00 am. Zoom acct. ID: 885 8119 7080 Password:

Sober. The information is also available at aa-tulareco.org.

DCM Report: Allen attended the ACM 9-18-21. The Election Assembly is Nov. 12-13 via Zoom. They are considering all locations options for future ACM's. The treasurer shared his proposed 2022 spending plan. A proposal was made to create a 4th Spanish-speaking District to better serve Spanish speaking AA's in Northern California.

Old Business: The discussion was expanded for ideas other than a chili cook off for an event (educational, informative, guest speaker for example) for our area. Most likely a virtual event for educating GSR's would be held January 22, following the winter assembly which will be held January 15-16.

New Business: None

Seventh Tradition: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elections are coming up. Nominations for all officer positions in the District 47 will be taken until November. DCM, Alt. DCM, treasurer, and recording secretary are all open positions. Voting will December 1 at our District 47 meeting at 7 pm.

DECLARATION OF UNITY: Read by all: "This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary

Want to be of Service??

Since COVID has come are you struggling to get involved???

Contribute to this newsletter!!

Send a picture, send a joke, suggest an article.

email:

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com

October AA Birthdays

| <u>Name</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Paul H. | Visalia | 45 |
| Mike G. | Visalia | 39 |
| Jim D. | Visalia | 38 |
| Cathy O. | Visalia | 34 |
| John T. | Visalia | 33 |
| Charlie M. | Visalia | 33 |
| Robert G. | Visalia | 33 |
| Tracy W. | Visalia | 32 |
| Cristy R. | Tulare | 32 |
| John D. | Visalia | 32 |
| Rod K. | Visalia | 32 |
| Max | Lemon Cove | 32 |
| Lynda B. | Visalia | 31 |
| Christine O. | Visalia | 30 |
| Jerri H. | Dinuba | 29 |
| Jerry M. | Visalia | 29 |
| Krystal G. | Visalia | 29 |
| Nancy D. | Visalia | 29 |
| Norm B. | Visalia | 27 |
| Paula Ann | Tulare | 27 |
| Mona | Visalia | 26 |
| Linda N. | Porterville | 24 |
| Lynn P. | Visalia | 23 |
| Pam S. | Porterville | 23 |
| Mandy S. | Visalia | 22 |
| Kara O. | Modesto | 21 |
| Terri S. | Westfield MA | 21 |
| Betty S. | Visalia | 21 |
| Art J. | Porterville | 21 |
| Vincent F. | Visalia | 19 |
| Bob A. | Visalia | 14 |
| Wally P. | Visalia | 11 |
| Jerome L. | Visalia | 8 |

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H&I-Contributions
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San Francisco, CA 94119-2490

Contributions

Birthday Club

Hal W. Lemon Cove 34

GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members - \$ 210.00

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

AAA

David G.

Doris P.

Jim K.

Joyce R.

Rafael D.

Rick S.

Sandra K.

Shannon S.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 7:00 PM

H&I
Saturday-TBA

The zoom ID:885 8119 7080 Password: Sober(capital S).

Central Office Contacts

| | |
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| Voice Mail Calls | 0 |
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| AA Members | 5 |
| Court Ref/Info | 7 |
| Meeting Information | 10 |
| H&I | 0 |
| Alanon & Alateen Information | 0 |
| 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 | 9 |
| Specialty Sales | 10 |
| Churches & Schools | 0 |
| General Information | 9 |
| Prospective Members | 0 |
| Twelve Step Calls | 0 |
| E-Mail Contacts | 9 |
| Spanish Contact | 2 |
| ----- | |
| Total | 110 |

Lighter Side of AA

One-liners...

Directions to AA: Just go straight to hell and make a u-turn.

AA: Being a part of something is more important that being the center of attention.

AA is the only place where you can walk into a room full of strangers and reminisce.

AA romance.... the odds are good... but the goods are odd.

AA: Look for a way in; not for a way out.

AA: We are not reformed drunks, but informed alcoholics

AA has no fixed address -- you can take it with you.

AA: We are here for a reason, not for the season

AA Groups: An AA group will be judged by the worst behavior of its members

Before I came to AA I was dead, but did not know enough to lie down.

In AA there are no losers -- just slow winners

Alcoholic (as defined by self): A piece of crap that the universe revolves around.

Alcoholic: Someone who refuses to give up a life of failure without a fight.

Alcoholic: A person who when s/he goes to a wedding, wants to be the bride and when s/he goes to a funeral, wants to be the corpse.

An alcoholic is someone who wants to be held while isolating.

Alcoholic: "I may not be much, but I'm all I think about."



I used the restroom at the Habit Grill and there was three people in there reading the Big Book...

-Bill H. & Robert D.

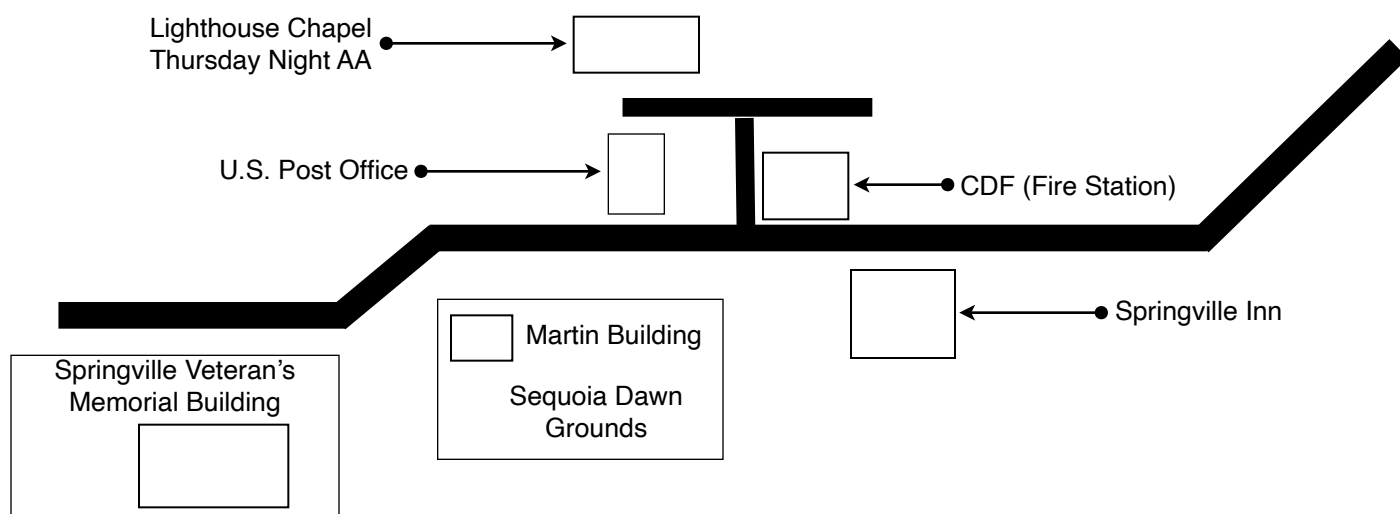
Sunday Speaker Breakfast

Sunday Morning, November 14, 2021

Always the 2nd Sunday of the Month - Come Join Us!

Speaker: Roland H.
Oxnard, CA

Special Sunday Speaker in Springville's Serenity



Springville Veterans Memorial Building
35944 Highway 190
Springville, California

For Information: Call 559-539-3814

- From Highway 99 at Tipton (south of Tulare) - Take Highway 190 turnoff toward the Sierras - 32 miles east to Springville
- From Highway 99 at Bakersfield - Take Highway 65 north 45 miles to Highway 190 - 17 miles east to Springville

8:00 AM

Coffee's Hot - Attitude Adjustment Time

8:30 AM

Breakfast Service (\$5.00)

10:15 AM

Meeting Starts (7th Tradition is honored)

10:30 - 10:45 AM

10 Minute Speaker - Main Speaker

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

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