

CENTRAL NEWS

December 2021 Website: www.aa-tulareco.org

Success Twilight - Porterville, CA Louie T.

A Merry Christmas to Everyone - And It Can Be!

Many A. A. members create an unnecessary mental hazard for themselves over the approach of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The newcomer, in particular, who has joined an A. A. group since the last holiday season is prone to spend some unhappy moments worrying about how to refuse a drink, and thus avoid a bender, when family and friends are participating in the Yuletide celebration. The problem often seems very real to him despite all he may have heard or learned about the application of the 24-hour plan. Habit is still a strong factor and his custom has been to get cock-eyed, perhaps without intent, on Christmas Eve and then to continue the binge well through New Year's Day, provided- his endurance holds out.

Having very likely spoiled Christmas for the entire family, the alcoholic is usually bothered by remorse but not yet ready to face the unpleasant facts and the only escape seems to be to remain drunk for a few days longer. He rationalizes something in this manner: Isn't it the time of year to celebrate and won't employers be more lenient than usual if the job is neglected? Besides, aren't the members of the family a little intolerant of a chap's right to have fun when others are enjoying the season's good cheer?

The difficulty of coming through the holidays unscathed can be intensified for the new recruit to A. A. ranks by lack of understanding of the alcoholic illness on the part of relatives or friends. Without realization of the catastrophe they may bring about and often acting from the most

hospitable motives, sometimes augmented by the few snorts they have indulged in themselves, these good people occasionally don't accept the A. A. member's first statement that he is just not drinking. They proceed to give him the insidious argument, that Christmas or New Year's only comes around once a year and certainly a drink or two on such an occasion can't possibly hurt anyone. Perhaps for a moment his guard is lowered and John Barleycorn, always alert, gets in a swift one. In my personal experience in A. A., which includes four of these holiday seasons, the argument of the special occasion has been trotted out several times, by people who, I am certain, wish me well and who, furthermore, have good reason to know I have not handled liquor successfully for a long lime. (At other seasons of the year it doesn't occur to them to even offer me a drink, much less argue that I should take one.) I then have to quietly remind them that I am an alcoholic and that the calendar date has no bearing on that fact. In my experience, this explanation suffices and, still a little puzzled perhaps, they at once become absorbed in their own drinking processes.

When Pearl Harbor came and, much later, when V-E and V-J days arrived, there were some timid souls who made dire predictions that the effect of such emotional events would be disastrous to the A. A. membership. Their fears were not well-grounded because the majority of members had so completely adopted the 24-hour plan of living. At the start of each of these days our minds, by long habit,

had been made up not to drink on that particular day just as they had been for many days previously. Why then should we make any exception over war or peace? And, by the same token, why make any exception of Christmas or New Year's? It is fundamentally as simple as that. In approaching Christmas then, there are it seems to me, two important ideas to keep' constantly before us: (1) We aren't going to have any fun if we take the first drink; and (2) we must make up our minds to refuse that drink before it is even offered to us (preferably at the beginning of each new day). If we adhere to those two simple principles we can have a really magnificent time over the holidays.

Certainly there is no need for us to be grim about our inability to hoist a few. For once, we will know what is going on about us and there are always many holiday parties in our groups or with our closest A. A. friends, where good cheer abounds without the adjunct of the wassail bowl. This year also, it seems, we can look forward to "Peace on earth" and we, who belong to the great company of A. A., should understand better than most the Christmas message, "Good Will Towards Man"

—Abbott T. Manhattan AA Grapevine December 1945

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.*

Step 12 is a way of life that gives me freedom! Step 12 to me embodies being of service to other alcoholics. That service can be shaking hands, making coffee, setting up chairs, etc. I believe that I you are helping others with the goal; of staying sober you are being of service.

One of the crucial things that I do to be of service is sponsoring other alcoholics! I have to admit, it is a semi-selfish endeavor. When my sponsees are ready to start sponsoring other alcoholics I ask them, "What is the purpose of sponsorship?" I usually hear, to carry the message, to give away what was freely given to me, things like that. My response is no, those things are aspects of sponsorship. In order to sponsor someone I need to do all that, but I sponsor other alcoholics in order for me to stay sober. All those other great things that come along with that relationship is a benefit!

In Bill's Story at the bottom of the page 13 into 14 it says: My friend promised when these things were done I would enter upon a new relationship with my Creator; that I would have the elements of a way of living which

answered all my problems. Belief in the power of God, plus enough willingness, honesty and humility to establish and maintain the new order of things, were the essential requirements.

I was taught that this section outlines the spiritual principles and that by living the spiritual principles belief in the power of God, plus enough willingness, honesty, and humility, I would be free.

It is TRUE! I have been able to get out of my own head and let these principles guide me. If for some reason I find that something feels off in a situation, I look at these principles and I am invariably not following one of these principles, when I make that adjustment and trust God it has always worked out!

This step will help me stay sober for the rest of my life!

Louie T

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."

The heart of the 12th tradition is described in our literature as being comprised of the substance of "Sacrifice". Many A.A.'s, including myself, may have been turned off by this at first. However, the true meaning of the word sacrifice in this tradition has to do with the separation from our own selfish motives in favor of the wellness and longevity of Alcoholics Anonymous. When we practice anonymity, we humble ourselves to God and to our fellows and we experience the blessing of being less than extraordinary, which doesn't mean we are falling on our swords or losing something. In other words, when we set our ego aside and do what the 12x12 refers to as practicing "real humility at work", we willingly let go of personal desires for recognition at the group and public level. What we receive as a result of this surrender is a space of safety for ourselves and others to recover, and the preservation of the institution of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is because of tradition 12 that sponsors have the ability to create trust within their sponsee relationships, where individuals can open up about the hardest and most painful spots in their lives and in their drinking careers. At the group level, it allows for places where members get to be seen and heard by fellow Alcoholics. To meet life's challenges imperfectly and to seek solution without fear of

judgement or exposure. It gives us the grace to falter and make human error without being concerned of how this error could hurt the organization's image. When we gather for business meetings, we practice respectfully allowing people to have perspectives and opinions that differ from ours. We equally share the ability to have our vote and allow God to speak through our group conscience.

So how do we share the message of A.A. and maintain anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film? Without shouting it from the rooftops to our friends and family that we have found a solution? By reading about the trial and error of early A.A.'s in the 12x12, it is clear this wasn't an easy road to navigate at first. Both secrecy and boastfulness had their downfalls. Balance was found by being open to helping others. When moments come to us where sharing our experience proves useful, we carry the spirit of tradition 12 into private conversation where our fear can be released and we can be of true service. One Alcoholic, relating to another.

-Anonymous

Tulare County Hospitals & Institutions

December 2021

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.

- We continue to have several new volunteers join our monthly orientation.

- We are in the process or planning a Regional H&I Workshop for early next year in conjunction with the other Areas. This will be a great opportunity to learn about this type of service work.

- The committee reviewed NorCal's proposal for restructuring the committee. The proposal includes adding Area Chairs to the Steering Committee, having the Steering Committee meet 4 times a year via zoom and holding one General Committee Meeting, which will be a two-day event. After review, our Area and Region support this proposal as it will create a democratic voting structure and will promote attendance due to the accessibility of zoom. The NorCal Committee will begin the voting process on this proposal in January, 2022.

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 orientation will be December 18, 2021 at 9:00 am. The next H&I bi-monthly business meeting and orientation is on January 22, 2022, 9am will be an orientation, followed at 10am business meeting. The 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

Central Office Contacts

Voice Mail Calls	0
AA Members	4
Court Ref/Info	9
Meeting Information	18
H&I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	2
Info. re Recovery Homes	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	44
Literature Sales	8
Specialty Sales	12
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	11
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	15
Spanish Contact	1

Total	126

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

10/21/21 THROUGH 11/20/2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	16.00	776.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Grateful Givers Club	220.00	2,870.00
Group Cont.	768.00	17,844.01
Indiv Cont	484.86	8,695.68
Lit. Sales	301.85	5,244.53
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	38.34	557.86
Spec. Events	100.00	2,843.00
Spec. Items	136.00	2,759.26

TOTAL	\$2,065.05	\$42,061.49
<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	149.90	949.61
Office Equip.& Maint	63.00	732.33
Phone & ISP	117.97	1,292.67
Postage	0.00	118.30
Employee Taxes	0.00	5,910.86
Returned Chk & Chg	0.00	925.89
Rent	525.00	5,775.00
Salary	1,347.34	14,265.66
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	436.00
Security System	0.00	556.36
Spec. Events	0.00	1,388.00
Spec. Items	0.00	1,225.07
Card Charge	2.35	128.49
Utilities	38.90	720.21
Website	4.36	45.78

TOTAL	\$2,248.82	38,341.54

Net Gain(Loss) (\$183.77) \$3,719.95
BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL: \$18,388.43
ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL: \$18,204.66

December AA Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jean M.	Hanford	54
Bob H.	Exeter	47
Art M.	Three Rivers	47
Fran M.	Fresno	41
Becky L.	North Dakota	40
Paul B.	Visalia	38
Hernandez	Tulare	38
Gary L.	Pixley	37
Dave L.	Conifer, CO	35
Janet O.	Dinuba	34
Margie M.	Visalia	34
Robin S.	Visalia	34
Shannon S.	Porterville	33
Abraham G.	Visalia	33
Roy E.	Visalia	33
Jeff R.	Visalia	32
Bob N.	Lindsay	32
Tom H.	Visalia	32
Roger C.	Visalia	31
Antonia M.	Visalia	31
Scott B.	Porterville	30
Lisa S.	Visalia	30
Mike Y.	Visalia	30
Jim M.	Tulare	29
Victoria B.	Visalia	29
Linda B.	Visalia	29
Bob F.	Medford, OR	28
Bob S.	Porterville	27
Debbie A.	Tulare	27
Danny G.	Visalia	26
Belynda S.	Visalia	22
Tim T.	Visalia	20
Billy L.	Visalia	19
Paul F.	Visalia	19
Tina M.	Porterville	16
Michele S.	Exeter	14
Paul M.	Porterville	14
Sandy H.	Visalia	11
Mark G.	Visalia	11
Ray D.	Visalia	8
Barbara VB	Visalia	7
Louie T.	Porterville	6
John W.	Visalia	3

Group Contributions

1st Friday Spkr Mtg		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"		3,272.30
Civic Center Grp.		655.94
Clodbusters-Tulare		0.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	35.00	220.40
District 47		0.00
Bill & Friends		0.000
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	1,000.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		0.00
Foundation Group		0.00
Freedom Fellowship		250.00
Fri. Recovery Club		15.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Half & Half		225.00
Hillman Group		0.00
Keep it Simple Sunday		510.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		125.00
Men's Valley Book Study	100.00	100.00
Monday Men's Mtg.		1100.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		400.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		100.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia		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		300.00
Rule 62-Visalia		200.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		500.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		200.00
Sober Sisters		50.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Sat Night Believers	20.00	20.00
Springville Gut Level		575.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		810.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
The Shack-Fri Night		150.00
Tulare Young People		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	393.00	393.00
Visalia Alano		113.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		280.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia	70.00	411.47
Women's Changes-P'ville	50.00	250.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		100.00
Women in Unity		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		972.00
Young & Restless		0.00

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting
 186 W. Walnut Ave.
 Friday Dec. 3, 2021 at 8:00 PM
 Speaker: - TBA

Sunday Night Valley Group Serenity Seekers
 914 W. Center Ave.
 Visalia, CA 93291
 7:30-9PM
 Dec 1 Robert P. Of Fresno
 Dec 8 Kristi M. Of Visalia
 Dec 15 Michael L. Of Fresno
 Dec 22 Pat T. of Visalia
 Dec 29 Clayton N. Of Exeter

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Building
 36000 Hwy 190, Springville
 Sunday, December 12th, 2021 at 10:15 AM
 (Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)
 Speaker: TBA

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
 Dec 5 Lynn S. Of Visalia
 Dec 12 Jim K. Of Visalia
 Dec 19 Jay-Nine J of Hanford
 Dec 26 Bill E. Of Tulare

Central Service Meeting

DATE: 11-9-21

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Cheryl H.

TIME: 7:06 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl H., William E., Patrick A., Monica R., Erica E.

ABSENT:

SERENITY PRAYER: Lead by Cheryl H.

12 TRADITIONS: Claudia

AA MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MEETING MINUTES: Read by William E. Motion to pass by Sheryl E. 2nd by Monica R. passed

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Read by Cheryl H.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Read by Bob H. We had an income of \$8,611.61 for a gain of \$3,449.64 for this accounting period. Group and Individual contributions were very good. Our Office Picnic profit of \$1,455.00 helped with our gain for this period.

Expenses include our quarterly taxes and our regular monthly expenses.

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$210.00 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$300.60 total gross sales in 4 transactions for credit and debit cards last month.

Traffic and calls have been about average. Bob Hinton, Office Manager

PUBLIC INFORMATION 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 are looking forward to the upcoming health fairs and other opportunities to spread awareness of A.A. to those who may not know about us otherwise. This is a great opportunity for service and we welcome ideas for potential events AA may provide awareness at. Please contact your local CSR or central office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Patrick

VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE STEP & TRADITION FOR CENTRAL NEWS

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue	Step	Member	Due Date
Dec	Step 12	Monica	11-20
Jan	Step 1	George H.	12-20

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue	Trad	Member	Due Date
Dec	Tradition 12	Lauren	11-20
Jan	Tradition 1	Sara	12-20

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Cheryl gave a report about the newsletter being available in Central Office and it is also available online. Send articles to Louie.

WEBSITE REPORT: Please note that for the 30 days ending November 9, 2021, we had 2,770 visits and 687 visitors. This month's daily activity was lower than last month. Visits were down by about 4%, and visitors were down by 9%.

Same as last month, the most popular web page on the site is the list of meetings page; it garnered 19% of the views. The second most popular web page was the front page, at 9%, with the third most popular page being online meetings, at 8%.

There were 24 downloads of the Print Version of the Meeting Schedule.

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9am will be an orientation, followed by a 10am business meeting. The zoom act. ID: 885 8119 7080 Password: Sober.

December H and I orientation is pending a 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

GSO LIAISON: General Service Liaison Report 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): additional nominations will be made and voting will take place at the December meeting (12/1 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 12th (7 to 10PM) and 13th (9 AM to 6:30 PM). 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

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.

BTG CHAIRPERSON: Nothing to report.

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.

Bridge Street drunks host 19 meetings Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 8 AM Monday through Sunday 12 noon to 1 PM Tuesday evening 6 to 7 PM book study Wednesday evening 6 PM to 7 PM 12 x 12 study Thursday evening 7 PM to 8:30 PM big book study Saturday evening 7 PM to 8 PM open meeting Sunday evening 530 to 6 30/10 step study. Birthday meetings are the last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting chips given cake and coffee. Business meetings are the last Saturday of the month, two meeting times 8 AM or 1 PM period. We are currently looking for a secretary for Tuesday noon and Wednesday evening requirements for positions are six months of sobriety. What street would like to suggest the Central Office create a budget so groups have a better understanding of what to donate. Thank you for letting me be of service, Sara S.

Springville Breakfast Meeting, Sheryl E GSR. November 9, 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 Joe with 5 year and the main speaker was Ken with 26 years. Next month's speaker is Roland as the main speaker and Steve as the 10 minute speaker. I do not have a treasury report for this meeting but I know our prudent reserve is \$900.00. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl E.

Tuesday Womens Changes Meeting Sheryl E GSR. November 9, 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. On 10, 21, 21 we donated \$100.00. \$50 to the central office, \$25.00 to CNIA treasurer and \$25.00 to GSO N.Y. The last Tuesday of each month we celebrate a birthday potluck and the group pays for our own plates, spoons, cake etc... Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl E.

The Women's Saturday Morning 12x12 is a closed, women's meeting held every Saturday. The meeting begins at 9am and is located at the Christ Lutheran Church. 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

Civic Center Group: we meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for one hour at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome. We hand out chips every week for lengths of sobriety under one year. We celebrate birthdays at the end of the month, with goodies, too. We've been seeing between 20 and 30 people at most meetings. We have coffee and literature. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month, ten minutes after the regular meeting. Jaime D. is our Secretary. In the spirit of "Let Go to Grow", ALL our service commitment positions (even the two year ones) are coming up on their rotation date; we are taking nominations now for commitments to begin January 1st.

Monday Men's Meeting: we meet at the PPAV Hall in Visalia, at the corner of Burke and Main at 7:30pm (Monday evenings, yup). This is a closed meeting for men only, and lasts 90 minutes. We usually have 25-35 attendees. Every week we give chips for sobriety milestones under one year; the last Monday of the month we celebrate those members with full years behind them - and we have pie or cheesecake. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. We have coffee (including Decaf!) and literature and candy, with a good amount of fellowship before and after. Grant C. is our Secretary.

Keep It Simple Sunday: we meet Sunday mornings at 10:00am in Blain Park in Visalia (on Court Street between Whitendale and Caldwell). Our meeting is 90 minutes in a beautiful outdoor setting. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome. You want to bring a lawn chair or camp chair with you. We

celebrate sobriety milestones and birthdays every meeting. We use the Daily Reflections book as a topic starter; then everyone shares, going around the circle (time permitting). Our Secretary is Ryan B., and business meetings are the last Sunday of the month (immediately after). Usually, there are between 20 and 40 people attending our meeting with great fellowship. In love and service, David G. 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 Honolulu 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 August when restrictions were lessened. We ask that anyone attending share their phone number(s) with us in case of need for contact tracing.

Young Guns Meeting, George H. CSR: This is an open meeting and all are welcome. We meet at 165 E. Mill Ave, in Porterville on Fridays at 6:30 pm. We give chips for various lengths of sobriety. This meeting could use some support. Young Guns is for anyone who is young at heart.

Saturday Night Believers, George H. CSR: We meet at 764 W. Henderson Ave. in Porterville on Saturday from 7-8:30 pm. This is a closed meeting and only those who identify as alcoholics and /or those who have a desire to stop drinking can attend. We celebrate various lengths of sobriety on the last Saturday of the month.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. After hours phone calls have really slowed down. Cheryl has been giving out a wrong number for Lemore...she has corrected this error.

2. VenMo will be put into service on January 1, 2022. The new phone needs the screen replaced, Central

Office will have this done for \$50.

3. Zoom: We have renewed our yearly subscription for another year because we just don't know what the future will bring.

4. The parks Dept. has reimbursed Central Office \$100 instead of \$50.

NEW BUSINESS: Could CSRs please ask their groups if they would like the Central Office to create a yearly budget of projected expenses and operating costs? Please report back.

SEVENTH TRADITION: \$35.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:19 pm

Central Office BOD Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 9, 2021

TIME:

8:30 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Cheryl H.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: See report read at the regular meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report, I will meet with Bob this week.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Just wanted to know more about Bob retiring, Erica knows a person that would be a great candidate for the position.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT: No Report

PI/CPC REPORT: Claudia wants to be in service and will join the PI/CPC committee to spread the word.

OFFICE OPERATION REPORT: We need to order literature whenever New York has it.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: Will let Louie know to put the info about now having VenMo starting in January in the newsletter.

Picnic: Our member that purchased supplies for the picnic has been reimbursed \$110.00

NEW BUSINESS REPORT: Board nominations:

Cheryl H. , Sara , David , and Lauren have been nominated for the 2 board positions

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Crossroads meeting is open again. The Serenity meeting at 7:30-9:00 pm on Sundays is also open again.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:50 pm

District 47 Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 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: Josh F., Treasurer

The GSR Preamble was read by Allen L. "We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a Loving God as he may express himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the groups can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole."

12 Traditions: read by Josh F.

12 Concepts: Concept 11 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2021 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. reported a balance forward of \$2,992.56 Income from groups, \$60.47. No expenses. Current Balance \$3,053.03.

CSO Liaison Report: No report

Registrar: No Report

H&I Report: Rafael D. Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee

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

December H & I orientation is pending business meeting vote as it is scheduled for Christmas.

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

DCM Report: Allen attended the ACM 1 0-16-21. The Election Assembly is Nov. 12-13 via Zoom. The proposal to create a 4th Spanish-speaking District to better serve Spanish speaking AA's in Northern California was approved. Conference Reports were delivered. Allen will get copies to District GSRs, Officers, and deliver the rest of them to the Central Office.

Old Business: Continue discussion for possible District Presentation event or early next year. Allen got a few names from Drew (D33) of speakers who have made presentations on the purpose and history of the General Service Conference. 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: Discussion on elections was held, and some nominations amongst the members present were made. We are looking for new people to come on to the board for the coming year. Discussion will be held at our December meeting regarding the disposition of funds to Central Office since we are above our prudent reserve currently. Seventh Tradition: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elections are coming up. Nominations for all officer positions in the District 47 will be taken this month. DCM, Alt. DCM, treasurer, registrar and recording secretary

are all open positions. Additional nominations and voting will December 1 at our regular-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 7:52 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary

Service Meetings AND ADDRESSES

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

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

H&I Meeting
The zoom ID:885 8119 7080 Password: Sober(capital S).

SERVICE ADDRESSES

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District 47, C.N.I.A.
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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

Contributions

Birthday Club

Steve S. Visalia 10
Louie T. Porterville 6

GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members - \$ 220.00

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

AAA

David G.

Doris P.

Jim K.

Michele S.

Sandra K.

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Lighter Side of AA

The Helpful Husband

After the husbands fifth trip to the host's bar for refills, the wife said, "Aren't you embarrassed to go back so many times?"

Hubby: Nope. I keep telling them it's for you.

The Widower

A drunken widower is at the funeral home receiving guests. His wife was killed in an unfortunate accident, their donkey had reared up and kicked her in the head.

The minister notices every time a woman speaks to him he shakes his head yes, and everytime a man speaks to him he shakes his head no. The minister takes him aside and asks him what they are saying...

"Well the women are expressing their condolences and telling me how wonderful my wife was and I am shaking my head in agreement and understanding. The men, well, they want to know if the donkey is for sale."

In the Boat

Two alxies are fishing on a lake. A genie appears and grants them one wish.

One guy blurts out "Turn the lake into beer!"
SHAZAM! It happens.

The other alkie, always discontented, says "Oh, great. Now we have to pee in the boat."



BRACE YOURSELF



District 47 Presents an Online Unity Event

General Service

411

PRESENTATIONS

AA's Beginning and Early History

Don H, AA Historian, Sonora, District 33

AA General Service

Nancy Mc, Past CNIA Alternate Chair, Sacramento, District 29

Followup Q&A Session

Saturday • January 22, 2021 • 7:00 PM

**Zoom
Login**

Meeting ID: 155 118 647
Passcode: Visalia
(Phone Passcode: 8493813)

The Valley Group Presents

NEW YEAR'S SOBER EVE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 ST

Featuring

TINA A.

2020

OF HOLLISTER, CA

CONTACT:

\$20 DINNER & DANCE

PRESALE ONLY

\$5 DANCE AT DOOR

ISRAEL B. 630-935-7553

BRAD W. 559-786-3636

BILL H. 559-740-8613

Open AA Event with Alanon Participation

5:30P APPETIZERS * 6:00P DINNER

7:30P SPEAKER * 9:30P DANCE

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

120 N. HALL ST, VISALIA

ZOOM 653 763 096

PW VISALIA

(WITH LIVE TRANSCRIPTION)



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!!!