

# CENTRAL NEWS

January 2022

Website: [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org)



## *Prayer Answered Ten Years Later*

Waves of Joy Morro Bay, CA -David T

In 1937, ten years ago, I began to grope in the dark for the life I have found through the 12th Step work of A.A. It is the way of life I searched so long for.

My life was a complete mess. I felt beaten and frustrated. Where was I going? What could I do about it? I was 22 and had been drinking steadily for four years. For a year I had owned my own business and then it was gone with the faith of the woman who had made it possible.

Unconsciously in a prayer I covered several of the Steps but the important first one was missing. I put my prayer away with other aimless dreams and proceeded on my alcoholic way. I came upon this prayer again about a month ago and the whole series of events came sharply into focus. It was one of the things from which I had been escaping. Before this reaches you, I will have made amends to a kind and bewildered friend. On her advice I sold the few things left of the business and decided on a new start. The following Christmas she gave me a note stating that my debt to her was paid in full. It has taken ten years to make amends for my past behavior. The prayer follows:

### Supplication

Dear God, teach me to be patient; to be steadfast to myself; to be true to the ideals I have set for myself. Never let me grow weak before I have atoned for the unhappiness, I have caused others. Teach me the way of atonement and

help me to bring to those I have hurt and wronged the thought that I regret my behavior and I earnestly beg their forgiveness. Oh God, let me see the light, that I may live as others live, love and be loved as others are. Give me strength of purpose, soundness of mind and health of body to accomplish my reconciliation with the world.

—Grace. From Harrisburg, Pa. AA Grapevine 1947

*Admitted we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable*

## Step 1

It wasn't until I actually got sober that I understood powerlessness. That once I took that first drink, I had no defense against taking the next one. I tried to stop several times during that last year of daily drinking but, once I decided to stop, drinking was all I could think about. Then when I finally got sober and heard what was being said at meetings I kept hearing the same thing. No matter how long we hadn't drank, once we took a drink we had to have another then another. I could finally admit that I was an alcoholic and the only way I could never drink again was to NOT take that first drink.

But, the unmanageable part was a bit harder to admit. I had a home and family (kind of). But why then was

I heating water over a fire outside so I could bathe and do dishes. I was living by lantern light because the electricity was off too. This I called manageable? Oh so maybe this is what the steps are for. So I can find out why I do the things I do. So, I started on the journey through the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and my life began to change. Today I live a life that I could never have imagined possible because I finally did a thorough and honest Step One.

—Carolyn W

*Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.*

# Tradition 1

Tradition one from my perspective holds of great value to me. Today I live a beautiful sober full life. I have three years and some change of sobriety. I am a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Unity is well and alive in AA.

When I begin my journey I could not wrap my mind around the unity that was presented to me within the rooms. I was so alone and awkward. AA's showed me and told me I wasn't alone. AA's also told me they would love me until I could love myself

Fellow AA's proved that to be true. Therefore I now understand the power of unity. Which is why in tradition one is to ensure our common welfare to come first. My personal recovery absolutely depends upon our alcoholics anonymous unity.

With love and service

—Sara S. (Smiles)

## Tulare County Hospitals & Institutions

January 2022

Hospitals & Institutions continue to serve the following facilities, Pine Manor Recovery, Women's Recovery Home, Mental Health and Turning Point (Pine Manor/ Mental Health are meeting when client cases are at a minimum and/or CDC guidelines) (Womens and Turning Point meeting continue 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.

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orientation. We are in the process of 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 & Business meeting will be 01.22.2022 at 9:00 am, followed by the HI Business meeting at 10am. ID is: 848 7072 2515 and passcode- Sober with a capitol S.

The February orientation is on 02.26.22 at 9am: ID is: 848 7072 2515 and passcode- Sober with a capitol S.

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

Love & Service,

Boo

### Newsletter Contributions

Hello Everyone,

This is Louie T. the editor of the Central News. Since I started editing the newsletter I have noticed that there are several ways to make contributions to the Central Office such as the Birthday Club, Individual Contributions, Grateful Givers, and Memorial Contributions. However, there is one contribution I have never seen used and that is the Newsletter Contribution.

If you enjoy the Central News, I invite you to make a donation to the Central Office on the name of the Newsletter

# Service Meetings

## AND ADDRESSES

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting  
**The zoom ID:885 8119 7080 Password: Sober(capital S).**  
Saturday January 22, 2022 9:00 AM

### SERVICE ADDRESSES

Tulare County Central Office  
449 E. Maple St.  
Exeter, CA 93221  
Email: tccof@hotmail.com  
Website: www.aa-tulareco.org

District 47, C.N.I.A.  
P.O. Box 273  
Exeter, CA 93221

CNIA Treasurer  
PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

General Service Office  
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station

## Contributions

### Birthdays 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

## Central Office Contacts

Voice Mail Calls	0
AA Members	6
Court Ref/Info	5
Meeting Information	10
H&I	0
Alanon & Alateen Information	0
Info. re Recovery Homes	1
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Other 12 Step Programs	2
Visitors to Office	45
Literature Sales	4
Specialty Sales	16
Churches & Schools	0
General Information	9
Prospective Members	0
Twelve Step Calls	0
E-Mail Contacts	12
Spanish Contact	1
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Total	108

## Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting  
186 W. Walnut Ave.  
Friday Jan. 7, 2022 at 8:00 PM  
Speaker: - TBA

Sunday Night Valley Group Serenity Seekers  
914 W. Center Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93291  
7:30-9PM  
Jan 5 Mireya C. Of Fresno  
Jan 12 Mike G. Of Fresno  
Jan 19 Brittney H. Of Tulare  
Jan 26 Johnnie R. Of Fresno

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Building  
36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
Sunday, January 9th, 2022 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  
Jan 2 Elena S. Of Fresno  
Jan 9 Teddy B. Of Visalia  
Jan 16 Tricia S. Of Fresno  
Jan 23 Monte S. Of Tulare  
Jan 30 Kat S. Of Fresno

# Central Service Meeting

DATE: 12/14/21

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Cheryl H. TIME: 7:04 pm

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

SERENITY PRAYER: By All

12 TRADITIONS: James T.

AA MEMBER COMMENTS: Clayton N.: Bridge Street Drunks has proposed the Central Office put out a yearly budget. They have offered the following:

Central Office Budget Request

Request that Central Office prepare a budget for the upcoming 2022 year. The budget be comprised of an average of the last 5-year actual expenses with a 10% increase for the upcoming year. From this budget, a prudent reserve of three months operating expenses be identified and set aside to ensure financial stability for the Central Office. Request that this be brought to be brought to the January CSR meeting for discussion and preliminary approval, presented to the groups for discussion and then returned to the February CSR meeting for final approval. Request that there be a provision that expenses which exceed 5% of the approved budget expenses require approval of the CSRs by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote. Going forward request that this process begin in October each year to ensure approval at the December CSR meeting for the upcoming year.

Reasoning: The Central Office is presenting to the CSRs and fellowship their financial needs on a Cash Basis month to month with is misleading. All entities in AA work on an approved budget after input from the fellowship. It is reasonable that the Central Office will only thrive with a budget which will ensure transparency to the fellowship which can support Central Office appropriately (This text has been transcribed verbatim as received, Secretary.)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Read by William, some corrections have been noted. CSRs have decided to read the minutes and skip having the CSR reports read aloud.

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Read by William.

TREASURER and OFFICE REPORT: Read by Bob H.: December 14, 2021 We had an income of \$2,065.77 and expenses of \$2,248.82 for a loss of (\$183.77) for this accounting period. Group contributions were down a little. We received a \$100.00 refund from the Picnic for leaving the grounds clean. Expenses include our regular monthly expenses. Our Grateful Givers Club brought

in \$220.00 in much appreciated contributions. We had \$109.73 total net sales in 5 transactions for credit and debit cards last month. Traffic and calls have been slow.

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 very happy to announce we have our first public information volunteer. She is helping us spread awareness of AA to potential alcoholics in the Porterville area by providing pamphlets at local businesses. As always, We are looking forward to the upcoming health fairs and other opportunities to spread awareness of A.A.

## CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING AGENDA

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
Jan	1 Step	Stefanie Due	12/20/21
Feb	2 Step	Sheryl E.	1/20/22

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

### TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue	Trad	Member	Due Date
Jan 1	Trad 1	Sara S.	12/20/21
Feb 2	Trad 2	Cheryl H.	1/20/22

Due to CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

## NEWSLETTER REPORT: No Report

WEBSITE REPORT: Please note that for the 30 days ending December 14, 2021, we had 2,707 visits and 754 visitors. This month's daily activity was barely lower than last month (-2%), but visitors were up by 10%. Same as last month, the most popular web page on the site is the list of meetings page; it garnered 20% 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%.

Due to the previous analytics package going out of support, we have implemented a new analytics package with even better privacy protection. But what that means is that next month, the statistics in the website

report may be significantly different.

**H&I 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. We continue to have several new volunteers join our monthly orientation. We are in the process of 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 act. **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](http://aa-tulareco.org).

**GSO LIAISON:** No report, no liaison, we have a flier that will be added at the end of this report.

**BTG CHAIRPERSON:** No report, position is open  
**CSR REPORTS:**

**Springville Breakfast Meeting December 12 2021.** It was a good meeting. Anetta was the main speaker and Kim was the 10 minute speaker. We served 66 breakfasts. Great crowd. Balance was \$1429.26. There were no speaker fees since the girls are local, and the food was donated therefore expenses were only \$50.00 for the hall. Subtotal \$1379.26. We brought in \$322. For breakfasts, \$113 for 7th tradition, \$176 in 50/50 and sold books for \$9.00 total income for \$620.00. New balance is \$1999.26 minus 900, prudent reserve leaving \$1099.26 for our new Balance. We voted Tiffany and Julie to continue their positions for next year. Next month's speakers are Laura and Dusty B. from Springville. I have given announcements for

elections tonight. Hopefully someone will show up. Thank you for letting me be of service Sheryl E.

**Tuesday Womens Changes Meeting Sheryl E GSR. 8/ 10/ 21.** 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. Our current balance this month is \$280.00 with \$120.00 in Prudent reserve. The last Tuesday of each month we celebrate a birthday potluck and the group pays for our own plates, spoons, cake etc... Vicky B will continue to be secretary since no one stepped up to the position. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sheryl E.

**David G. CSR reports follow: 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. All of our service commitments are up for new volunteers 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. This is a closed meeting for men only, for an hour and a half. 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, with cheesecake. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. We have coffee 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 (sometimes chilly) outdoor setting. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome. You want to bring a lawn chair or camp chair with you, and perhaps a blanket. 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). Here in the colder weather, there are between 10 and 20 people attending our meeting. In love and service, David G.

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 for various lengths of sobriety and celebrate birthdays at the end of each month with cake and ice cream. We have cake and ice cream regardless of anyone celebrating a birthday. Newcomers are welcome anyone may attend.

December Tuesday Women's Amity zoom group (report) We meet every Tuesday on zoom from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The ID is on the Tulare Co. org website (click and there we are) The meeting is a closed Women's meeting. (Which only means we talk about Our addiction to alcohol.) The group reads the daily reflections, steps or tradition and shares our experience, strength and hope with each other. We celebrate lengths of sobriety With a chip. January the group will be holding secretary elections. Thank you for letting me be of service, Boo

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.

Women's Closed meeting Amity Group, Claudia Q. CSR: Meets each Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 @ Trinity Church on Walnut Ave. Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month following our regular meeting. We celebrate continuous sobriety with chips each week. Our yearly anniversaries on the 4th Tuesday of the month with dinner at Amigo's before our meeting with cake served at the meeting. AA approved literature is for sale at the meeting. This month electing new service positions.

Springville Gut Level, James T. CSR: We are a small one topic discussion meeting. We meet at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. We are an open meeting and everyone is welcome. We regularly

contribute to all AA entities. We have our business meeting every 2nd Thursday night of the month. We celebrate yearly birthdays on the last Thursday of the month with cake. George H. in our secretary. Thank you for letting me be of service.

The Women's Saturday Morning 12x12 is a closed, women's meeting held every Saturday. Our meeting is from 9-10 am 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 are regularly made to all AA entities. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Lauren H.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. One of the after hour calls was asking about how to get court cards signed at a Zoom meeting. Two of the options offered are to hold up a card with the meeting info on it for the member to do a screenshot, or to put the meeting info into the Zoom chat for members to screenshot.

2. We called Spectrum (our provider) and ordered a \$120 phone. All of the fees are \$39.50 w/\$14.00 per month for service. We'll give 6 months to see if Venmo donations will pay for its service costs.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Elections were held for the new board members. Trudy called for the nominations to close and Sheryl E. 2nd the motion and nominations were closed Patrick A. and William E. both remained on the board and Cheryl H. was reelected, and David G. and Sara S. were both elected to the board as new members. NOTE: following this meeting the Board Meeting was held and new board positions were assigned as follows: Cheryl Hinton will remain the President, William Evans is the new Vice President, David Gerisch is the new Secretary, Patrick Anderson will remain as the Bridging the Gap member, and Sara Salvato is the new Member at Large.

2. The budget request will send out info th the meetings to get feedback for the next meeting in January SEVENTH TRADITION: \$30.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Valley Speaker event for New Year will be \$20 per person and the speaker is from Hollester, and the event will be at Saint Paul's Church MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 pm.

# Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

## Income & Expense Statement

11/21/21 THROUGH 12/20/2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	28.00	804.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Grateful Givers Club	130.00	3,000.00
Group Cont.	2,914.04	20,758.05
Indiv Cont	1,003.99	9,699.67
Lit. Sales	184.95	5,429.48
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	55.48	613.56
Spec. Events	0.00	2,843.00
Spec. Items	449.15	3,210.91
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,765.61</b>	<b>\$46,829.82</b>
<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	40.00	40.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	250.00	1,199.61
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	732.33
Phone & ISP	117.97	1,410.64
Postage	58.00	176.30
Employee Taxes	0.00	5,910.86
Returned Chk & Chg	0.00	925.89
Rent	600.00	6,375.00
Salary	1,347.34	15,613.00
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	436.00
Security System	185.61	741.97
Spec. Events	0.00	1,388.00
Spec. Items	307.44	1,532.51
Card Charge	9.51	138.00
Utilities	49.40	769.61
Website	75.41	121.19
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,040.68</b>	<b>41,382.22</b>

**Net Gain(Loss)      \$1,724.93      \$5,447.60**  
**BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL:      \$18,204.66**  
**ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL:      \$19,929.59**

## January AA Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Years</u>
Janice M.	Exeter	49
Rosemary H.	Three Rivers	48
Ray C.	Corcoran	47
Wilma L.	Tulare	46
Margie M.	Visalia	44
Ray C.	Exeter	44
John S.	Ivanhoe	43
Lyna H.	Three Rivers	42
Neva H.	Visalia	42
Edith M.	Visalia	40
Gary P.	Visalia	40
Peggy F.	Dinuba	39
Paul P.	Farmersville	38
Ramon V.	Porterville	37
Avg. Dave	Visalia	36
Mike K.	Visalia	36
Mike S.	Visalia	36
Mike S.	Hanford	36
James R.	Visalia	35
Monte W.	Visalia	34
Karen B.	Visalia	34
Don W.	Tulare	33
Jim B.	Visalia	32
Jack R.	Visalia	32
Sandi M.	Porterville	32
Paul S.	Visalia	31
Raymond C.	Visalia	31
Dusty A.	Visalia	30
Scott O.	Visalia	30
Linda A.	Visalia	29
Raleigh A.	Visalia	29
Tim M.	Visalia	29
Dick	Visalia	29
Sandy W.	Woodlake	28
Gale D.	Visalia	27
Eric M.	Visalia	27
Fred F.	Visalia	27
Bob Y.	Hanford	25
Stan B.	Terra Bella	24
Patrick S.	Visalia	24
Greg G.	Porterville	23
Martin	Dinuba	21
Catherine C.	Visalia	18
Bob M.	Visalia	17
Jim P.	Visalia	17
Linda I.	Visalia	16
Martha M.	Porterville	15
Miguel S.	Dinuba	14
Maria G.	Dinuba	14
Kim L.	Tulare	8
Vicki B.	Porterville	6

# Group Contributions

11/21/20- 12/20/21

	Month	YTD
1st Friday Spkr Mtg	20.00	135.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
As It Is Outlined in Book		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"	572.58	4,389.32
Civic Center Grp.	193.09	849.03
Clodbusters-Tulare	400.00	400.00
Crossroads-Tulare		0.00
CSO Meeting	30.00	250.40
District 47		0.00
Bill & Friends		0.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	100.00	1,100.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon		0.00
Foundation Group		0.00
Freedom Fellowship	200.00	450.00
Fri. Recovery Club		15.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Half & Half		225.00
Hillman Group		0.00
Keep it Simple Sunday	200.00	1,010.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		125.00
Men's Valley Book Study		100.00
Monday Men's Mtg.	100.00	1200.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		400.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville		100.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia	100.00	280.00
Mon. Women's Reflections	216.00	416.00
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	10.00	30.00
Springville Gut Level		575.00
St. Ritas AA Group	185.00	185.00
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	175.00	565.00
Valley Group		569.76
Valley Speaker Series		393.00
Visalia Alano		113.00
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		280.00
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia	112.37	523.84
Women's Changes-P'ville		250.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		100.00
Women in Unity		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12	300.00	1,272.00
Young & Restless		0.00
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## Central Office BOD Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12/14/2021 TIME: 8:43 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Cheryl H.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: See CSR meeting minutes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: New Board members were elected and new positions were also assigned. The new Board is as follows:

President: Cheryl Hinton

Vice President: William Evans

Secretary: David Gerisch

PI/CPC: Patrick Anderson

Member at Large: Sara Salvato

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT: No Report

PI/CPC REPORT: No Report

OFFICE OPERATION REPORT: See CSR meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: No Report

NEW BUSINESS REPORT: No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00pm

# District 47 Meeting Minutes

December 1, 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; Danette L., GSR for the Saturday Women's 12x12 Study

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 Danette L.

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

Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2021 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The committee approved money above our prudent reserve to be given at the rate of 60% to our Central Office and 40% to AA World Services. Everything over \$2,400 will be split 60-40. It is estimated to be about \$600 as of last month. There is no treasurers report this month as Josh F. was not able to check the mailbox, so the total will be updated next month. Not including December contributions, our balance as of last month was \$3,053.03

CSO Liaison Report: No report

Registrar: No Report

H&I Report: Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Rafael D. 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](http://aa-tulareco.org).

DCM Report: Allen L. recently attended the Election Assembly Nov. 12-13 via Zoom. Election Results: Delegate: Jennifer D., Alt. Delegate: Matthew L, Area Chair: Claudio B., Alt. Area Chair: Kendyce M., Secretary: Emily L, Treasurer: Holly, Registrar: Loren A. Old Business: On January 22 2021, District 47 is hosting a Unity Event. The speakers (Nancy Mc. and Don H.) have been secured and the flyers have been created and submitted for publication in the Central News newsletter and on the Central Office website. This is an event about the history of General Service and how AA began. Both speakers are popular, knowledgeable speakers, and it should be a great, informative evening. It will be a zoom only meeting.

New Business: Elections were held and the results are: DCM Allen L, Alternate DCM open, Treasurer Josh F, Secretary Jim K., Registrar open. The committee is interested in filling the board, so if you are interested in joining the D47 committee, please consider joining our meeting on zoom next month.

Seventh Tradition: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

**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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim K, Recording Secretary

## Big Book Discussion

Reading for Comments in February 2022 Central News

AA Big Book Pgs. 44-45

"If a mere code of morals or a better philosophy of life were sufficient to overcome alcoholism, many of us would have recovered long ago. But we found that such codes and philosophies did not save us, no matter how much we tried. We could wish to be moral, we could wish to be philosophically comforted, in fact, we could will these things with all our might, but the needed power wasn't there. Our human resources, as marshalled by the will, were not sufficient; they failed utterly.

Lack of power, that was our dilemma. We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a *Power greater than ourselves*. Obviously. But where and how were we to find this Power?"

I encourage anyone interested to read this passage and write a few lines on the subject. Please submit your thoughts to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) by 1/20/22 to be included in the February Central News!

# Lighter Side of AA

## One Liners

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

A man walks into a bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

A doctor tells a woman she can no longer touch anything alcoholic. So she gets a divorce.

"Two beer or not two beer, that's the question!"  
-William Shakesbeer

A termite walks into a bar and says, "Where is the bar tender?"

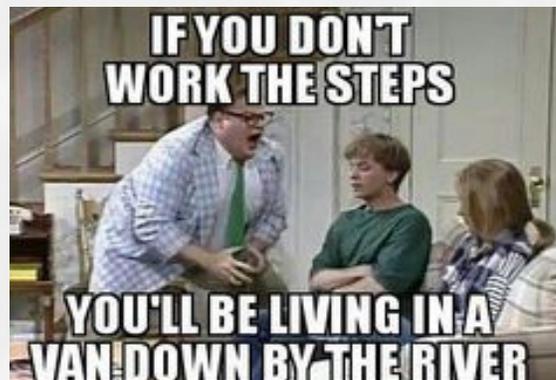
When The Hulk goes off into a vicious rage and destroys everything, he's "Incredible." But when I do it, I'm "an alcoholic."

Three conspiracy theorists walk into a bar. You can't tell me that's just a coincidence!

"Your finest Scotch, please."  
"Yes, sir," the guy at Staples says as he hands me a 12 year old roll of tape.

I just read an article about the dangers of drinking that scared the crap out of me. That's it. No more reading!

I screamed at my neighbor, "What on earth are you doing on our roof!"  
He screamed back, "I saw you at the bar, and you said the drinks were on the house!"





## *Rest in Peace*

**Bob H. Passed from this world on January 2, 2022. Bob was a great man and a shining example of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

**He will be greatly missed!**

**We will be having a memorial section for Bob in the next issue of this newsletter and I would appreciate any stories, reflections, or kind words about Bob that we can share with the rest of our AA family.**

**Please email these comments to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)**

# **District 47 Presents an Online Unity Event**

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## **General Service**

# **411**

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **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)

# *Your Content Here!!!*

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

All this can be accommodated-we are available to help! Simply reach out to us here at Central News and we will do all we can to get the word out!!!

Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffer is our primary purpose. What better way to do it then to get involved!!!!

Send your content to:

[centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com)

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