

CENTRAL NEWS

February 2025

Website:

www.aa-tulareco.org

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Life Membership

The organization of ex-drinkers known as Alcoholics Anonymous last week was rounding out its twelfth year. Taking stock, it found that it had 35,000 members and 1,200 chapters (including outposts in Canada and Latin America). It was picking up new members at the rate of 1,000 a month. In the last few months, A.A.'s stock among doctors and an estimated 750,000 U.S. alcoholics had climbed fast.

AA. was founded twelve years ago by a still-anonymous Manhattan stockbroker, known only as Bill, and an alcoholic Akron doctor. The organization has no officers, no dues, no big funds (its small Manhattan headquarters last year spent only \$35,000, donated by members). Pledged to help other alcoholics, members do little proselytizing, help only when they are called on. Before A.A., all but 5% of alcoholics were considered hopeless. Of A.A.'s regular members, some 50% never touch a drop after they join; 25% get on the wagon after one or two slips.

-Time, February 26, 1947

Step 2

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

I was not raised in a religious home nor did my family ever talk about spirituality growing up. I always thought that there had to be something more to this life, but wasn't quite sure. During the years I drank I often questioned if there even was a Higher Power at all? I had made myself believe that if there was a God then he would have saved me from all the pain and suffering that I had experienced throughout my life.

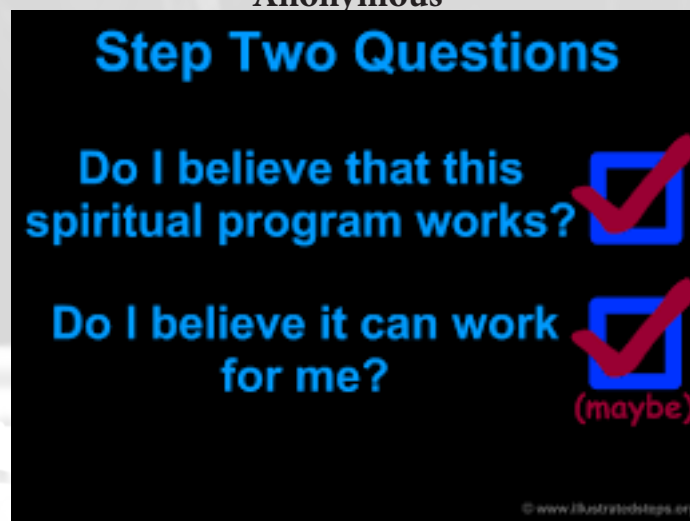
Once I came to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous I learned the difference between religion and spirituality. I was open minded and willing to learn the spiritual bases of the program. In doing so I began to believe that I was building this relationship with a power greater than myself, little did I know this connection with a God of my understanding had always been there I was just too ignorant to see it before. In my drinking I had turned my back to God, but I realize now, he had been with me the whole time. I learned in the program that I caused all the pain and suffering that I experienced in my alcoholism, and that my Higher Power protected me from myself, and brought me to AA.

When working Step Two I questioned the part “...restore us to sanity” because I could not recall experiencing any sanity even before the drinking began. I believe for myself that the disease and the alcoholic thinking was present well before I ever took my first drink. But what I have come to learn by working the steps with my Sponsor is that sanity is what God intended for us in the first place. I work the steps to grow mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and to also get back on the path that my Higher Power intended for me.

Alcoholics Anonymous has helped me believe in a Power greater than myself and that he could restore me to sanity, if I remain willing.

Today I choose to be open minded and willing as I continue to live the program of Alcoholics -Anonymous.

-Anonymous



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.”

Alcoholics Anonymous is a cross section of leaders and followers, just like any other group of people joined in a common purpose. Natural leaders flourish in a random group and it is instinctive in humans to seek them out. We thrive when we are at work purposely and it is easiest for us to feel fulfilled when guided along a path with our fellows.

All this would be great and might have happened in our movement. Bill Wilson was a natural born leader and he knew it. He was forceful enough to sway every decision made in our tottering outset. It was not to end up that way because the leader figured out that he was neither perfect nor immortal and that new leadership, determined by the spiritually granted group conscience, would have to provide guidance through service. We would never totally agree to stay on course unless a Higher Power provided a beacon. That would be the way we would survive, intact and spiritually connected, now matter who was at the helm.

A dangerous situation arises when groups make leaders or “czars” out of those who have long term experience. The result is that members become too timid to confront them with a real group conscience. The consensus becomes “they know best, let them run it”. New trusted servants, who will be needed sooner or later, have no opportunity to gain the experience in our internal workings. That’s why rotating service is best. That way more of us understand the responsibilities of the secretary, treasurer and the various intergroup positions like central office or general service and the others. Of course some positions might require a period of continuous sobriety to be elected, in trust, but the sooner a new person can be included in service, the better.

This system has worked well for us and one only wonders what would happen if only the strong willed and vociferous among us ran the show. We might not even recognize each other’s meetings. If we can earn enough humility to rely on a higher power to protect our miraculous movement, we can avoid a situation where a small group of bleeding deacons make all the decisions for our groups. Wait until you see a group override the will of one of these know-it-alls.

I’ve been on both sides of it and it’s a beautiful thing.

-Anonymous

Individual, Newsletter, Memorial & Birthday Club Contributions
12/21/2024 thru 1/20/2025

Birthday Club

\$1 for every year of sobriety!

Jen K	Visalia	\$ 5
Anonymous	Visalia	\$30

\$10 for every year of sobriety!

Cynthia T	Visalia	\$100
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\$100 for every year of sobriety!

Charlie M	Visalia	\$3600
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Total Club Contributions \$3,735



Congratulations on your sobriety!

Newsletter Contributions

None

Memorial Contribution

None

Grateful Giver's Club (You know who you are!) Members \$302.72

Individual Contributions

Bob T
The Hatzman's
James K

THANK YOU!!!

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.

Thank you for your service.

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



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Central Office Contacts

Income & Expense Statement

12/21/2024 through 1/20/2025

Dec 21st thru Jan 20th 2025

AA Members	57
Alanon & Alateen Info	0
Bridging the Gap	1
Churches and Schools	0
Court Referral/Info	4
E-Mail Contacts	205
General Info	3
H & I	0
Literature Sales	7
Meeting Information	3
Other 12 Step Programs	0
Prospective Members	0
Sched & Info Mailed	1
Spanish Contacts	1
Specialty Sales	9
Twelve Step Calls	2
Visitors to the Office	3
Voice Mail Calls	8

Total Central Office Contacts
304



INCOME	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
B.Day Club	3,735.00	3,735.00
Grateful Givers Club	302.72	302.72
Group Cont.	2,674.85	2,674.85
Indiv Cont	1,055.00	1,055.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Lit. Sales	420.55	420.55
Memorial Cont.	0.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Contribution	0.00	0.00
S & H	18.00	18.00
Sales Tax	87.91	87.91
Service Charge	2.00	2.00
Spec. Events-New Year's	5,054.00	5,054.00
Spec. Events-Picnic	0.00	0.00
Spec. Items	650.19	650.19
State fund dividend	0.00	0.00
State Fund Refund	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	14,000.22	14,000.22
EXPENSES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Fees-Taxes	0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Lit. Costs	170.90	170.90
PI-CPC Expense	0.00	0.00
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Cost	0.00	0.00
Non Employee Comp	\$75.00	75.00
Office Exp	197.49	197.49
Office Equip.& Maint	0.00	0.00
Paypal charges	0.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	1,942.99	1,942.99
Phone & ISP	272.46	272.46
Printing and copy expense	0.00	0.00
postage	0.00	0.00
Returned Check & Chg	0.00	0.00
Rent	685.00	685.00
Salary	1,150.96	1,150.96
Sales Tax-Paid	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events-picnic	0.00	0.00
Spec. Events-New Year	1,515.50	1,515.50
Spec. Items	0.00	0.00
Square Card Charges	16.60	16.60
Utilities	111.62	111.62
Ph-venmo	39.98	39.98
venmo fees	4.43	4.43
Website	7.00	7.00
TOTAL	\$6,189.93	6,189.93
Net Gain(Loss)	\$7,810.29	7,810.29

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 11/20/2024:

\$16,976.45

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 12/20/2024

\$24,786.74

Established Prudent Reserve

\$1900.00

Above prudent reserve 5,786.74

Speaker Meetings

**Speaker Meetings for February 2025
Porterville Recovery Club Speaker Meeting
186 W. Walnut Ave.
Friday February 7th, 2025 at 8:00 PM
Speakers: Art and Tiffany J**

**Sunday AM Breakfast, Speaker Meeting
Veterans Memorial Building
36000 Hwy 190, Springville
February 9th 2025
(Breakfast at 8:30 to 10:00 AM)
Speaker: Paul T from Mariposa Ca**

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

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 Meeting & Service Addresses February 2025

Service Meetings

GSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, February 4th 2025 at 7:00 PM

Bridging the Gap meeting at Central Office
449 E Maple St Exeter, CA
February 1st 2025 11:00 AM

CSR Meeting at Central Office
449 E. Maple St., Exeter, CA
Tuesday, February 11th 2025 6:00 PM

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

TUFYPAA
Zoom ID 839 4820 8237 Password: service
2nd Sunday of the month, February 9th 2025

SERVICE ADDRESSES

Tulare County Central Office
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Exeter, CA 93221
(559) 592-6999
Email: tccof@hotmail.com
Website: www.aa-tulareco.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm
Closed Major holidays
<https://aa-tulareco.org/donation>

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449 E. Maple St.
Exeter, CA 93221

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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

Central Service Meeting Meetings

CENTRAL SERVICE MEETING UN-APPROVED MINUTES

Central Office & Central Service Representatives Meeting Report

Date

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order

Cody 6:01 P.M.

Board Members Present

Cody, John, Ally, George, Mike

Serenity Prayer

Cody

12 Traditions

Marci

Previous Minutes

No additions or corrections
Reviewed and Approved by all

Board Meeting Report

Cody

Reminder office is closed on Mondays
we have received some generous donations to Central Office

Cody -new President
John-new Vice President
Ally- remaining Secretary
George-remaining PI/CPC
Mike- Bridging the Gap

Treasurer and Office Report

Good evening!

We had a great turn out for the New Year Event! I want to thank everyone for all their hard work! We came out ahead \$2,414.36! A copy of the report will be in next month's Newsletter and it is in your packet.

For the period from Nov 21st thru December 20th, 2024 Central Office had an income of \$5,866.85 and expenses of \$2,566.86 for a *GAIN* of \$3,300.02.

Tulare County Central Office is totally self-supported through your contributions!

Group contributions: 8 groups donated to Central Office for a total of \$1,949.95. Thank you Bridge Street Drunks Only, Clod Busters, Springville Monday Night Book Study, Monday Night Men's Stag at the PPAV, Quiet Trails Group, Unity Through Traditions Group, The Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting, and the Wednesday Night Porterville Acceptance Group! Your group doesn't have to wait till you have a bunch of money to donate. We would love to receive a contribution from every group every month to help us share our message of recovery!

Grateful Giver Club contributions: 9 anonymous grateful alcoholics donated through our Grateful Givers Club totaling \$1,454.48! Thank you to our grateful givers! We would love to receive more monthly contribution to the Grateful Giver's Club from our members! It doesn't have to be a lot! Please consider contributing monthly to our Grateful Giver's Club

You can contribute to the Grateful Givers Club through our donate link on our website at AA-tulareco.org. Grateful Giver's Club is a great way to contribute if you want your contribution to be anonymous, simply put Grateful Giver in the memo line!

Individual contributions: We had 12 individual alcoholics generously donate to our office for the amount of \$1,624.42! Thank you! Please consider mailing in a monthly contribution! Thank you for helping us share the message of recovery!

You can donate individually through our website at AA-tulareco.org. I will list your first name and last initial in the newsletter! Thank you for your individual contributions!

Birthday Club: We had 3 grateful members contribute to Central Office Birthday Club to celebrate their sobriety by contributing the amount of \$39. 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!

Claudia covered the office for us on January 7, 2025, thank you Claudia!

We are currently seeking a volunteer to cover the office on Mondays, if interested come in and talk to me. You must have at least 2 years of sobriety.

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

PI/CPC Report

George

This month we did not have any Health Fairs...as we come into the New Year we will be putting out flyers and meeting schedules in the lobbies and offices of various facilities to help direct those in need.

STEP FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

February Sylvia D. Step 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2025
March Cheryl H Step 3 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 2/21/2025

TRADITION FOR NEWSLETTER-VOLUNTEER

Issue Step Member

February Mike P Tradition 2 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 1/21/2025
March Mike P Tradition 3 due to centralintergroupnews@gmail.com 2/21/2025

Website Report

David

This website report covers the time between the December and January CSR Meetings (2024-12-10 through 2025-01-14).

Meetings:

One new addition: Friday nights at Bridge Street Drunks Only in Visalia at 6 PM - a newcomer's meeting.

Change 1: Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting was moved two weeks forward to not conflict with New Year's Eve

Calendar of events:

Carol Ann added the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA) spring event in Modesto, March 7 - 9.

Announcements:

Planning meeting for New Year's Eve party; Tuesday December 17.

Meeting change: Bridge Street Drunks Only, Saturday moves to 6 PM

New meeting: Bridge Street Drunks Only for newcomers, Fridays at 6 PM

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.

We began 2025 with 35 active Tulare County H&I volunteers who participate in multiple H&I meetings monthly. We are serving 9 different facilities by holding 16 monthly H&I meetings in these facilities. We hold an average of 3 Spanish meetings monthly in the Tulare County Jail along with the average 4 English meetings. At Corcoran, SATF and Avenal we have 6 volunteers who are serving weekly to attend as many meetings as possible. At our 1/11/24 meeting, we welcomed 5 new H&I volunteers and by the end of February we will have 3 more volunteers cleared volunteers for the Tulare County Jail.

At each of these meetings, we have AA Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections, and Living Sober available for our inside members to keep as a gift from our AA Fellowship. This is funded with money contributed to the Pink Cans passed at meetings. In 2024 in Tulare

County, we were able to distribute \$18,400.00 in AA Literature at the meetings we serve.

A special thank you to our Tulare County H&I volunteers who have made this growth possible!

Our next H&I orientation will be held at 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on March 8, 2025 at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. Please encourage any interested AA member to attend. There is more that we can do together to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

In Service,
Joyce R
Area 93 Chair

BTG Bridging the Gap

Mike P
Nothing to report at this time

GSO Liaison:

David G
GSR meeting was January 7th, 2025
Nine people attended; two in-person and seven via Zoom.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66

INCOME:

12/12/24 Bridge Street Drunks Only #1121 \$42.16
12/26/24 Valley Speaker Series Group \$87.22

Total Income: \$129.38

EXPENSES:

12/13/2 40 stamps check #306 \$29.20

Ending Balance: \$3,805.84

DCM report:

Mike attended the CNIA Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in December. They did talk about upcoming Agenda Items for the General Service Conference in New York. CNIA will be voting on a new Accessibilities Committee and chair. There was a Twelve-Step Checklist discussed, which is included in today's agenda. The Winter Assembly will be in Sonora, CA January 18 & 19, 2025. The district hosting the assembly will be having a luau with roasted pork.

Old business:

1. We still need an Alternate DCM
2. Approve dispersing \$1,000 of additional reserve funds. The vote was to split our reserves 50/50 between Central Office and CNIA.

New business:

1. Discussed General Service Preliminary Agenda Items. We don't know when the official list will be published, because the official list will be published simultaneously in English, Spanish, and French; but it will probably be published in late January or early February. GSRs are encouraged to get the preliminary list to their groups, so the groups can discuss which items are of interest.
 2. We discussed the Twelve Step Checklist that will be discussed at Winter Assembly.
 3. GSRs are encouraged to let our fellowship know that the Grapevine App is available.
4. Discussed the CNIA Area 7 Accessibility survey. There will also be a vote to approve a new position at Winter Assembly.

CSR Reports

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

Held from 9-10 am Saturday morning held weekly
Approx 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. The last Saturday of the month we have an ask it basket where we get to respond to questions provided by our members.

Thank you, Tracy Jo W

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 Plain Language Big Book. 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. We will begin studying "Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers" in

February

Friday Loose Women Meeting Glenda V., CSR

We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Porterville Recovery Club located at 186 South D Street. We have attendance of 5-10 women. We are an open meeting, for women only. It is an open discussion meeting we have ladies with

years of sobriety.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

Glenda V

Springville Thursday Night Gut Level, Presented by Ken., CSR

Gut level meets every Thursday in Springville at the Lighthouse Chapel from 7-8:00pm. It is an open group book study. It is a small group of dedicated regulars. We celebrate Birthdays the last Thursday of each month with dinner at 5:30 at a local restaurant. We will begin studying "Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers" in February. We currently have no plans to study the Plain Language Big Book. We are looking for a secretary and a Treasurer.

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 with varying lengths of sobriety. We celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of the month with cake and ice cream for the previous month. We continue to share the importance and benefit 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.

Tuesday Women's Changes, Presented by Vicki B., 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 for one hour, at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 764 W Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA This is a book study and we read the big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous or the 12 x 12. 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 Open Gay Inclusive Marcie M., CSR

Open Meeting at Lutheran Church 765 Henderson Porterville Wednesday gay inclusive meeting 6:00-7:00pm, 12-15 members a mix of new and long timers Birthday celebration-cake the last Wednesday of the month, we support Central Office.

Second Sunday Speaker Springeville Meeting Marcie M., CSR

Veterans Memorial Building, Springeville second Sunday of the month, it is a beautiful ride to Springville Lots of Serenity.

Coffee at 8:00am

Breakfast at 8:30am

\$8.00

10:15 meeting starts 7th Tradition honored 10:30 ten minute speaker followed by main speaker

We support Central Office 50/50 drawing

February 9th 50 YEAR Celebration

Paul T Mariposa speaker

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 Drunks Only John W., CSR

We have great participation at Bridge St with lots of meetings that are closed (20) and two that are open on weekends. There has been some confusion regarding the times of our 7:00pm meeting on Saturday night* Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. We give out chips on Saturdays at noon...The last Saturday noon meetings is our birthday meeting.

Prospecting for Nuggets Jerry S., CSR

St Johns Episcopal Church 1701 E Prosperity Ave.

This is an open meeting. We would like more participation.

It is a chip meeting and celebrate anniversaries in the last Sunday of the month.

Civic Center Group., David G CSR

We meet every Tuesday night at the Christ Lutheran church near Tulare and Demaree in Visalia. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and goes to 8:00 PM. It is an open meeting, and newcomers are welcome. We have coffee and candy, and literature every week. Books are for sale at cost, and pamphlets are free. Our business meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 8:10 PM, immediately after the meeting. Our new Secretary is Gyna T. We give out chips every week for sobriety under one year; we have a birthday meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, with cupcakes.

Old Business

We have two board members that stepped out of service... David & Patrick... thank you for your service, Two new board members John & Mike

New Business

Arbor 9 June 14th AA Founders Day Picnic... We need a chairperson to head the committee.
Also looking for a volunteer to be at the Central Office Mondays 9-1:00

Seventh Tradition

\$42.00

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned

7:08pm

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: 7:02 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

Committee members present:

- Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship
- 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
- Jim K., GSR for Monday Night Men's Stag Meeting at PPAV
- Mike C., DCM
- Allen L., Treasurer
- David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be audio 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 David G.

Concept 1: Concept 1 long form read and explained by Allen L.

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024, minutes reviewed. Brandon moved to approve the minutes, and Fred seconded the motion. Vote taken: all in favor, none against.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Allen L.:

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
12/12/24	Bridge Street Drunks Only #1121	\$42.16
12/26/24	Valley Speaker Series Group	\$87.22

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Total Income: \$129.38

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12/13/24	40 stamps chk #306	\$29.20
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	Total Expense:	\$29.20

Ending Balance: \$3,805.84

Last month, we voted to pay Central Office our annual rent, but I had also heard that Central Office was going to increase the rent. When I learn what that number is, I will pay it. *(Secretary's note remembered later: annual rent was increased to \$600. It also includes Zoom services.)*

CSO Liaison Report: David G.

Our December CSR Meeting was held on December 10th. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for October 21st through November 20th, Central Office had an income of \$4,639.22 and expenses of \$3,909.98 for a GAIN of \$729.24. Our balance was \$13,658 where our prudent reserve should be \$19,000.

Old business:

New Year's Eve party and planning.

New business:

Nominations for Central Office Board of Directors. John W was nominated, as was Mike P.

Election: John W and Mike P were elected to the board of directors. The board president is Cody R. of Springville.

Follow up:

The New Year's Eve event was a success. We had more than 100 people attend, and the room was festive. The speaker was excellent, and the food delicious. We won't know the final numbers until next week, but I heard that income exceeded outgo by \$2,000. The New Year's Eve event is the Central Office fundraiser for the year.

Registrar: Josh F. no report

H&I Report: Presented by Joyce R.

January 2025 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.

I am super excited to report that we are starting 2025 with 16 monthly facility meetings, which is up from 13 at the beginning of last year.

In recap of 2024, here in Tulare County (Area 93) we increased our facility H&I meetings from 13 to 15 per month adding 2 additional facilities. We are now serving 8 different facilities. We increased our meetings at the Tulare County Jail to a minimum of 5 per month in English and Spanish as we now have two cleared Spanish-speaking volunteers. Meetings at Avenal and Corcoran continue as cleared volunteers are available.

In 2024, we were able to distribute \$18,388.70 of AA literature to our inside members at these meetings. We extend our gratitude to our group in Tulare County who elect to pass the pink can at their meetings, and the AA members who generously contribute.

We are beginning 2025 by adding another monthly meeting at one of our existing facilities bringing our monthly facility meeting total to 16. We will have 3 new volunteers cleared for Tulare County Jail by mid-February which allows us to expand meetings at the local county jail.

A special thank you to our dedicated H&I volunteers. We begin 2025 with 35 active H&I volunteers who participate in multiple H&I meetings monthly. It is due to these amazing AA members that over my 7 years of being involved in H&I we have gone from 4 monthly facility meetings serving 2 facilities to where we are today. I am blessed beyond my wildest dreams to be in service with these volunteers who go above and beyond to carry the message of AA.

Our next H&I orientation will be held at 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on January 11, 2025, at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291. Please encourage any interested AA member to attend. There is more that we can do together to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

In Service,
Joyce Rauen
Area 93 Chair

Question from Laura B: When you say 16 and 9, what is that? Joyce: we now hold 16 meetings in 9 facilities. Laura: Thank you.

DCM Report: Mike C. I attended the CNIA Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in December. The things we talked about, I've made items under New Business. They did talk about upcoming Agenda Items for the General Service Conference in New York. CNIA will be voting on a new Accessibilities Committee and chair. There was a Twelve-Step Checklist discussed, which is included in today's agenda. The Winter Assembly will be in Sonora, CA January 18 & 19, 2025. The district hosting the assembly will be having a luau with roasted pork.

GSR Reports:

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions Book Study, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club. We're doing well. Recently, four new people have started showing up regularly. Up to twenty people attend. Thank you, Allen for reminding me that our group said we want the D47 funds above our prudent reserve to go 100% to Central Office. Recently we sent \$100 in to Central Office.

Brandon L., GSR for Friday Freedom Fellowship, 7 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. We have good meeting attendance. Recently we lost three members who died sober with long term sobriety: Jim King, Bill Ellis, and Bob Matlick. Jim King got sober in 1974. We're getting a lot of new people coming to the meeting, and many people have stepped up to take service commitments at this meeting.

Jim K., GSR for the Monday Night Men's Stag meeting at the PPAV hall in Visalia, from 7:30 to 9 PM. It is a pretty large meeting, with thirty to sixty attendees, with guys from Pine Recovery and Robertson Recovery attending. We also have particularly good cheesecake or pie for our birthday meeting the last Monday of the month.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study Group, 7 to 8 PM at The Lighthouse Chapel in Springville. We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We read one Step, then read one Tradition, and switch between them. Currently, we are on Tradition 11. We have decided the next book will be *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*. Attendance has been light, with about eight people, sometimes ten, every week. We do have two new people who have started to attend regularly. It's a good meeting.

Leah W., GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only in Visalia (21 meetings). We have two changes to our meetings: Saturday night moved forward one hour to 6 PM, and now starts with a 10-minute speaker followed by open discussion. We also started a new meeting on Friday nights aimed at newcomers; this meeting is at 6 PM. Both meetings are Open meetings. I have also gotten my registration and reservation complete for the Winter Assembly in Sonora January 18 & 19. Question from Allen: Do you have a new treasurer? I've gotten contribution thank you letters returned to me as non-deliverable. Leah: no, Mike S is still our treasurer. Allen: okay, I'll get in contact with Mike to figure out the right address.

Dusty B., GSR for the Gut-Level Group, Thursday Nights in Springville from 7 to 8:30 PM at The Lighthouse Chapel. Every week is a new week; last week we had 26 people (it was a birthday meeting). Most nights we have from six to twelve people. We have a couple new people who are hanging around, and we're doing a good job of carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism.

Fred F., on behalf of Sean A., GSR for the Practicing The Principles group 7 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. The group is going well. They've had an election and have a new secretary and new treasurer. They've recently had people from Hanford coming to the meeting.

Old Business:

1. We still need an Alternate DCM.
2. Approve dispersing \$1,000 of additional reserve funds to AAWS, CNIA Area 7 and Central Office in the following amounts: 50% to Central Office, and 50% to CNIA 07. Or, 50% to Central Office, 40% to CNIA 07, 10% to GSO New York.
 1. Allen led the discussion.
 2. We will pay rent to Central Office, and whatever is left over will be distributed.
 1. Three ballot choices:
 1. 100% to Central Office (two votes)
 2. 100% to CNIA (four votes)
 3. 50% to Central Office and 50% to CNIA (three votes)
 4. Second vote taken:
 1. 100% to CNIA (four votes)
 2. 50% to Central Office and 50% to CNIA (five votes)
 2. Motion passes to pay Central Office our annual rent, and send 50% of what's left to Central Office and 50% to CNIA.

New Business:

1. Discuss General Service Preliminary Agenda Items. We don't know when the official list will be published, because the official list will be published simultaneously in English, Spanish, and French; but it will probably be published in late January or early February. GSRs are encouraged to get the preliminary list to their groups, so the groups can discuss which items are of interest. <https://aa-tulareco.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/EN-Preliminary-75-General-Service-Conference-Agenda.pdf>
2. CNIA Accessibility Survey. At the Winter Assembly, there will be a vote to create an Accessibilities Chairperson.
3. Winter Assembly will be January 18 & 19, in Sonora, CA, hosted by District 33.
4. Laura's group wants to know if we will be any Agenda Items Workshop. Yes, we usually, and will invite our Delegate down to discuss. If Central Office wants to do a Unity Day, we would be willing to participate in that.

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 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary

February 2025 AA Birthdays!

AA BIRTHDAYS			
FEBRUARY	2025		
Kay C	Visalia	46	
Reyes A	Visalia	42	2/5/1983
Joe B	Tulare	41	
Hal E	Porterville	40	
Yolanda D	Visalia	40	
Kristy B	Visalia	39	2/15/1986
David G	Tulare	39	
Connie D	Tulare	38	
"Mad Jack"	Pixley	38	2/10/1987
Ken R	Visalia	38	2/13/1987
Brent S	Tulare	37	
Debbie M	Porterville	37	
Jamie M	Porterville	37	2/15/1988
Jack R	Tulare	36	
Chris K	Tulare	37	
Bob V	Visalia	36	
Dave W	Lindsay	36	
Holden M	Visalia	36	
Pat L	Visalia	36	
Dan G	Visalia	35	
Doug M	Visalia	35	
Sig G	Visalia	35	

Rick E	Visalia	34	2/3/1991
Dave H	Visalia	33	
Vickie H	Tulare	32	
Mark F	Visalia	32	
Linda R	Visalia	31	
Tarrie J	Visalia	31	
Tammy P	Tulare	31	
Trevor H	Visalia	30	2/20/1995
Jennifer S	Visalia	28	2/14/1997
Gloria C	Visalia	28	2/14/1997
Angela F	Visalia	28	2/14/1997
Dale L	Visalia	25	2/14/2000
Paige S	Visalia	24	2/5/2001
Judy K	Visalia	24	2/20/2001
Linda N	Tulare	23	2/22/2002
Denece B	Visalia	23	2/15/2003
Kimi K	Tulare	19	
Ricky T	Visalia	18	2/18/2007
Bob G	Visalia	16	2/15/2009
Derek B	Visalia	16	2/22/2009
Mike O	Visalia	16	2/9/2009
Jack E	Tulare/ Te- hachapi	13	2/13/2012
Lee B	Tulare	13	2/19/2012
Laura P	Visalia	8	2/22/2017



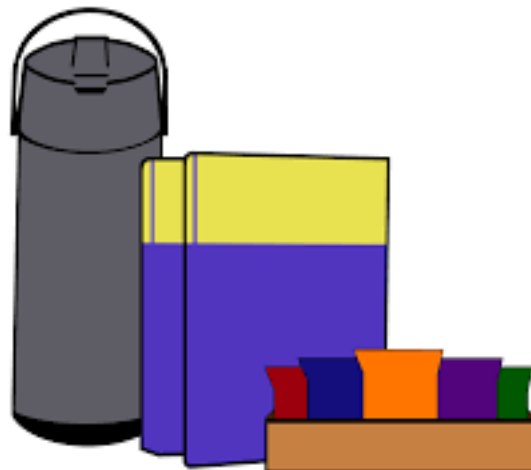
*That's 1,410
Years of Total
Sobriety!!!*

Group Contributions 12/21/24-1/20/25

1st Friday Speaker Meeting	\$-	\$-
10th Ave Men's Group	\$-	\$-
ABC Group	\$-	\$-
ACYPAA	\$-	\$-
Attitude Adjustment Group	\$29.00	\$29.00
Bridge St "Drunks Only"	\$-	\$-
Central California Round Up	\$-	\$-
Central Valley Recovery Alumni Meeting	\$-	\$-
Civic Center Group	\$-	\$-
Clodbusters-Tulare	\$-	\$-
Crossroads-Tulare	\$-	
CSO Meeting	\$42.00	\$42.00
District 47	\$1,102.92	\$1,102.92
District 49	\$-	\$-
Everyday is Christmas	\$118.00	\$118.00
Exeter Sunday Afternoon	\$-	\$-
Freedom Fellowship	\$-	\$-
Friends of Bill W and Dr Bob Tulare	\$-	\$-
Friends of Bill W	\$-	\$-
Gem St Noon Book Study	\$-	\$-
Half & Half	\$200.00	\$200.00
Keep it Simple Sunday	\$-	\$-
loose women	\$-	\$-
Monday Men's Valley Big Book Study	\$75.00	\$75.00
Monday Men's Mtg (PPAV)	\$-	\$-
Mid-Valley-Tulare	\$-	\$-
Monday Book Study Springville	\$-	\$-
Monday Women's Reflections	\$-	\$-



Nooners Group-Visalia	\$-	\$-
Porterville Friday Night Candlelight	\$-	\$-
Practicing the Principles	\$150.00	\$150.00
Quiet Trails	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rainbow Group	\$-	\$-
Rule 62-Visalia	\$-	\$-
Serenity Junction-Tulare	\$-	\$-
Saturday Night Believers	\$-	\$-
Sober for a Reason	\$-	\$-
Sober Tippers	\$-	\$-
Springville Gut Level	\$-	\$-
Springville Breakfast Meeting	\$-	\$-
Sunday PM Serenity Seekers	\$-	\$-
Three Rivers Monday	\$100.00	\$100.00
TUFYPAA	\$-	\$-
Tuesday Men's Porterville	\$171.82	\$171.82
Tuesday Women's Amity Group (TWAG)	\$-	\$-
Unity through Traditions	\$-	\$-
Valley Group	\$-	\$-
Valley Speaker Series	\$436.11	\$436.11
Visalia Alano Club	\$-	\$-
Wandering Couples	\$-	\$-
Wednesday Acceptance Group (WAG)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Women's Changes Group	\$-	\$-
Women's Friday Night-Porterville	\$-	\$-
Wom- en's Happy	\$-	\$-
Women's Saturday AM 12x12	\$-	\$-
Totals	\$2,674.85	\$2,674.85



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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!



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