

# CENTRAL NEWS

February 2024

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The Scottish Highlands  
in February

## *ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS*

**More youths, blacks, women, homosexuals, Hispanics  
and alcoholics addicted to other drugs now join A.A.**

**“Only Bill Wilson could have imagined A.A. as it is today, because only Bill, among the old- timers of Alcoholics Anonymous, had such grandiose, improbable dreams. In the summer of 1935, there were only two A.A. members – Wilson, a failed Wall Street stockbroker, and Dr. Bob Smith, a practicing surgeon – sitting in the Smith kitchen in Akron, Ohio, through half the night, chain-smoking and gulping coffee and trying to figure out how they could sober up other drunks like themselves. The society they had founded attracted only 100 members over the next four years; it would not even have a name until 1939. Now there are more than a million and a half of us around the world – members of the most successful, imitated, yet often misunderstood self-help movement of the 20th century.”**

**-Nan Robertson**

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# Step 2

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

**“My thinking was distorted, my nerves overwrought. I held fears and attitudes that certainly were not sane. I finally realized that I had to be restored to sanity also and that only by having faith in God, in AA, in my husband and myself, could this come about.”**

**-Lois W.**

Lois W., AA's "first lady" as the non-alcoholic wife of Bill, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, tells the story of her own adventure in growth applying AA principles to her own life.

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# Tradition 2

*“For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants: they do not govern.”*

**This tradition is almost humorous. Our AA founders knew about arrogant egos and the control issues that ego demands. Once a group or meeting allows a member to be in control there is no group conscience, and if there is, it is usually a popularity contest or fear that we will not be liked for opposing a bleeding deacon.**

**First, I highly recommend getting a home group. Become an active member in how the group conducts itself regarding meeting structure and format. The AA handbook has a list of questions for a group inventory.**

**Our groups/meetings ought to be guided by our higher power. Bring God into the business meetings. That guidance is expressed by group conscience based on information from elder statesmen.**

**Trusted servants should be sober (no alcohol, drugs, pot, etc.) and elected because they have a responsible nature, not because they are popular or newly sober.**

**There are times a trusted servant goes sideways and gets off track. It takes courage to speak up. (Use the Serenity Prayer.)**

**The true voice of Alcoholics Anonymous is the group conscience, not the ego.**

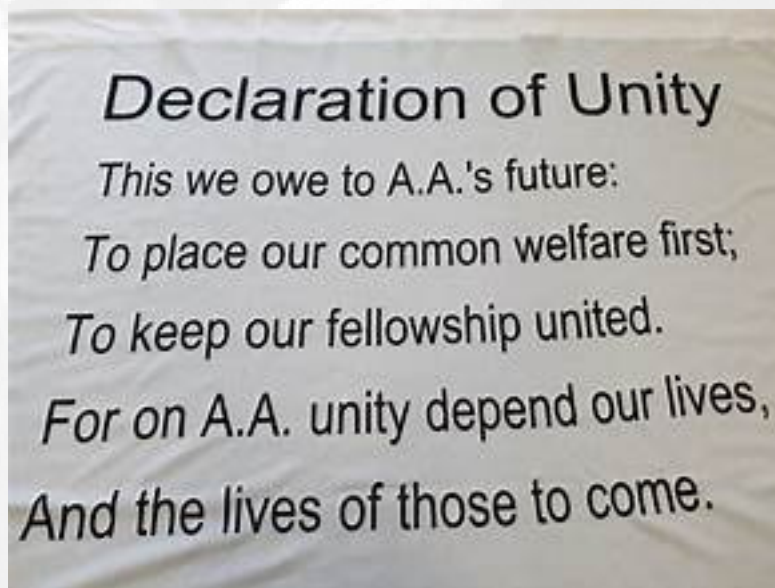
**Tradition Two in the twelve-by-twelve suggests rotating leadership. That avoids taking groups/meetings hostage as some of us are prone to do. Rotating leadership allows others to follow the good examples set by previous leaders and finally, a service sponsor who is familiar with steps and traditions is a good idea for people new to service.**

**-Cheryl H.w**

# *Taking a Trip?*

The women's Saturday am 12x12 is hosting the **WOMEN IN UNITY** Retreat at St Anthony's retreat center. October 11,12,13,2024. Business meetings are 3rd Sat of each month after the 12x12 meeting at Christ Lutheran Church. We would love to have women attend the meeting to have your input in the development of this event. Registration forms will be available after 1/20/24. We will send to district office, and circulation throughout the fellowship. Retreat theme is Self Compassion.

**-Jerri T.**



12/21/2023 thru 1/20/2024

**Birthday Club**

<b>Robin T</b>	<b>Lemon Cove</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>Anonymous</b>	<b>Visalia</b>	<b>\$29.00</b>
<b>Reyes A</b>	<b>Visalia</b>	<b>\$41.00</b>



**Grateful Giver's Club**

**Members** **\$139.91**

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

Donate Today using Venmo!

**Individual Contributions**

**Anonymous**  
**Anonymous**  
**Bob T**  
**Doris P**  
**James K**  
**Odran**  
**Sandra K**



**Newsletter Contributions**

**None**

**Memorial Contribution**

**None**

# Central Office Contacts

## TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE Income & Expense Statement

12/21/2023 through 1/20/2024

INCOME	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
B.Day Club	72.00	72.00
Grateful Givers Club	141.13	141.13
Group Cont.	2,165.94	2,165.94
Indiv Cont	282.90	282.90
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Lit. Sales	382.00	382.00
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Contribution	0.00	0.00
S & H	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	82.89	82.89
Service Charge	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events-New Year's Eve	4,705.00	4,705.00
Spec. Items	554.24	554.24
State fund dividend	0.00	0.00
State Fund Refund	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,386.10</b>	<b>8,386.10</b>
EXPENSES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Fees-Taxes	50.00	50.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Lit. Costs	0.00	0.00
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Office Exp	31.25	31.25
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	0.00
Phone & ISP	132.97	132.97
Postage	0.00	0.00
Employee Taxes	2,228.40	2,228.40
Returned Check & Chg	0.00	0.00
Rent	685.00	685.00
Salary	1,582.59	1,582.59
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events-picnic	245.00	245.00
Spec. Events-New Yr	2,776.10	2,776.10
Spec. Items	39.00	39.00
Card Charge	23.86	23.86
Utilities	108.33	108.33
Ph-venmo	14.00	14.00
venmo fees	20.46	20.46
Website	164.38	164.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,101.34</b>	<b>8,101.34</b>
Net Gain(Loss)	\$284.76	284.76

<u>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 12/20/2023:</u>	
	\$20,435.29
<u>ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 1/20/2024</u>	
	\$20,720.05
<u>Established Prudent Reserve</u>	
	\$19,000.00

Central Office Contacts	
12/21/2023 thru 1/20/2024	
AA Members	92
Alanon & Alateen Info	0
Bridging the Gap	0
Churches and Schools	0
Court Referral/Info	0
E-Mail Contacts	199
General Info	2
H & I	0
Literature Sales	11
Meeting Information	7
Other 12 Step Programs	1
Prospective Members	0
Schedules & Info Mailed	1
Spanish Contacts	3
Specialty Sales	28
Twelve Step Calls	0
Visitors to the Office	9
Voice Mail Calls	19
<u>Total Central Office Contacts</u>	<b>372</b>



# Speaker Meetings

# Service Meetings

## & Addresses February 2024

### Speaker Meetings for February

Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting  
186 W. Walnut Ave.  
Friday February 2nd 2024 at 8:00 PM  
Speakers: To be announced

Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Building  
36000 Hwy 190, Springville  
Sunday February 11th 2024  
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)  
Speaker: Vikki L from Meadow Vista California

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 February  
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 February  
February 4 - Reyes A of Visalia, with 39 years, 11 months, 30 days!  
February 11 - Debbie C of Porterville, with 5 years, 19 days!  
February 18 - Andrew M of Fresno, with 21 years, 28 days!  
February 25 - Brent A of Kingsburg, with 5 years, 3 months, 4 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

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Wednesday, February 7th 2024 at 7:00 PM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, February 13th 2024 7:00 PM

H&I Meeting (odd months only) in person at  
526 N Bridge St (no Zoom)  
2nd Saturday February 10th 2024 9:00, Orientation, Business meeting 10:00

TUFYPAA  
Zoom ID 839 4820 8237 Password: service  
2nd Sunday of the month, February 10th 2024

### SERVICE ADDRESSES

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P.O. Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, New York 10116-2407  
<http://contribution.aa.org>

### H&I-Contributions

P.O. Box 192490  
San Francisco, CA 94119-2490

# *Central Service Meetinga Meetingas*

## **CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES** **Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report**

### **Date**

January 9, 2024

### **Meeting called to order**

Patrick A @ 7:00pm

### **Board members present**

Patrick A, Cody A, George J, Ally A, David G via zoom

Absent: none

### **Serenity Prayer**

Patrick A

### **12 Traditions**

Sheryl

Minutes of Last Meeting

5 minutes of review from all, no corrections

Vote by Cheryl H to approve the minutes of the last meeting

Second by Jason... all in favor

### **Report of last Board Meeting**

Thanks given by all previous Board Members  
for their support during their time of Service.

Discussion and Voting in of new members...

David G-President

Patrick A- Vice President

Ally A- Secretary

Cody R- Member at Large BTG Bridging the Gap

George J- PI/CPC Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community



**Office Report**  
**&**  
**Financial Report**

Good evening!

Central Office had an income of \$4,115.64 and expenses of \$3,451.60 for a gain of \$664.04  
Our Grateful Givers Club brought in \$157.81 and our Birthday Club brought in \$56.00 in much  
appreciated contributions.

We had \$1,173.62 in 16 gross sales in transactions for credit and debit cards, \$20.00 in 1  
transaction in PayPal, and \$67.52 in 4 VENMO transactions this accounting period.

Traffic and calls have been average.

Office operations are going well and we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA  
message of recovery.

***I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who  
contributed to Central Office!***

Grateful to be here!

Carol Ann Gable

Office Manager/Treasurer

**STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Due</b>
February	2	George	1/21/2024
March	3	Ally	2/21/2024

**TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Due</b>
February	2	Cheryl	1/21/2024
March	3	Sheryl	2/21/2024

**Newsletter Report**

Robert

**Website Report**

David

Event: Women's AA retreat in October to be added

Edits: CSR reports

## **Hospitals & Institutions “H&I” Report**

Joyce

In December we were able to hold 11 H&I Facility Meetings as (two meetings were canceled by the facilities) and 2 H&I meetings in the Tulare County Jail, utilized 32 volunteers and distributed 76 AA books. In December, we held our first monthly H&I Meeting at Visalia Recovery Center. We closed 2023 with 13 facility meetings per month, an increase of 6 monthly facility H&I AA meetings since January 2023. We have heard from the Tulare county Jail that we are nearing the end of the clearance process on more volunteers including two Spanish Speaking volunteers, This will increase our coverage in the jail.

Nor Cal's financial position remained Neutral at the close of 2023 as we are slightly above our 6 months recommended cash reserve. In 2023, we purchased \$471,399.05 in literature which was 89% of our total expenses. The literature was distributed at the 25,000 meetings NorCal H&I support. However, our income after processing fees was \$467,152.37 which left us ending the year with a negative \$60,669.07. While it is not sustainable to operate at a loss, if we work together to encourage groups to continue to pass the pink cans together, we can create a revenue source that meets our expenditures.

If your group does not have a pink can, they are available at the Central Office or by contacting Joyce directly. We are in need of more H&I volunteers in order to continue growing as we begin the new year.

## **Bridging the Gap “BTG” Chairperson Report**

Cody R

Next meeting February 3 @ 11:00 am  
at Exeter Central Office as well as Hybrid same recurring Zoom link

We are currently looking for volunteers

Our aim is to connect, support and encourage those coming out of hospitals and institutions with our AA Groups

## **GSO Report**

David G

December 2023 zero expenses & income DCM Report-Mike C participated and bid to host the Pre & Post Conference for February 2024-2025, however the bid went to Redding, Nevada City, & Tracy/Stockton, CA Election Assembly

Mike-C DCM

Keith- alternate

David- Secretary

Courtney- Treasurer

Josh F- Registrar

New Business-January 20-21 2024 Winter Assembly Mike, Keith, & Laura will attend. Zoom account being shared with Central Office...previous rent of \$33 monthly will change to \$40 to offset the zoom account

## **CSR REPORTS**

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

February is the 50th anniversary of this meeting!

We meet the second Sunday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Building, 35994 Highway 190 in Springville. 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 to enjoy 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 the readings, 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 had our elections on Sunday. Dusty remains secretary, Cody remains treasurer, Ken is still cooking, and I'm still selling tickets at the door.

We really need a couple of strong, young people to stay after the meeting to sweep and mop the floor. It only takes a few minutes and is an easy way to be of service. So please help.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Sheryl

**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 South 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

**AA Loose Women's Meeting, Presented by Glenda V., CSR.**

We meet every Friday night at 6:30 PM at the Twelve Step Recovery Club at 186 South D Street in Porterville. We are an Open discussion meeting for Women only. It's a discussion meeting: somebody picks a topic and people talk about the topic. Cross-talk is welcome. We average about five to ten people. Ladies from PAAR attend our meeting, who might have a couple of days of sobriety, to women with up to 43 years of sobriety, proving the program works.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Glenda

**Tuesday Women's Amity Group, Presented by Ally A.**

We meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at Trinity United Reformed Church located at 6400 West Walnut Avenue in Visalia. We begin each meeting with a 10 minute individual sharing her experience, strength and hope, followed by group participation. Weekly we celebrate various lengths of sobriety and annual birthdays the last Tuesday of the month. This is a closed meeting reserved for those women who have a desire to stop drinking.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Ally A

**Stag Monday Mens Meeting at PPAV, Presented by Jason S., CSR**

We meet on Monday's from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the PPAV Hall at Burke & MainSt in Visalia. This is a closed men's meeting. Attendance is usually over 50 men. Weekly we celebrate various lengths of sobriety. Monthly, we celebrate annual birthdays with a slice of pie and a sobriety chip.

Thank You for letting me be of Service, Jason

**Nooners Group at the Alano Club Visalia, Presented by Jason S., CSR**

We meet Monday thru Friday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is an open meeting of AA. Attendance varies from 20-40. On Fridays we celebrate various lengths of sobriety. Monthly we celebrate annual birthdays with cake and a sobriety chip. This meeting is held at the Alano Club in Visalia.

Jason

**12 Step Club AA Noon Meetings, Presented by Cheryl H., CSR**

Porterville 12 Step Recovery Club Noon AA. There are 5 AA meetings in this group.

Monday Thru Friday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Mondays are discussion meetings.

Wednesday is a chip meeting and Friday is a book study. Thursday is also a discussion meeting. Tuesday and Friday have the largest attendance between 15-25 members. The daily Reflection is used for topics and discussion except for Friday book study currently using the Big Book, reading and discussing the stories. The meetings consist of newcomers, card carriers & various years of sobriety.

One fella with 50 years attends regularly!

Cheryl H

**Crossroads Group Tulare, Presented by Steve P., CSR**

I am the CSR of the Crossroads Group. We met at the Old Hillman House in Tulare at 220 W Tulare Ave. on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We are a small meeting of about 7-15

people. We usually have a different chairperson who speaks for about 10 minutes, then the meeting is open.

Thank You for allowing me to be of Service, Steve P

**Old Business**

New Years Eve Event: Sheryl- the speaker had an awesome, engaging and great story. Patrick-looking forward to having the Central office continue to be a part of this event. It was a success.

Cody-Glenda & Debbie did a great job...it was smooth, flawless and fun.

**Seventh Tradition**

\$20.00

## **Announcements**

Bill-meeting went smooth quick and efficient  
Patrick-thank you for your support and this opportunity  
Sheryl-great job

## **Meeting Adjourned**

8:02 p.m.

# District 47 Meeting Minutes

District 47 Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2024

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 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

**Committee members present:** Mike C., DCM and General Service Representative (GSR) for the Valley Group; Keith A., Alternate DCM; David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison; Courtney R., Treasurer and Alternate GSR for Unity Through Traditions; Josh F., Registrar; Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study; Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions; Joyce R., Hospitals and Institutions Liaison.

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be recorded for the recording secretary's benefit. Vote taken: all in favor, none against.

**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 David G.

**Concept 1:** Concept 1 long form read and explained by Mike C.

**Approval of Minutes:** December 6, 2023 minutes reviewed. Courtney moved to approve as written; Keith seconded. Vote taken: all in favor, none against.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joshua F., previous treasurer, gave report for last month, and explained the hand-off to the new treasurer, Courtney R.

Josh: I'm here to hand over the treasurer role to Courtney. The Exeter PO Box had no contributions today, so you're starting with an empty mailbox. We'll resolve authorization and update bank signers in the coming weeks. After the meeting, I'll sign a check for the US Postal Service, and you can fill in the amount. The district's annual PO Box fee invoice is expected in three weeks. Currently, Greg G is the sole authorized person, so we'll address that and ensure a smooth transition for everyone. Josh also talked about who should be allowed to sign for the bank account. Discussion was about having DCM, secretary, and treasurer (which is Mike, David, and Courtney) do it. Josh mentioned that in the past, he was the only one who signed checks. He explained they don't use an ATM card; instead, they use checks for paying officers or getting money back.

Balance Forward: \$3,142.80  
Total income: \$0.00  
Total expenses: \$0.00  
Current Balance: \$3,142.80

present in-person.

Central Office finances: for October 21 through November 20, Central Office had income of \$2,771.86 and expenses of \$4,987.56 for a loss of \$2,215.70.

Old business:

1. Nominations for members of the board for TCCOF: Ally A. was added to the nominations.
2. Sara resigned from the board due to an upcoming scheduling conflict. (Under New business, actually)
3. Elections were held, and Ally A., Cody R., and George J. were elected to the board.
4. The next planning meeting for the New Year's Eve event was December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 6:55 PM, immediately prior to the CSR meeting.

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At the Tulare County Central Office Inc business meeting:

New business:

1. Elections: the new board is comprised of David Gerisch (president), Patrick Anderson (vice-president), Ally Ayres (secretary), Cody Roberts (member-at-large & BTG), and George Jagatic (PI/CPC).
2. District 47 Zoom – may the District use the Zoom account paid for by Central Office? Discussed, and tabled to next month's business meeting. Motion made that D47 can use the Zoom for the January 2024 meeting.

**Registrar:** Josh F. My update is that I still have everything in front of me to do. I need two things. One is an updated group list which I can get from the Central Office website. Then I'm going to reach out to the CNIA registrar for their most recent list of group representatives and GSRS for District 47.

**H&I Report:** Joyce R. Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Liaison

In December, we conducted 11 H&I facility meetings, with two cancellations by the facilities. Two additional H&I meetings took place in Tulare County jail. Utilizing 32 volunteers, we distributed 76 AA Books. Notably, we inaugurated our first monthly H&I meeting at the Visalia Recovery Center, marking a total of 13 facility meetings per month at the close of 2023. This represents a growth of six meetings per month since the beginning of the year, and we're enthusiastic about our progress.

On December 9th, we hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon, extending our gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who contribute monthly, spreading the message of AA and fostering our continued growth. In addition, we recently received communication from the county jail, and I'm pleased to report that we are in the process of scheduling our next orientation with them. We aim to recruit at least four new volunteers for the county jail, including two who are fluent in Spanish. This development allows us to establish a Spanish-speaking group visiting the county jail at least once a month, which is an exciting prospect.

As of the end of November, NorCal's financial position has reached a neutral status. We observed a



larger-than-average income and a lower-than-average literature expense, resulting in a reserve slightly above our recommended six months of operating expenses in our prudent reserve. Despite a 42% increase in year-to-date literature expenses compared to last year, our income has seen a 16.8% increase. Although there's still a gap, it represents an improvement from the previous month, which is a positive trend.

I encourage continued support in passing the pink can within groups to help bridge the financial gap. Pink cans are available at Central Office, and you can reach out to me directly if your group needs one. We're actively seeking more H&I volunteers as we embark on the new year. Please direct interested AA members to our next orientation on January 13th at 9 a.m., followed by the area business meeting at 10 a.m. The meetings are held in-person at Bridge Street Drunks Only meeting place at 526 North Bridge Street in Visalia, California. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**DCM Report:** Mike C.

I participated in the recent Area Committee Meeting online through Zoom. During the meeting, I presented bids to host both the 2025 Pre-Conference Assembly and the 2025 Post-Conference Assembly. It was my first time bidding for such events, and I was surprised to learn that other districts were adding creative elements like specialty pies to boost their bids' appeal and gain popularity votes. This caught me off guard, and it influenced the outcome of the voting, especially since the elections were conducted in person, and I was participating online.

For the Winter Assembly, District 33 was selected as the host. Although they were previously nominated, they couldn't host due to COVID outbreaks among their staff. Another district stepped in, but this time, District 33 successfully secured the hosting rights.

The Pre-Conference Assembly is scheduled to take place in Redding, California, way up north, encompassing Districts 9 and 11. District 20 will host the Post-Conference Assembly in Nevada City, while District 37 won the bid for the Election Assembly, likely to be held in the Tracy or Stockton area.

Although we weren't successful in securing the Winter or Election Assembly bids, I've learned from this experience. Next time, we'll consider adding creative elements like pies to enhance our bids and increase our chances of hosting these significant events with larger turnouts.

If, for any reason, one of the districts can't host it, they'll reopen the bidding process, and we'll aim to submit our bid once again.

**Old Business:**

Review of the elected positions: Mike C. is the elected DCM, Keith A. is the alternate DCM, David G. is the recording secretary, Courtney R. is the treasurer, and Josh F. is the registrar. I checked our packet to see if there were any remaining open positions on our board, but everything is currently filled.

*Discussion for 11 minutes regarding leadership positions in PI, CPC, and BTG, and how in many parts of CNIA these positions are filled by District members in General Service, but here in Tulare County these leadership positions are filled by Central Service board members (Intergroup) instead.*

**New Business:**

Discussing Winter Assembly Registration for January 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mike: I haven't registered yet, but I wanted to bring this to the agenda for a group vote to set an approved funding amount. Next month, I'll provide receipts for reimbursement. Keith is also interested in attending as the new alternate DCM. We'd like the group's consensus to fund both of us, covering registrations, dinner, and hotel costs. The Best Western hotel, at \$92 (excluding fees), is Keith's preference, offering breakfast and proximity to the Winter Assembly location. Other options include FairBridge Inn (\$89), Travel Lodge by Wyndham (\$99), Roadway Inn (\$89), and Quality Inn (\$106). Considering these, our estimated total, including registrations, dinner, coffee, and lodging, is approximately \$175. I'll cover gas expenses, so we're seeking approval for an expenditure of \$175 to cover room and board for one night, along with registrations, coffee, and dinner for both attendees.

Courtney moved to approve, and Fred seconded. Vote was taken: all in favor, none against.

Josh: If no one objects, I'll just write that check right now since I'm the only authorized signer. *Josh made out the check to Mike C.*

Laura B. also said she will be going; her group is funding her.

Discussing Zoom account sharing with Intergroup.

The current Zoom account is the personal account of an AA member who is no longer involved in General Service. Central Office has a Zoom account they pay \$157 a year for. The question is "may District 47 also use that account?" Central Office does want some compensation, to avoid an appearance of giving away freely to some while other have to pay.

*Discussion for seven minutes. Decision was to increase our rent to Central Office to include Zoom service.*

Courtney moved to increase our annual rent to \$480 per year, up from \$400 per year. Josh seconded. Vote was taken: all in favor, none against.

Discuss District 47 calendar events and possible fundraiser activities.

Calendar of 2024 events:

	Location	Host	Date
Winter Assembly	Merced	District 53	January 20-21
PRAASA 2024	San Francisco	Area 6	March 1-3
Pre-Conference Assembly	Turlock (Stanislaus County)	Districts 34 & 36	April 6-7
Post-Conference Assembly	Huron (Fresno County)	Districts 42 & 42	May 18-19
Pacific Regional Forum	Las Vegas	AA New York	July 12-14
Mini-PRAASA	Sonora (Tuolumne County)	District 33	October 18-20

On the third Saturday of every month, the Area 7 Committee Meeting (ACM) will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd, West Sacramento. You can also attend via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98216375307> Meeting ID: 982 1637 5307 Passcode: 244723

ACMs are *not* held in the month of an Assembly (Winter, Pre-Conference, Post-Conference) or the Mini-PRAASA.

*Discussion about possible activities for sixteen minutes.* Topics for activities were holding Alcatraz, doing a GSR School, Take Your Sponsor To Breakfast, doing a Pre-Conference Workshop. Venues were also discussed.

Discuss open positions with District 47 outreach efforts.

Tabled to next month: David will talk with Central Office about the positions for PI, BTG, and CPC which are currently being filled by members of the Central Office board.

**Seventh Tradition:** None

**Announcements:**

BTG Committee Meeting this Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM on Zoom.

Central Office Representative (CSR) Meeting this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, both on Zoom and in-person at 449 East Maple Street, Exeter. If your group doesn't have a designated CSR but wants to contribute to Central Office, your group secretary is automatically considered for the role.

**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 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary



Kay C	Visalia	45	
Reyes A	Visalia	41	2/5/1983
Joe B	Tulare	40	
Hal E	Porterville	39	
Yolanda D	Visalia	39	
Kristy B	Visalia	38	2/15/1986
David G	Tulare	38	
Connie D	Tulare	37	
"Mad Jack"	Pixley	37	2/10/1987
Ken R	Visalia	37	2/13/1987
Brent S	Tulare	36	
Debbie M	Porterville	36	
Jamie M	Porterville	36	2/15/1988
Jack R	Tulare	35	
Chris K	Tulare	36	
Bob V	Visalia	35	
Dave W	Lindsay	35	
Holden M	Visalia	35	
Pat L	Visalia	35	
Dan G	Visalia	34	
Doug M	Visalia	34	
Sig G	Visalia	34	
Rick E	Visalia	33	2/3/1991
Dave H	Visalia	32	
Vickie H	Tulare	31	
Mark F	Visalia	31	
Linda R	Visalia	30	
Tarrie J	Visalia	30	
Tammy P	Tulare	30	
Trevor H	Visalia	29	2/20/1995
Jennifer S	Visalia	27	2/14/1997
Gloria C	Visalia	27	2/14/1997
Angela F	Visalia	27	2/14/1997
Dale L	Visalia	24	2/14/2000
Paige S	Visalia	23	2/5/2001
Judy K	Visalia	23	2/20/2001
Linda N	Tulare	22	2/22/2002
Denece B	Visalia	22	2/15/2003
Kimi K	Tulare	18	
Ricky T	Visalia	17	2/18/2007
Bob G	Visalia	15	2/15/2009
Derek B	Visalia	15	2/22/2009
Jack E	Tulare/ Te- hachapi	12	2/13/2012
Lee B	Tulare	12	2/19/2012

## February 2024 Birthdays

*That's 1,342  
Years of Total  
Sobriety!!!*



# Group Contributions 12/1/23-1/20/24

1st Friday Speaker Meeting	\$20.00	\$20.00
10th Ave Men's Group	\$264.25	\$264.25
ABC Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACYPAA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anonymous Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Breath of Fresh Air	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridge St "Drunks Only"	\$530.69	\$530.69
Central California Round Up	\$0.00	\$0.00
Civic Center Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clodbusters-Tulare	\$200.00	\$200.00
Crossroads-Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00
CSO Meeting	\$20.00	\$20.00
District 47	\$0.00	\$0.00
District 49	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exeter-Quiet Trails	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exeter Sunday Afternoon	\$0.00	\$0.00
Freedom Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friday Candlelight Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friends of Bill W	\$0.00	\$0.00 Monday Women's Reflections \$- \$- Nooners
Gem St Noon Book Study	\$-	\$-
Half & Half	\$100.00	\$100.00
Keep it Simple Sunday	\$233.00	\$233.00
Monday Men's Valley Big Book Study	\$-	\$-
Monday Men's Mtg (PPAV)	\$-	\$-
Mid-Valley-Tulare	\$-	\$-
Monday Book Study Springville	\$100.00	\$100.00

Monday Women's Reflections	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nooners Group-Visalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Recovery AA Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Porterville Friday Night Candlelight	\$0.00	\$0.00
Practicing the Principles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rainbow Group	\$115.00	\$115.00
Rule 62-Visalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saturday Night Believers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springville Gut Level	\$125.00	\$125.00
Springville Breakfast Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday Morning Alano Club Meting	\$158.00	\$158.00
Sunday PM Serenity Seekers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Three Rivers Monday	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tulare Young People	\$0.00	\$0.00
TUFYPAA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuesday Men's Porterville	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuesday Women's Amity Group (TWAG)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unity through Traditions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley Speaker Series	\$0.00	\$0.00
Visalia Alano Club	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wandering Couples	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wednesday Acceptance Group (WAG)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Women's Changes Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women's Friday Night-Porterville	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wom- en's Happy		\$0.00
Women's Saturday AM 12x12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$2,165.94	\$2,165.94



# *New Year's Event Profit and Loss Report*

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Presale Tickets (93 tickets)	\$1,860.00
Tickets sold at the door (10)	\$250.00
Bake Auction	\$1,161.00
Soda sales	\$154.00
50/50 ticket sales	\$636.00
Raffle ticket sales	\$520.00
7th Tradition	\$124.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,705.00</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Insurance	\$59.00
Pizza for planning meeting	\$84.06
Security Guard	\$357.68
PSW_flyers and tickets	\$54.93
Decorations	\$181.20
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Sodas	\$250.07
Debbie-gas and raffle tickets	\$51.47
Cake	\$39.92
Coffee, ceamers, etc	\$86.52
Gift Basket for speaker	\$13.90
DJ Expense	\$500.00
Food	\$854.26
Subway for planning meeting	\$80.53
Gas for speaker's travel exp	\$150.00
walmart	\$6.01
50/50 payout	\$318.00
Door Prize cost	\$105.95
St Paul's	\$400.00
<b>Expenses subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,844.75</b>

<b>Income subtotal</b>	<b>\$860.25</b>
<b>Payroll expense for 4 hours</b>	<b>\$92.88</b>
<b>Total Event Gain</b>	<b>\$767.37</b>

## Lighter Side of AA

Jim is told by his sponsor that he needs to participate more in service work. So he applies for the position of treasurer. They hold a group conscience and ask him “What is nine multiplied by four?” He thinks quickly and says “Thirty-three.” After the interview, he realizes his mistake. He’s surprised when they inform he got the job, despite there being four other candidates.

“But I got the wrong answer,” he protests.

“Yeah, we know. But you were closest.”





# **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)**

# *Meet The Editor*

**Hello Everyone!**

**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.**

## Be Like Bill



This is Bill.  
Bill was powerless over alcohol. Bill's life had become unmanageable.

Bill sat with another alcoholic and worked a 12 Step program.  
Bill has not had a drink since Dec 11, 1934. Bill continued to work with other alcoholics to keep sober.

Be Smart. Be like Bill.

*Greg S.*

# THE DATING POOL

# IN EARLY RECOVERY

# *Your Content Here!!!*

Have an event????

New group starting up?????

Have a story to share???

Take some amazing photos around our district???

Want to be of service????

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

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

Send your content to:

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

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