



Orange  
County  
Intergroup  
Association

## Step 3 – We Had To Quit Playing God

*Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.*

Number 3 of 12 articles on the 12 Steps

When it came time for me to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> step for the first time, there was a great deal of trepidation that I would not be able to abruptly “turn my will over to the care of God, as I understood him”. This was so because I had no understanding of God, so what or who would I be turning my will and my life over to? Of course, it seemed that turning my will and my life over to anything or anybody would be better than trying to run my life myself. And even though trying to run my life myself brought excruciating emotional, (and sometimes physical) pain, it was still predictable, and at that time of life, predictable was good. What was difficult was the unknown and unpredictable – absolutely scary.

However, in preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> step, my sponsor and I had read the first 4 chapters, and in Chapter 4, *We Agnostics* there is a portion of text that reads, “When we became alcoholics, crushed by a self-imposed crises we could not postpone or evade, we had to fearlessly face the proposition that either God is everything or else He is nothing. God either is or He isn't. What was our choice to be?” “ The only honest choice I could make was that God was nothing. Now this may seem almost heretical to some in A.A., but I knew that every belief I had ever had about God had been given to me through instruction. Any conception of God that I had was someone else’s conception. I had never looked at what my own conception might be. So, in throwing several lifelong conceptions about God out the window, I was able to start with a clean slate founded upon a complete willingness to seek God.

But, I still had problem – the wording of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer. “God, I offer myself to Thee -- to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!” How could I offer myself to God through prayer when I had no conception of God? My sponsor asked me, “Do you believe that God, in whatever form he might be, hears your prayers?” Somehow, and to this day, I can’t tell you why, I did believe that God heard my prayers. I didn’t always care for his answers to my prayers, but I did believe that my prayers had always been answered. The answer had always been yes, no or later. So, upon that improbable foundation of answered prayers, I was able to

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find a reliance upon a God of which I had no conception. I could always rely upon my prayers being answered. My sponsor suggested that I always put my conception of God to a simple test, "Can I rely on this idea about God". If the answer was "yes", my conception was increased and grew stronger. If the answer was "no", my conception stayed the same, but the reliance became stronger, because my conception had stood the test.

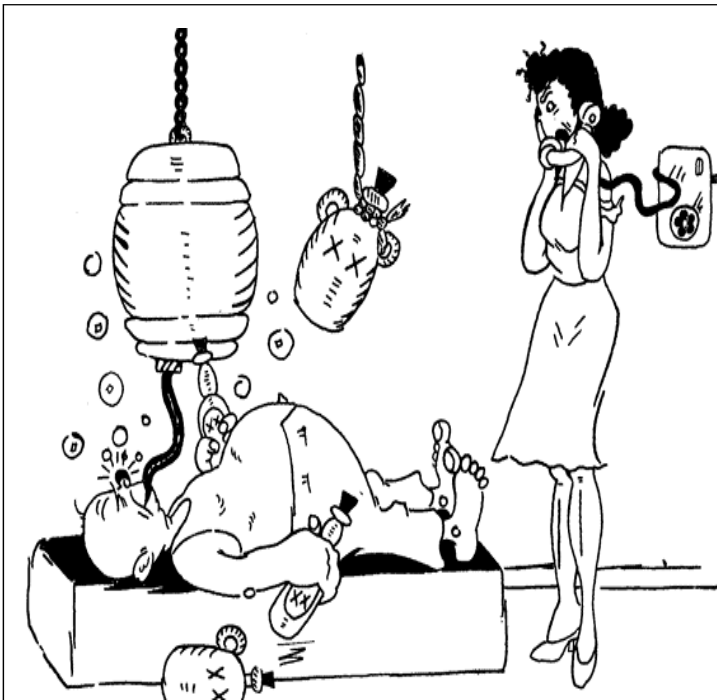
My conception of God is not much different than when I took those first hesitant moves to find a reliance upon a God of my own conception. However, the strength of my reliance upon God grows daily. This I believe to be true freedom.

Once I had taken the 3<sup>rd</sup> step in this manner, I was ready to go on with steps 4 through 9 which I would use to clear away the wreckage of my past and develop a conscious contact with God. Stunningly simple!



A member of A.A. in Orange County

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*"Hello! Is this Alcoholics Anonymous? Well, will you please come and talk to my husband? I'm afraid drinking is beginning to interfere with his life."*

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### YESTERDAY...TODAY AND TOMORROW

THERE are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds--but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day--TODAY--. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities--YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad--it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY and the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

LET US, THEREFORE, LIVE BUT ONE DAY AT A TIME.

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We find that no one need have difficulty with the spirituality of the program. Willingness, honesty and open-mindedness are the essentials of recovery. But these are indispensable.

*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 568

## Essay on Tradition Three

"The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking."

### Ours Not to Judge

*The first edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous makes this brief statement about membership: "The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect or denomination nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted." This expressed our feeling as of 1939, the year our book was published.*

Bill W. August, 1946

This is a sweeping statement indeed; it takes in a lot of territory. Some people might think it too idealistic to be practical. It tells every alcoholic in the world that he may become, and remain, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous *so long as he says so*. In short, Alcoholics Anonymous has no membership rule.

Why is this so? Our answer is simple and practical. Even in self protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the brother alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform either to the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that; every member of Alcoholics Anonymous was once a rebel himself. Hence we cannot offer to meet him at any half-way mark. We must enter the dark cave where he is and show him that we understand. We realize that he is altogether too weak and confused to jump hurdles. If we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied his priceless opportunity.....

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience. In our early time nothing seemed so fragile, so easily breakable as an AA group. Hardly an alcoholic we approached paid any attention; most of those who did join us were like flickering candles in a wind-storm. Time after time their uncertain flames blew out and couldn't be relighted. Our unspoken, constant thought was, "Which of us may be the next?"

### Who'd have lasted?

A member gives us a vivid glimpse of those days. "At one time," he says, "every AA group had many membership rules. Everybody was scared witless that something or somebody would capsize the boat and dump us all back into the drink. Our Foundation office asked each group to send in its list of 'protective' regulations. The total list was a mile long. If all those rules had been in effect every-

where, nobody could have possibly joined AA at all. So great was the sum of our anxiety and fear.

"We were resolved to admit nobody to AA but that hypothetical class of people we termed 'pure alcoholics.' Except for their guzzling, and the unfortunate results thereof, they could have no other complications. So beggars, tramps, asylum inmates, prisoners, merely plain crackpots and fallen women were definitely out. Yes sir, we'd cater *only* to pure and respectable alcoholics! Any others would surely destroy us. Besides, if we took in those odd ones, what would decent people say about us? We built a fine-mesh fence right around AA.

"Maybe this sounds comical now. Maybe you think we old-timers were pretty intolerant. But I can tell you there was nothing funny about the situation then. We were grim because we felt our lives and homes were threatened, and that was no laughing matter. Intolerant, you say? Well, we were frightened. Naturally we began to act like most everybody does when afraid. After all, isn't fear the true basis of intolerance? Yes, we were intolerant." .....

### Ours not to judge

Every older A.A. shudders when he remembers the names of persons he once condemned; people he confidently predicted would never sober up; persons he was sure ought to be thrown out of A.A. for the good of the movement. Now that some of these very persons have been sober for years, and may be numbered among his best friends, the oldtimer thinks to himself "What if everybody had judged these people as I once did? What if A.A. had slammed its door in their faces? Where would they be now?"

That is why we all judge the newcomer less and less. If alcohol is an uncontrollable problem *to him* and *he* wishes to do something about it, that is enough for us. We care not whether his case is severe or light, whether his morals are good or bad, whether he has other complications or not. Our A.A. door stands wide open, and if he passes through it and commences to do anything at all about his problem, he is considered a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He signs nothing, agrees to nothing, promises nothing. We demand nothing. He joins us on his own say so. Nowadays, in most Groups, he doesn't even have to admit he is an alcoholic. He can join A.A. on the mere suspicion that he may be one, that he may already show the fatal symptoms of our malady.

Who dared to be judge, jury, and executioner of his own sick brother?

As group after group saw these possibilities, they finally abandoned all membership regulations. One dramatic experience after another clinched this determination until it became our universal tradition...

## Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Our Principles: Surrender Becomes a Strength

*The Lifeline continues its new feature -- the Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous -- with a review of what Surrender entails for alcoholics. In the April issue we will review Honesty.*  
-- Editor.

Surrender to win,  
What a concept.

And to think that I spent years -- actually decades -- of my life trying to prove that I could outwit, outthink and even outlast King Alcohol. Reluctant at the outset to fully accept the premises of the Steps, I was less than an apt pupil for my sponsor. When Bob told me I could have no second thoughts about taking any of the Steps, I wondered out loud if that wasn't too restrictive.

"There's a place in your book, " he advised me, "where you are told that in so many words. "

It's on Page 33 of my copy of Alcoholics Anonymous and it is specific. "If we are planning to stop drinking, " the book says, "there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol. "

In the chapter to the agnostic (on Page 48) I'm told that I shouldn't be too sensitive on spiritual matters, that open-mindedness is a requisite. And it cautions me that alcohol is a great persuader, "It finally beat us into a state of reasonableness, " says the text. Additional emphasis for complete surrender to the A. A. way is found on the first page of "How It Works" on Page 58.

"We thought we could find an easier, softer way, " the book warns me. "But we could not. "

The need for surrender gets some strong support in the chapter "Into Action. " On page 84, the book says: "And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone -- even alcohol. "

Later, in "The Family Afterward" on Page 133, the book tells me that the result of this journey through the Steps is the growing conviction that "...God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free. "

Getting to that point is not as difficult as it once seemed since the road map to that objective is aptly described in the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" on Page 152: "It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. . . . Life will mean something at last. "

George L. , Westminster



*"Don't forget—the only requirement is a desire to stop drinking."*

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### An Alcoholic's Credentials

It is interesting to consider the credentials we present when we apply for membership in AA. Among them we find wasted years, financial insecurity, physical debility, mental conflict, spiritual and moral apathy; we also state that we are not dependable; that we run away from responsibility; that we have mistreated family and friends. We also advise the organization that we are in a state of confusion, hopelessness and despair. The only possible affirmative statement that we can make in our own behalf is that we are sincere in our desire to rehabilitate ourselves. Imagine, if you will, presenting this list of credentials to any civic or fraternal organization. Contemplate for just a moment giving these qualifications on an application for employment. Any organization upon receipt of such an application would hurriedly reject the applicant with or without a courteous note of regret. And yet, when we present these credentials to AA, we are received into membership with open arms and a hearty handclasp. Let us then, with a deep feeling of gratitude and humility, always remember the type of credentials we presented when we sought sanctuary from the hell of alcoholism.

Pen Pointers

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# RECOVERY ACROSTIC

A WORD SEARCH, like all the others you've seen: words can be up, down, across or diagonal. Have fun, and win a few minutes of free sobriety!

There are also 9 'AA's. Can you find them all?

H O F P L G G S T X M O P M A I  
 F H M X E Y I D E N I A L K M N  
 A A S P O N S O R G J Z S W K V  
 A S T E P S F R S G L V A B C E  
 S A R R R E C O V E R Y G A U N  
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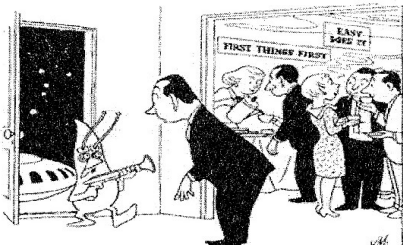
Find the following words in the puzzle above:

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|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Serenity   | Gratitude | Drunk     | Heal     |
| Steps      | Denial    | Chips     | Decision |
| Recovery   | Sober     | Inventory | Share    |
| Traditions | Sponsor   | Group     | Sanity   |
| Surrender  | Hangover  | Greet     | Proud    |

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## THE LIGHTER SIDE

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"We don't have leaders. Will a trusted servant do?"  
 Anonymous

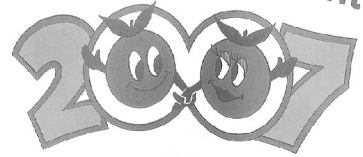
"What's wrong, Doctor?  
 You look puzzled."

"I can't figure out exactly  
 what's wrong with you. I  
 think it's the result of heavy  
 drinking."

"Well, then I'll just come  
 back when you're sober."

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Enjoy the Moment



## 22nd Annual Orange County Convention April 6-8, 2007

Register or volunteer online or use  
 printed flyers available at  
 Central Office  
[www.oacaac.org](http://www.oacaac.org)

OPEN PLANNING MEETINGS

AT THE ROQUE CENTER

(9842 13th St., Garden Grove)

Final Meeting: 7:30 PM

March 21, 2007 (Walk through at Hotel)

If you can talk, sit, smile, saw, paint, hammer,  
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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 Laughlin, Nevada  
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 April 27-29, 2007  
[www.bigislandbash.com](http://www.bigislandbash.com)

26th Annual Southern California  
 Hospitals & Institutions  
 April 27-29, 2007  
 Double Tree Hotel—Orange, CA



"...our pick struck  
 gold. Joy at our  
 release from a lifetime  
 of frustration knew no  
 bounds." Big Book pg 128

For information please call:  
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**MEETING CHANGES SINCE JANUARY 8, 2007**

**SUNDAY**

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM (C) 11TH STEP DISCUSSION 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**LOS ALAMITOS**

6:00 PM BIG BOOK STUDY 4376 Katella Av cs Lexington (2nd Floor) Address change

**MONDAY**

**LAGUNA BEACH**

6:30 PM (C) WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY 21632 Wesley Dr. @ PCH (Church) Time change  
8:00 PM (C,G) MEN'S BOOK STUDY 31872 Pacific Coast Hwy. (Hospital Community Rm) Added room location

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM (C) STEP STUDY 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**MISSION VIEJO**

7:30 PM BELL RINGERS BIG BOOK 27641 Aquamarine (House) Location set

**SANTA ANA**

7:30 AM (C) DISCUSSION EARLY BIRDS 212 S Elk Ln @ 1st & Elk Address clarification  
7:00 PM (C) MEN'S DISCUSSION 212 S Elk Ln @ 1st & Elks (enter from northside of Elk Lane) Address clarification

**TUESDAY**

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM (C) DISCUSSION 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**WEDNESDAY**

**COSTA MESA**

7:30 PM (C) BACK TO BASICS STEP STUDY 420 W 19th Street @ Harbor (1st Methodist) New

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM (C) BIG BOOK STUDY 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**THURSDAY**

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM (C) DISCUSSION 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**TUSTIN**

8:00 PM (C) GRAPEVINE 12 & 12 STUDY 14402 S Prospect Ave - South of 17th St, (Unity Church Rm 10) New address

**FRIDAY**

**COSTA MESA**

7:30 PM (C) MEN'S BACK TO BASICS BIG BOOK STUDY 420 W 19th Street @ Harbor (1st Methodist) New

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM 11TH STEP DISCUSSION 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**SATURDAY**

**LAKE FOREST**

6:00 AM ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address  
7:30 AM 11TH STEP DISCUSSION 22771 Centre Dr @ Rockfield (Lake Forest Lanes, Conf Rm) New address

**MEETING DELETIONS SINCE JANUARY 8, 2007**

**SATURDAY**

**NEWPORT BEACH**

7:30 PM DAILY REFLECTIONS 2100 Mar Vista (Jamboree & Eastbluff - St. Mark's Church)



There have been some recent changes to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held at South Coast Medical Center (SCMC) in Laguna Beach. While they are still supportive of the AA community, there is a great need at SCMC for meeting space

and they are doing their best to accommodate the community as a whole. They have hosted 31 twelve-step meetings (including AA, eating disorders, alanon, CA and OA, to name a few) which have occupied meeting space approximately 60 hours per week. This will be brought down to 24 twelve-step meetings, four of which will affect AA. While they have sincere regrets to Alcoholics Anonymous, they also have to consider other community needs as well, such as childbirth and family education, fitness classes, heart health, and various support groups. They simply do not have the capacity to accommodate every request as well as serve hospital staff, patients, and community when making decisions about space. They ask for your support in their position.

The April issue of the *Lifeline* will have a more complete and verified list of meeting changes although the ones below have been verified to be held indefinitely. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Central office at 714-556-4555 or ocaa7664@sbcglobal.net.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
AA	Tuesday's 6:30-8:00 pm	Auditorium
AA	Saturday's 7:00-8:00 pm	Auditorium
AA Big Book Study	Monday's 8:00-9:30 pm	Auditorium
AA/Attitude Adjustment	Mon-Sun 6:15-8:15 am	Back of cafeteria
AA Q & A	Sunday's 10:00-11:30 am	Back of Cafeteria
AA Speaker/Discussion	Sunday's 7:00-8:30 pm	Auditorium

**Thoughts to ponder...**

- \* The best way to get even is to forget
- \* Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death
- \* Some folks wear their halos entirely too tight
- \* God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts
- \* Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up
- \* Words are windows to the heart
- \* The tongue must be heavy indeed, because so few people can hold it

**2007 Holidays—Central Office Closed**

Holiday	Day of Week	Date
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28th
4th of July	Wednesday	July 4th
Labor Day	Monday	September 3rd
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 12th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22nd
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 25th

## Concept 3

(Short Form) "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Concepts Three, Four, and Five talk about three very important principles, or rights. The right of "decision" (3); "participation" (4); and "appeal" (5). These are three principles that help set the governance of A.A.

The long form of the Third Concept talks about the means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship and includes the groups along with the rest of the entities listed in the short form. Essentially it states that at all service levels our trusted servants must have the right of decision in order to be effective. From discussions at the group and area level, (the General Service Representative for the group, and the Delegate for the area) each has a good idea how the members feel about any given agenda item. However we must give them the right of decision so that after hearing and participating in the debate at the area or conference, they have the right to change their mind and vote the way they think is best, based on the latest information at hand. We must trust that those servants will vote whichever way they feel is best for AA as a whole, even if it is not the way we have "instructed" them. Of course in their report back to the group they would do well to explain to us what influenced their vote, particularly if it is different than we had discussed initially.

In the same vein, although the General Service Board has legal authority over the operating corporations of A.A. World Services and the A.A. Grapevine, it does not try to micro manage.

Another example of the right of decision is the committee system which is used throughout A.A.'s service structure. For instance at the general service conference, each committee has the right to discuss its agenda items and make recommendations on which of these will come to the whole conference for final discussion and vote. In our groups we often have a steering committee, or business meeting, which has the right to decide how the group operates.

The last paragraph in Bill W's. essay on the Third Concept states: "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore we can not do less than trust our leaders in service. The "Right of Decision" that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence."

To sum up, this Concept empowers its trusted servants not only with the right of decision, but with the responsibility to hold the welfare of our fellowship above any petty or self serving motives. I believe it embodies the most effective form of representative governance and helps create the mutual trust that is so essential.

### 30th Annual San Diego Spring Round Up "Into Action"

April 5-8, 2007

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego  
www.sandiegospringroundup.com

### The 35th Annual All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Round Up

APRIL 26-29, 2007

ACYPAA XXXV "COMMENCE SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"  
LAX MARRIOT, 5855 WCENTURY BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA  
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## 12 Signs of a Spiritual Awakening

1. An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
2. Frequent attacks of smiling.
3. Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
5. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
6. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
7. A loss of ability to worry.
8. A loss of interest in conflict.
9. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
10. A loss of interest in judging others.
11. A loss of interest in judging self.
12. Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return.

Anonymous



"If I was getting paid for this, I'd quit!"

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"WHAT does 'unmanageable' mean? I'm not certain that my life has become unmanageable. And I sure don't like that word 'alcoholic.' "

Jerry, the new prospect, was putting the old timers on the intellectual alert in the closed meeting devoted to Step One. It was not strange that he had questions about words. Non-alcoholics disagree about definitions. That is one reason for dictionaries.

What Jerry had to learn was that manageability is a relative matter like order and disorder.

An orderly house to one woman is sheer chaos to another. Jerry did not lose three homes, four wives and nineteen jobs because of alcohol. He just lived in a state of semi-jitters until five o'clock and in semi-hilarity from five until he poured himself into bed in a semi-stupor. He awoke the next morning with remorse, facing another day with fear and trembling. He never really wanted to get drunk. He just wanted to get "rosy" but too often he ended up getting what he called "tight."

Was this the kind of life he wanted? Of course not! Then why doesn't he change it? Because he can't. He knows he can't. He's tried a hundred times!

Manageable? Why quibble about words? How does Jerry like himself as he is now? Is his life in the kind of order that satisfies him? Does he want to do something about himself? Has not experience, time and again, demonstrated that he can't do it alone? Then why not go along for a while with those who have had some success and hope that the answers will reveal themselves in time?

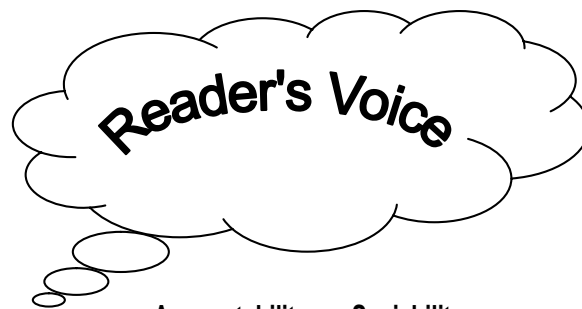
The same delaying action can be directed to the word "alcoholic." No one likes unpleasant labels that have a close personal application. You can buy fire insurance on your house and collision insurance on your car, but when you try to buy death insurance on yourself you find they have changed the name to "life insurance." It sells better that way. Not being salesmen we have not sugared up our jargon. If Jerry wants to know what an alcoholic is he might look in the dictionary which speaks of one using alcohol "habitually to excess."

What is wrong with that definition? Does Jerry habitually use alcohol to excess? Only he can answer that question satisfactorily. Suppose he says "Yes" and suppose he still cannot see himself as an alcoholic? Then why doesn't he stop worrying about words for a while and do something about his non-alcoholic heavy drinking?

It may be a bit of a paradox to say that one has to take the first step before he can get the rest of the program but many alcoholics also have to get some AA before they can take Step One!

Jerry may take Step One after his fifth meeting. Then he will really begin to progress, for as many an old timer knows, "This is a battle in which victory begins with surrender."

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### Accountability vs. Sociability

I attend meetings to stay sober and to carry the message—not the mess—to other alcoholics. An old Chinese proverb says, "Fellowship for the sake of friendship is chaos." I do not go to AA meetings to make friends... When this does happen, I count my blessings. But I go to meetings to remember what it was like, what happened and what it is like now. The chaos begins, when I/we forget "principles before personalities," or when I am letting my ego talk/share (Easing God Out). I/we can be getting ourselves, or others, caught up in the drama trauma, and not recovery.

The A.A. program has taught me that when I am in a meeting my sharing needs also to benefit the group. Is what I am conveying necessary for the "unity" of the group? Am I sharing my experience, strength and hope?

We are to share in a general way—not every detail concerning the drama. For example: I am having a problem with a situation in my life that is causing me (name the feeling), and I am not reacting the way I use to (drinking). Too often, I hear, "Yesterday my boss got me so mad. He/she said blah, blah, blah. And I said blah, blah, blah back. Then, blah blah blah. I left there and drove home in my blah blah blah car. I am so blah, blah blah, and blah blah. 5 minutes or more later... blah, blah blah."

What is the point?

If you cannot say what you need to say in 3-5 minutes get together with your sponsor or someone else before or after the meeting and discuss all the details—until you can get to the "underlying cause" of your problem. Another tool in recovery is writing about it until you can "uncover, discover and discard."

If you think "the group" will get a lesson or kick out of your longer version of the story...sign up for the speakers list! We need speakers to carry the message.

Thank you for letting me share!  
Concerned member of AA  
Mission Viejo, CA

P.S. AA is not group therapy...group therapy is not AA... And DUI classes are neither...they are group detention!

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**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL OFFICE— JANUARY**

**GROUP DONATIONS 2007 BY MONTH**

CITY AND MEETING	JAN	YTD
<b>CAPISTRANO BEACH</b>	^	^
Su 7:00P-60 Min.Beginr.Grp, 102 E. Baker	\$385	\$385
<b>CORONA DEL MAR</b>	^	^
Fr 7:30P-Rebels Disc., 611 Heliotrope	\$128	\$128
<b>COSTA MESA</b>	^	^
Dly 7:00A-Daily Reflect, 2040 Placentia	\$50	\$50
MF 6:45A-Morning Meditat., 183 E. Bay	\$100	\$100
MF 12:00P-Noon Rec., 420 W. 19th St.	\$700	\$700
Su 3:00P-Member's Eye View, 2040 Placentia	\$46	\$46
Mo 12:00P-Clean&Serene B.B., 660 Baker	\$70	\$70
We 12:00P-High Noon Steppers, 660 Baker	\$40	\$40
We 7:00P-Mens B.B. Study, 102E. Baker	\$10	\$10
Fr 12:00P-Businessman Stag, 660 Baker #421	\$91	\$91
Sa 6:00P-Cover-To-Cover, 183 E Bay St	\$35	\$35
<b>CYPRESS</b>	^	^
<b>DANA POINT</b>	^	^
Dly 7:00A-Hard Core Harbor Grp	\$3,980	\$3,980
Th 7:00A-(W) HarborTopic Disc.S Juan&VL	\$84	\$84
Sa 7:00P-Speaker, 33926 Calle Primavera	\$128	\$128
<b>FOUNTAIN VALLEY</b>	^	^
We 8:00P-Discussion, 10280 Slater	\$56	\$56
<b>GARDEN GROVE</b>	^	^
Mo 12:30P-Daylight Disc., 9845 Belfast	\$60	\$60
Tu 7:00P-Top of the Key Bkstdy, 9th&Lampsn	\$85	\$85
<b>HUNTINGTON BEACH</b>	^	^
Dly 8:00A-Huggers II, H.B Lifegr Tower 11	\$479	\$479
Su 7:30P-Discussion, 20444 Magnolia St Simon	\$120	\$120
Mo 12:00P-Women's As Bill Sees It, 18631 Chap	\$90	\$90
Mo 7:00P-Men's B. B. Stdy, 1912 Florida	\$60	\$60
Mo 7:30P-Big Book Study, 20444 Magnolia St Si	\$140	\$140
Mo 7:30P-Wmn's Sans , 18631 Chapel Ln.	\$60	\$60
Tu 1:00P-Harmony Women's, Edinger Denney's	\$120	\$120
Tu 7:30P-Wmn's Serenity B.B., Mag	\$120	\$120
Tu 8:00P-Tues.Night Zeider Ln, 17461 Z. Ln.	\$30	\$30
We 6:00P-Discussion, 18582 Beach #2	\$40	\$40
We 6:30P-Wmn's Step Stdy, 7641 Talbert	\$60	\$60
Sa 9:30A-Wmn's Big Book Study, 18582 Beach	\$126	\$126
Sa 10:00A-Wmn's B.B.Stdy, 18631 Chapel	\$60	\$60
<b>IRVINE</b>	^	^
MF 12:00P-Irvine Noon Group, 2777 McGaw	\$520	\$520
MF 5:30P-On The Way Home,	\$173	\$173
Su 10:00A-Donut Mtg., 6670 Alton Prkwy.	\$175	\$175
Mo 6:30P-Easy Does It, 4949 Alton	\$70	\$70
Mo 7:30P-Women's Disc., 6000 Irvine Cntr.	\$90	\$90
We 6:30P-B. B. Topic Disc., 5001 Nwprt Cst Dr	\$35	\$35
We 8:00P-12 Solutions Step Study, Harvard	\$100	\$100
Fr 10:30A-Over 50 Group, 2025 Alton	\$170	\$170
Fr 5:30P-Topic Disc.Group, 6670 Alton Pkwy	\$34	\$34
Sa 9:15A-Step Study, 6670 Alton Pkwy	\$125	\$125
Sa 11:00A-Acceptance Grp, 3 Ethel Coplen	\$120	\$120
<b>LAGUNA BEACH</b>	^	^
Dly 7:00A-Attitude Adjustment, 20456 LCR	\$650	\$650
Su 7:05A-Montage Group, (Montage Resort)	\$354	\$354
Tu 12:30P-Women's Discussion, 20456 LCR	\$200	\$200
Tu 6:00P-Here & Now, 20456 LCR	\$60	\$60
We 7:00A-WhaleWatch.Men's,PCH&Westley	\$203	\$203
Th 12:30P-Women's Disc., 415 Forest Ave.	\$120	\$120
Th 6:30P- Mens's BYOB 12& 12 Step Study	\$140	\$140
Fr 6:00 P-Happy Hour and Half, 20456 LCR	\$150	\$150
Fr 6:00P-Literature Mtg, 21632 Wesley	\$140	\$140
Sa 7:00A-Whale Watchers Mens Stag	\$533	\$533
Sa 7:00P-Beginners, 31872 PCH	\$719	\$719
<b>LAGUNA HILLS</b>	^	^
Mo 6:00P-Women'sDisc, 23802 A. D.Carlot	\$180	\$180

We 7:00P-Get Happy 12&12 Study, Carlotta	\$16	\$16
<b>LAGUNA NIGUEL</b>	^	^
Su 8:00P-Crown Valley Speaker, Commu Park	\$205	\$205
Tu 7:30P-Book Study, 30121 Niguel Rd.	\$164	\$164
We 6:00P-Book Study, 30121 Niguel Rd.	\$30	\$30
Fr 10:30A-Women's Disc., 30121 Niguel Rd.	\$120	\$120
Sa 6:00P-Candlelight Disc., 30121Niguel Rd	\$60	\$60
<b>LAGUNA WOODS</b>	^	^
Dly 7:30A-Do It Sober, 24442 Moulton	\$720	\$720
We 1:15P-Wmn's B.B.Stdy, 24351 El Toro	\$60	\$60
<b>LA HABRA</b>	^	^
<b>LAKE FOREST</b>	^	^
<b>LOS ALAMITOS</b>	^	^
<b>MISSION VIEJO</b>	^	^
Mo&Th 7:30P-B.B.Stdy, Jeronimo & Marg.	\$150	\$150
Mo 7:00P- Women'sStep Stdy, 26051 Marg.	\$105	\$105
We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc., 26558 Marg.	\$200	\$200
Sa 7:15P-Mission Speakers, 24932 Veterans Wa	\$105	\$105
<b>NEWPORT BEACH</b>	^	^
Dly 12:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs	\$879	\$879
MS 7:00A-Roundtable Disc, 414 E. 32nd St	\$800	\$800
MF 6:30A-Balboa Round Table, 605 E Balboa	\$78	\$78
MF 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd	\$120	\$120
Mo 6:45P-Beg.&Tradition Grp,1400 Balboa	\$342	\$342
Mo 8:00P-Men's Disc, 301 Newport Blvd	\$180	\$180
Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street	\$50	\$50
<b>ORANGE</b>	^	^
<b>RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA</b>	^	^
Mo 7:00P-(W)Staying Sober, 30382ViaConDios	\$37	\$37
We 7:30P-RSM StepStudy, 30382 ViaCDios	\$189	\$189
Sa 10:30A-Women's BB Study, ViaConDios	\$50	\$50
<b>SAN CLEMENTE</b>	^	^
Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. Men's, Camino Capistrano	\$210	\$210
<b>SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO</b>	^	^
Su 5:00P-1 Hr Topic Disc, 27514CalleArroyo	\$60	\$60
We 7:00P-11th Step Disc, 27514 C. Arroyo	\$108	\$108
Th 7:30P-Men's Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo	\$262	\$262
<b>SANTA ANA</b>	^	^
Dly 12 & 8pm-Nueva Luz, 2525 N.Grand	\$29	\$29
Fr 8:00P-51/50, 614 Bush Street	\$20	\$20
Sa 2:00P-Speakers, 910 N. French	\$100	\$100
<b>SEAL BEACH</b>	^	^
<b>SUNSET BEACH</b>	^	^
Su 7:15A-Sober Sunday Sunrise, 16865 PCH	\$120	\$120
Mo 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$138	\$138
Tu 12:00P-Discussion, 16865 P.C.H.	\$80	\$80
Fr 12:00P-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$20	\$20
Sa 7:30A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$135	\$135
<b>TUSTIN</b>	^	^
Dly 6:00A-Attitude Adj, 14662 Newport	\$260	\$260
Dly 6:00A-Attitude Mod, 130 W. Main	\$467	\$467
Dly 5:30P-Rush Hour, 130 W. Main.	\$911	\$911
MF 12:00P-Alkies Winners, 555 W.Main	\$82	\$82
Su 9:02A-Speakers, 130 W. Main	\$31	\$31
Su 7:30P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 130 W. Main	\$70	\$70
We 7:00P-Women's Solutions, 19211 Dodge	\$90	\$90
Th 6:15P-Women's Living Sober, 1201 Irvine Bl	\$81	\$81
Fr 7:30P-Turning The Corner, 1221 Wass	\$136	\$136
<b>VILLA PARK</b>	^	^
<b>WESTMINSTER</b>	^	^
<b>WHITTIER</b>	^	^
<b>UNLISTED GROUPS</b>	^	^
Tu 5:30P-Big Book Tape Study, (Unlisted) Irvine	\$52	\$52
Tu 8:00P-Last Gaspers (Unlisted)CM	\$50	\$50
<b>WANDERING GROUPS</b>	^	^
Sa 8:00P-Orange County Wandering Group	\$40	\$40

MISC. DONATIONS	^	^
Intergroup Meeting	\$71	\$71
<b>PERSONAL DONATIONS</b>	^	^
Anonymous	\$500	\$500
E. Douglas M. Irvine	\$400	\$400
June L. Irvine	\$25	\$25
Wanda R. Huntington Beach	\$20	\$20
Richard B. Irvine	\$140	\$140
Missy B. Ladera Ranch	\$35	\$35
Mari K. Long Beach	\$70	\$70
Victoria M. Laguna Niguel	\$100	\$100
<b>IN LOVING MEMORY</b>	^	^
Jerry E. Costa Mesa	\$30	\$30
Theda J. Laguna Woods	\$50	\$50
<b>GROUP INFORMATION REQUESTED</b>	^	^
Receipt # 8041	\$120	\$120
Receipt # 8067	\$50	\$50
Receipt # 7862	\$105	\$105
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$23,582</b>	<b>\$23,582</b>



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**Lifeline Committee: We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at the Central Office. Join us @ 7PM.**

Dave M. (Chair); Jim S., Phil F., Nick M., George L., Cathy R., Tarcy H. (Editor)

Mail submissions to the above address or email to Lifeline Committee at [lifelineeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lifelineeditor@yahoo.com)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Holiday
6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-10am	6am-10am
9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	1pm-4pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm
					4pm-7pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm
					7pm-10pm	6pm-10pm	6pm-10pm
					10pm-6am	10pm-6am	10pm-6am

**BACKUP**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Holiday
6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-9am	6am-10am	6am-10am
9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	9pm-6am	1pm-4pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm
					4pm-7pm	2pm-6pm	2pm-6pm
					7pm-10pm	6pm-10pm	6pm-10pm
					10pm-6am	10pm-6am	10pm-6am

In order to volunteer for this service, you must first arrange with the Central Office Manager for a brief orientation session which will be held at the Central Office. This truly is "front-line" 12th Step work and we would appreciate any time you can give.

**Happy Birthday!**

Kelle R.	San Clemente	4 years
Mary W.	Santa Ana	8 years
Kelly C.	Laguna Niguel	10 years
Chris G.	San Juan Capistrano	11 years
Timothy K.	Lake Forest	12 years
Kathy L.	Rncho Sta Marg	13 years
Jacqueline S.	San Clemente	15 years-
Michelle O.	San Clemente	16 years
Jill L.	Fountain Valley	18 years
Caren H.	Costa Mesa	20 years
Patty M.	Huntington Beach	22 years
Jim A.	Costa Mesa	25 years
Laura D.	Capistrano Beach	25 years
David T.	Laguna Niguel	25 years
Linda C.	Costa Mesa	27 years
Merle N.	Huntington Beach	29 years
Millie E.	Huntington Beach	35 years
Leo T.	Irvine	40 years



**BIRTHDAY DONATIONS**

Many A.A. members celebrate their AA Birthday by sending a donation to Central Office. These donations help to keep the doors of the office open so that new members may receive the same help so many of us already have received. Others make a quarterly donation, or simply make Personal Contributions. All donations are greatly

Clip and send with your  
 Birthday contribution

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date/Years \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enlosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Orange County Central Office  
 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75  
 Santa Ana, CA 92705

**ORANGE COUNTY  
INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF AA**  
Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 01/31/2007

	JANUARY	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
Group Donations	22,142.40	22,142.40
Individual/Fellowship	1,315.00	1,315.00
Literature Sales	11,179.80	11,179.80
Birthday Donations	413.00	413.00
In Memoriam	80.00	80.00
Intergroup Donations	71.20	71.20
Special Events	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	238.68	238.68
Misc. (Repaid Bounced Checks)	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>35,440.08</b>	<b>35,440.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Audits/Accounting	0.00	0.00
Auto (All Managers)	50.44	50.44
Bank Charge	5.00	5.00
Cash/Invoices OverShort	1.08	1.08
Insurance	2,746.52	2,746.52
Intergroup Expense	100.00	100.00
Lease Expense	389.07	389.07
Maintenance & Repairs	152.46	152.46
Volunteers Coffee + Water	128.91	128.91
Office Supplies	284.52	284.52
Pension Fund	166.68	166.68
Postage	101.40	101.40
P/I, Donated Literature	1,540.06	1,540.06
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	3,445.05	3,445.05
Salaries	9,460.98	9,460.98
Payroll Tax Expense	723.78	723.78
Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00
Telephone Expense	334.49	334.49
LIFELINE Expense	1,223.70	1,223.70
Cost of Literature Sold	8,778.11	8,778.11
Special Events	1,100.00	1,100.00
Misc. (Returned Checks)	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>30,882.25</b>	<b>30,882.25</b>
<b>INCOME/(LOSS):</b>	<b>4,557.83</b>	<b>4,557.83</b>



To Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Alcoholic who is confined in a Hospital or Institution"

**How Do I Get Involved?**

To become a member of Orange County Hospitals & Institutions Committee, a volunteer must have 1 year of continuous sobriety, attend three consecutive monthly business meetings and attend a new members orientation.

**Where and When?**

Garden Grove Alano Club  
9845 Belfast Drive  
Garden Grove, CA  
(714) 534-2244

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

- Institutions Committee: 4:00-5:00 pm  
(Orientation for new members at 3:15 pm)
- Hospitals Committee: 6:00-7:00 pm  
(Orientation for new members at 5:15 pm)

For additional information call: 714 926-9573  
or Central Office: 714-556-4555

**South Orange County H & I**

**Where and When?**

2nd Thursday of Every Month 7:30 pm  
Laguna Canyon Club  
20456 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach  
949-497-1823

**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-JANUARY**

Total Calls Handled by Both Offices: 2975

***Main and Satellite Office Volunteers***

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>
12 Step Calls	15	15
Meeting Information	764	1026
General Information	423	501
Walk-in Customers	259	333

***Night Owl Volunteers***

12 Step calls	11	11
Meeting Information	545	732
General Information	302	357

WEB SITE STATISTICS

The first issue of the *Lifeline* to be posted on our web site was July, 2006. Since then, there have been 1,845 "hits" on the *Lifeline* home page, and the actual issue .pdf files have been accessed 2,960 times

January 2007, visits to www.oc-aa.org were 13,153. From March 2006 through January 2007, visits averaged 11,577 per month.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

*As Bill Sees It*, p. 115

# Speakers



## Huntington Beach

### **Saturday Night Lite Speakers, 7:00 PM**

HOW Hall, 18582 Beach Blvd.

Behind Flower Kiosk @ Ellis

Contact: Tom H.

4/7	Podium Participation	
4/14	Doug M.	Costa Mesa
4/21	Chris S.	Long Beach
4/28	Joe W.	Leucadia

## Newport Beach

### **Balboa Speaker Meeting, 7:30 PM, Thursday**

Newport Club, 414 East 32nd Ave.

Contact: Jim K.

3/1	Sam S.	Studio City
3/8	Michelle S.	Tustin
3/15	Tim K.	Calabasas
3/22	Debbie Mc.	Los Angeles
3/29	Tim M.	Encino
4/5	Patti O.	Laguna Beach
4/12	Steve W.	Los Angeles
4/19	Frankie D.	Huntington Beach
4/26	Tom K.	Upland

## Orange

### **No Puffers Speaker Meeting, 8:00 PM, Friday**

Community of Christ Church, 385 S. Tustin Ave.

Contact: Garry B.

3/2	Kenny P.	Dana Point
3/9	K.C.	Orange
3/16	Sid S.	Fullerton
3/23	Mary F.	Orange
3/30	Angela U.	Long Beach
4/6	Good Friday, No Meeting	
4/13	Murry G.	Orange
4/20	James H.	Orange
4/27	Thad L.	Tustin
5/18	Deborah S. & Eric E.	Los Angeles

## San Clemente

### **Aragon Speaker/Discussion, 8:00 PM, Friday**

202 Avenida Aragon (Church)

3/2	Phil B.	Newport Beach
3/9	Gina	San Clemente
3/16	Frank J.	Sherman Oaks

## Sunset Beach

### **Rule 62 Speaker Meeting, 7:00 PM, Saturday**

Thursday's Fellowship Hall

16865 Pacific Coast Highway

Contact: Judy M.

3/3	Diane J.	Costa Mesa
3/10	Mike	Long Beach
3/17	Rita C.	Westminster

Please submit speaker information to [lifelineeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lifelineeditor@yahoo.com) or by calling (714) 556-4555

## Tustin

### **Participation, Speaker, Q & A**

9:02 AM—11:00 AM, Sunday

130 West Main Street (Hall)

Contact: Eric S.

3/4	Dixie W.	Tustin
3/11	Mark S.	Tustin
3/18	John E.	Orange
3/25	Luther W.	Rancho Mirage
4/1	Ron	Huntington Beach
4/8	TBD	
4/15	Johnny B.	Orange

### **Saturday Night Visiting Speaker, 8:00 PM**

St. Paul's Church, 1221 Waas

Contact: Glenn H.

3/3	Gene K.	Santa Ana
3/10	John K.	Tustin
3/17	Keith S.	Tustin
3/24	Carol N.	Brea
3/31	Louise G.	Villa Park
4/7	Dale C.	Tustin
4/14	Surprise	
4/21	Larry E.	Santa Ana
4/28	Billy S.	Tustin

### **Sober and Crazy Sunday Night Speakers, 7:00 PM**

130 West Main Street (Hall)

Contact: Mark Z.

3/4	Brandon A.	Orange
3/11	Susie S.	Brea
3/18	Kurt H.	Tustin
3/25	Roxanne B.	Orange

### **SPEAKER INFO**

The listed speakers have been invited by the respective groups and their message does not imply the endorsement of the Orange County Intergroup nor their Central Office.

## *Editor's Notes*

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Please submit to [lifelineeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lifelineeditor@yahoo.com).

### **ATTENTION READERS:**

Recently several meeting spaces have closed to Alcoholics Anonymous. In some cases this is beyond our control. In others, it is because of our conduct and disrespect of the property. Please remember we are guests of the buildings we occupy and act accordingly. Please keep the noise down, drive carefully, park legally, clean up after yourself and be respectful. If we abuse it, we will lose it as we are beginning to see.

### **Responsibility Declaration**

I am responsible.  
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that:  
I am responsible.



## **ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP SERVICE COMMITTEES**

**Public Information Committee**, Meeting time TBA

**Lifeline Committee**, meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Central Office Committee**, meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm

**Group Relations Committee**, meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Special Events Committee**, planning meetings scheduled as needed

The above committees meet at Central Office

1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana, California 92705

**Hospitals & Institutions Committee**, meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm (hospitals) and 6:00 pm (institutions) at the Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast Dr.

All of these committees are based through the Orange County Central Office and so share a common phone number, which is (714) 556-4555, and a common e-mail address, which is [ocaa7664@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ocaa7664@sbcglobal.net). Committee activities usually need some volunteers.

TO GET INVOLVED - Call the Central Office and find out what you can do to help.

