

CENTRAL NEWS

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Exeter Peaches, Allen L.

One Man's Opinion As He Sees the Spiritual Angle

"There are no atheists in foxholes" is an expression which has been current nearly three years, though its authenticity has been challenged by skeptics. It also might be said that "there are no atheists in A. A., " though this statement, too, might be open to question.

It is by no means easy to estimate just how much spiritual faith is necessary to grasp the A. A. message and to follow the A. A. program in its fullest measure. The problem has been brought home several times recently when this writer was engaging in 12th Step work, and the question was not answered easily.

By way of preamble, it is best to assert that the present writer is not an atheist, since he does not pursue a system of thought opposed to belief in God. Strictly speaking, atheism is not the declining to assert an affirmative belief in theism but is the assertion of the negative to theism. It may take the form of asserting the exclusion of a First Cause, or of asserting the non-existence of a personal God. Moral atheism is expressed in the assertion that no spiritual First Cause exists, that if God exists man never has learned and never can learn His will, and that, since no divine sanction can be found for morals, right or wrong in conduct are determined solely by circumstances. Any philosophy, then, which omits the existence of God from its consideration may be defined as negative atheism.

It is this writer's opinion that even such a blank conscience

as the foregoing might be receptive to the AA program, granting a wholehearted acceptance of the first step, though he does not endorse the above tenets himself. I believe there is only one source for all life whose ineffably superior power is revealed in the few details of creation which we are able to perceive with our limited understanding. To me, God is only the primal energy which set in motion the forces and laws which brought into existence and now govern the universe.

Let me hasten to grant that this is just my opinion. It could be incorrect. Furthermore, I may some day change my opinion. I do not claim to be infallible. I merely am stating my opinion on a subject which frequently arises in discussion with new A. A. s and some not so new.

Without putting forward any formalized creed of my own, I hold that every man has a perfect right to choose his own faith, unbound by any set of articles. While holding my own beliefs, I wish everyone to decide for himself what God is, without forfeiting my right to choose among conflicting views of doctrine and statement those which seem to me to be true and right.

Since ethics are an important subject for us, I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow - creatures happy through perfect liberty, increased fellowship, and cooperation among mankind.

Perhaps those who are fortunate to have beliefs rooted in those of an organized faith might be tempted to say that such a creed as mine is not enough for an A. A., yet one who holds to such broad conceptions of a Power Greater than Ourselves has been helped thereby in achieving almost three years' sobriety.

I will add this qualification: One must keep an open mind on the so-called "Spiritual Angle." But that also holds for other matters in A. A. Truly, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

—R. E. B., Manhattan

Step 8 *Make a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all*

On page 77 in the 12 & 12 it states that after we look at where we had been at fault, now we attempt to repair the damages we have done and lastly develop the best possible relations with every human being we know."

What an order! I can't go through with it!!! Now you can say this because this step is where it gets a bit tough. I remember saying that this is the one step I feel I can't do. But why not? Why can't I clear up the wreckage of my past, why can't I face the people I have harmed. I'M A COWARD! And I was riddled with shame, guilt and embarrassment.

Handicap by immaturity, poor social skills, an inability to communicate and a few emotional problems sprinkled on top, I had quite a cake baked. But faced with the possibility of going back to the hell I had just come from, I became willing... a little. I didn't know how but I would have to try. I must admit this is where I needed the God of my understanding to come to my aid. I needed Him to give me willingness, give me courage, and to rescue me from who I really was and give me insight into who I really am. It was time to move forward and be free---from the past. You know, I had to remember that God would not make this more than I could bear so I had to trust His process and anticipate His results. Peace with God and man.

Results that so far had been promising. Sobriety was more than I had thought it could ever be, I had happiness finally and some direction. I had met new people that were sober and with who I could trust and travel this journey with. I didn't have to be alone. Most of all I knew that I never had to take another drink again. These were a pretty good benefits package. Making these amends would now be an attempt to solidify this for once and for all. A refund would mean drinking again and greater depths of self-destruction.

In Step 8 I had two tasks, to make the list and then become willing. "Just make the list and worry about the willingness later I was told just for starters. Not over thinking a lot was

a helpful way to approach it. For many of the people I had harmed, I knew I needed to talk to them but there were some people and situations I didn't have clarity about. So, I discussed these with my sponsor, and God. I let my conscious and a big dose of honesty help me. I want to really make a sincere effort at getting my life straightened out because I couldn't wait for the life I never had. I saw how having good relationships with other AA members were a guide to what I wanted to achieve and I wanted it now with family, friends and even strangers.

Step 8's Spiritual Principle is LOVE: the unselfish concern that freely accepts another in loyalty and seeks his good to hold dear. My goal to achieve this was to seek forgiveness and hopefully mend broken relationships, or at least try. Having searched my motives and actions in step 4 and now owning them meant I could show the persons I had harmed that I was serious about making it right. It was time to grow up emotionally and let AA's principles give me strength and integrity. My new credibility would be essential as I continued my journey. I wanted to be stable, peaceful, serene.

This is where I would now be able to find out just how much great emotional harm I had done not just to others but to myself. It says once I do this, the obsession and compulsion will be removed and I will enter the "World of the Spirit." I was now going to remove the reasons why I drank. I'll never forget a man that gave a pitch and said of steps 8 and 9, "we alcoholics always want to get something for nothing, but to be restored means I need to be willing to restore others." How true. So, I stop balking and get busy and let The Invisible Power that loves me do for me what I cannot do for myself.

Shelly J, Tulare, CA

This Month I got 2 Tradition 8 Articles so you Get A bonus Article this month!!!!

Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Bill and Bob realized right away that drunks, in revelry or recovery, are not an amalgamous group. When the big book was published it included the statement: "we would not normally mix". We come from every social tier, financial and educational experience. I chuckle when tradition eight's warnings about organization are read at meetings and I want to blurt out "Not much chance of that anyway".

By the time the traditions began to develop it was obvious that the two founders would not be able to provide for a burgeoning membership, vend a growing library of approved literature, and interface with non-members who hoped that AA could help them or their families. We would have to open and staff venues which would allow access to that which we

could offer.

These staffers may not have to be AA members but to keep the doors open they would have to be timely, motivated, emotionally reachable and we should not expect volunteers to provide all of these services. Some positions would have to be compensated. We would have to deal with the ghastly green dragon - money - to fill some of the necessary positions.

We use volunteers to our advantage, and regularly rotating responsibility allows us to introduce new members to that side of the meeting experience. But we cannot expect all of these day-to-day duties, vital to prospects, new members, and seasoned groups alike to be provided without employees. These employees should be paid a fair wage on a regular basis. This is the safety net provided by tradition eight. We can and do use paid workers when necessary. Thank you to our loyal and trustworthy central office staff, thank you New York for the literature, guidance and response to our questions. You are a gift, gladly paid.

We do not solicit membership, so paid twelve step work is not included in AA responsibility. Our membership includes people paid to bring prospects out of the cold and we are grateful to them for helping us in that effort. They provide medical care, temporary housing and drying out facilities. This is not AA work. Police officers might be considered AA headhunters, and judges, clergymen and psychologists might also seem to be compensated in our regard, but they are not. They are not employed by the program and we do not pay them. In a way, Seagrams distilleries could be considered paid to drive the alcoholic to our doors and the drug cartels contribute incentives and a road to the bottom, but we do not reward them for their effort.

Our commitment to sobriety and the shared dedication to each other is all the organization we need to keep the doorways open, the coffee made, and a warm firm handshake for our divergent drunks and death defying dopers.

Tradition 8

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In preparation for writing about tradition eight, I, of course, consulted the Twelve and Twelve.

To carry our message to the ones that still suffer from active Alcoholism, we must freely give it away. It's the only way to make that honest connection with another person. When a person is paid to come to me and tell me about getting sober, they are doing it for pay. Their motive is money, not my welfare. How many people getting

sober through court mandated testing or other paid systems were violated for non-payment, even though they wanted to stay sober? If you couldn't pay for private rehab, would you still be allowed to continue the program? No. Alcoholics Anonymous is given freely through the twelfth step, with love. We can really make that connection, for life. This is how it has been given to us and this is how we give it away.

If we have jobs to do in facilitating the work of AA, jobs that can be done by non-AA people, fair compensation is warranted. This needed work is not carrying the message to those that suffer, but are the gears that work behind the scenes that allow AA to fulfill their primary purpose. This is how I feel about the Twelfth Tradition.

— Bill E.

Contributions

In the May's Contribution section, I made a mistake with the report so I will include those figures here.

Louie

Birthday Club

Trevor S	6
Bill E	Springville 11
Jim K	Visalia 20

May 2022

Therea S 25

Albert G 33

Julio Q 34

GRATEFUL GIVERS CLUB

Members 315.00

May 2022

Members - \$260.00

Individual Contributions

Anonymous

Erica E

Freeman

Robert T

Sandra K

Shannon S

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Financial Report

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Income & Expense Statement

6/21/22 THROUGH 7/20/2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
B.Day Club	37.00	577.00
CD & Tape Cont.	0.00	0.00
Grateful Givers Club	120.00	2,950.12
Group Cont.	1,686.09	15,592.43
Indiv Cont	123.04	4,499.38
Lit. Sales	336.83	4,165.22
Memorial Cont.	0.00	200.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cont	0.00	30.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	52.00	526.37
Service Charge	7.00	13.81
Spec. Events-picnic	0.00	4,197.50
Spec. Items	257.40	2,597.90
State fund dividend	0.00	50.00
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TOTAL	\$2,619.36	\$35,399.73
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DT.</u>
Fees-Taxes	0.00	45.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	21.75	4,184.77
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	1,141.25	2,367.98
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	231.14
Phone & ISP	132.97	930.79
Ph-venmo	19.00	134.50
Postage	(1.10)	56.90
Employee Taxes	1,610.65	4,796.10
Returned Chk & Chg	0.00	0.00
Rent	600.00	4,200.00
Salary	1,311.36	10,438.90
Sales Tax-Paid	822.00	822.00
closed account	0.00	-35.92
Spec. Events-picnic	73.09	1,504.04
Spec. Items	39.95	2,502.40
Card Charge	6.76	108.33
Utilities	82.74	547.82
venmo fees	4.83	7.95
Website	5.58	35.46
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TOTAL	\$5,870.83	\$33,428.16
Net Gain(Loss)	(\$3,251.47)	\$1,971.57
BEGINNING TOTAL ACCT BAL:	\$25,153.00	
ENDING TOTAL ACCT BAL:	\$21,901.53	

August AA Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Years</u>
Don H.	Porterville	49
Betty C.	Visalia	48
Larry R.	Visalia	45
Diane N.	Exeter	44
Mary S.	Tipton	41
Juanita M.	Visalia	39
Helen D.	Tulare	39
Dan H.	Porterville	38
Emma K.	Tulare	35
Les S.	Tulare	34
Emilio A.	Goshen	33
Frank V.	Visalia	32
Debbie S.	Visalia	31
Jonna K.	Porterville	31
Rick S.	Visalia	31
Deric F.	Visalia	30
Bob T.	Visalia	28
Greg H.	Visalia	26
Richard R.	Tulare	24
Margie A.	Three Rivers	24
Diane M.	Visalia	23
Lynn T.	Porterville	20
Sheri T.	Hanford	18
Gilbert C.	Visalia	18
Kelly K.	Visalia	18
Michael C.	Visalia	17
Laura N.	Fresno	16
Doug H.	Porterville	13
Bill E.	Springville	11
Glenda G.	Porterville	10
Mitch K.	Visalia	8
Vicki B.	Porterville	5
Greg R.	Visalia	4

Thats 883 Years of Sobriety!!!

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Supporting the Central Office is a very important and valuable thing for our fellowship! Now it is easier than ever!

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Big Book Discussion

August Discussion Topic

AA Big Book Pg. 83

The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it. Unless one's family expresses a desire to live upon spiritual principles we think we ought not to urge them. We should not talk incessantly to them about spiritual matters. They will change in time. Our behavior will convince them more than our words. We must remember that ten or twenty years of drunkenness would make a skeptic out of anyone.

There may be some wrongs we can never fully right. We don't worry about them if we can honestly say to ourselves that we would right them if we could. Some people cannot be seen—we send them an honest letter. And there may be a valid reason for postponement in some cases. But we don't delay if it can be avoided. We should be sensible, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping. As God's people we stand on our feet; we don't crawl before anyone.

Comments

Personally I didn't need twenty years of drunkenness to make me a skeptic about a spiritual life. My childhood trauma and exposure to religion turned me off long before I became an alcoholic. But it was with my first Sponsors guidance while working the Twelve Steps that I was given the opportunity to accept a of "God" of my understanding through the spiritual principals of the A.A. Today I can be an example to others through my behavior and sharing honestly about my Higher Power that a spiritual life is not a theory. I get to live One Day at a Time in peace as a sober member of A.A. It has been my pleasure to work with others in their early recovery and share with them what my Sponsor shared with me. I've had the privilege of working with very Spiritual people, Atheists/Agnostics, and the bottom line is the hope that we never have to drink again.

Reyes A., Visalia Rainbow A.A. Group

I say this ALL THE TIME, but, this is one of my favorite passages in the book...

For YEARS it was a given that Louie would invariably screw up, thats just Louie... so when I got sober is wasn't

enough to just make an amends and move on everything, would be hunky dory. "Hi people I have been hurting for 20 years I found God so now you can trust me again."

No, thats not how it works (at least for me). I had to do the footwork and get right. I had to trust God and seek his will, that doesn't mean I had to get on my knees and beg for forgiveness, it means that I had to clean my side of the street and let God handle the rest.

Today 6 years and 8 months since I got sober I have a great relationship with some family, a marginal relationship with others, and some that don't want anything to do with me. And I don't blame them in the least I did it, I caused the pain. I just know that if I continue to follow this design for living outlined in the AA program I won't have to get loaded anymore and that God will work out the rest!

Louie T.

September Discussion Topic

AA Big Book Pg. 83-84

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and selfpity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we workfor them.

Please submit your thoughts to:

centralintergroupnews@gmail.com by 8/20/22 to be included in the AprilCentral News!

☆☆☆☆ *New Meeting* ☆☆☆☆

Position of Neutrality Group

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00PM
914 W. Center St
Visalia, CA 93291

The Position of Neutrality Group is a Book Study Meeting. A page from the Big Book is read, and the chair person will share his or her experience with that page and the stepwork process that the page pertains to.

After the chair person is finished the meeting is opened for others to share about their experience with the same reading.

The meeting closes with the 10th step promises.

The Position of Neutrality group is an OPEN Meeting and we are excited to have everyone who wants to get sober join us!

Central Office Contacts

AA Members	51
Alanon & Alateen Information	0
Bridging The Gap	0
Churches & Schools	0
Court Ref/Info	5
E-Mail Contacts	170
General Information	25
H&I	0
Literature Sales	7
Meeting Information	33
Other 12 Step Programs	0
Prospective Members	0
Schedules & Info-Mailed & Faxed	0
Spanish Contact	3
Specialty Sales	7
Twelve Step Calls	0
Visitors to Office	12
Voice Mail Calls	17
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Total	330

Speaker Meetings

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting

186 W. Walnut Ave.

Friday August 5th, 2022 at 8:00 PM

Speaker: - Keep Coming Back Jesse M with 36 years!

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting

Veterans Memorial Building

36000 Hwy 190, Springville

Sunday, August 14th, 2022

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

Speaker: Vicky E from Santa Paula with 38 years!

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

8/3- Evy G of Fresno 4 years

8/10- Leah W of Visalia 4 months

8/17- Carrie "LA" A of Fresno 6 years

8/24- Scot L of Visalia 34 years

8/31- Suellen J of Fresno 32 years

Sunday Night Valley Group Serenity Seekers

914 W. Center Ave.

Visalia, CA 93291

7:30-9PM

8/7- Dave S. of Visalia

8/14- Matt H. of Visalia

8/21- Laura B of Springville

8/28- Genevieve P. of Visalia

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, August 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting (odd months) in person at 526 N Bridge St (no Zoom)
4th Saturday September 24th at 10:00 AM
November 26th at 10:00 AM

H & I Orientation (even months)
Zoom ID: 848 7072 2515 Password: Sober (capital S).
4th Saturday August 27th 2022 10:00 AM
October 22nd 2022 at 10:00 AM

TUFYPAA
Zoom ID 839 4820 8237 Password: service
2nd Sunday of the month August 14th

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Hospitals & Institutions August 2022

Area Chair Report:

The Hospitals and Intuition Committee continues to service Pine Manor, Mental Health, Turning Point and Women's Recovery Home. At each meeting H & I literature is given.

In July- H & I orientated 2 new volunteers! Both have taken Facility Coordinator positions.

The Tulare Jail remains closed to volunteers due to the pandemic.

H and I business meetings have resumed to in-person! The meeting is located at 526 N Bridge St, Visalia. The next H & I business meeting is **September 24th at 10am.** (Business meetings are held on odd months) H and I orientations will remain on zoom, and will be every other month. **August 27th at 9am.** (Orientations are on even months)
The meeting ID is: 848 7072 2515. Password is Sober. There is also a link to join on the aa-tulareco.org.

H & I continues to encourage all groups to elect an H&I Representative and to attend the business meetings. This will ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee.

Love & Service,

Boo

Central Service Meeting

Date: July 12th, 2022

Meeting called to order: Cheryl H. Time: 7:02 PM
Board members present: Cheryl H., William (Bill) E., Patrick A., Sara S., David G. Absent: none
Serenity Prayer: said by all.
12 Traditions: Cody

Minutes of last meeting: Reviewed by members individually; no corrections. Brett moved to approve, Patrick seconded. Report of last Board meeting: presented by Cheryl H. Meeting called to order at 8:45 PM. President (Cheryl) did not have a report. Vice President (Bill) wanted to state how well the Founders Day Picnic went; kudos to Sara and her team. Secretary (David) has put into action a plan for timely production of meeting minutes. Sara got some information from Boo about Bridging The Gap. Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (P.I./C.P.C.) (Patrick) said his report is the same as in the CSR meeting. Office Operations report (Carol Ann) didn't have any additional information that hasn't already been said. Bill asked what the new credit card limit was; it is \$2,000. The old business was the Founder's Day Picnic. There was a request by Porterville members that the planning meeting for next year be at Central Office in Exeter. The planning meetings were on Zoom to enable remote attendance, but at only one of six meetings did remote attendees show

up. The wrap up meeting was June 29th. There was discussion about potential future events; New Year's Eve – it might be the right time to start planning, although previously planning would have already begun. David is on the Valley Speaker series committee and thinks they are planning on doing a New Year's event. The Valley Speaker series does events for the purpose of unity, fundraising is not the purpose of the meeting. In past times, the Central Office New Year's Eve event were gala events and were a major fundraising event for Central Office. We should ask our groups what sort of events they would like to see. Maybe take your sponsor to dinner, breakfast, lunch? Perhaps another event would be a golf tournament, perhaps maybe a Long Timer Luncheon. These were just things that were discussed. Under new business we discussed reimbursement for Claudia when she back fills for Carol Ann. What would be fair compensation? There was a discussion and the motion was made to pay Claudia \$75 per day when she was filling in for Carol Ann. Cheryl made the motion, Patrick seconded, vote was unanimous. Cheryl would like to add that Claudia is not a volunteer here at the office. She is considered assistant to the office manager when called to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Treasurer and office report: Presented by Carol Ann Gable, Office Manager & Treasurer. Treasurer / Office Report and Financial Report July 12th 2022 Central Office had an income of \$8,875.83, and expenses of \$3,570.13, for a gain of \$5,285.70. Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$315.00 and our Birthday Club brought in \$20.00 in much appreciated contributions. We had \$305.94 in gross sales in 8 transactions for credit and debit cards last month. We had 2 transactions in Paypal for \$29.75. Venmo had 2 transactions for \$43.76. In the current accounting period I am happy to announce we are officially receiving group contributions though the VENMO app. The numbers will be included in the next month's office report. Traffic and calls have been average. We want to thank all the groups and individuals who contributed to show their support for Central Office. Office operations are going well and we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message of recovery.

Carol Ann Gable
Office Manager/Treasurer

Carol Ann added thanks to Claudia; she filled in for Carol Ann when Carol Ann was out sick for a week. There were two questions for Carol Ann. 1) \$5,000 is a large gain, where was that from? The Founders Day Picnic, mostly. 2) Normally there is a monthly charge for Venmo, but this month not? Billing cycles changed, so this month's Venmo expense will show up on next month's monthly financial report.

Public Information report: Patrick A. provided the 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. I again would like to thank everybody who helped out at the Founder's Day picnic. That was awesome. An upcoming event I was told about yesterday, and I have a flyer for, is for the 2022 Pow Wow for the Tule River Tribe of California in Porterville, which is September 9th, 10th and 11th... It is a three day event. We absolutely would need volunteers to have a booth occupied for all three days. Patrick will look into this and have more information at the next meeting. There was discussion about perhaps retired A.A. members could be at the booth on Friday, with other members at the booth Saturday and Sunday. There are two long time members of A.A. who are also members of the tribe, and who would be willing to work with P.I./C.P.C. Patrick thanked Carol Ann for bringing the Pow Wow to his attention.

Thank you for letting me be a service.

Patrick.

Volunteers to write Step and Tradition for Central News Step for newsletter:

Issue	Step	Member	Due date
August	8	Shelly J.	July 20
Sept	9	Patrick A.	August 20

Due to: CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Tradition for newsletter:

Issue	Trad	Member	Due date
August	8	Bill E.	July 20
Sept	9	Cheryl H.	August 20

Due to: CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Newsletter report: Louie T. provided the report, which was read by Cheryl.

Hello Everyone,

I hope life is treating everyone well! The newsletter is going well, I have been getting the information I need in a timely manner. We currently have 85 members receiving the Central News Newsletter. Participation in the Big Book Discussion has dwindled, pretty much Reyes and me every month. I have not sent out the mid-month reminder in the last 2 months so that probably has contributed to the decline. There have been some submissions of content and I really appreciate that. I ask that the CSR please announce at your meeting that the Newsletter is looking for members that want to participate. Cheryl adds that if you have sponsee who tells you they are bored, put them to work. I know some people feel like they can't write well enough, but really it can be anything. A joke, an article you read, a passage from the book that you like. If anyone wants to contribute to the Newsletter or just has an idea, I am willing to work with them to put something together.

Love you and thank you for allowing me to be of service!
Louie T.

Website report: Provided by David G.

For June 2022, we had 1,496 visitors and 3,079 page views. Today's AA Meetings was the most popular page, followed by the front page. The third most popular page was the Cities page, which lists which meetings are in each city. I think there is something going on with web page archive software. There were 7 downloads of the classic printed version of the meeting schedule, 8 downloads of the new sample meeting schedules, and 2 downloads of the May Central News newsletter.

H & I report: Provided by Boo.

Boo: Tulare County Hospitals & Institution Committee
Hospitals & Institutions July 2022 Area Chair Report:

The Hospitals and Intuition Committee continues to service Pine Manor, Mental Health, Turning Point and Women's Recovery Home. (Pine resumed to Zoom). Literature is given. The Tulare County Jail remains closed to volunteers due to the pandemic. H & I orientated 2 new volunteers and they are on fire for H & I! H & I business meetings will resume IN-PERSON! The next business meeting is July 23rd at 10am. The meeting is located at 526 N Bridge St, Visalia (Business meetings are on odd months). H & I orientations will remain on Zoom, and will be every other month (Even months). The next orientation will be August 27th at 9am. If you have someone who is interested, give them Boo's phone number; if you don't have Boo's phone number, you can contact Carol Ann at the Central Office for it. The meeting ID is: 848 7072 2515. Password is Sober. There is also a link to join on the aatulareco.org web site. Note: H & I will be following CDC recommended guidelines for everyone's safety, when we meet in person at Bridge Street.

H & I continues to encourage all groups to elect an H & I Representative and to attend the business meetings. This will ensure we are carrying the collective conscience of Tulare County to the NorCal Committee.

Love & Service,
Boo

GSO liaison report: provided by David G.

We had our GSR meeting. Attendance was no better than before, even though we tried to talk up getting more people to attend. We did ask Jim K. if he would be the project lead on a golf tournament and he said yes. He would like to do that. He does request that, in previous years people would assume that Jim knew they were going to attend. Jim did not, so then they showed up and there wasn't Tee Time for them. We need to make sure people know they need to actually tell Jim "I'm going to be there."

The other part of business was that the Area 07 Delegate Report is going to happen. It is a combined event with the three Fresno Districts, Tulare County, and our Spanish speaking district down here. That is going to happen Saturday, August 6th. It's going to be at Fresno Fellowship in Fresno. District 47 is going to send money to help pay for the event. We're going to donate up to \$500. The last thing was that there was a little bit of confusion with Bridging

The Gap. The Bridging The Gap coordinator for Northern California needed to send out a blue card and they didn't know who to send it to. They contacted Allen the D.C.M. Allen had the wrong email address for the volunteer, so we didn't actually get someone to meet the inmate who showed up. That was painful. Any questions for David?

Is this the Unity Day or is this something different? This is in place of the Unity Day, yes. It is going to be the delegate coming down from Sacramento and giving her report of what happened at the General Service Conference in New York City. (Bill said) If you don't know, this is a good opportunity to hear or meet Jenn who is our representative to New York, so you can understand the relationship that we have here, and how many degrees of separation we have from people in New York.

Bridging The Gap (BTG) Chairperson provided by Sara S: no report this month.

CSR reports:

Civic Center Group, Brett R., CSR.

Tuesday night Civic Center meeting is held at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree, in Visalia. It starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an Open meeting, and newcomers are welcome. Mitch K. is our secretary. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM. We have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes.

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 E Prosperity Ave in Tulare from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We are a fellowship of men and women sharing our experience, strength, and hope. This is an indoor meeting, averaging about twelve people every week. We give out chips for various lengths of continuous sobriety and celebrate birthdays at the end of each month with cake and ice cream. We have cake and ice cream regardless if anyone is celebrating a birthday or not. :-) Newcomers are welcome, and anyone may attend. The air conditioning is working great - quiet and comfortable.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Patrick A.

A question was asked by Steve if this group has qualified sponsors. Brett asked what "qualified" meant; it is people who have been through the Twelve Steps. Patrick answered that yes, this group has sponsors who are qualified and willing; at least two immediately came to mind.

Bridge Street Drunks, Sara S., CSR.

We are a large group which hosts 18 meetings, in Visalia. We are hoping to make it 20, by starting a Women's meeting on Monday nights at 7:00 PM so it won't interfere with the other Women's meeting on Monday nights - we are looking for a female to secretary that meeting, so it hasn't started

yet. We have literature and books at cost. We provide coffee at all meetings. We encourage anyone to join us.

Our meeting schedule is:

Monday through Sunday 7 AM to 8 AM

Monday through Sunday 12 noon to 1 PM

Tuesday evening 6 to 7 PM (literature study)

Wednesday evening 6 to 7 PM (12 x 12 book study)

Thursday evening 7 to 8:30 PM (Big Book study)

Saturday evening 7 to 8 PM (open meeting)

Our business meetings are held the last Saturday of the month at either 8:00 AM (odd-number months) or 1:00 PM (even-numbered months).

Our birthday meetings are the last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting – we give chips and hugs, coffee and snacks – all are welcome. The Women's Meeting that was trying to open on Mondays has been tabled. There was an issue brought up during the business meeting; so this item has been tabled.

The group asked "How long is Central Office going to have Venmo?" Cheryl answered: if Venmo income exceeds Venmo expense by November, we will continue with Venmo. The setup for Venmo was pretty costly. The group also asked "What is Central Office going to do with it's money in excess of it's Prudent Reserve?" Cheryl answered that right now, there is no money in excess of Prudent Reserve. What would we do if we had excess money? We would use it to help with fundraisers. If we do end up with a really large amount of excess money, we will ask the groups what we should do with it. A couple months ago, it was suggested that Central Office raise it's Prudent Reserve, and it did so; but this month we paid our quarterly payroll taxes, so we are now below our Prudent Reserve. Discussion followed, regarding Central Office's status as a business (not a meeting), and that if we were to give money to A.A. World Services, Inc. (the publishing arm of A.A.) that literature costs for all of A.A. would drop. A.A. World Services, Inc. does not make a profit on literature, so if costs go down, the price charged for literature goes down too. We could donate that money that way if we want to – there is an entry in our bylaws that allows for this. Further discussion was about literature expense going up recently, and other quarterly expenses recently paid (but will show up on next month's financial report). Sara did take the new sample meeting schedules to her group and passed them around; mostly, the members preferred the original meeting format. One member did observe that the new samples had more information per meeting on it. There have been "Meeting in a Pocket" fold-up meeting formats; could that be done? There is a four column version that might work. Thank you for letting me of service,
Sara S.

Crossroads Group, Steve P., CSR,

The Crossroads Group is an Open meeting, and we meet Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, 220 W Tulare Ave in Tulare (the Hillman House). We have had about 10 to 12 in attendance this last month; all are welcome.

Pine Recovery (Candlelight meeting), Steve P., CSR.

The Pine Recovery Candlelight meeting is on Fridays nights, from 10:00 to 11:00 PM, in Visalia at 120 W School Ave. We've had up to 45 people at the meeting recently. This is an Open meeting for both men and women. There have been two cancellations due to Covid-19 outbreaks; we haven't figured out a way to notify people of the closed meeting, because the outbreak might have happened the day before. Boo has an idea about how to wrangle that (will share with Steve after the meeting).

Tuesday Women's Amity Group, Claudia, CSR.

We are a Closed meeting that meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Trinity Reformed Church on Walnut Avenue in Visalia. This meeting is a wonderful blend of oldtimers and weekly newcomers. We celebrate continuous lengths of sobriety up to one year, weekly. Yearly birthdays are celebrated at the end of the month, where we attend a "no host" dinner at Amigos before the meeting.

Our regular business meeting is the third Tuesday of each month. We make group contributions to A.A. entities. Zoom is no longer available, so the meeting is in person. Thank you for letting me be of service,
Claudia.

Monday Night Men's Meeting, David G., CSR.

We meet at the PPAV Hall in Visalia, at the corner of Burke and Main at 7:30 PM. This is a Closed meeting for men only, for 90 minutes. We usually have 25-35 attendees; two of the recovery homes have been sending people in every other week so attendance has been hitting 60. 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 or apple pie. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. We have coffee and literature, with a good amount of fellowship before and after. Grant C. is our Secretary. Our format now includes asking men who are willing and able to sponsor to stand up, so newcomers know who to approach. The elections did not happen at the business meeting in July because of Fourth of July; so elections will happen the first Monday in August.

Keep It Simple Sunday, David G. CSR.

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Blain Park in Visalia (not Tulare), 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 do want to bring a lawn chair / camp chair with you. As an outdoor meeting, we are pet-friendly. 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 Scot L. The business meetings are the last Sunday of the month, immediately after. There are usually between 20 and 30 people attending our meeting. This meeting has a summer schedule (meeting starts at 9:00 AM)

and a winter schedule (meeting starts at 10:00 AM). We just switched to the summer schedule, which will probably remain until October.

Friday Freedom Fellowship, Jeremy M. CSR,
We meet at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia at 7:00 PM at 3830 W Tulare Ave. This is a closed meeting, except for the last Friday of the month where we celebrate birthdays.
Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting, Sheryl E., CSR.
We meet on the second 2nd Sunday of every month, and are an Open meeting. We meet at the Springville Veterans Memorial Building, 35944 Highway 190. The meeting was closed for a while, so this second meeting, which was this Sunday, ran very smoothly. We served a total of 82 breakfasts including one child and our two speakers. Income was \$653.50, and expenses were \$120.33 bringing us to a total ending balance of \$1,456.10 – great job. Most people are pleased with the new way of serving and the consistency of volunteers. The speakers were excellent as usual. Next month our speaker will be Vicky E. from Santa Paula. Sheryl did ask the group about the new schedule ideas and a few people came up after the meeting; mostly they said keep it the way it is. We did talk about raising the amount of gas money that we give to speakers, but we ended up tabling it to next month because we couldn't decide what we wanted to do.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Sheryl

Bill asked what the group's Prudent Reserve is; Sheryl will have to get that information.

Tuesday Women's Changes Meeting, Sheryl E., CSR.
Our meeting meets every Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the 12 Step Recovery Club at 186 S D St in Porterville. We're an Open meeting for women only and we ask that you please leave your children at home. We each pick a stick out of a jar and share about the topic on the stick. We are generally a small group and grow in numbers on the last Tuesday of each month when we enjoy a birthday potluck with good food and sweet dessert (usually cake).

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Sheryl

Springville Book Study Group, Cody R., CSR,
We meet on Mondays, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at The Lighthouse Chapel at 35811 Rio Vista Rd in Springville. This is an Open meeting.

Gut-Level Group, Cody R., CSR,
We meet on Thursdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, also at The Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. This is also an Open meeting.

Valley Group Wednesday Night (Speaker Meeting), Jim L., CSR. We meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 N Hall St in Visalia, every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We are

an Open hybrid meeting – all members of the community are welcome to attend. Online is via Zoom. We are a chip meeting; we give newcomers chips at every meeting, and we give out chips for all twelve months on the last Wednesday of the month. Our business meeting is the last Wednesday of the month, at 6:00 PM (before the speaker meeting). We have cookies, coffee, and water at our weekly meeting. Recovery homes are invited to our meeting. I did miss our last business meeting, as I was out of town.
Thank you for letting me be of service,
Jim

CSR report comments:

Cheryl wants to thank all the CSRs that are here tonight. Fourteen groups are represented tonight.

Old business:

1. Venmo report.

1. Carol Ann: We had \$81.71 in Venmo transactions as of June 10, for income of \$81.71 and expenses of \$117.79. So we have a loss of \$36.08. I want to thank Crossroads Group for sending us their contribution by Venmo.

2. Jim: I have a question regarding that – so with The Valley Group, we can (instead of us writing checks), we can just take it directly out of our account from our Venmo to your Venmo? Yes. The Central Office Venmo code is on the website. Jim will talk to our treasurer and see if they would want to do that.

3. Secretary's note: the Tulare County Central Office Venmo code is @cso1297

2. New sample meeting schedules

1. David: Since the last CSR meeting, new example meeting schedules have been generated for July. There is a two column format and a four column format.

2. Carol Ann and I did remove the top two lines from the traditional print version of the meeting schedule, since those meetings were dark, and had been for a while.

3. Jim asked "Are we talking about completely getting rid of that format and going to these? Because this has a lot more information." We are asking our members what they think; each CSR should ask our members for their feedback. We do not have any plans to change anything at this time.

4. The new samples can be found at <https://aa-tulareco.org/print-version-of-meeting-schedule/>

5. Steve asked about English and Spanish meetings; the traditional printed schedule has both on it. David said Yes, we do have the ability to have a Spanish language meetings printout different from the English language meetings printout.

New business:

1. Central Office events

1. Golf Tournament has a volunteer organizer, Jim K.

2. What about a "Take Your Sponsor to Lunch", concurrent or after? For those people who don't golf, people could attend a luncheon.

3. CSR's – please ask your groups if they like the idea, and

would someone like to volunteer to be the organizer?

4. What about a Miniature Golf event?

2. Spanish participation in our Central Office meeting

1. Alberto has been to our meeting and all members of A.A. are welcome.

2. It would be nice if we could invite our Spanish speaking members to come to the golf tournament and/or luncheon.

Seventh Tradition: \$38.00

Announcements: The Breath of Fresh Air meeting in Visalia at Robertson House has started back up again after a two year hiatus due to Covid-19. This meeting is struggling to get restarted, and could use support.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 PM

District 47 Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

This is a hybrid and Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations, including the Central Office in Exeter.

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; Louise G., GSR for the Exeter Sunday Afternoon Group; David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom Fellowship.

The GSR Preamble was read by all attendees. "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 Allen L.

Concept 7: Concept 7 long form read by Jim K and

explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2022 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: None

CSO Liaison Report: David G. The surcharges for electronic payments to the Central Office will now be covered by the central office. The Founders Day Picnic was great! The profit was almost \$2700.

There were 21 baskets donated. Claudia is going to be a back up for Carol Ann in the Central Office.

The printed meeting schedule has meetings that do not exist anymore. David G. found some software that will allow us to print pdf documents off of the website. The website is accurate. This should make our meeting schedules accurate and make our older schedules obsolete.

Registrar: No Report

H&I Report: Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee

At the NorCal General Committee Meeting held June 12, 2022, the proposed restructure and policy revisions were discussed and approved by simple majority. On October 9, 2022, this will go to the General Committee meeting and require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

The highlights of the proposals are: We will restructure and hold quarterly NorCal Meetings on Zoom in which the voting body will now include: Appointed Chairs, Major Institution Coordinators, IVSS Coordinators, Regional Chairs & Area Chairs. This will remove the added layer of delegation, and open communication between the NorCal Committee and Areas.

- We will add a Spanish Chair to the NorCal Committee to ensure constant communication with our Spanish Regions.

- The opening wording in our Statement of Purpose will be change to: "The only purpose of this committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections, Treatment Facilities and Facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA". This more closely outlines where we go and adheres to the GSO language for the Corrections and Treatment Committees as NorCal combines the functions of both GSO Committees.

- We will also add: "Adheres to AA's singleness of purpose at all times by introducing ourselves only as

alcoholics and discussing our problems only as they relate to alcoholism” into our Statement of Purpose on the first page so it is read at every Area Meeting.

Tulare County H&I continues to hold in-person and zoom panels as decided by the facilities at Turning Point, Pine Manor, Mental Health and Mothering Heights. Avenal and Corcoran have also resumed H&I Panels and are in need of volunteers. We encourage all groups to elect an H&I Representative to encourage open communication between the fellowship and Tulare County H&I Committee to ensure our collective conscience is carried to the NorCal Committee.

Tulare County H&I Committee Business Meeting will return to in-person on July 23, 2022 meeting at Bridge Street 526 N. Bridge St. Our Committee Meetings are the 4th Saturday of Odd months, 10:00 am. Orientation will be held on the 4th Saturday of Even months at 9:00 am on Zoom. Information is available on the Tulare County AA website.

DCM Report: Allen did not attend the June ACM. He did have some conversations with DCMs of other South-Valley Districts about and August 6th Unity Day/Delegate's Report event. Fresno Fellowship has stepped up and offered their fellowship hall and invited other south valley districts to participate. It will be from 1:30 pm until 5 pm on August 6, 2022. He will have more information after a meeting on July 6. Jen, our delegate will be there from the Sacramento area and will speak at the event. Allen is proposing to offer financial help from District 47 for the event. It would not exceed \$500 from our District.

Old Business: The South Valley Delegate's Report/Unity Day is set for August 6th from 1:30 PM to 5 PM at the Fresno Fellowship Hall. We will be helping with a financial contribution.

New Business: The Are Bridging the Gap chair contacted me last month. BTG makes sure a newly released inmate gets to an AA meeting upon release. We need a District BTG representative (and committee) in our District to distribute “blue cards” to people incarcerated locally who want to have a BTG contact in his or her town when released, and the receive “blue cards” from inmates soon to return to Tulare County upon their release. Joyce

R., the regional chair for H and I, came on online and explained to us all some of the restrictions regarding this program, the cards and correctional institutions. David G. said Central Office would like to do more events such as a golf tournament, take your sponsor to a meal, and other social activities. 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 8:01 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jim K, Recording Secretary

An Ode to Gary Tune

At a meeting the other night I quoted Gary Tune... he used to share an old Japanese Proverb:

“A man takes a drink, the drink takes a drink, the drink takes the man”

How true this is for the alcoholic!

Another member sent me this picture before I finished the share.



Picture Contributed by Bob F.

Group Contributions

	Month	YTD
1st Friday Spkr Mtg	20.00	110.00
Alpha-Wed-Tulare		0.00
Anonymous Group	300.00	1800.00
As It Is Outlined in Book		0.00
Breath of Fresh Air		0.00
Bridge St. "Drunks Only"		1126.27
Civic Center Grp.		200.00
Clodbusters-Tulare		500.00
Crossroads-Tulare	64.00	64.00
CSO Meeting	38.00	203.44
District 47		413.24
Bill & Friends		0.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails		600.00
Exeter Sun Afternoon	50.00	125.00
Foundation Group		0.00
Freedom Fellowship	320.00	445.00
Fri. Recovery Club		0.00
Fri. Night Study Tulare		0.00
Half & Half		200.00
Hillman Group		0.00
Keep it Simple Sunday		250.00
Lindsay Fireside Grp		50.00
Men's Valley Book Study		150.00
Monday Men's Mtg. (PPAV)	100.00	500.00
Mon. Men's Stag		400.00
Mid Valley-Tulare		0.00
Mon Book Study-S'ville	100.00	100.00
Mon Lit Study-Visalia	150.00	470.00
Mon. Women's Reflections		275.36
Nooners Group-Visalia		0.00
Pine Recovery AA Mtg		0.00
Porterville Young People		0.00
Practicing The Principles		0.00
Rainbow Group	64.00	478.50
Rule 62-Visalia		200.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare		0.00
Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia		0.00
Sober Sisters		0.00
Wed. Sobriety Celebration		0.00
Sat Night Believers		0.00
Springville Gut Level		235.00
St. Ritas AA Group		0.00
Sun Bkfst Spkr Mtg		0.00
Sun PM Serenity Seekers		0.00
Tulare Young People		0.00
TUFYPAA		0.00
Tulare Fri. Book Study		0.00

Tulare Tuesday Night		0.00
Tulare Thur. Noon		0.00
Tulare Sunday Night		0.00
Tues. Men's-P'ville		0.00
Three Rivers-Monday		0.00
TWAG	330.09	735.80
Unity Thru Traditions		175.00
Valley Group		2045.00
Valley Speaker Series		861.93
Visalia Alano		894
Wed. Acceptance, P'ville		250
Weekend Attitude Adj.		0.00
Women's Amity-Visalia		0.00
Women's Changes-P'ville		75.00
Women's Fri. Night-P'ville		0.00
Women in Unity		0.00
Women's Sat AM 12x12		353.70
Young & Restless		0.00
Totals	1536.09	14286.24



Lighter Side of AA

Bad Puns (sorry I couldn't help it)

1. The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was...

Sir Cumference.

He acquired his size from too much pi.

2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island,

but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

3. She was only a whisky maker,

but he loved her still.

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road, and was cited for littering.

8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result

in Linoleum Blownapart..

14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.



An alcoholic, a coke addict, and a meth addict are in a car. Who's driving?
Answer: The police.



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AREA 07 DELEGATE REPORT



Delegate Jenn D.

When: August 6th

Where: Fresno Fellowship

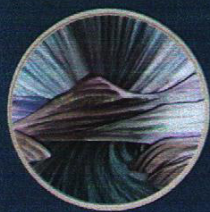
2511 W Shaw Ave #102

Fresno, CA. 93711

Time: 1:30-5:00pm

**Food: Chicken & drinks will be
provided, bring a side dish**

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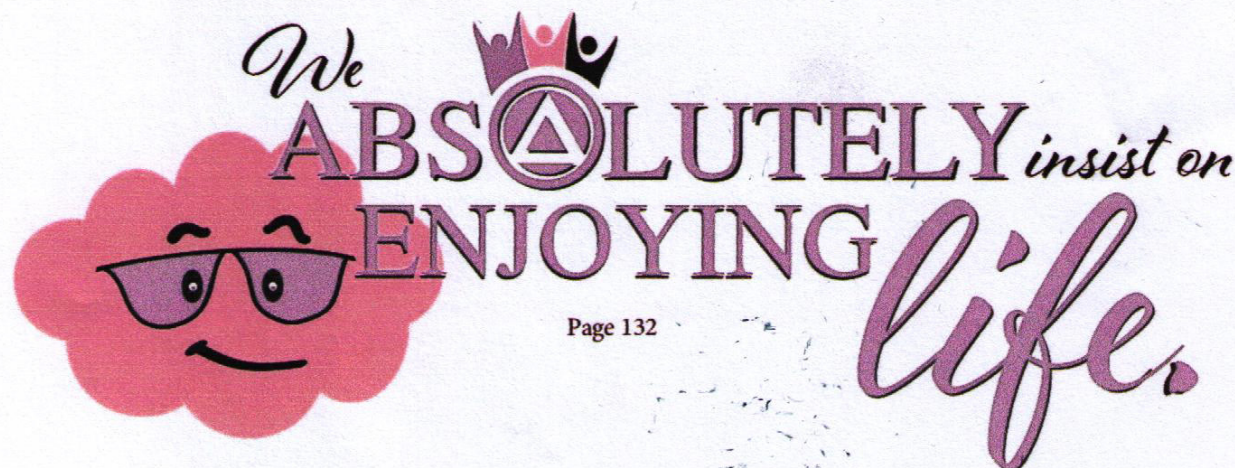
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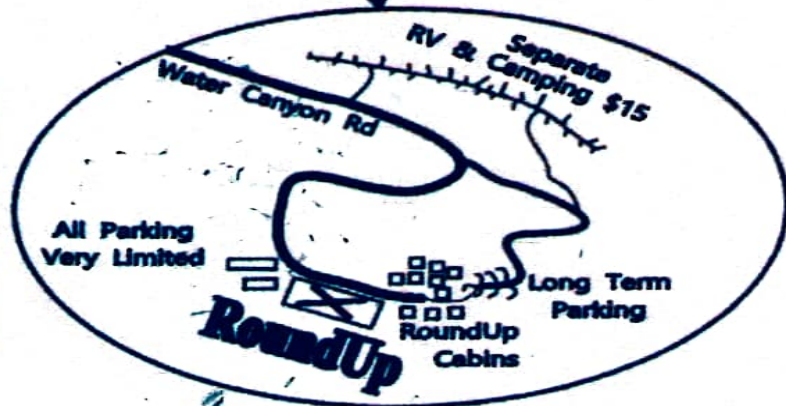
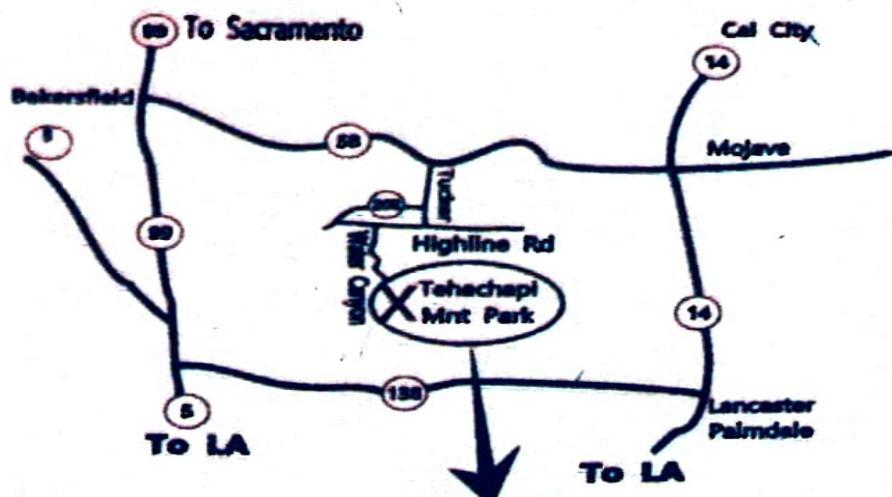
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