

# CENTRAL NEWS

December 2024

Website:

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

“December 11, 1947”

Forest in December

Dear Jimmy:

“Well, it’s been a long time. But you know me. More than usually delinquent, I realize I never answered your request for a financial lift. Nor have I thanked you for that history of A.A. The first came when I was feeling pretty low myself and had already committed the dough the Foundation set aside for us to improvements on the house. So, actually I wasn’t in a position to help. Later on George Hood, I believe, brought me the history[AA History].”

That history I did read with tremendous interest, as have several others who have since been to the house. I think several of the oldtimers ought to wright [sic] up their impressions just as you have done. If we had a dozen such accounts, I think it would be possible to piece together, after referring to the office files, an extremely accurate account of just what happened and who did what. Personally I don’t care a rap who did what. But I suppose there will be a lot of debate about it later on. So the material should be assembled from different points of view and the best possible record made. I don’t think it would be possible for me ever to write a detailed history of A.A. I could only tell the story in a very general way. But if this thing keeps growing and making a stir, I suppose some historian will want to know the real facts by and by. If we don’t assemble them now, the record never will be anywhere near straight. And lots of interesting detail and incidents will be forever lost. So your effort in this direction is tremendously appreciated, Jim. Don’t let my negligence of correspondence make you think it isn’t.”

W.G.W.

Box 459 Grand Central Annex  
New York 17, N.Y.

## Step 12

*“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”*

I took off to cure alcoholics wholesale. It was twinjet propulsion; difficulties meant nothing. The vast conceit of my project never occurred to me. I pressed my assault for six months; my home was filled with alcoholics. Harangues with scores produced not the slightest result. None of them got it. Disappointingly, my friend of the kitchen table, who was sicker than I realized, took little interest in other alcoholics. This fact may have caused his endless backslides later on. For I had found that working with alcoholics had a huge bearing on my own sobriety. But why wouldn't any of my new prospects sober up?

Slowly the bugs came to light. Like a religious crank, I was obsessed with the idea that everybody must have a “spiritual experience” just like mine. I'd forgotten that there were many varieties. So my brother alcoholics just stared incredulously or kidded me about my “hot flash.” This had spoiled the potent identification so easy to get with them. I had turned evangelist. Clearly the deal had to be streamlined. What came to me in six minutes might require six months in others. It was to be learned that words are things, that one must be prudent. It was also certain that something ailed the deflationary technique. It definitely lacked wallop. Reasoning that the alcoholic's “hex” or compulsion must issue from some deep level, it followed that ego deflation must also go deep or else there couldn't be any fundamental release. Apparently religious practice would not touch the alcoholic until his underlying situation was made ready. Fortunately, all the tools were right at hand. You doctors supplied them.

The emphasis was shifted from “sin” to “sickness” – the “fatal malady,” alcoholism. We quoted doctors that alcoholism was more lethal than cancer; that it consisted of an obsession of the mind coupled to increasing body sensitivity. These were our twin ogres of madness and death. We leaned heavily on Dr. Jung's statement of how hopeless the condition could be and then poured that devastating dose into every drunk within range. To modern man science is omnipotent; it is a god. Hence if science could pass a death sentence on a drunk, and we placed that verdict on our alcoholic transmission, it might shatter him completely. Perhaps he would then turn to the God of the theologian, there being no place else to go. Whatever the truth in this device, it certainly had practical merit. Immediately our whole atmosphere changed. Things began to look up.

-Bill W, 1949

## *Tradition 12*

**“We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance” Twelve and Twelve p.192**

Our founders, and especially Bill Wilson, toiled for years to finalize the Twelve Traditions. Of all our readings and accounts of experience these markers have come to define us and are a commentary on our first years of development. Those core members, in awe of what they had discovered, a truly effective treatment for alcoholism, struggled to place barriers around proven truths and to admit and expose the failed concepts they were so in love with at the outset of this discovery.

There were revered and ambitious members among us who were determined that AA should be a for profit, brand name, all inclusive entity with answers to every aspect to addictive behavior. Many were eager, if not obsessed with public exposure and that their names should be in lights.

It can only be proof and a tribute to Higher Power as our Director that we were saved from this faction. Bill Wilson, when the traditions were formally adopted at the World Convention in 1955, said: “Now Alcoholics Anonymous is safe, even from me!”. Now in our 89th year we know that our success is best proclaimed by anonymous, low profile witnesses. We are publicized by nameless, low profile recovered individuals, and the friends, families, churches, judges and employers who have stood in the light of twelve step recovery.

It must have been a personal triumph for Wilson and the others to stand in this light, having been convinced and assured that anonymity was vital to our success.

-Anonymous

August 10, 2024

“Concerning any given service, we pose but one question: ‘Is this service really needed?’ If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek AA.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1955, “What Is the Third Legacy?”, The Language of the Heart

Grapevine

Did you get sober in Tulare County?

**We need you!**

The Tulare County Central Office is seeking people to participate in an AD Hoc committee to put together a pamphlet or brochure regarding the history of our very own Tulare County Central Office!

If you are interested, please contact Central Office at (559) 592-6999!



**Individual, Newsletter, Memorial & Birthday Club Contributions**  
10/21/2024 thru 11/20/2024

**Birthday Club**

\$1 for every year of sobriety!

Patty R	Porterville	7
Donna K	Porterville	25
Kenfort W	Springville	29

**Total Club Contributions \$61.00**



**Congratulations on your sobriety!**

**Newsletter Contributions**

None

**Memorial Contribution**

None

**Grateful Giver's Club (You know who you are!) Members** \$325.97

**Individual Contributions**

Ally A  
Bob T  
James K  
John W  
Shannon S

**THANK YOU!!!**

# SHASTA WINTERFEST

## Conference

“KEEP IT SIMPLE”

*Shasta Winterfest is a weekend-long gathering of fellow members and non-members of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon & Alateen. The event is inspired by recovery and filled with guest speakers, marathon meetings, special events, prize drawings, literature and other resources. Speaker recordings are included with each registration.*



**January 24 - 26, 2025**



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Anderson, CA 96002

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& INSPIRATION**

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ON SITE**

**ENTERTAINMENT  
& SPECIAL EVENTS**



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# *From the International Convention of AA*

**To: Area Delegates, District Committee Members, Trustees, Non-Trustee Directors, Staff Services and Member Services**

**From: Lorna Graham, Senior Director of Technology Services, and Paul Konigstein, Chief Financial Officer**

**Re: Quarterly Contribution Statement Update**

**Date: November 12, 2024**

**We will be distributing the Q3 2024 Quarterly Contribution Statements in November.**

**As a reminder, Seventh Tradition group contributions made online from a member's account are now correctly recorded as “group” contributions in our system. However, as noted in the August 2024 announcement, they will not be correctly reported until the report is redesigned, and portal delivery is launched.**

**Report design discussions are well underway with active participation from the Quarterly Contribution Report Working Group.**

**We sincerely apologize for this issue and the confusion it has caused. We will continue to work diligently to improve the quality and accuracy of our information and reporting, and we greatly appreciate your continued patience and support.**

**Should you have any questions, please contact Member Services at [memberservices@aa.org](mailto:memberservices@aa.org).**

**Thank you for your service.**

**Lorna Graham Paul Konigstein  
Senior Director of Technology Services Chief Financial Officer**



**Language of the Heart  
Lenguaje del corazón  
Le langage du cœur**

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

# *Support the Central Office*



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

**Donate Today using Venmo!**



# TULARE CO. CENTRAL OFFICE, INC.

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September 23, 2024

Greeting from Tulare County Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous!

This is a letter to let you know that our office is the main office for Alcoholics Anonymous in Tulare County! We are the ones who keep up the website and make sure your meeting is listed in the meeting guide app. We have books, book covers, bookmarks, pamphlets, sobriety chips, and other recovery items.

This letter is also an outreach to let you know we need your support! Our monthly expenses are about \$3,000 a month and we rely on our groups and individual contributions to keep our office open through your Tradition 7 contributions. We realize that your group may not realize how important your contributions are to keep AA alive and healthy for the next suffering alcoholic. **There are many groups on our schedule that contribute to Central Office regularly, and for that we are truly grateful! With out these groups we would not have been able to keep these doors open since 1985.**

Unfortunately, the cost of living keeps rising and group contributions have been down, this is why we are reaching out to you! Central Office is responsible for maintaining the Tulare County Central Office website [AA-Tulareco.org](http://AA-Tulareco.org) which is linked to the Meeting guide app. We have a part time staff member that works 9-1 Monday thru Friday available for you come get what you need for your meetings! We are the Tulare County hub for Alcoholics Anonymous and we really do need your support!

**According to the AA pamphlet F-3, Where Money and Spirituality Mix, the following percentages are suggestions for your group to distribute to the other AA entities once your rent and other expenses are covered.**

**Tulare County Central Office-50%**

449 E Maple Street  
Exeter, CA 93221

**District 47 or District 55 10%**

PO Box 273  
Exeter, CA 93221

**AA World Services 30%**

General Service Board  
PO Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

**Area 7 10%**

CNIA Contributions  
PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712



The Tulare County Central Office Prudent reserve is \$19,000. That would keep our doors open for 6 months. We are currently below our prudent reserve by \$4,547,88. Please talk to your group members about increasing their contribution to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket. Yes, times are tough, but remember all the money we wasted on booze?

We suggest that each meeting have a GSR and a CSR to keep your meeting connected to the AA fellowship in Tulare County and AA at large! We would love for each meeting to have a Bridging the Gap and an H & I representative too. Each of these opportunities come with a meeting with fellow committee members once a month in person or via Zoom. All this information is available on our website, or you can call the office to find out more! **We are here for YOU, and the still suffering ALCOHOLIC!**

Please fill out the attached form so we have current information about your meeting's trusted servants and your preferred mailing address and or email address. We would love to keep you posted about upcoming events!

Sincerely,

*Carol Ann*

Carol Ann Gable  
Office Manager

CG:cg

# CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Please return this form to [tccof@hotmail.com](mailto:tccof@hotmail.com) or mail it to Tulare County Central Office 449 East Maple Street Exeter, CA 93221. Thank you!

Meeting Name \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Address \_\_\_\_\_

When does this meeting meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Secretary and Phone number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Central Service Representative (CSR) and Contract number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting General Service Representative (GSR) and Contact number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Preferred Mailing Name and Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting preferred email address \_\_\_\_\_

# CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

# Central Office Contacts

Oct 21st thru Nov 20th 2024

AA Members	65
Alanon & Alateen Info	0
Bridging the Gap	0
Churches and Schools	0
Court Referral/Info	2
E-Mail Contacts	269
General Info	6
H & I	0
Literature Sales	16
Meeting Information	14
Other 12 Step Programs	1
Prospective Members	1
Schedules & Info Mailed	170
Spanish Contacts	4
Specialty Sales	21
Twelve Step Calls	0
Visitors to the Office	7
Voice Mail Calls	3
<u>Total Central Office Contacts</u>	<u>579</u>



## TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

### Income & Expense Statement

10/21/2024 through 11/20/2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
B.Day Club	61.00	983.00
Grateful Givers Club	325.97	4,022.30
Group Cont.	2,248.25	16,719.16
Indiv Cont	556.99	4,680.21
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Lit. Sales	771.40	8,045.93
Memorial Cont.	0.00	100.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Contribution	0.00	10.00
S & H	0.00	48.00
Sales Tax	109.00	1,105.24
Service Charge	0.00	5.59
Spec. Events-New Year's Eve	0.00	4,705.00
Spec. Events-Picnic	0.00	2,924.97
Spec. Items	566.61	5,975.23
State fund dividend	0.00	25.00
State Fund Refund	0.00	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,639.22</u>	<u>49,349.63</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	70.00
Insurance	0.00	550.00
Lit. Costs	808.47	6,190.43
PI-CPC Expense	25.01	377.02
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Non Employee Comp.	0.00	750.00
Office Exp	75.21	1,496.82
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	146.94
Paypal charges	1.99	16.29
Payroll Taxes	0.00	8,122.11
Phone & ISP	136.23	1490.76
Printing and copy expense	0.00	0.00
postage	82.75	233.04
Returned Check & Chg	0.00	0.00
Rent	685.00	7,535.00
Salary	1,438.72	17,569.02
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	1,209.00
Spec. Events-picnic	0.00	2,602.78
Spec. Events-New Year	544.11	3,610.46
Spec. Items	51.75	2,647.23
Square Card Charges	11.05	239.83
Utilities	19.57	778.94
Ph-venmo	19.99	207.91
venmo fees	3.13	58.76
Website	7.00	223.95
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,909.98</u>	<u>56,126.29</u>
Net Gain(Loss)	\$729.24	(6,776.66)
BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 10/20/2024:		\$12,929.39
ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 11/20/2024		\$13,658.63
Established Prudent Reserve		\$19,000.00

below our prudent reserve 5,341.37

# Speaker Meetings

## Speaker Meetings for December 2024

**Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting**  
186 W. Walnut Ave.

**Friday December 6th 2024 at 8:00 PM**

**Speakers: To be announced**

**Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting**

**Veterans Memorial Building**

**36000 Hwy 190, Springville**

**Sunday December 1st 2024**

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

**Speaker: Norm S from Woodland Hills**

**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 December**

**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 December**

**December 1 - TBA**

**December 8 - Teddy B of Exeter with 17 years, 2 months, and 3 days!**

**December 15 - TBA**

**December 22 - Abraham G of Visalia with 26 years and 11 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](mailto:TCCOF@hotmail.com) by the 20th of the month preceding the month of the Newsletter.**

## Service Meeting & Service Addresses December 2024

### Service Meetings

GSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, December 3rd 2024 at 7:00 PM

Bridging the Gap meeting at Central Office  
449 E Maple St Exeter, CA  
December 1st 2024 11:00 AM

CSR Meeting at Central Office  
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA  
Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 6:00 PM

H&I Meeting (odd months only) in person at  
526 N Bridge St (no Zoom)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday December 8th 2024 9:00, Orientation,  
Business meeting 10:00

TUFYPAA  
Zoom ID 839 4820 8237 Password: service  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, November 10th 2024

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Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Closed Major holidays  
<https://aa-tulareco.org/donation>

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Exeter, CA 93221

General Service Board  
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

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

CNIA Treasurer  
PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816-1712

TULARE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE PRESENTS  
A GALA EVENT!

# NYE *Dinner* 2024

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**YOUR DINNER WILL INCLUDE:**

STEAK, CHICKEN CORDON BLEU, MARTINATED PORK TENDERLOIN

TWICE BAKED POTATO, RICE PILAF, GOURMET MACARONI AND  
CHEESE, VEGETABLES, BREAD, AND MOUTH WATERING DESSERT!

PRESALE TICKETS \$25 | \$30 AT THE DOOR

CHERYL R. FROM OXNARD, CA

SOBER SINCE 9/29/1984

DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

DINNER 5:30-6:30PM

LIVE BAKE AUCTION 6:30PM

SILENT BAKE AUCTION UNTIL 7:30PM

SPEAKER 8PM

Lindsay Veteran's Memorial Building | 775 N Elmwood Ave. Lindsay, CA 93247

We hope to see you there!!!

# Central Service Meeting Meetings

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

### Date

November 12, 2024

### Meeting called to order

David G 6:00 P.M.

### Board Members Present

David G, Patrick, Ally, George, Cody absent with notice

### Serenity Prayer

David G

### 12 Traditions

John W

### Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections  
Reviewed and Approved by all  
Patrick motion to approve, Cheryl second

### Board Meeting Report

David G  
Bridging the gap is goin strong  
Business cards for Tulare County AA order was placed

### Treasurer and Office Report

Carol Ann

Good evening!

For the period from Sept 21<sup>st</sup> thru Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$4,575.25 and expenses of \$6,097.98 for a *loss* of \$1,522.73.

**We are totally self-supporting through your contributions!**

Let's talk about the contributions we received!

**Group contribution:** Out of all the AA meeting listed on our website, I believe there are 205 of them, **12 Groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$1,571.91.** One of those groups who contributed to our office represents 20 AA meetings. Thank you to our groups for your contributions!

**Grateful Giver Club contributions:** Out of all the grateful alcoholics that attend meetings listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, we received **9 anonymous donations were made through our Grateful Givers contributions totaling \$1,153.75!** You know who you are! Thank you to our grateful givers!

You can contribute to the Grateful Givers Club through our donation link on our website at [AA-tulareco.org](http://AA-tulareco.org).

Grateful Giver's Club is a great way to donate if you want your donation to be anonymous, simply put Grateful Giver in the memo line!

**Individual contributions:** Out of all the alcoholics who attend meetings listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, **5 generous people donated to our office individually for the amount of \$176.99!** Consider mailing in a monthly contribution! Thank you to all you alcoholics who want to help us share the message of recovery!

You can donate individually through our website at [AA-tulareco.org](http://AA-tulareco.org). I will list your first name and last initial in the newsletter! Thank you for your individual contributors!

**Birthday Club:** Out of all the AA member who attend meeting listed on our website and in the Meeting Guide App, we had **7 grateful members contribute to Central Office to celebrate their sobriety by contributing \$1 per year of sobriety for the amount of \$242.00!** Thank you and happy birthday!

You can contribute to the Birthday Club by putting your first name and last initial, your city and the amount of sobriety you have! We will print this in our newsletter!

As you can see, there are many ways you can contribute to Central Office, this office is here to serve you, and to share to message of recovery to whoever is seeking it!

Central Office monthly expenses average \$5,125 and our prudent reserve is set at \$19,000. **We currently have \$13,812.36 which is \$5,187.64 below our prudent reserve.** So grateful to our Tulare County AA members as a whole for helping us continue to share our message of recovery!

Expenses paid this accounting period: Office staff, rent, phone and internet, utilities, and website fees, book and chip inventory replacement and payroll taxes.

Expenses coming up next accounting period: Office staff, rent phone, internet, utilities, website fees and payroll. We need your support!

Even though there is a financial shortfall, we are still fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the AA message of recovery.

Elections for the Central Office Board is coming up again in December, we will have 2 positions opening up. Please announce this to your groups, each position is a 2-year commitment.

**To the groups:** In our November newsletter there is a form you can download and send into Central Office I am requesting some information about your group's humble servants for future outreaches. We have some events coming up and I need to know where to mail the flyers, our fellowship includes you and your meetings and we need a way to reach you!

*I would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contributed to Central Office through your group contributions, your Birthday Club contributions, your individual contributions and our Grateful Giver's Club contributions!*

**Grateful to be here!  
Carol Ann Gable  
Office Manager/Treasurer**

\*Lengthly discussion on how central office can reduce expenses as well as how we can spread the concern to our meetings of the struggle we are facing financially...\*  
Participation and ideas were shared among CSR'S to be shared with groups and suggestions brought back for discussion next month

### PI/CPC Report

George

October was great for PI/CPC

10/10 Visalia/Tulare County Health Care Center we had a table representing AA

10/18 Tulare County Health Fair we also had a table

There are a few more events coming up

that we would like to be there to pass out information & sell books

Visalia Navigation Center is a new 100 bed shelter to be opening mid November...we will be reaching out to provide recovery information.

### **STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

#### **Issue Step Member**

December Cody Step 12 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 11/21/2024

January Sam Step 1 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 12/21/2024

### **TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER**

**Issue Step Member**

December Ally A Tradition 12 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 11/21/2024

January Kenford Tradition 1 due to [centralintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:centralintergroupnews@gmail.com) 12/21/2024

**Website Report**

This website report covers the time between the October and November CSR Meetings (2024-10-08 through 2024-11-12).

**Meetings:**

Carol Ann added a new meeting: Sobriety & Sunrise, a 6:30 AM meeting in Hanford.  
Carol Ann updated the Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting.

**Calendar of events:**

Carol Ann added the New Year's Eve event.

**Announcements:**

New Year's Eve Dinner / Speaker meeting.  
New Wednesday Morning meeting in Hanford.  
The Plain Language Big Book is available for sale.  
Central Office is closed November 11th in honor of Veteran's day.

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

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons.

We make AA literature available upon request. The literature is given directly to our inside members for them to keep. Literature is not given to the facility to distribute. Currently, we make available the AA Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and Living Sober. We are in discussion to consider adding the new Plain Language Big Book

In January, 2025 we will begin an H&I meeting at the new Navigation Center in Visalia which serves the unhoused population. This will increase our need for volunteers. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at [handiarea93@gmail.com](mailto:handiarea93@gmail.com) or Central Office can provide my phone number.

In October, we approved our 2025 budget. After adjusting to our recommended 6 months prior year expenses and ending October with an extraordinarily high literature purchased month, we now have a shortfall of 30,000.00 leaving us in a **neutral** financial position. It would be helpful if all groups would pass the pink can and have their Treasurer send the money in monthly. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me. Our financials are posted on our website at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) and locally on the H&I page of the Tulare County website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org). There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions group or members may have regarding the financial position.

Our next in-person orientation: January 11, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org).

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

**BTG Bridging the Gap**

Cody

No report

**GSO Liaison:**

David G

GSR meeting was November 5th, 2024

Seven people attended; two in-person and five via Zoom.

**Treasurer Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$3,745.62

**INCOME**

10/11/24 Unity Thru Traditions Group \$100.00

10/11/24 Civic Center Group \$38.90

10/11/24 Practicing the Principles \$75.00

10/25/24 Tuesday Women Amity Group \$49.90

Total Income: \$21.91

**EXPENSES**

10/13/24 Mike C. DCM — Mini PRAASA \$303.76

Total Expense: \$303.76

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

**DCM report:**

I attended the Mini PRAASA on October 11 - 13. Matthew, our delegate, brought the 2024 General Conference Post-Conference reports, and we got a box of them here for District 47 GSRs and any members interested. The AA International Conference Registration is open, and at <https://aa.org> under the What's New section you can click on the registration link and get more information if interested in attending. AA is attempting to get more blocks of rooms for members to stay. AA International Conference registration is closing soon; please consider registering as soon as possible. It is \$160 per person, and you should register before getting a room. There are over 22,000 registrations so far.

PRAASA 2025 registration will open at end of November. It will be in Anchorage Alaska, March 6 - 8, 2025.

Also under the What's New section, AA.org has a press release and announcement of publishing the Plain Language Big Book.

At the AAgrapevine.org web site, if you get a complete subscription, you get access to over 22,000 archived stories online. In the past year, there have been over 13,000 new subscriptions.

The proposed budget for 2025 was discussed and then voted on; it passed. In order to reduce our projected expenses, fewer area officers will be sent to PRAASA 2025 than previously. Paper printing of the area newsletter, Accents, is eliminated. We moved our translation expenses to an increase of Area Assembly registration fees of \$5.

Old business: None

New business:

1. Discuss District 47 Bylaws - Open discussion, will be discussed next month.
2. Nominations for D47 one-year positions. At the moment, all our positions are two-year positions.
3. New Year Eve Dinner by Central Office - Do we want to consider volunteering or donating a basket for

silent auction? Yes, we will donate a basket for the silent auction, and Mike C will make a batch of his superb brownies for the baked goods auction.

### CSR Reports

\*Saturday Morning Women's 12 x 12 Tracy Jo., CSR\*

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly  
Aprox 35-40 women We meet at Christ Lutheran  
Church 3830 W Tulare Ave.

We celebrate recovery by handing out milestone chips each week and celebrating birthdays the end of the month. Each meeting is a book study out of the 12 & 12

Thank you, Tracy Jo W

**\*Rainbow Group, Presented by George J., CSR.\***

The Rainbow Group meets every Saturday for an hour at 5:30 PM at The Source in Visalia, 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. The Zoom ID and passcode are on the website and in the Meeting Guide app. 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 (no ice cream). We also have our business meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

Thank you for letting me be of service, George.

**\*Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, Presented by Ken., CSR.\***

We are located at the Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We meet Monday nights from 7 to 8 PM. It is an open group book study. We rotate the books that we study. We're currently reading the 12&12.

Turnout is about average. We have coffee and dessert every Monday. We would love to have more visitors. The Lighthouse Chapel is located off the 190: turn on to Bridge Drive, and then south to Rio Vista.

**\*Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR\***

We meet every Friday 6:30-7:30pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 1865 S D Street. We are an open meeting of women only. Our attendance of 10-16 people. Ladies from PARR attend. We also have ladies with many years of sobriety. Thank you for allowing me be of service, Glenda V

**\*Springville Gut-Level Group, Presented by Cheryl H., CSR\***

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springville at the Lighthouse Chapel from 7-8:30pm. It is a small group of dedicated regulars. We celebrate Birthdays the last Thursday of each month with dinner at the local restaurant-however Oct we will be celebrating their birthday meeting a week early due to the church the room the last Thursday which is Halloween. The meeting on Halloween will be at Dusty & Laura B's house. A note will be on the door at the church with address of meeting.

**\*Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Charley., CSR\***

OPEN MEETING We meet each Tuesday night at 7-8:30pm at St Johns Episcopal Church in Tulare. There are approximately 10-15 men and women of varying lengths of sobriety. We celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream. Since our last CSR meeting we discussed the importance of embracing the birthday club and the funds that it could raise, along with the benefits of raising it and how our essential central office is also positively impacted. Thank You for letting me be of service.

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**\*Tuesday Women's Changes, Presented by Vicki Bates., CSR\***

We meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Recovery Club located at 186 S. D Street, Porterville. We are an open meeting for women only. This is a stick topic meeting. That is each woman picks a preprinted stick and shares on the topic described on the stick. Our attendance includes women with a brief period of sobriety to those with many years. All are welcome. On the last Tuesday of the month we have a potluck to celebrate those with sobriety birthdays. Those women are invited to share their experience strength and hope with the group. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**\*Half & Half Group Sylvia D., CSR\***

The Half & Half Group meets every Thursday night at 6:00pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 764 W Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA This is a book study and we are currently in the big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. We read a chapter out of the book for the first 30 minutes. We go around discussing what we read and how it relates to our experience, strength and hope. All are welcome.

**\*Women's Tuesday Night Amity Group Sherri T., CSR\***

The Tuesday Women's Amity group meets every Tuesday at Trinity Church located 6400 West Walnut Street in Visalia. This is a closed women's meeting. We meet from 6:30pm - 7:30pm each week with the 3rd week being a business meeting after the regular meeting. Each week we have a lead speaker who speaks for 10 minutes and then picks a topic and chooses people to speak through tag, going around a circle or however they deem. The last week of the month is a birthday meeting where we enjoy yummy cake. We are growing and about 25-40+ women. Thank you, Sheri & Sherry

**\*Porterville Wednesday Marcie M., CSR\***

Open Meeting at Lutheran 764 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake

**\*Second Sunday Speaker Springville Meeting Marcie M., CSR\***

Great Speakers, Great Food, Great Fellowship. A mix of sobriety. Long timers and Newcomers. A Ride of Serenity to Springville. Second Sunday of the month

**Friday Freedom Fellowship Samantha J., CSR**

The Friday Freedom Fellowship meets every Friday at 7:00pm ago Christ Lutheran Church located at 3830 W Tulare Ave. Visalia, CA This is a closed meeting where both men and women can attend. Our attendance ranges from 20-40 people. A chair person speaks for 10 minutes, the chairperson picks a topic and calls on people for the remainder of the meeting. There is a variety of lengths of sobriety in the room and a tradition in the meeting gives everyone an opportunity to share their sobriety date. Birthdays are celebrated the last Friday of each month with cake and chips. Chips are also given out each week to celebrate sobriety milestones.

### **Bridge Street John W., CSR**

At Bridge St drunks only we have a wonderful meeting place at 526 N Bridge St in Visalia. When you walk into Bridge St, you feel at home. Our group has 26 meetings a week, 24 are closed meetings (for alcoholics only) and 2 are open (the noon meetings on weekends-all welcome) WE read the Daily Reflections which we use as the topic for the meetings.

### **Old Business**

New Years Event

### **New Business**

Nomination in December for board members two positions open

John W nominated by Cheryl

Jerry S nominated by Patrick

Nominations closed

No objections motion passed

### **Seventh Tradition**

\$58.75

### **Announcements**

Springeville Speaker Breakfast  
will be the first Sunday just for the month of December

### **Meeting Adjourned**

8:02

### **Responsibility statement**

# District 47 Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:03 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

**Committee members present:**

- Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group
- Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions
- Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study
- Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only
- Mike C., DCM
- Allen L., Treasurer
- David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be recorded for the recording secretary's benefit.

**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 11:** Concept 11 long form read and explained by Mike C.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 1, 2024, minutes reviewed and approved: all in favor, none against.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$3,745.62

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
10/11/24	Unity Thru Traditions Group	\$100.00
10/11/24	Civic Center Group	\$38.90
10/11/24	Practicing the Principles	\$75.00
10/25/24	Tuesday Women Amity Group	\$49.90

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Total Income: \$263.80

EXPENSES

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Total Expense: \$303.76

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our October CSR Meeting was held on October 8th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for August 21st through September 20th, Central Office had an income of \$4,507.82 and expenses of \$4,819.88 for a loss of \$312.06. Our balance was \$14,452 with a prudent reserve of \$19,000.

Old business:

- 1. How to get the word out about what Central Office is and does?
2. We would like to hold a Service Fair or Workshop where each of the organizations and Ninth Tradition Service committees get to present what they do. Central Office, District 47, H&I, PI, BTG., perhaps CNIA.

New business:

- 1. Grasshopper texting service to remind members of upcoming committee meetings.

Announcements:

Springville Second Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting in November 10th.

New Year's Eve planning meeting October 8th, immediately prior to the CSR meeting, in-person and on Zoom. Planning meeting will start at 5:00 PM, and go to 6:00 PM. Flyers and tickets are available at Central Office. It will be a gala event with gourmet food.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: Supplied by Joyce R. and presented by Mike C.

November, 2024 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons. In December we will be adding another facility to our roster.

We make AA literature available (Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections, Living Sober in English, and Spanish) upon request. The literature is given directly to our inside members for them to keep. Literature is not given to the facility to distribute. The literature is purchased with funds collected in the pink cans passed at meetings.

We continue to need more volunteers. Monthly we cover our commitments in the 8 treatment facilities with an average of 28 volunteers. In Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons, we are above to cover about ¼ of the meetings due to a lack of cleared volunteers. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at handiarea93@gmail.com or Central Office can provide my phone number.

As with other service entities, our monthly expenses remain constant while contributions vary. At the end of September, we ran into the negative for the month but were still positive year to date. At our recent Committee Meeting, our 2025 budget was approved and we will be adjusting our prudent reserve and 3 months prior year cash on hand to reflect our current expenses. It is projected that this will put us below our recommended 6 months cash on hand. It would be helpful if all groups would pass the pink can and have their Treasurer send the money in monthly. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me. Our financials are posted on our website at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) and locally on the H&I page of the Tulare County website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org). There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions group or members may have regarding the financial position.

Our next in-person orientation: November 9, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org).

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

**DCM Report:** Mike C. attended the Mini PRAASA

**Matt Delegate Report:**

Discussed when he attended his first general service meeting and how it made an impact in his service work for his home-group and fellowship. That first experience had a lasting impact on his sobriety and service work. Since the General Post Conference in May he has spoken at 21 district events across the area. He also recently spoke at the NCAA Nor Cal Conference. He distributed boxes of the post conference assembly reports from AA World Services. He asked that we do not share information in the handbooks to anyone outside of AA. There is also a digital copy online at [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org) Delegate Page.

Matt mentioned that the Grapevine subscriptions have increased recently and asked if groups and AA members can continue to purchase subscriptions, so it becomes self-supporting.

He asked that all AA members, GSRs, and DCMs to read the Post Conference reports from the recent General Conference.

The website in the [CNIA.org](http://CNIA.org) has a new page call "What's New" please look and see information about area events. The AA World Conference Registration is open and under the What's New section you can click on the registration link and get more information if interested in attending. To get more block rooms for members to stay. AA World Conference registration is closing soon please consider registering as soon as possible it is \$160 per person, and you should register before getting a room.

Internation Convention Update: There are over 22,000 registrations so far of members attending and the room blocks have all been sold out already. Staff in AAWS is reaching out to other hotels.

PRAASA 2025 registration will open at end of November. It will be in Alaska next year.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the plain and simple language big book is now on AA.org.

There is new literature being released for people to purchase and read. The new piece is called "Black in AA" will be coming out soon.

AAgrapevine.org Complete subscription has over 22,000n archived stories online. There are also audio clips that are great for listening while driving. In the past year there has been over 13,00 new subscriptions.

#### Don H Treasurer Report:

We need to be prudent in our funds; what services are essential and what services are not?

Where is there redundancy? We voted to keep the mileage rate reimbursement rate at .67 cents per mile.

Last year Area voted and approved to increase funds for Archives for rent and new location. In June it was approved and July Area initiated the Area Spending Plan for 2024 vs 2025 and found that we were 15-20k over revenues.

In August and September, we held group conscience to be held at group/district meetings to ask the fellowships what are the best ways we can close the gap?

**Step A:** Move translation fees to Area Assembly registration and add \$5 per person to cover costs.

**Step B:** Reduce PRAASA to just allow the delegate to attend. Also, we discussed sending Delegate to International Conference.

We also considered the special conferences - BTG, Technology, Grapevine/La Vina, and Archives. Many of the chairs stated that they get a lot out of attending the special conferences and helped with improving their knowledge in the Area.

**Step C:** We considered reducing the mileage rate from .67 to .60 and the committee has agreed to keep at .67 per mile.

**Step D:** Reduce the costs of printing Accents and just make the report all digital.

**Step E:** Increase contributions from groups to support Area 7. There has been a steady of contributions over the past 10 years.

#### **Proposed Budget Plan FY 2025**

There were many concerns regarding adding all members to attend the PRAASA in Alaska they felt that it was not necessary to send that many of the Area staff to attend.

Some DCMs, and GSRs also were concerned with changes made by adding them back to the updated

budget when they had originally had them removed during the August and September meetings when Don held budget meetings. During those meetings it was proposed to only send six members not all twelve members.

**Overall the FY2025 budget was reduced by \$30,000 from 2024 and it was approved.**

Sunday we held round table discussions and provided feedback on various questions on group conscious discussions.

Mike did bring back from Mini PRAASA a list of group inventory questions, if anyone wants to take them to their group.

**GSR Reports:**

Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only. The group is going steady. We did discuss sending Leah to the Winter Assembly in Sonora, hosted by District 33, January 18 and 19, 2025.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group: Nothing to report.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study: We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We read one Step, then read one Tradition, and flop between them. We are still talking about doing a group inventory.

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club. We're going through the book *Experience, Strength, and Hope*. We've had at least ten people show up every week; one week we had more people than books.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship: Things are going well.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

1. Discuss District 47 Bylaws – Open discussion
  1. We will scan them to electronic form so they can be posted to the web site and accessed from anywhere.
2. Nominations for D47 1-year positions – Open discussion
3. New Year Eve Dinner Central Office – Do we want to consider volunteering or donating a basket for silent auction?
  1. Leah makes some excellent puff pastries with Nutella.
  2. Mike will make a batch of his superb brownies for the live bake sale auction.
  3. Mike and Leah will work on a gift basket for the event.

**Announcements:**

Serenity in the Sierras 2024 – 37th Annual Retreat November 8-10, 2024  
Fairfield Inn & Suites  
40780 CA 41, Oakhurst CA 93644

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 7:49 PM.

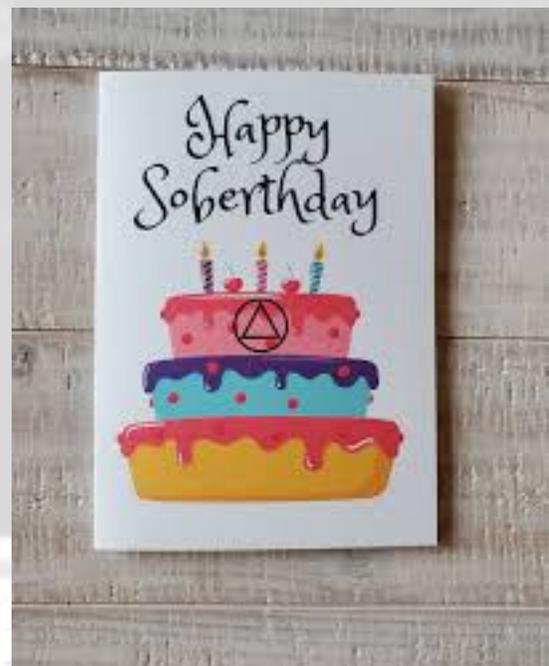
Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary

# December 2024 AA Birthdays!

Jean M	Hanford	57		Victoria B	Visalia	32	
Art M	Three Rivers	50		Linda B	Visalia	32	
Fran M	Fresno	44	12/2/1980	Bob F	Medford, OR	31	12/28/1993
Becky L	North Dakota	43		Bob S	Porterville	30	
Paul B	Visalia	41	12/31/1983	Debbie A	Tulare	30	
Hernandez	Tulare	41		Danny G	Visalia	29	12/10/1995
Gary L	Pixley	40		Belynda S	Visalia	25	12/30/1999
Dave L	Conifer, Co	38	12/6/1986	Tim T	Visalia	23	12/8/2001
Janet O	Dinuba	37		Billy L	Visalia	22	12/7/2002
Margie M	Visalia	37		Paul F	Visalia	22	12/15/2002
Robin S	Visalia	37		Tina M	Porterville	19	12/18/2005
Shannon S	Porterville	36		Jerry S	Tulare	18	12/21/2006
Abraham G	Visalia	36		Michele S	Exeter	17	
Roy E	Visalia	36		Paul M	Porterville	17	12/20/2007
Jeff R	Visalia	35		Sandy H	Visalia	14	12/2/2010
Bob N	Lindsay	35		Mark G	Visalia	14	12/3/2010
Tom H	Visalia	35	12/31/1989	Ray D	Visalia	11	12/16/2013
Roger C	Visalia	34		Barbara VB	Visalia	10	12/27/2014
Antonia M	Visalia	34		Luanne	Exeter	9	
Scott B	Porterville	33	12/1/1991	Claudia Q	Visalia	9	12/7/2015
Lisa S	Visalia	33		Louie T	Porterville	9	12/18/2015
Mike Y	Visalia	33		John W	Visalia	6	12/2/2018
Jim M	Tulare	32	12/28/1992	Dallas C	Springfield, MO	6	12/17/2018
				Brian P	Visalia	5	
				Allie A	Visalia	4	

*That's 1,321  
Years of Total  
Sobriety!!!*



# Group Contributions 10/21/24-11/20/24

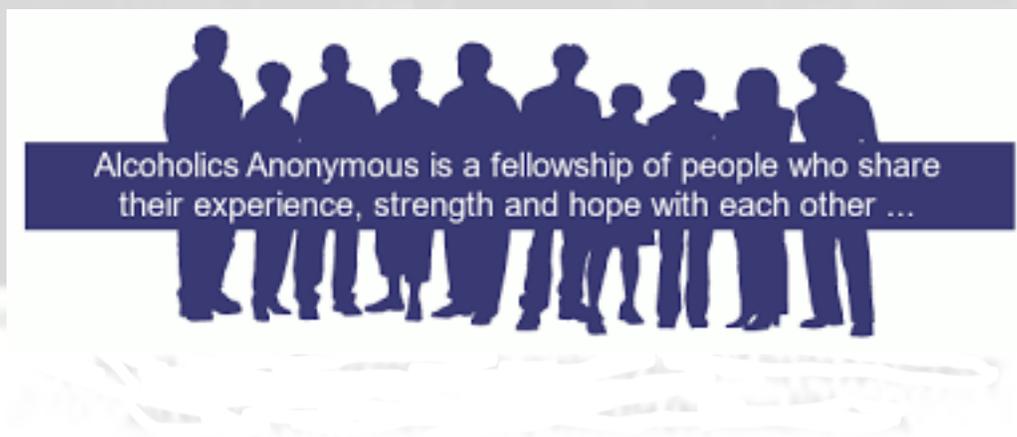
Group Contributions 10/21/2024 Thru 11/20/2024						
				Month	YTD	
1st Friday Speaker Meeting				\$30.00	\$205.00	
10th Ave Men's Group				\$192.00	\$857.57	
ABC Group				\$-	\$-	
ACYPAA				\$-	\$-	
Bridge St "Drunks Only"				\$-	\$2,001.85	
Central California Round Up				\$-	\$-	
Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting				\$10.00	\$10.00	
Civic Center Group				\$-	\$272.30	
Clodbusters-Tulare				\$-	\$720.90	
Crossroads-Tulare				\$-	\$350.00	
CSO Meeting				\$58.75	\$388.75	
District 47				\$-	\$621.00	
District 49				\$-	\$-	
Everyday is Christmas				\$-	\$675.65	
Exeter Sunday Afternoon				\$100.00	\$450.00	
Freedom Fellowship				\$-	\$205.00	
Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Tulare				\$215.00	\$455.00	
Friends of Bill W				\$50.00	\$1,015.00	
Gem St Noon Book Study				\$-	\$-	
Half & Half				\$-	\$100.00	
Keep it Simple Sunday				\$-	\$297.00	
loose women				\$-	\$87.50	
Monday Men's Valley Big Book Study				\$75.00	\$325.00	
Monday Men's Mtg (PPAV)				\$-	\$475.00	
Mid-Valley-Tulare				\$-	\$-	
Monday Book Study Springville				\$200.00	\$600.00	
Monday Women's Reflections				\$-	\$395.47	
Nooners Group-Visalia				\$-	\$-	

**A Declaration of Unity**

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.



Porterville Friday Night Candlelight	\$-	\$-
Practicing the Principles	\$-	\$288.00
Quiet Trails	\$50.00	\$650.00
Rainbow Group	\$-	\$190.00
Rule 62-Visalia	\$218.00	\$218.00
Serenity Junction-Tulare	\$-	\$-
Saturday Night Believers	\$-	\$-
Sober for a Reason	\$-	\$-
Sober Tippers	\$-	\$-
Springville Gut Level	\$300.00	\$750.00
Springville Breakfast Meeting	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Sunday PM Serenity Seekers	\$-	\$-
Three Rivers Monday	\$-	\$350.00
TUFYPAA	\$-	\$-
Tuesday Men's Porterville	\$-	\$-
Tuesday Women's Amity Group (TWAG)	\$249.50	\$1,251.58
Unity through Traditions	\$-	\$414.00
Valley Group	\$-	\$-
Valley Speaker Series	\$-	\$-
Visalia Alano Club	\$-	\$144.09
Wandering Couples	\$-	\$-
Wednesday Acceptance Group (WAG)	\$-	\$700.00
Women's Changes Group	\$-	\$-
Women's Friday Night-Porterville	\$-	\$-
Women's Happy	\$-	\$255.50
Women's Saturday AM 12x12	\$-	\$-
Totals	\$2,248.25	\$16,719.16



## Lighter Side of AA

“A drunken bum is walking along the railroad tracks and he finds an old fashioned oil lamp laying on the ground. He picks it up and rubs the dirt off it and a huge genie appears and says thank you for releasing me! I will reward you with two wishes. The bum says I want a bottle of wine that will magically refill itself. Instantly a bottle appears and the bum chugs it down and the instantly it is refilled. The genie asks him what he want for his second wish and the bum replies, another bottle just like this one!”



# **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.**

# GOT JOKES/STORIES?

Hello there! Its your friendly editor, Robert P, and I welcome anyone who has an AA-related joke that they would like to share, or story to in order to further help our readers both laugh and stay inspired. I feel that there are never too much of either of those things! Thank you for letting me be of service!



# *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!!!