

# CENTRAL NEWS

August 2023

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## *“Can Alcoholics Recover?”*

**“Yet alcoholism-which touches almost every family in the country-is not recognized as a disease at all by millions of Americans! Even many wives of alcoholics confuse the malady with “lack of will power” of “failure to face facts” when they discuss their husbands’ problem. The medical world itself is remiss in dealing with the disease: only 110 institutions listed by the American Medical Association accept alcoholic patients, and most of these are content to restore the patient to sobriety and “dry him out,” with no fundamental attack on alcoholism itself. The public is indifferent; there are no widespread, publicly supported drives to raise funds for an attack on this disease. In our large cities there is almost never a clinic to which the alcoholic can go for such impersonal, scientific help as would be extended if he were suffering from polio or cancer.”**

**-Gretta Palmer, Ladies’ Home Journal, August 1946**

# Step 8

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

**Heavenly Father,  
I ask Your help  
in making my list  
of all those I have  
harmed. I will  
take responsibility  
for my actions,  
and begin to  
clear my past  
mistakes. Grant  
me the willingness  
to begin my  
restitution. Amen.**



# *Tradition 8*

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

**I would like to start with the last sentence in the Twelve by Twelve on Tradition Eight which says “Our Twelfth Step is never to be paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire.”**

**Whenever we, as AA members go on a Twelfth Step call do so as using a tool for our own sobriety. Maybe even more so than for the suffering alcoholic. Someone needs to be available to answer the phones, have the appropriate information available, the resources of twelfth steppers to connect the caller with help. Someone to collect donations and make sure those donations get to the right places. Someone to order, stock, and distribute literature and chips to all that need them.**

**These are all things that support our needs in conducting a Twelve Step to those that need them.**

**If a person thinks that should be financially compensated for conducting a Twelfth Step, they have missed the point entirely.**

**Bill E.**

**Birthday Club**

<u>Jim B</u>	<u>Springville</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>Anonymous</u>		<u>37</u>
<u>Mitch K W</u>	<u>Ivanhoe</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Carol Ann G</u>	<u>Porterville</u>	<u>7</u>

**Grateful Giver's Club**

Members \$353.28

**Individual Contributions**

James K  
Robert T  
Sandra K

**Newsletter Contributions**

None

**Memorial Contribution**

None



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

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# Central Office Contacts

<u>AA Members</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>Alanon &amp; Alateen Info</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Bridging the Gap</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Churches and Schools</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Court Referral/Info</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>E-Mail Contacts</u>	<u>255</u>
<u>General Info</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>H &amp; I</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Literature Sales</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Meeting Information</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Other 12 Step Programs</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Prospective Members</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Schedules &amp; Info Mailed</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Spanish Contacts</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Specialty Sales</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Twelve Step Calls</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Visitors to the Office</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Voice Mail Calls</u>	<u>10</u>

Total Central Office Contacts  
413

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
B.Day Club	95.00	569.00
ERC	0.00	6,603.50
Grateful Givers Club	353.28	2,086.84
Group Cont.	2,137.88	13,595.64
Indiv Cont	75.00	2,247.99
Interest Income	0.00	537.37
Lit. Sales	539.55	4,707.01
Memorial Cont.	0.00	298.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Contribution	0.00	54.00
S & H	4.50	4.50
Sales Tax	90.38	704.63
Service Charge	3.41	19.21
Spec. Events-picnic	0.00	4,797.25
Spec. Items	493.15	3,826.26
State fund dividend	0.00	25.00
State Fund Refund	0.00	0.00

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TOTAL 3,792.15 40,076.20

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	50.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	112.51	5,074.76
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	462.63	2,987.78
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	379.73
Phone & ISP	132.97	930.79
Postage	0.00	71.13
Employee Taxes	2,332.28	5,873.17
Returned Check & Chg	0.00	0.00
Rent	650.00	4,550.00
Salary	1,514.02	11,218.26
Sales Tax-Paid	1,149.00	1,149.00
Spec. Events-picnic	0.00	2,821.69
Spec. Events-New Year	0.00	59.00
Spec. Items	301.68	3,103.48
Card Charge	12.35	118.99
Utilities	84.65	585.14
Ph-venmo	19.00	133.00
venmo fees	1.56	26.86
Website	4.61	32.12

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TOTAL \$6,777.26 39,714.90

Net Gain(Loss) (\$2,985.11) 361.30

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 06/20/2023:  
\$25,752.79

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 7/20/2023:  
\$22,767.68  
Established Prudent Reserve  
\$19,000.00

# Speaker Meetings

August, 2023

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting  
186 W. Walnut Ave.  
Friday August 4th, 2023 at 8:00 PM  
Speakers: Grass

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Building  
36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
Sunday August 13th, 2023  
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)  
Speaker: Ruben L of Van Nuys, CA

The Valley Group, Speaker Meeting  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
120 N. Hall St. Visalia, CA 93291  
Every Wednesday from 7-8 pm.  
Speakers for August  
TBA

Civic Center Group  
Christ Lutheran Church  
3830 W Tulare Ave, Visalia  
Birthday speaker meeting  
Last Tuesday of the month

Sunday PM Serenity Seekers Valley Group  
Sunday 7:30-9 pm.  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
120 N. Hall St. Visalia, CA 93291  
Speakers for August\

August 6 - Mike M of Fresno with 3 years, 8 months, 28 days!

August 13 - Anetta P of Porterville with 22 years, 10 months, 20 days!

August 20 - Jesse M of Porterville with 38 years, 2 months, 29 days!

August 27 - Michelle B of Visalia with 5 years, 2 months, 9 days!

Attention speaker group secretaries: If you want your speaker listed in the Newsletter, please get the information to the Central Office (559) 592-6999 or TCCOF@hotmail.com by the 20th of the month preceding the month of the Newsletter.

# Service Meetings

## Addresses August 2023

### Service Meetings

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting (odd months only) in person at 526 N Bridge St (no Zoom)  
2nd Saturday August 12th 9:00 Orientation, Business meeting 10:00

TUFYPAA  
Zoom ID 839 4820 8237 Password: service  
2nd Sunday of the month, August 13th, 2023

### SERVICE ADDRESSES

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Exeter, CA 93221

CNIA Treasurer  
PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

General Service Office  
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

H&I-Contributions  
P.O. Box 192490  
San Francisco, CA 94119-2490

# Central Service Meeting Meetings

Date: June 13, 2023

Meeting called to order: Cheryl H. Time: 7:00 PM

Board members present: Cheryl H., William (Bill) E., Patrick A., Sara S., David G. Absent: none

Serenity Prayer: Lead by Cheryl, said by all who wish.

12 Traditions: David G.

Minutes of last meeting: Reviewed by all, one addition; Brett moved to approve, motion seconded by

Sheryl. Vote: all in favor, none against.

Report of last Board meeting: Meeting called to order at 8:12 PM by Cheryl Hinton. David, our

Central Office board Secretary, hasn't yet found suitable software for website forms or telephone

support for 12-step calls. The sense of the board was that the picnic went very well, turn out was great

and George did a fabulous job. Old business: the New Year's activity, and the AA literature price

increase: both tabled to the July meeting. New business: 1)

The Central Office has unused sound

equipment, including two large and heavy Carvin speakers. One member offered \$150 for the speakers,

stands, and other unused equipment. There's a lot of sound equipment, and the existing setup used for

the picnic was deemed sufficient. Another member expressed interest, and the decision was made to

research the fair market value and table it to this month. 2) There was a misunderstanding regarding

the use of vacation time by the office manager, Carol Ann. It was mistakenly assumed that unused

vacation time could be carried over to the following year, but the board clarified that vacation time

must be used within the same calendar year. Carol Ann took two weeks of vacation this year, believing

she still had two weeks left over from the previous year. To resolve the misunderstanding, the board

agreed to pay Carol Ann for the two weeks of vacation from last year as a one-time exception. Taking

additional time off this year will be unpaid. A motion was made and approved to compensate her for

the 2022 vacation time. 3) During the picnic, a mishap where a member fell while carrying one of the

raffle baskets to the podium. To prevent such accidents in the future, raffle baskets will be placed near

the podium instead of being carried around. This change prioritizes safety and convenience for all

attendees. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Treasurer and Office report: Carol Ann provided the report.

Treasurer / Office Report and Financial Report

5/21/2023 through 6/20/2023

July 11th, 2023

Good evening!

Central Office had an income of \$8,867.71 and expenses of \$7,882.01 for a gain of

\$985.70.

Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$174.00 and our Birthday Club brought in \$35 in much appreciated contributions.

We had \$364.85 in gross sales in 9 transactions for credit and debit cards, 2 transactions

in PayPal for \$52.00, and \$302.02 in gross sales in 7 VENMO transactions this

accounting period.

Traffic and calls have been average.

We want to thank all the groups and individuals who contributed to show their support

for Central Office.

Claudia covered the office for me for a medical appointment I had on June 29th, thank

you Claudia.

Office operations are going well and we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of

carrying the AA message of recovery.

We have lots a great stuff here at the Central Office to help you share the message of

recovery, come and see what's new!

The office will be open 9 to 1 the last Saturday of the month, again, this is only for the

last Saturday of the month only. We had no visitors the last Saturday in June. Please

announce this to other members and your groups that Central Office will be open the last

Saturday in July.

Thank you for letting me be your office manager.

Carol Ann Gable

Office Manager/Treasurer

(Cheryl) On the Income and Expense statement, on the other side of Carol Ann's report, down at the

bottom, there needs to be a date correction: The beginning account balance is as of June 20; it says

May. (paraphrased by secretary): I want to talk about the money we spent on literature. Halfway

through the year, it has cost us \$4,962, but we only made \$4,167 from selling the literature. So we lost

\$794 overall. However, it's not really a bad thing. We had already bought a lot of literature before the

price went up, so we have enough in stock. Even though we had a loss, it's not a big problem because

we still have valuable literature to sell. In the end, an \$800 loss at this time is not something to worry

about. Are there any questions for Carol Ann? (no questions).

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 do not have anything new upcoming to report. I will be working with Joyce about determining what services A.A. can provide through P.I./C.P.C. and H & I to the charity which had requested it.

Thank you for letting me be a service.  
Patrick.

Any questions for Patrick? (Brett): Who was the charity, and what do they do? (Patrick) Salt and Light; they help homeless people.

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

Issue Step Member Due date Send to  
August 8 Cody R. July 20 CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

September 9 Jerri T. August 20 CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Tradition for newsletter

Issue Tradition Member Due date Send to  
August 8 Bill E. July 20 CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

September 9 Diana R. August 20 CentralintergroupNews@gmail.com

Newsletter report: none at this time.

Website report: David G. provided the report.

We had a problem with the Print Version of the Meeting Schedule: after an update, the web page reported the file was not found. I don't know how long that was. On July 4, I did implement some changes to make the website work better with the way we do things. Thank you Joyce for bringing this to my attention.

Carol Ann added two new meetings:

Friends of Bill W, on Saturdays at 5:30 PM in east, east, east Visalia (further east than Farmersville).

Grupo de Serenidad, Saturdays at 5:00 PM in Porterville (two hours!)

I added four announcements:

NAATW 2023 – National AA Technology Workshop  
Want To Sponsor An AA Member In Prison?

New Meeting on Saturdays: Friends of Bill W  
Soberfest 2023 planning meeting.

I added three events:

Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS) coming to our Area (July 16)

39th South Bay Roundup Convention – Redondo Beach (September 1 - 4)

Soberfest 2023 planning meeting (July 12)

Carol Ann and I did the normal monthly edits of the CSR meeting, GSR meeting, Springville Sunday Breakfast meeting, and Valley Group meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

H & I report: Joyce R. provided the report, read by Paul B.

Tulare County Hospitals and Institution Committee  
July, 2023

The NorCal H and I committee's group inventory was held on on June 4th. We learned that our committee could benefit from workshops to educate our regional and area chairs on their duties.

The issue regarding clearances for volunteers for the prisons was also discussed along with the need for more volunteers interested in serving in prisons. This seems to be a committee wide issue. In June, the NorCal committee saw a drastic increase in literature purchases which hasn't been experienced since before the pandemic. This increase has depleted the committee's surplus of funds and June ended with our finances \$6,733 below our prudent reserve. Please encourage all groups to pass the Pink Can to ensure that literature is available to our inside members.

The NorCal committee is currently working to open the Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS program) at Folsom State Prison, Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla and the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility at Corcoran. This is our opportunity to get involved in H and I's ground breaking program which is providing one on one sponsorship for our inside members. Volunteer sponsors are needed. The requirements are five years of sobriety, solid sponsorship experience, plus knowledge and practice of A.A. steps and traditions. Volunteers must be willing to visit the prison at least once a month. The clearance form to visit is a simple one page application. There's no TB test or fingerprints required. There's also an online informational meeting this Sunday, 11 AM July 16th. I've got the meeting ID and the password here for the Zoom. It's also on the website and it's also on the flyer that Joyce was gracious enough to print out and include your packages. Please share this information to any meetings you attend and all of that information is also available on the website.

Our local H and I meetings were held July 8th. We



welcomed two new volunteers and heard reports from our new meeting leaders. It is noted that in June, we held 13 H and I meetings utilizing 28 volunteers and delivered over 80 A.A. books to our inside members. With the addition of four meetings that we began in June, our local H and I committee is now holding 11 treatment facility meetings monthly, in addition to meetings (when available) at Tulare County jail, Corcoran, SATF, and Avenal prisons. We are in need of bilingual volunteers and volunteers to serve in the prisons. Please direct any interested A.A. members to our next orientation listed below and also available at the Tulare County A.A. website. Our next orientation will be September 9th at 9 AM followed by our business meeting at 10 AM. We meet at 526 North Bridge Street, the meeting place of Bridge Street Drunks. If any members are interested in and cannot attend, please contact the Central Office or the area chairs to make alternative arrangements. That is the report that Joyce sent. The IVSS program is going to be awesome. We're looking forward to the Zoom orientation explanation meeting this Sunday. If anybody is interested in that or in H and I please let us know. Thank you for letting me be of service. (Cheryl) Are there any questions for Paul? (Sara) What is IVSS? (Paul) Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service. GSO liaison report: provided by David G. GSR Liaison meeting minutes 2023-07-05 Ten people attended; four in-person and six via Zoom. Finances: Balance Forward: \$1,516.20 Income: \$260.00 from two groups: Springville Monday Book Study, and Springville Speaker Breakfast Meeting Outgo: \$0.00 Ending Balance: \$1,776.20 DCM report: Mike attended the Area Committee Meeting as Alt-DCM. Election Assembly 2023: hosting by District 22 (El Dorado County), the venue is set. The 2023 Election Assembly will be held at the American Legion Hall in Placerville, November 10 - 12. Parking is limited: if members could please carpool to the event. Young People in AA: ICYPAA (Rachel) - Conference will be September 1 - 4 in San

Francisco. [icypaa.org](http://icypaa.org) to register.

Hispanic Women's Conference (Herminia): The date of the workshop will be on December 9, 2023. The Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

PI/CPC (Matthew): We meet the fourth Tuesday on Zoom at 7:30 PM. Zoom ID 861 9041 1117. Passcode 465838

Bridging the Gap (Brad): Come and learn more at our Monthly BTG Zoom Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at Zoom ID 861 3875 9562. Passcode 658415

Finance Committee (Don): Starting to preview the 2024 spending plan.

Old business: None

New business: We need to update the signature cards for our checking account. Josh can now deposit checks electronically.

(Cheryl) I would just like to say the Election Assembly for new area officers is November 10 to 12. If there's any chance that you could get to an election assembly, that is an incredible process to witness. It's really amazing to watch how Alcoholics Anonymous works.

Bridging The Gap (BTG): provided by Sara S. No report at this time.

Sara.

CSR reports

If you have a change in your meeting please notify Carol Ann here at the office so she can update the meeting schedule and get that information to David for the website.

Women's Changes Meeting, Presented by Sheryl E., CSR.

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 7 PM. at the 12 Step Recovery Club, 186 S D Street in Porterville.

We are an open women's meeting. We each pick a stick from a jar and share on that topic. We average about 20 girls including the girls from PAAR who might have a couple of days to women with up to a whopping 43 years of continued sobriety, proving this program works.

The last Tuesday of each month we have a potluck that starts at 5:30 with good food and Birthday cake. We pass around a card for everyone to sign for those who are celebrating that month.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Sheryl.

Springville Breakfast Speaker Meeting, Presented by Sheryl E., CSR.

We meet the second Sunday of every month at the Springville Veterans Memorial Building, 35994 Hwy 190. Breakfast is \$8.00 a plate per adult and \$1.00 per child under 12. The speaker part of the meeting is always free, so you don't have to eat breakfast to listen to an excellent speaker.

We open at 8:00 with fresh hot coffee. Breakfast is served from 8:30 until 10:00. The speaker meeting begins at 10:15 with a 10 minute speaker, a 15 minute break then the main speaker until 11:45. 50\50 tickets are sold from 8:30 until the main speaker begins.

We have done some restructuring again with PAAR guys helping to set up tables and PAAR girls serving food. Cody is our new treasurer and Marcie sells 50\50 tickets. I would like to thank Bill for his various service positions in this meeting over the years.

Next months speaker is Ruben L. from Van Nuys Ca. Dusty is doing a great job finding speakers outside of Tulare County.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Sheryl.

Monday Night Men's Meeting, Presented by Paul B., CSR.

We meet at the P.P.A.V. Hall in Visalia. We are a closed men's meeting. We meet for 90 minutes. We start at 7:30, and go until 9:00. We celebrate sobriety milestones under a year each week with chips and a hug. On the last Monday of the month, we celebrate annual birthdays with chips and a hug and dessert. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. Each week, we ask men who have completed the steps and have the time and energy to sponsor to stand up so that newcomers know who to talk to.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Paul.

Pine Recovery Friday Night Candlelight meeting, Presented by Steve P., CSR.

We meet at 10:00 PM on Fridays nights in Visalia at 120 W. School Avenue. This meeting is outdoors, weather permitting. It is an open meeting and open to the public.

Crossroads Group, Presented by Steve P., CSR.

The Crossroads Group is a small group of about twelve to fifteen people. We meet in Tulare, at 220 W. Tulare Avenue at the Hillman House, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday nights.

Thank you guys,

Steve.

Bridge Street Drunks, Presented by Sara S., CSR. Bridge Street Drunks is located at 526 N. Bridge St. in Visalia. We are a large group which hosts 18 meetings. Our birthday meetings are held the last Saturday of the month at the noon meeting - we give chips, hugs, birthday cake, and balloons (which is new). We also supply coffee and snacks, and candy dishes on the tables. Bridge Street has our business meetings are the last Saturday of the month at 1:10 PM. We have literature available and books at cost. Any and all who have a desire to quit drinking are welcome.

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 (12 x 12 book study)

Wednesday evening 6 to 7 PM (Literature study)

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

Saturday evening 7 to 8 PM (open topic meeting)

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Sara.

Tuesday Night "Friends Of Bill W. and Doctor Bob", Presented by 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 ten to fifteen 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. It's a great little meeting. Anyone may attend. Newcomers are welcome. There are many wonderful people there with quality sobriety that are open and willing to sponsor.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Patrick

Rainbow Group, Presented by George J., CSR.

I'm the grateful CSR for the Rainbow Group. Rainbow Group meets every Saturday at 5:30 PM at The Source in Visalia. We are located at 109 Northwest Second Avenue, which is on the south side of the oval park. We meet for one hour and we are an open hybrid group that meets on Zoom as well. If you are interested in getting the Zoom ID and passcode, please speak to me after this meeting and I can put it in the meeting notes. We offer a five o'clock

meditation if you're interested in arriving early to prepare for a meeting. We have a speaker at the beginning of each meeting who speaks for 10 minutes after which the group is open. We give out chips at every session and celebrate birthdays at the end of the month with cake and goodies. We also have our business meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
George.

Civic Center Group, Presented by Brett R., CSR.

We meet every Tuesday night at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree in Visalia. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an open meeting, and newcomers are welcome.

We have coffee and candy, and literature every week. Books are for sale at cost, and pamphlets are free. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM, immediately after the meeting. We give out chips every week for sobriety under one year; we have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes. We've had pretty good turnout for several months. In the spirit of rotation, most of our service position holders changed out July 1st

Old business:

1. New Year's Eve party

1. We don't have any new information at this time; tabled to next month.

2. Picnic income and expenses

1. There may be some discrepancy between the Picnic financial report and the monthly Central Office financial report. We believe in transparency and will update as we learn more.

New Business:

1. Elections for Central Office in December.

1. This isn't "business" per se, but we would like CSRs to announce that the Central Office Board of Directors positions will be up for election in December.

2. Nominations for election happen in November.

3. Our bylaws prevent Cheryl H. from running again this year.

2. Service opportunities outside A.A.

1. George asked if we do any announcements of service opportunities outside of A.A.?

He is

also a member of an organization that does volunteer service work. Would it fit our purpose to help our members find additional service opportunities?

2. George will present more of the idea at next month's CSR meeting under new business.

Seventh Tradition: \$46.25

Announcements:

- A new meeting has started at the the old Quaker Church Friendship Hall with people from the Three Rivers group. Saturdays at 5:30 PM. The first meeting, last week, was well attended. Please tell our membership about this new meeting. You take the 198 Farmersville exit, turn north and follow the frontage road until it ends. Then you keep going into the Quaker Church Friendship Hall.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM.



# District 47 Meeting Minutes

## District 47 Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2023

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 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;

David G. GSR for the Friday Freedom

Fellowship, Josh F. Treasurer; Janet I. member; Sean A. GSR for Practicing the Principals; Mike C. Alternate DCM and GSR for the

Valley Group, Danny F. Member, Courtney R. Alternate for Unity Through Traditions meeting, Laura B. GSR for the Springville

Monday Night Book Study

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 Mike C.

Concept 12: Concept 7 long form read and explained by Allen L

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2023 minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Josh F. Reporting

Balance Forward 1,516.20. Income-Springville Monday Book Study \$50.00; Springville Speaker Breakfast Meeting \$210.00; Total Income \$260.00. No Expenses-Current Balance \$1,776.20.

CSO Liaison Report: Our June CSR Meeting was held 2023-06-13. The meeting could have been a hybrid meeting, but no members joined via Zoom. There were fourteen people present.

Central Office finances: for April 21 through May 20, Central Office had income of \$2,935.75 and expenses of \$2,948.10 for a loss of \$12.35.

Old business: 1. Founders Day Picnic June 10th, 2023: We had excellent, excellent turnout. We sold 224 meal tickets, but a member counted everyone present and the count was over 300.

The picnic financial report won't show up until next month's CSR meeting, but total income was \$4,797 and total expenses were \$2,821 for a net gain of \$1,975.

2. Central Office Literature price increases tabled to next month.

3. Saint Paul's Church is reserved for New Year's Eve party - John W is project lead.

Announcements-Please remind our membership that Central Office will be open the last Saturday of the month. Springville Speaker Breakfast meeting is this Sunday. At the Tulare County Central Office

Inc business meeting: Old business was tabled to next

month: New Year's activity and A.A. Literature price increases.

New business:

1. Sound equipment we no longer use - we have two Carvin 1540 speakers (large/heavy) which take up space in the storage room. We also have an extra sound board and some microphones.

Since we don't use them, can we get rid of them? Two members have expressed interest.

2. Office Manager's 2022 vacation not used - discussed and decided on what to do about vacation time not taken last year by our Office

Manager.

3. Picnic mishap: A member fell transporting a basket to the podium. Next year, let's put the baskets near the podium.

There was discussion regarding a handbook for the Central Office Registrar: David G. No Report

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

The NorCal Committee is currently working to open the Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS) program at Folsom State Prison, Central CA Women's Facility at Chowchilla, Substance

Abuse Treatment Facility at Corcoran. This is our opportunity to get involved in H&I's groundbreaking program which is providing one on one sponsorship for our members on the

inside. We are looking for Volunteer Sponsors. The requirements are five years of sobriety, solid sponsorship experience plus knowledge and practice of AA's Steps and Traditions. Volunteers must be willing to visit in person at least once a month (the clearance form to visit is a simple 1-page application, no TB test or fingerprints required). Males will go into Folsom or

Corcoran; females will go into CCWF Chowchilla. There will be an online informational meeting: 11 am, July 16, 2023. Meeting ID:

813 1168 5981 Passcode: IVSS. Please share this information at any meetings you attend, flyers are available at aa-tulareco.org . The

NorCal Committee's group inventory was held on June 4th . It was a time of consideration of how we can improve our service through

education of Regional and Area Chairs along with the challenges of getting volunteers for the Prisons which is an issue throughout our

area. Due to a drastic increase in literature purchases which hasn't been experienced since before the pandemic, the committee's surplus of money has been expended leaving us \$6,733.00 below our prudent

reserve. Please encourage all groups to pass the pink can to ensure that literature is available to all our inside members. Locally, in June we

held 13 H&I meeting between Visalia Rescue Mission, Robinson Recovery, Pine Recovery, Mothering Heights, Mental Health, Turning

Point and Tulare County Jail, with the help of 28 volunteers. We were able to share over 80 books with our inside members. They were held

at Corcoran, SATF and Avenal Prisons. We are in need of bilingual volunteers and volunteers to serve at the Prisons. Please direct any

interested AA members to our next orientation listed below and also available at aa-tulareco.org Our next orientation will be July 8, 2023 at

9:00 am followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. We meet at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291, the meeting place of Bridge Street

Drunks. If any members are interested and cannot attend, please have them contact me, and arrangements for orientation can be made.

DCM Report: Mike attended the ACM as Alt DCM. June 2023 ACM Meeting Notes Consideration of Minutes: Moved by Jenn to approve the Feb ACM minutes, it was seconded

by Matthew and approved by substantial unanimity. Moved by Steve to approve the March ACM minutes, it was seconded by Rachel and

approved by substantial unanimity.

Assembly Reports:

- Election Assembly 2023, (D22): Venue is set. Winter Assembly 2024, Luis (D53):

Working on a venue, we have a committee together. Pre Conference 2024, (D36/34): We're

working on it! Post Conference 2024, (D41/42): no report submitted Liaison Reports: Hospital and Institutions (H&I), Vikki: Our

purpose has been updated to

include all persons confined including those experiencing

homelessness and others that cannot get to a meeting. We don't have enough volunteers. We had an H&I inventory recently.

PI/CPC, Matthew: We meet the fourth Tuesday on Zoom

Id.#86190411117 Password 465838 at 730pm Hispanic

Women's Conference, Herminia: The date of the workshop will be on December 9, 2023. The Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Young Peoples in AA: ICYPAA Rachel - Conference will be Sept 1-4 in SF [icypaa.org](http://icypaa.org) to register.

Appointed Chair Reports: Accents, Jeff: Starting next month we will be including articles written by appointed chairs and area officers about our positions

Archives, Nancy: Although attendance was low, our Open House was successful with attention-grabbing exhibits and plenty of food. I attended the 88th Founders' Day in Akron with eight other ladies and my sobriety sister, Chelsea, who played the bagpipes at Sister Ignatia's Cleveland gravesite. Afterward, we heard informative talks on Dr. Bob's readings in the Library. The Library is in the recently purchased house behind Dr. Bob's House, where the books donated from Area 07 were cataloged and displayed. I wrote daily blogs with photos if anyone would care to see them.

Alternate Archives, Herminia: We had an Archive Exhibit at Founders Day Picnic in Redding. If you would like to visit the Archives Center, please contact Nancy, Area Archivist before visiting.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), Brad: I was invited to participate at the 47 Annual H&I Conference in Sacramento. Come and learn more at our Monthly BTG Zoom Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at Zoom ID 861 3875 9562. Passcode 658415

E-services, Jessica: Thanks for your patience while we work out the hybrid kinks

Finance Committee, Don: Starting to preview the 2024 spending plan.

Grapevine, Jorge: I was invited to participate in July and September in different districts. I am open to districts that like to invite me to participate in their events

Literature, Beth: Still waiting on a few orders. Just to remind everyone that I am available for unity days

Oral Translation, Jose: Everything is good

DCM Discussion:

Service Material Book: The chair is putting together an ad-hoc committee to review the area service material book (see website for current book) - would like to open the discussion today to DCMs to share any thoughts/requested changes.

Old Business: None

New Business: Josh said we need to update the signature cards for our checking account and he can deposit checks electronically.

Seventh Tradition: None

Announcements: None

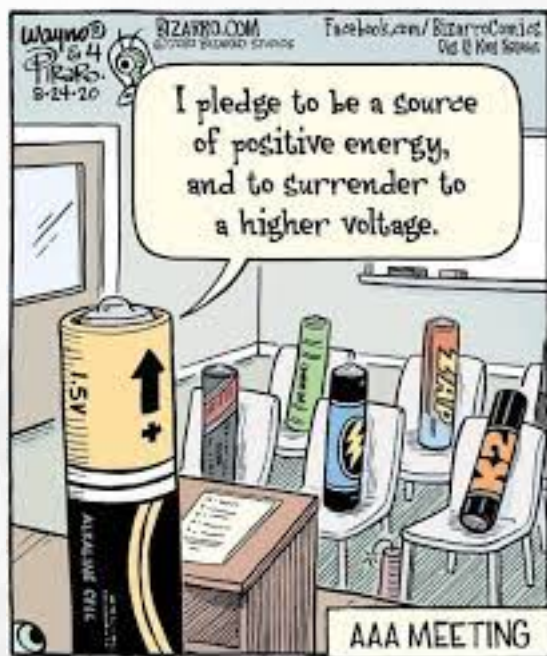
**DECLARATION OF UNITY:** Read by all: "This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

**RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:** Read by all "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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim K, Recording Secretary



# Group Contributions 6/21/2023 Thru 7/20/2023

	Month	YTD			
1st Friday Speaker Meeting	\$0.00	\$90.00	Nooners Group-Visalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
10th Ave Men's Group	\$208.50	\$696.85	Pine Recovery AA Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
ABC Group	\$20.00	\$21.04	Practicing the Principles	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACYPAA	\$0.00	\$0.00	Rainbow Group	\$31.73	\$341.48
Anonymous Group	\$300.00	\$2,100.00	Rule 62-Visalia	\$0.00	\$111.00
Breath of Fresh Air	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	Serenity Junction-Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridge St "Drunks Only"	\$0.00	\$582.61	Serenity Seekers AM-Visalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central Cal Round Up	\$200.00	\$200.00	Saturday Night Believers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Civic Center Group	\$0.00	\$40.00	Sober Sisters	\$0.00	\$50.00
Clodbusters-Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00	Springville Gut Level	\$0.00	\$100.00
Crossroads-Tulare	\$180.00	\$300.00	St Ritas AA Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
CSO Meeting	\$46.25	\$319.98	Springville Breakfast Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
District 47	\$0.00	\$400.00	Sunday PM Serenity Seekers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bill & Friends	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tulare Young People	\$0.00	\$159.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	\$50.00	\$300.00	TUFYPAA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exeter Sunday Afternoon	\$50.00	\$50.00	Tulare Friday Book Study	\$0.00	\$0.00
Foundation Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tulare Thursday Noon	\$0.00	\$0.00
Freedom Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tulare Sunday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friday Candlelight Meeting	\$0.00	\$246.00	Tuesday Men's Porterville	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Tulare 0	\$200.00	\$200.00	Three Rivers Monday	\$0.00	\$100.00
Half & Half	\$0.00	\$200.00	(TWAG)	\$0.00	\$412.94
Keep it Simple Sunday	\$213.00	\$398.50	Unity through Traditions	\$100.00	\$600.00
Men's Valley Book Study	\$0.00	\$0.00	Valley Group	\$0.00	\$301.09
Monday Men's Big Book Study	\$0.00	\$241.72	Valley Speaker Series	\$0.00	\$782.13
Monday Men's Mtg (PPAV)	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	Visalia Alano Club	\$0.00	\$151.75
Monday Men's Stag	\$0.00	\$0.00	Wandering Couples	\$181.00	\$181.00
Mid-Valley-Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00	(WAG)	\$0.00	\$500.00
Monday Book Study Spring	\$0.00	\$52.00	Weekend Attitude Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gem St Noon Book Study	\$0.00	\$0.00	Women's Changes Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Monday Women's Reflections	\$0.00	\$174.00	Women's Friday Night-Porterville	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Women's Happy Hour-Hanford	\$57.40	\$104.12
			Women's Saturday AM 12x12	\$0.00	\$488.43
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,137.88</b>	<b>\$13,595.64</b>



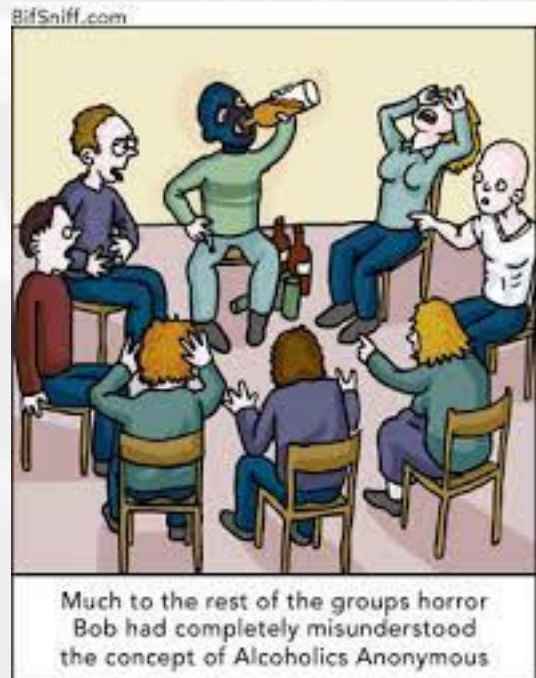
AA BIRTHDAYS  
AUGUST 2023

YEARS

Don H	Porterville	50	8/21/1973
Betty C	Visalia	49	
Larry R	Visalia	46	8/1/1977
Diane N	Exeter	45	
Mary S	Tipton	42	8/7/1981
Juanita M	Visalia	40	
Helen D	Tulare	40	
Dan H	Porterville	39	
Emma K	Tulare	36	
Les S	Tulare	35	
Emilio A	Goshen	34	
Frank V	Visalia	33	8/23/1990
Debbie S	Visalia	32	
Jonna K	Porterville	32	8/9/1991
Rick S	Visalia	32	
Deric F	Visalia	31	
Bob T	Visalia	29	8/18/1994
Greg H	Visalia	27	8/25/1996
Richard R	Tulare	25	8/28/1998
Margie A	Three Rivers	25	8/11/1998
Diane M	Visalia	24	8/21/1999
Lynn T	Porterville	21	8/13/2002
Sheri T	Hanford	19	8/20/2004
Gilbert C	Visalia	19	8/2/2004
Kelly K	Visalia	19	8/12/2004
Michael C	Visalia	18	8/31/2005
Laura N	Fresno	17	8/10/2006
Doug H	Porterville	14	8/22/2009
Bill E	Springville	12	8/3/2011
Glenda G	Porterville	11	8/14/2012
Mitch K	Visalia	9	8/29/2014
Vicki B	Porterville	6	8/11/2017
Greg R	Visalia	5	8/8/2018
Sara S	Visalia	5	8/25/2018
Patrick A	Visalia	4	8/30/2019

Harrison Ford just  
turned up at my  
AA group.

I've never seen  
Han so low.



*That's 925 Years of  
Total Sobriety!!!*

AA old timers when you introduce yourself as an addict:



when an atheist goes to AA and finds out the first step is believing in God





# **BIRTHDAY CLUB**

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SOBRIETY AND ALSO HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY.

JUST CONTRIBUTE \$1.00 FOR EACH YEAR YOU HAVE BEEN SOBER ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR SOBRIETY DATE TO YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE. THAT IS ONLY ONE TIME PER YEAR. IT'S REALLY SIMPLE AND WOULD HELP YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE TREMENDOUSLY.



**venmo**



***Would You Like Your Name on the  
Monthly Sobriety Birthday List.***

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

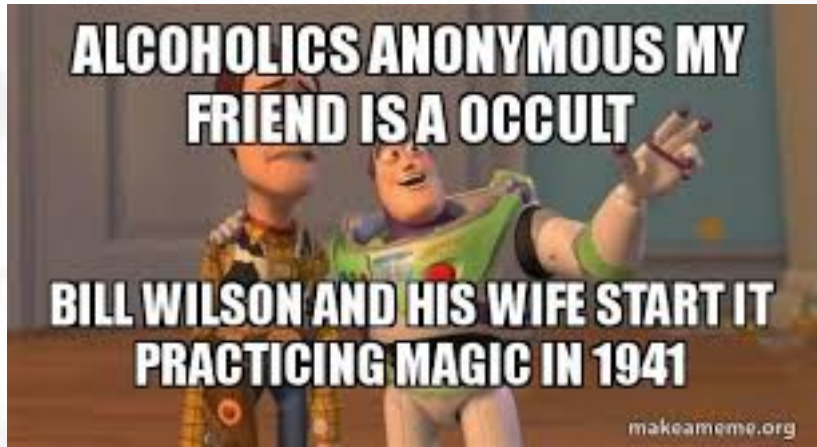
**SOBRIETY DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send information to:**

**Tulare County Central Office  
449 E. Maple St.  
Exeter, CA 93221**

**Email Info: [tccof@hotmail.com](mailto:tccof@hotmail.com)**



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**My name is Robert and I am an Alcoholic!**

**Its is great to meet you I am the new Editor of the  
Central News.**

**I really look forward to being of service. I invite  
anyone that wants to get into service to type up a short  
piece and share it with us, email a picture, a quote, an  
article or anything!**

**I want to thank you for allowing me to be of service!!**

**—Robert P.**

**Need Help  
with a Drinking Problem?**

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When your sponsor sees through your bullshit



## THE 12 STEPS

1. I CAN'T
2. GOD CAN
3. LET GOD
4. LOOK WITHIN
5. ADMIT WRONGS
6. PREPARE FOR CHANGE
7. SEEK GOD'S HELP
8. BECOME WILLING
9. MAKE AMENDS
10. DAILY INVENTORY
11. PRAY AND MEDITATE
12. GIVE IT AWAY