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## A SLOB'S GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.*

IT'S A SQUIRMY word--"spiritual." It makes me uncomfortable. It reminds me of the time I spent as a child sitting in a church and trying to look holy. "Spiritual" is confused in my mind with a kind of hymn and has connotations of mediums, levitation, and ghosts.

Worse, "spiritual" implies pretensions of sainthood, a hypocritical posturing, and pretended preoccupation with wonderful thoughts--when I and everybody else know that ninety percent of my day is spent trying to keep the wolf from the door and the horse before the cart.

My spiritual inventory doesn't help much, either. This very day, as I lay in bed staring piously at the ceiling, I took the Third and Eleventh Steps firmly, fondly, and resolutely. I thought warmly of all the great tasks I would accomplish today with the aid of my trusty Third and Eleventh. Then I got out of bed.

In midwinter, with the window open and the heat turned down, getting out of a warm bed apparently is, for me, an act of will of the highest spiritual order. This monumental achievement seems to exhaust my store of spiritual strength for the day.

By ten o'clock, I have a number of creative suggestions to offer my Higher Power on how my life and will might be gainfully employed. I have a serene acceptance of God's will for me as long as it happens to conform to mine.

By 2:00 PM, I have decided to mix a little of my will for me with His, since knowledge of His will is a little slow in coming and there are problems in need of immediate attention--like meeting the payroll, hardly a matter of celestial concern.

This line of self-examination leads to certain humbling realizations that are unwanted but nevertheless gnawing little realities -- potholes in the path of smooth spiritual development. For example:

1. I won't believe tomorrow what I am saying today. Many of my hard-won convictions are just expedient reactions to the situation at hand.
2. I have never seen any profound wisdom in "Everything works out eventually." Of course it does. If my car is stolen tomorrow, I can

meditate on how smart I was to put off cleaning out the ashtray.

3. There are far more things I try to find the courage to change than there are things I seek the serenity to accept. Going through the day in placid acceptance of everything that happens just ain't my style.
4. I sometimes get tired of all this self-improvement and would like to just sit back and relax and enjoy life.
5. I really enjoy solitude occasionally, as opposed to constant contact with my fellowman. There are times when I prefer curling up with a good book with lots of sex and violence to putting the Big Book under my arm and sallying forth to carry the message.

Those are not proud admissions, just the truth. I lead an odd and noisy life; little happens slowly or quietly. When I read my Big Book and "Twelve and Twelve," and I assess my spiritual growth, I am filled with enormous feelings of inadequacy. Honesty, compassion, acceptance, understanding, faith, love, caring--I don't even think about those most of the time. My progress toward spiritual strength is a zigzag trail filled with hip-shooting reactions.

Sometimes, I have thought of creating a Slob's Guide to Spiritual Growth, for those of us who can't walk around with our hands folded and a slight, mysterious smile on our faces. It might go something like this:

1. It is better to watch the game in your undershirt with a can of cola in your hand than a can of beer.
2. When you holler at somebody, you always feel lousy afterward--like a hangover.
3. Life is a steady drizzle of small things--carry an umbrella.
4. Tomorrow is another day.
5. Never give up.
6. Concentrate on what you're doing--it beats thinking.
7. If you let the other fellow alone and don't get so upset about how he's living his life, you can watch more TV.
8. It is more fun to be happy than angry.
9. Don't take anything too seriously, including all of the above.
10. This, too, shall pass.

That's a start. All that wisdom leads me to suspect that the path of spiritual progress is perhaps not so steep and dark as I had imagined. At least, I can try to understand it without getting all smug and lofty.

For starters, I know that I am a walking miracle. Literally overnight, I went from years of twenty-four-hour crash drinking to total sobriety, after everything had failed except total surrender to the AA program. That is a fact I can stand on.

From that foundation, I am able to see certain glimmers of progress. For example, I can realize that I have not done anything dishonorable in at least a week. Maybe more. Also, I have learned that using utter candor in approaching whatever progress I have made lets me feel a lot more comfortable with that progress, however

slim and unspectacular it may be--it's all mine and I'm proud of getting even that far.

I have known all along, after all, that my underlying problem was not drinking but living, and only through a change of attitudes, through unquestioning acceptance of the AA program--a program of spiritual growth--could I hope to live life as forcefully, aggressively, and enthusiastically as I have. Something must have happened.

And as I peel away the layers of day-to-day expediency, I realize that my zigzag, erratic, and inconsistent course was in the general direction of progress all the time. That's good.

What right do I have to expect perfection and efficiency in my spiritual growth when the rest of my life is so full of ups and downs, ins and outs, and backs and forths? Throughout this whole adventure, the only consistency I have maintained is an absolute and total faith in AA, come what may.

Happiness happens when results exceed expectations. Maybe this is working after all. Deep down, there is also a warm, small ball of faith, always there, never dimmed, unexplainable, asking nothing, but giving much. To define it or try to bounce it would distort or destroy it. It just is, that's all.

As St. Augustine said, "God is closer to me than I am to Him." I don't know exactly what that means, but it sure is true.

*C. H. Fairfield, Connecticut* *Grapevine, 1982*  
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## What Is Service In AA To Me

I am active in service in AA for one reason only- to help myself stay sober- and the primary role in service I have taken is to maintain AA the way it is and to make sure it is here for the newcomer. I don't do things to get attention nor for a reward. I do things because I was taught to do things for the program of AA and a side result is that others may benefit as well. Guess what, there are a lot of politics and personalities and egos in AA. A lot of people who do or don't do anything but complain. But the process is important or Bill W. wouldn't have made things the way they are. Yet a lot of people want to change the process for their personal benefit or they want to circumvent the process and claim ignorance.

If a group doesn't have a GSR and an Intergroup rep. and make regular donations to the District, Area, Intergroup, and GSO, that group is not maintaining AA the way it is nor is it making sure it is available for the newcomer. The group that violates the traditions in the hopes of "saving" everyone is just as guilty as the closed meeting that expels the addict without offering a explanation or offer of hope. It sends the wrong message and it is bad for AA as a whole.

The lack of people willing to be of service in AA is a joke. At the last MSCA 09 Assembly 64 GSR's were present out of a possible 1900 registered groups. At the last OC Intergroup meeting only about 50 Intergroup reps out of 1200 listed meetings were in attendance. Yet the people that are willing and able to do things and try get slammed for doing anything. Or others are told to rotate away and not serve anymore (I don't see a line of people wanting to be of service).

Currently I serve at the district level as DCMC of district 5. The Intergroup association voted me in as a director and I am the current vice-chair. At the Area level I am the chairman of the Corrections committee. And lastly at my home group I am the meeting secretary of the Enjoying Life group in Orange. Oh, by the way I have a 4 year old daughter that I take care of by myself and I work about 70 hours a week. So I just have to ask those that argue that they don't have the time to be in service - How much time can you afford to not be in service?

In Service  
Alex N.

A member of Alcoholics Anonymous

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## Acceptance" Remains The Answer

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film. - Tradition 11, Alcoholics Anonymous.

For longer than I've been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Harbor Area Service Committee has offered a Traditions Banquet, usually in late November to coincide with the AA observance of Thanksgiving. Sometime in the late 80s or early 90s, the Committee presented Dr. Paul O., who was rather well-known in Orange County and beyond as the author of "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" on Page 439 of the Third Edition of our Big Book. (In the Fourth Edition, the story appears on Page 407 with a new title, "Acceptance Was the Answer.") The essay carries one of the most-quoted passages in AA literature -- "Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake." It appears in its entirety on Page 449 in the Third Edition and on page 417 in the Fourth.

Dr. Paul, accompanied by his Al-Anon wife Maxine, explained to the Traditions Banquet audience why he held the Traditions in such high esteem.

He said that their 28-year marriage was headed for a dismal ending before he found Alcoholics Anonymous. And, my notes from the banquet affirm, they used the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to restructure their lives together.

"We did our meditations separately," Dr. Paul told his audience, "then sat down for breakfast together and methodically examined one or another of the Twelve Steps.

"That worked well for several years until I read a piece on the Traditions that emphasized how vital attraction was to the continued health and growth of our program. I mentioned it to Max and she suggested we read up on Tradition 11 and we did so the following day.

"That went so well that we switched from Steps to Traditions and we still start our day every day with an in-house review of how the Traditions and the Steps are keeping us sober, healthy and growing in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Impressed with the declaration from Dr. Paul -- and excited by the thought that using the same device could broaden my effort to stay sober -- I asked my wife if she was willing to try the same procedure in our breakfast meetings. She said yes and for several years we did discuss our gratitude for the programs -- AA and Al-Anon -- that have kept our marriage alive and vibrant.

Attraction, not promotion. It wasn't evident when I sat down to write about Tradition 11 that this Tradition has been a major force in my continuing stay in Alcoholics Anonymous. And for that I am increasingly grateful.

*George L., Westminster*

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## Sponsorship: An Expression of Gratitude

*Number 11 in a continuing series on A.A. Service*

What better topic for November, gratitude month, than sponsorship? All of us in A.A., in some way, owe our very lives to sponsorship. I know that some have never had a sponsor, but that does not mean that they do not owe their lives to sponsorship.

Even Chuck C., who was reported to have not had a sponsor, said, and I paraphrase, "I wasn't sober long enough to hold a coffee cup without shaking it all over those around me before I had a hundred sponsors". Someone has shown us the way from the beginning.

For those of us who were fortunate enough to have asked someone to help us on a more formal basis, the sponsorship relationship has proven to be a priceless gift. My first sponsor, very early on, taught me that I could learn to trust another human being. He told me he had two jobs, (1) to take me through the 12 steps as he was taken through them by his sponsor and (2) to introduce me to a variety of A.A. members and A.A. service. He spent 5 months taking me to through the 12 steps, but before he could introduce me to a variety of A.A. service, he had to move away to take care of his (Continued on Page 4)

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very sick mother. This allowed me to ask a second man to be my sponsor. He answered me, "No, but I will be your Service Sponsor". For the next 10 years this man coerced, threatened, shamed or otherwise induced me to try all kinds of service in A.A. At the very crux of his ability to induce me to commit to any service was my knowledge that he had done it before me.

When my second sponsor died, I asked a man to sponsor me whom I had met in H & I service work and whom I respected very much. He gently, yet firmly, guided me through the next 4 years of my sobriety and I learned much about proportion from this kindly little munchkin of an Irishman.

Upon his death, I asked my current sponsor to work with me. Like my previous sponsor, he was very active in H & I service work and in Intergroup. I continue to take direction from his example.

Of course, it is also necessary to let you know that I have had the privilege of sponsoring A.A. members since my first sponsor introduced me to someone "desperate enough to want what I had", (guess where that text is found in the Big Book!). To these A.A. members, I have tried to pass on the priceless gift given me by all my sponsors – the gift of gratitude expressed as an action. Taking someone through the steps, precisely, (well almost, precisely) as I was taken through the steps is the beginning of a journey for both parties in the sponsorship relationship. The new member is offered a way of life that really works and I am given reaffirmation in the power of the 12 steps.

As part of the 12<sup>th</sup> step, an exposure to service outside the Home Group, (Intergroup, H & I, General Service along with various other committee work) is a requirement for all whom it has been my privilege to sponsor. Some take to it, some don't. But they are all exposed to it. It has been my observation that this facet of sponsorship is often ignored, but is no less critical than the journey through the steps. Bill W. stated in 1943, "*Honesty with ourselves and others -- that gets us sober, but it is tolerance that keeps us that way*". If you want to learn tolerance through practice, get and keep a commitment to service outside your Home Group.

Next month, the final installment in this 12-month journey – **the ultimate service in A.A.**

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*A member of A.A. in Orange County*

*From the January, 1978, Lifeline*

### "A New Life"

First off, let me explain... I had to go to prison to find A.A. I honestly feel I was too sick mentally and had too many hangups in my "Mocho-Mocho" bag to belittle myself by admitting that I had a problem with my drinking. To be honest, something the program has taught me.... when I first 'came in', I didn't have a drinking problem, I had a living problem. And I was willing to do something about it. It wasn't long before

when I tried to do it on my own. I was always trying to change people, places and things to fit my needs. So

I realized my drinking and thinking was connected. They were both screwed up bad and I knew I needed help.

I can remember my first A.A. meeting that I attended. I wasn't turned on, in fact, I didn't really like you people. I was looking for the negative things. I mean, how could anybody as messed up as I was turn their lives around? How wrong could I be? It took awhile, but I started listening. And after that things came easier, in fact it wasn't long before I started putting my hand out, talking, and getting to know you on an individual basis.

The longer I am in the program, the more I become aware how much I owe the H & I Committee and the panel chairman who bring you people in to carry the message to those who are locked up. Words cannot really express the feelings I have in my heart for you. I can only speak for myself. You saved my ass, and gave me a new life.

The best way that I can repay you is by passing it along. That's why, in my heart, there's a special feeling for the H & I people. And I pray that God (as I understand Him) will let me carry the message to those who want to listen.

*Chuck A."*

#### Editor's Note

To learn how to "carry the message" to those who are institutionalized plan to attend H&I meetings: The Orange County Hospitals and Institutions Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at the Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast, Garden Grove.

Institutions Committee: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Hospitals Committee: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(Orientation for first time attendees at 3:15 PM and 5:15 PM.)

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## A Daily Surrender

Every morning that I wake up is a good day for someone like me. I look forward to what God has in store for me; whether it's good or bad I will embrace each moment as they come. Every morning I quiet my head with prayer and meditation. For me this is a must because I can't start my day with a head running with ideas. The big book says on page 85, "What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities. How can I best serve Thee -Thy will (not mine) be done."

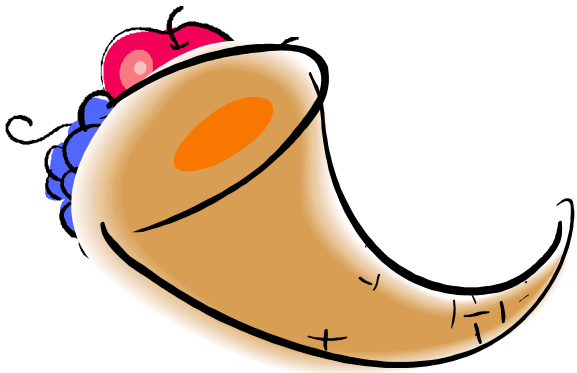
Every day is a daily surrender for me. I realize that I can't do this on my own and I need help. I look back at my drinking days and remember all my failed attempts

every morning is my time to get closer to my God and seek his will. I ask Him for the strength and guidance to

help out another human being who is still suffering.

It feels good to wake up and not be bombarded with thoughts of drinking. For me it is important that I continue to grow spiritually in my recovery and stay in action. I know every day is different and unique and comes with its share of trials and tribulations. Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous I am able to deal with these things as they come and know that everything is going to be all right. I have victory and an inward peace in my life that I would have never thought possible. It all starts with a daily surrender, one day at a time. God bless.

Uvaldo R., Santa Ana



### **Cosmic Laughter An AA's Higher Power has a little fun**

Last month, three of us from my home group brought a meeting to the local jail. Although we had all been there before as part of a regular commitment, this time we were turned away. The list of those screened for entry had just been updated, and in the process, the names of our group members had been inadvertently deleted. A series of phone calls to higher authorities produced nothing. It was not to be.

As I pulled away in my car, I felt angry and frustrated. I had planned my day around this meeting. Worse, the inmates would believe that we had failed to appear. Mentally, I commenced work on some high speech. Just wait till I had that coordinator on the other end of my phone.

It was then that my Higher Power made conscious contact. It sounded suspiciously like cosmic laughter. "What just happened?" I asked myself. I had been refused admission to jail, and I was unhappy! In a flash, I suddenly saw myself as I was. There were hundreds of guys locked up back

there counting the hours until they could sit behind the wheel of a car and drive it wherever they wanted to. Many of them were put there by their disease.

With a little more humility and a lot more gratitude, I drove home. -- Kevin D.

### **ORANGE COUNTY HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Institutional Committee Orientation meets at 3:15P.M. and the Committee meets at 4:00P.M. Hospital Committee Orientation at 5:15P.M. and Committee meets at 6:00P.M.

<b>October, 2006</b>		
Operating Cash (7 <sup>th</sup> & 50/50)	0.00	
Literature Fund	0.00	
Prudent Reserve	\$2,291.80	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,970.24</b>
Institutions Income		
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition & 50/50	\$72.00	
Raffle	\$69.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$141.00</b>
Hospitals Income		
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	\$60.83	
50/50 Raffle	\$84.50	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$145.53</b>
Literature Fund		<b>\$1,478.47</b>
Operating Expenses	93.00	Coffee & Rent
Board Director	0.00	Printing
Institutions Chair	20.00	Print Charges
Hospital Chair	41.44	Print Charges
Board Librarian	0.00	
Board Treasurer	97.25	
Secretaries	0.00	
Literature	1,700.00	
Stamps	0.00	
Checking Fee	16.50	
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$1,866.40</b>

The wise man in the storm prays to God,  
not for safety from danger, but for  
deliverance from fear.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**GROUP DONATIONS TO O.C. CENTRAL OFFICE  
FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

	SEPT.	YTD	GARDEN GROVE	SEPT.	YTD	IRVINE	SEPT.	YTD
			Mo 12:30P-Daylight Disc., 9845 Belfast	\$60	\$120	Daily 6:30A-Sunrise Sobriety, 4400 Barranca	\$395	\$5,705
CAPISTRANO BEACH			Tu 7:00P-Top of the Key Bkdsty,9th&Lampsn	\$60	\$400	M-F 6:30A-It's A New Morning, 4915 Alton	\$307	\$796
Mo 7:30P-Drop Rock, 34421 V Espinoza		\$25	Tu 7:30 P HeartSpeak Wmn's, 9845 Belfast	\$50	\$50	M-F 5:30P-On The Way Home,	\$262	\$2,267
We 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, Doheney St Prk		\$316	Tu 6:00P Good News Disc. 9845 Belfast Dr.		\$10	Su 10:00A-Donut Mtg., 6670 Alton Prkwy.		\$961
Sa 9:30A-Pines Park Disc, Pine Bluffs Prk		\$157	We 10:00A-Ovr50Single.ofPurpose,9845Blfst		\$49	Su 7:30P-Bonita Cnyn Disc,5001 Newport Coast Dr.		\$67
Sa 6:00P-Keep It Simple, 34381 Portola		\$245	We 12:00P-Women's, 9845 Belfast		\$34	Mo 6:00P-Women's B. B. Topic, 6670 Alton	\$119	\$804
CORONA DEL MAR			We 6:00P-Wed. Warriors, 9845 Belfast		\$27	Mo 7:30P-Women's Disc.,6000 Irvine Cntr.	\$60	\$454
Dly 7:00A-Solutions Oasis, 5th & Marg.		\$6,490	Th 10:00A-Over 40 Group		\$120	Mo 8:00P- Participation, Culver&University		\$46
M-F 6:45A-Daily Attitude Adj., 5th. & Marg.		\$1,121	Th 7:00P-Step Study, 12432 9th St.		\$210	Tu 12:00P-Wmn'sB.B.Stdy,18842 Tellert		\$200
Mo 7:00P-Baywood Disc.,1601 Marguerite		\$200	Th 8:00P-Women's Disc., 9842 W. 13th St.		\$20	Tu 5:30P-Big Book Tape Study, (unlisted)		\$585
Mo 7:00P-Over 40 Disc, 5th & Iris		\$50	Fr 10:30A-Women's (C)12 & 12, 9845 Blfst		\$81	Tu 6:00P-Courage To Change,18182 Culver		\$182
Tu 7:00P-Mens Participation		\$100	Sa 10:30A-Big Book Study, 9845 Belfast	\$36	\$456	Tu 7:30 P Good Guys Men's,55 Deerwood		\$28
Th 6:00 P-Happy Hour Men's Pacific View		\$259	Sa 8:00P-Saturday Nile Spkrs, 9845 Belfast		\$20	Tu 7:30P-Men's Stag B.B. Grp, 18842 Teller		\$167
We 7:30P-Living Sober Grp, 611 Helioltrpe		\$60	HUNTINGTON BEACH			We 6:30P-B. B. Topic Disc.,5001 Nwprpt Cst	\$134	\$724
Fr 7:30P-Rebels Disc., 611 Helioltrpe		\$980	Daily 6:00A-Early Birds, 18582 Beach #2		\$1,108	We 8:00P-12 Solutions Step Study, Harvard	\$100	\$460
Fr 8:00P-Big Book Study, 3233 Pacific		\$176	Daily 7:00A-Hggrs As Bill Sees It, 8200 Ellis		\$1,510	Th 12:00P-Irvine Mens Lunch,4139 Campus	\$62	\$506
COSTA MESA			Daily 8:00A-Huggers II, H.B Lifegr Tower 11		\$2,820	Th 6:30P-(W) Gypsies, Deerfield & Turtlelock		\$568
Daily 7:00A-Daily Reflect, 2040 Placentia	\$50	\$200	Su 9:00A-On The Beach, Lifegr Tower 11		\$270	Fr 10:30A-Over 50 Group, 2025 Alton	\$88	\$701
Daily 7:30A-As Bill Sees It, 2501 Harbor	\$300	\$600	Su 10:00A-Sober Sharing, 18582 Beach	\$50	\$100	Fr 5:30P-Topic Disc.Group, 6670 Alton Pkwy	\$90	\$842
M-F 6:45A-Morning Meditat., 183 E. Bay		\$348	Su 2:00P-Recovery Topic Disc,18582 Beach		\$5	Fr 8:00P Little Group, University & Culver	\$140	\$700
M-F 12:00P-Noon Rec., 420 W. 19th St.		\$700	Su 3:00P-3rd Step,18582 Beach		\$5	Sa 9:15A-Step Study, 6670 Alton Pkwy	\$133	\$981
Su 3:30P-Discussion, 275 Victoria		\$75	Su 5:00P-Creative Sharing, 18582 Beach	\$200	\$500	Sa 11:00A-Acceptance Grp, 3 Ethel Coplen	\$204	\$929
Su 7:00P-60 Min.Beginr.Grp, 102 E. Baker		\$486	Su 7:30P-Discussion, Mag. & Indianapolis	\$60	\$323	Sa 11:00A-B.B Study, Turtle Rock	\$105	\$390
Mo 12:00P-Clean&Serene B.B., 660 Baker		\$86	Su 8:00P-StepStdy Out of B.B.,17451 Zeider		\$50	LAGUNA BEACH		
Mo 12:00P-High Noon Steppers, 660 Baker		\$41	Mo 12:00P-Wmn's AsBillSeestl,18631Chapel	\$60	\$264	Daily 7:00A-Attitude Adjustment, 20456 LCR		\$2,128
Mo 6:00P-As Bill Sees It, 2040 Placentia	\$15	\$15	Mo 6:30P-Both Books Stdy,16871 BolsaChic		\$100	Daily 7:05A-Attitude Adj, 3090 S.Coast Hwy	\$560	\$2,560
Mo 7:00P-Livg Sober Grp, 2040 Placent.	\$30	\$66	MO 7:30P-Keep It Simple, 1912 Florida	\$48	\$87	Su 7:05A-Montage Group,(Montage Resort)	\$320	\$900
Mo 8:00P-Men's, 2015 Charle Street		\$50	Mo 7:30P-B.B. Stdy, Magnolia&Indianapolis	\$70	\$210	Su 10:00A-Heisler Park Disc.,Cliff&Jasmine		\$522
Tu 5:30P-Yng People B.B.Stdy, 660 Baker		\$70	Mo 7:00P-Men's B. B. Stdy, 1912 Florida		\$348	Su 11:45A-11th Step Disc., 20456 LCR		\$266
Tu 7:30P-Balboa Broads, 334 1/2 University		\$151	Mo 7:30P-Wmn's Sans , 18631 Chapel Ln.		\$190	Su 6:00P-As Bill Sees It, 340 St Anns Dr.		\$55
Tu 7:30P-Men's One Hr Step and Tradition		\$50	Tu 1:00P-Wmn's Harmony,Denny's@Edinger	\$40	\$240	Su 7:00 P-T. I. S. Spkrs, 31872 Coast Hwy		\$246
We 12:00P-High Noon Steppers, 660 Baker		\$170	Tu 6:00P-Wmn's 12&12,18582 Beach	\$30	\$85	Mo 6:30P-Big Book Study, 20456 LCR		\$179
We 12:00P-Participation., 2040 Placentia		\$30	Tu 7:30P-Beginners Mens, 1912 Florida	\$164	\$1,151	Mo 6:30P- Wmn's Perspect.,20456LCR Rm2		\$154
We 6:00P-Big Book Part., 2040 Placentia		\$20	Tu 7:30P-Women's Disc.8200 Ellis	\$60	\$60	Mo 7:00P-Women's Big Book Study, Wesley	\$50	\$287
We 7:00P-Mens B.B. Study, 102E. Baker	\$140	\$560	Tu 7:30P-Wmn's Serenity B.B., Mag		\$150	Mo 8:00P-Men's Stag, 20456 LCR		\$412
We 8:00P-Men's Study, 2015 Charle St.		\$35	Tu 8:00P-Newcomers Stag, Mag& Indy	\$25	\$25	Mo 8:00P-South Coast Men's, 415 Forest		\$250
Th 7:00P-12 Steps & 12 Traditions, E. Bay		\$150	Tu 8:00P-Tues.Night Zeider Ln, 17461 Z. Ln.	\$30	\$115	Tu 12:30P-Serenity-Sea Women's, Wesley		\$64
Fr 12:00P-Men's Business, 660 Baker #421		\$292	We 7:30A-Attitude Mod.,18582 Beach # 2		\$240	Tu 12:00P-Promises Discussion, 20456 LCR		\$140
Fr 6:30P-Family Afterwards, 102E. Baker		\$30	We 2:00P-Over 60's Meeting, 1718 Orange	\$45	\$45	Tu 12:30P-Women's Discussion, 20456 LCR		\$350
Fr 8:00P-Big Book Study, 1865 Anaheim	\$50	\$170	We 6:00 P-Discussion, 18582 Beach #2	\$70	\$135	Tu 6:00P-Here & Now, 20456 LCR		\$134
Sa 9:30A-Men's, Charle Street		\$120	We 6:30P-Wmn's Slep Stdy, 7641 Talbert		\$24	Tu 6:30P-Men's Beginner, 31872 S. Coast		\$1,054
Sa 9:30A-Charle St. Overflow, 2025 Charle	\$129	\$374	We 8:00P-Here & Now, 16871 Bolsa Chica		\$90	Tu 7:30P-Gay Men's Stag, 31872 S. Coast		\$313
Sa 9:30A-Men's By The Book, 102 E. Baker	\$108	\$1,008	We 8:00P-Participation, Mag & Indianapolis	\$114	\$184	Tu 7:30P-By The Book, 20456 LCR		\$50
Sa 9:30A-Sisters In Sobriety 2040 Placentia		\$168	Th 10:00A-Wmn's B. B. Stdy, 18631 Chapel		\$120	We 7:00A-WhaleWatch.Men's,PCH&Westley	\$121	\$529
Sa 1:30P-What's The Point, 2040 Placentia		\$35	Th 6:00P-Ovr40 & Going Strng,18582 Beach	\$175	\$804	We 12:00P-Anything Goes, 20456 LCR		\$70
Sa 2:15P-Big Book Study, 275 Victoria		\$7	Th 6:30P-Big Book Study, 6622 Lakeview		\$50	We 6:00P-Beginner's, 20456 LCR		\$290
Sa 3:30P-3rd Step Meeting, 275 Victoria		\$23	Th 7:30P-Attitude Mod., 18582Beach #2		\$180	We 7:00P-Get Happy 12&12 Study, Carlotta		\$8
Sa 8:00P-Keep It Simple, 2850 Fairview	\$50	\$100	Th 7:30P-11th Step Disc., 1912 Florida		\$106	We 8:00P-So.Coast Speakers, 286 St. Anns		\$1,000
CYPRESS			Fr 7:30A-Attitude Modification, 18582 Beach		\$300	Th 12:00P-12 & 12 Step Study, 20456 LCR		\$190
SU 5:00P-Happy Hour Topic		\$20	Fr 10:00A-Step Sisters, Mag& Indy		\$240	Th 12:30P-Women's Disc., 415 Forest Ave.		\$174
DANA POINT			Fr 6:00P-Men in the Solution, 17461 Zeider		\$200	Th 6:00 P-Women's Discussion,20456 LCR		\$90
Daily 7:00A-Hard Core Harbor Grp		\$7,898	Fr 6:30P-Big Book Study, 16400 Springdale		\$100	Th 6:30P- Mens's BYOB 12& 12 Step Study		\$280
Mo 5:30P-Women's Disc, Ensenada & DPH	\$315	\$740	Fr 7:30P-Lennox Podium Part., 6662 Heil	\$48	\$48	Th 7:30P-Women's Slep Study, 31872 PCH	\$50	\$260
Mo 7:00P-Promises, 34052 Del Obispo		\$300	Fr 7:30P-B.B.Stdy,Heil & Saybrk(Com.Club)	\$114	\$114	Fr 12:00P-Question & Answer, 20456 LCR	\$70	\$238
Th 10:30A-Wmn's Book Stdy,33501Stonehill		\$143	Sa 7:30A-Attitude Mod., 18582 Beach	\$60	\$228	Fr 6:00 P-Happy Hour and Half, 20456 LCR		\$100
Th 7:00A-(W) HarborTopic Disc.S Juan&VL		\$210	Sa 7:30A-Men's Stag, 18582 Beach		\$255	Fr 6:00P-Literature Mtg. 21632 Wesley		\$661
Fr 7:00P-Grapevine, 33926 Calle Primavera		\$90	Sa 9:30A-Wmn's Big Book Study, 18582 Beach	\$90	\$623	Fr 7:30P-Candlelight Disc., 20456 LCR		\$167
Sa 7:00P-Speaker, 33926 Calle Primavera	\$120	\$1,079	Sa 10:00A-Wmn's B.B.Stdy,18631 Chapel		\$180	Fr 8:00P-Here & Now, 21632 Wesley		\$120
FOUNTAIN VALLEY			Sa 1:00P-Discussion, 18582 Beach # 2		\$20	Fr 8:30P-Live & Let Live, 31872 PCH		\$60
Daily 6:00A-Solutions, 16581 Brookhurst		\$133	Sa 7:00P-Sat.Night LiveBBSdy,18631 Chapel		\$105	Sa 7:00A- Whale Watchers Mens Stag	\$192	\$878
Mon-Sat 12:00P All other meetings failed		\$15	Sa 7:00P-Sat. Nite Light Spkrs,18582 Beach	\$300	\$700	Sa 12:30 P-Into Action, 20456 LCR		\$140
Su 8:00P-As Bill Sees It, 16581 Brookhurst		\$270	Sa 7:30P-Attitude Mod., 18582 Beach		\$60	Sa 7:00P-Beginners, 31872 PCH		\$1,539
We 7:30p Women Do Recover,16581Brkhrst		\$186	Sa 7:30P-Lennox Podium Participation,6662 Heil		\$106	Sa 8:00P-Sat.Night Speaker Mtg,20456 LCR		\$1,175
Th 8:00P-AA Keeping it Real, Participation		\$8						

Daily 7:30A-Do It Sober, 24442 Moulton	\$540	\$3,360	Sa 10:30A-Women's BB Study, ViaConDios	\$50	Th 8:00P-12&12GrapevineSldy,13922Prspct	\$60	\$310
We 1:15P-Wmn's B.B.Sldy, 24351 El Toro		\$265	SAN CLEMENTE	^	Sa 8:00P-Visiting Speakers, 1221 Wass	\$100	\$238
Th 7:30P-Speaker, Leisure World (unlisted)		\$120	Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. Men's, Camino Capistrano	\$365	VILLA PARK	^	
Fr 10:00A-Top of TheHillGang, 24252 El Toro		\$50	Tu 6:00P-Women's Disc., 190 Ave La Pata	\$100	Daily 24 Hour Group		\$290
LA HABRA			Fr 7:00P-Women's Book Study, Ave.Aragon	\$115	Su 7:00P-11th Step Prayer & Meditation		\$57
Mo-Fr 6:30A-Topic Disc, 100 W. La Habra		\$60	Fr 7:00P-S.C Newcomers,105 S. La Esperanza	\$25	WESTMINSTER	^	
LAKE FOREST			Fr 8:00P-Aragon Spkrs., 202 Ave. Aragon	\$489	Mo 7:30P-12&12Beginners,15750 Magnolia		\$198
Daily Saddleback Valley Grp, 24328 Swartz		\$3,750	Sa 9:30A-Pine's Park (unlisted)	\$60	Th 7:30P-Big Book Study,8152 McFadden	\$103	\$303
We7:45P-Back To Basics, 23262 El Toro Rd	\$50	\$50	SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	^	MISC. GROUPS	^	
Th7:30P-MustardSeedSlpSldy,23262 El Toro	\$150	\$330	Daily7:00A-Eye Opener, 27514 CalleArroyo	\$200	\$5,300 Cardiff-By-The-Sea		\$700
Th-Cover to Cover	\$25	\$50	Su 5:00P-1 Hr Topic Disc,27514CalleArroyo	\$44	\$544 Women's 12 Step Workshop (unlisted)		\$150
MISSION VIEJO			Mo 6:00P-B.B.Study, 27514 Calle Arroyo	\$55	\$155 AOCYPAA		\$77
Mo&Th 7:30P-B.B.Sldy, Jeronimo & Marg.	\$112	\$630	Tu 7:00P- Hear Here Part., 27514 C. Arroyo	\$378	Sun.-7:30PM CDM-Steps&Traditions		\$60
Mo 7:00P- Women'sStep Sldy, 26051 Marg.	\$20	\$150	We 7:00P-11th Step Disc,27514 C. Arroyo	\$305	Mon.-Men's Stag @ Patrick's-Laguna Beach	\$60	\$110
Mo 7:00P-Women's Book Study,26558 Marg.	\$108	\$281	We 7:30P-B.B.Study, 26283 Shadybrook	\$98	Mon.-Men's Stag-Laguna Bch, St. Mary's Church		\$159
Mo 7:30P-Bell Ringers Men's Stag,		\$240	Th 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo	\$140	Tues. - 6PM-Chicks On The Run-Wandering		\$547
We 9:30A-Women, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy	\$45	\$95	Th 7:00P-Joy of Sobriety, 31495 E.C. Real	\$125	\$480 Tues. - 6PM Step Sisters - Roaming		\$185
We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc., 26558 Marg.		\$150	Th 8:00P-Men's Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo	\$110	Tues. - Morning Men's Stag (Unlisted)		\$266
Th 9:30A-Women's 12 x 12, 26001 Blascos		\$120	SANTA ANA	^	Wed. - Wandering Womens	\$97	\$382
NEWPORT BEACH			Daily 12 & 8pm-Nueva Luz,2525 N.Grand	\$80	\$360 Wed.-Artists/Musicians-LB (Unlisted)	\$120	\$120
Daily 7:00A-Roundtable Disc, 414 E. 32nd St		\$692	Su 11:00A-Sunshine Pumpers, 120 W. 5th	\$140	Wed. - 7P-Womans- Monarch Beach	\$25	\$25
Daily12:15P-Old Nwprt Nomads,414Old Nwprt Blvd.		\$640	Su 5:00P-Two Or More, 721 Euclid	\$130	Th -Laguna Hills-Good Book/Big Book	\$100	\$100
Daily 2:15P-SharkAtTheLibrary, 2005 Dover	\$100	\$300	We 7:30P-Wed Night Men's, 600 N. Main	\$270	Th 7P-Dana Point DohenyBonfireMtg.(Unlst)		\$200
Mo-Fr 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd	\$87	\$1,522	We 8:00P-Discussion, 417 N. Cooper	\$120	Thurs-7:30P- Laguna Hills-LeisureWorld (Unlst)		\$120
Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On the beach		\$275	Fr 8:00P-51/50, 614 Bush Street	\$20	Thurs 9PM San Juan Capistrano		\$276
Su 7:00P-Primary Purpose Grp, Dover&16th	\$79	\$123	SEAL BEACH	^	Fr. - 10:30am - F-Troop Discuss (Unlisted)		\$210
Su 7:30P-Speakers, 414 E. 32nd St		\$653	We 7:30P-Men's Step Study, 8th & Central	\$70	Fr.-7PM - 12&12 - Minor St., Costa Mesa		\$35
Su7:30P-Steps&Trads,Eastbluff&Jamboree	\$120	\$180	SUNSET BEACH	^	Fr-8P-Sunset Bch-Fam Afterward,16865 PCH		\$66
Mo9:00A-Women's Step Sldy,414 E. 32nd		\$70	Su 9:00A-SoberOnTheSand, End of 16th St.	\$120	Sa -Orange County Wandering Group		\$155
Mo 12:30P-Back Bay Men's, 1201 IrvineAve		\$700	Su 10:00A-Sunset Beach Mtg.,PCH&Warner	\$100	\$100 INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	^	
Mo 4:00P-Let Go & Let God, Dover		\$140	Su 1:00P-Women's12StepDisc, 16865 PCH	\$50	\$250 Rec#6374 Ck#1801Sat.AMWmn's B.B.Study		\$50
Mo 6:45P-Beg.&Tradition Grp,1400 Balboa		\$746	Su 5:00P-Sundowners, 16865 PCH	\$25	\$175 Rec#6418 money order received from Heidi		\$60
Mo 8:00P-Men's Disc, 301 Newport Blvd	\$100	\$410	Su 7:00P-11th Step Study, 16865 PCH	\$126	\$235 Rec#6493 Mnyorder GSO#101102 ?City		\$30
Mo 8:00P-Women's Disc., 301 Newport Blvd		\$25	Mo 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$180	\$264 Rec#6561 Ck#1068 Group#000128087009		\$125
Mo 8:00P-Step Study, 414 E. 32nd St.		\$20	Mo 12:00P-Big Book Study, 16865 PCH	\$180	Rec#6664 ck#20322 Fred - Laguna Beach		\$150
Tu 3:30P-Discussion, 414 E. 32nd St		\$36	Tu 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$291	Rec#6931 Newport Beach		\$60
Tu 7:00P-NB/CDM Men's, 414 32nd St.		\$500	Tu 6:00P-Discussion, 16865 P.C.H.	\$30	\$152 Rec#6970 Ck#201 Group#144779?		\$196
Tu7:00P-Wmn's Book Sldy, 2414VistaDelOro		\$194	We 12:00P-Promises Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$30	Rec#7010 Ck#2249 Group#13299		\$60
Tu7:30P-Men's12&12Sldy, 2100 Mar Vista		\$40	We 12:00P-Promises Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$60	Rec#7016 Ck#1094 Patrick O.		\$9
We 7:00P-Steps&Trads, 2100 Mar Vista		\$148	We 6:30P-Newcomers Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$76	\$140 Rec#7032 Ck#253 Group#135326-09-12		\$45
We 7:30P-Wed Night Men's, 2401 Irvine	\$140	\$375	Th 12:00P-StepSldy/Promises, 16865 PCH.	\$60	Rec#7053 Easy does it Irvine		\$60
We 8:00P-Big Book Study, 600 St. Andrew		\$205	Th 5:30P-Women's Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$350	Rec#7077 Ck#3268 GR#161638		\$121
We 8:00P-Recovery Radicals,301NewportBl	\$180	\$300	Fr 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$50	Rec#7113 Info requested		\$90
Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street		\$95	Fr 12:00P-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$220	Rec#7117 GG Tue 7PM Top of the Key		\$60
Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Group, 414 E. 32nd		\$925	Sa 7:30A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$191	Rec#7142 LB Wed Dragon Fly		\$70
Fr 12:15P-Men's Business Disc., 414 32nd	\$70	\$396	Sa 3:00P-Step & Tradition, 16865 PCH	\$60	Rec#7147 Ck#1156		\$178
Fr7:00P-Winning Ticket Step Sldy,Mar Vista	\$85	\$240	Sa 7:00P-Rule 62 Speakers, 16865 PCH	\$50	\$150 Rec#7324 Ck#1106 New Beginnings	\$13	\$13
Sa6:00P-CoverToCoverB.B.Study,798 Dover		\$55	TUSTIN	^	Rec#7329 Turning the Corner	\$156	\$156
Sa 7:30P- Daily Reflections, 2100 Mar Vista		\$60	Daily 6:00A-FoothillEarlyRisrs,19211Dodge	\$300	\$500 MISC. DONATIONS		\$132
ORANGE			Daily 6:00A-Attitude Adj. 14662 Newport	\$200	Satellite Office Change Can		\$52
Daily 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Country		\$420	Daily 6:00A-Attitude Mod., 130 W. Main	\$164	\$2,718 Morning Meditation		\$15
Su 5:30P-TheOther12&12, 705 W. La Veta		\$17	Daily 12:00P-Brown Baggers, 130 W. Main	\$300	Intergroup Meeting	\$96	\$156
Su 7:00P-Speaker of Orange,1800 E.LaVeta	\$140	\$350	Daily 5:30P-Rush Hour, 130 W. Main.	\$768	\$4,415 Intergroup Picnic		\$531
Mo 7:00P-Women's Step Sldy, 161 Orange		\$429	M-F 12:00P-Alkies Winners,555 W.Main	\$596	4th Step Workshop - So. Coast Med. Center		\$3,968
Th 7:30P-777 Men's Stag, 395 N. Tustin		\$300	Su 9:02A-Speakers, 130 W. Main	\$224	TMS9thS Tuesday		\$813
Th7:30P-Newcomer's Disc.,2191OrangeOlive		\$25	Su 7:00P-Chapt. 9 Book Study, 1201 Irvine	\$70	\$70 Miracles Happen 2006 Convention		\$100
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA			Su 7:30P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs,130 W. Main	\$263	\$40 PERSONAL DONATIONS		\$300
Su 7:30P-Old Time12&12Study, Empressa		\$165	Mo9:00A-Women'sUnityGrp,14402 Prospect	\$40	Anonymous Donations	\$30	\$30
Mo 7:00P-(W)Staying Sober30382ViaConDios		\$200	Mo 7:30P-Men's Discussion, 130 W. Main	\$79	\$389 June L., Irvine	\$25	\$215
Mo 7:30P-Men's,30605 Ave de la Flores		\$120	Tu 12:00P- Women's 12 & 12,Nwpt & Dodge	\$6	\$89 Gary O. - Ladera Ranch		\$175
Tu 7:30P-Old TimeB.B.Sldy,30322ViaCDios		\$221	Tu 7:30P- Big Book Study, 19211 Dodge	\$412	Laura D. Capistrano Beach	\$88	\$208
We 7:30P-RSM StepStudy,30382 ViaCDios		\$200	Tu 8:00P-Steps 1-4, 1201 Irvine	\$108	\$178 Walter M. - Huntington Beach		\$350
Th 6:30P-Wandering Group	\$140	\$280	We 7:00P-LuckyStiffsMen's, 18542Vanderlip	\$308	\$308 Yaser&Cristine J. Laguna Niguel		\$1,000
Th 7:30P-11thSlpSpiritual Disc,22521 Ave Emp		\$50	We7:00P-Women's Solutions, 19211 Dodge	\$60	\$312 Krishna B		\$12

	SEPT.	YTD
Jeffrey F. - Laguna Beach		\$193
Linda L. Lake Elsinore	\$1,000	\$3,000
Scott Z. - Costa Mesa		\$160
Ruth A.		\$24
Fred P. Laguna Woods		\$100
Scott McD. Irvine	\$70	\$70
Shsaha F. Ladera Ranch	\$120	\$120
Alice T.		\$83
Joanne A. - Santa Ana		\$35
Rick R.		\$33
Barbara R. Newport Beach		\$100
Chuck S. Cypress 24th Anniversary		\$24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,107</b>	<b>\$155,437</b>

## CONCEPT XI

***While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.***

The Trustees can't do everything the fellowship asks by themselves.

They need help. They need people to serve with them on the standing committees that are focused on the various concerns of AA.

They need corporate service directors to help make certain that AA is in competent and enthusiastic hands.

They need executives to make certain that the office is managed professionally and effectively.

They need efficient and effective staff to support AA's operations and implement projects.

They need consultants of the highest possible caliber to support and advise them.

*Who will serve on the committees and the service boards?*

*What are their personal qualifications?*

*How will they be invited into service and by whom?*

*How will rotation be handled?*

*How will all of these people inter-relate? With each other, with the Trustees, and with the Fellowship?*

*Will there be special rights and duties of the executive staffs and consultants? What will they be? How much will each be paid?*

All of these questions and answers to them were then, and still are, of great concern to AA, to each of us. They must be carefully and lovingly addressed in order that AA will continue to thrive and that we can effectively carry the message to the alcoholic, anywhere, who reaches out for help.

In the 16 pages devoted to this Concept by Bill W., plus the 10 footnotes and additional information about how the system has been changed over the years, we have a virtual Personnel Manual for AA. Bill discusses the pros and cons of some of the examples he could foresee of how the "good might be the enemy of the best". The years since have confirmed that some of those "good ideas" have been, indeed, brought up and discussed, again and again. Most resolutions have confirmed Bill's arguments and insight.

Although this Concept may seem a bit tedious, and parts of it are decidedly sexist, the vast majority of the structure of AA as a working organization is sound and far-sighted.

Bill distilled much wisdom and care into this Concept. I recommend a thoughtful reading...and don't forget the footnotes: they are important!

*Linda C.  
District 18, Area 09, Pacific Region*

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**MEETING CHANGES SINCE  
AUGUST 31, 2006**

**SUNDAY  
NEWPORT BEACH**

7:00 PM (C) Primary Purpose 1 Whitecliffs Dr. (Newport Aquatic Center) New Address  
**ORANGE**

7:00 PM (Y) Young Peoples' Discussion  
261 N Glassell (The Ugly Mug) & Chapman,  
New Address

**MONDAY  
ANAHEIM**

6:30 PM Free Thinkers 511 S. Harbor @  
Santa Ana St. (Unitarian Church) Change  
Day & Time

**LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM Living Sober 30622 Pacific Coast  
Hwy, Ruby's Restaurant, New

7:00 PM (C) Women's Big Book Study  
21632 Wesley Dr. (PCH and Wesley-  
Church) Address correction

**ORANGE**

7:30 PM Step Out Easy 716 Town &  
Country Rd (Main) Changed to Open

**TUESDAY**

**COSTA MESA**

7:30 PM (C) Back To Basics 420 W 19th  
Street, 1st Methodist Church, New

**LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM Sober Horse Thieves 30622  
Pacific Coast Hwy, Ruby's Restaurant, New

**TUSTIN**

7:30 PM Serenity Discussion 14511 Carfax  
Dr. (@ Sycamore & Newport Blvd.) Dropped  
in error

8:00 PM (C) Steps 1-4 1201 Irvine  
(Methodist Church) Dropped in error

**WEDNESDAY**

**ANAHEIM HILLS**

7:30 PM Muddy's Men's Stag 5340 E. La  
Palma Ave., Suite #108 @ Vineyard  
Christian Fellowship, Change Address

**COSTA MESA**

11:30 AM Women's Brown Bag 2607 Willo  
Lane @ Irvine & University (Founders Bldg)  
New

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**

2:00 PM Seniors & Friends 1718 Orange  
Ave @ 17th (Senior Outreach Center)  
Name Change

**IRVINE**

7:30 PM C Wednesday Night Here & Now  
18842 Teller Avenue, New Song Church,  
Campus&Teller, New

**LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM Step Study 30622 Pacific Coast  
Hwy, Ruby's Restaurant, New

**THURSDAY**

**LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM Spiritual Awakening 30622 Pacific  
Coast Hwy, Ruby's Restaurant, New

**NEWPORT BEACH**

7:00 PM Over 40 414 E. 32nd St., Changed  
to Open

**SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO --New**

7:00 PM PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP  
27514 Calle Arroyo, Community Center,

**FRIDAY**

**LAGUNA BEACH**

7:00 AM As Bill Sees It 30622 Pacific Coast  
Hwy, Ruby's Restaurant, New

**LAGUNA WOODS**

7:30 AM Women's Discussion 24442  
Moulton Pkwy (United Methodist Church's  
Youth Room) Address change

**SATURDAY  
LAGUNA BEACH**

8:00 PM Endless Summer, Talk Show  
21540 Wesley Drive, Lang Park Hall,  
Wesley & PCH, New Format

TWAS THE NIGHT OF  
THANKSGIVING, BUT I  
JUST COULDN'T SLEEP

I TRIED COUNTING  
BACKWARDS, I TRIED  
COUNTING SHEEP.

THE LEFTOVERS BECKONED  
- THE DARK MEAT AND  
WHITE

BUT I FOUGHT THE  
TEMPTATION WITH ALL OF  
MY MIGHT

TOSSING AND TURNING  
WITH ANTICIPATION

THE THOUGHT OF A SNACK  
BECAME INFATUATION.

SO, I RACED TO THE  
KITCHEN, FLUNG OPEN THE  
DOOR

AND GAZED AT THE FRIDGE,  
FULL OF GOODIES GALORE.

I GOBBLED UP TURKEY AND  
BUTTERED POTATOES,

PICKLES AND CARROTS,  
BEANS AND TOMATOES.

I FELT MYSELF SWELLING  
SO PLUMP AND SO ROUND,

'TIL ALL OF A SUDDEN, I  
ROSE OFF THE GROUND.

I CRASHED THROUGH THE  
CEILING, FLOATING INTO  
THE SKY

WITH A MOUTHFUL OF  
PUDDING AND A HANDFUL  
OF PIE.

BUT, I MANAGED TO YELL AS  
I SOARED PAST THE  
TREES....

HAPPY EATING TO ALL -  
PASS THE CRANBERRIES,  
PLEASE.

MAY YOUR STUFFING BE  
TASTY, MAY YOUR TURKEY  
BE PLUMP.  
MAY YOUR POTATOES 'N  
GRAVY HAVE NARY A LUMP,  
MAY YOUR YAMS BE  
DELICIOUS MAY YOUR PIES  
TAKE THE PRIZE,  
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING  
DINNER STAY OFF OF YOUR  
THIGHS.

HAVE A WONDERFUL  
THANKSGIVING!

**From "When A.A. Came of Age":**

[Father Ed Dowling of the Roman Catholic  
Jesuit order] "had boldly written in effect  
to all alcoholics and especially those of  
his own faith: 'Folks, A.A. is good. Come  
and get it.' And this they certainly had  
done. His first written words were the  
beginning of a wonderfully benign  
influence in favor of our fellowship, the  
total of which no one will ever be able to  
compute."

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**ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
Statement of Income & Expenses for  
Period Ending June, 2006**

**LIVE AND LET LIVE**

	<b>September</b>	<b>Y T D</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Group Donations	11,731.76	147,251.94
Individual Fellowship	1,331.70	5,991.69
Literature Sales	11,190.43	93,652.74
Birthday Donations	1,549.00	4,026.40
In Memoriam	0.00	457.00
Intergroup Donations	89.50	750.40
Special Events	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	287.69	2,135.59
Misc. (Repaid Bounced Cks)	147.00	201.77
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,327.08</b>	<b>254,467.53</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Audits	3,250.00	4,770.00
Auto (All Managers)	95.59	638.97
Bank Charges	0.00	25.00
Cash/Invoices Over/Short	-0.12	25.30
Insurance	1,006.63	14,446.14
Intergroup Expense	120.00	2,237.06
Lease Expense	381.44	2,413.69
Moving Expense	489.73	489.73
Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	415.80
Volunteers Coffee & Water	31.51	797.97
Office Supplies	445.50	3,063.19
Pension Fund	166.68	1,500.12
Postage	78.00	818.46
P/I Donated Literature	331.35	766.06
Rent	3,445.05	30,606.10
Salaries	9,750.46	84,777.26
Payroll Tax Expense	789.75	6,845.43
Taxes & Licenses	0.67	111.35
Telephone Expense	373.81	2,723.82
Answering Service – TAB	77.64	442.50
Utilities	0.00	611.27
Lifeline Expense	838.50	7,918.77
Cost of Literature Sold	8,617.30	72,116.79
Special Events	0.00	2,175.39
Misc. (Returned Checks)	147.00	197.90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>30,436.49</b>	<b>241,315.51</b>
<b>INCOME/ (LOSS)</b>	<b>-4,109.41</b>	<b>13,152.02</b>

There are times when my sons say, "Hey, mom, the old man is getting mellow."

Part of it is gentle mockery; the rest, an acknowledgment by them of what "Live and Let Live" has changed in me — at least to a degree.

It wasn't always thus, and my wife and sons ought to know, because there was no real peace in my home for quite a while after I joined AA.

Some people are born with a silver spoon in their mouths, but I came into this world with boxing gloves on my hands. I was taking the other fellow's inventory long before I ever took the first drink.

I spent a good part of the time silently or openly criticizing other members of the human race: their hypocrisy, greed, drive for power, exploitation of the underdog, false spirituality, etc.

And do you know, I never succeeded in changing one of them! But I became an increasingly bitter and poisonous individual.

"Live and Let Live" eventually opened my eyes to the mental sickness that lies in intolerance. And it can progress almost as insidiously and destructively as alcoholism.

Where there is persistent intolerance, peace of mind is absent. Dry alcoholics who allow themselves to be afflicted with hatred, malice, dislike, revenge, or any censorious attitude toward others are depriving themselves of some of the beneficent wonders of AA and the blessings of harmonious living with others.

I like it when the family says I'm "mellow." It's a much nicer word than many others formerly applied to me. And what's more, I know they mean it.

Astonishing, isn't it, what can happen to a fellow in AA when he tries something like "Live and Let Live"?

*JF – From the February, 1957, Grapevine*

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**THE LIFELINE**  
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**Purpose:** The Orange County Lifeline Committee is a committee of volunteer A.A. members, charged with the responsibility of producing and distributing the Orange County Lifeline, (a publication of the Orange County Intergroup Association). The Lifeline is published monthly and is supported solely through contributions from the A.A. groups and members of Orange County. The Lifeline is published to meet the following needs of the Orange County A.A. membership: to inform the A.A. membership regarding A.A. service, A.A. events and A.A. announcements; also to share experience in recovery, unity and service; to keep the A.A. membership informed regarding the actions, finances and meetings of the Orange County Intergroup Association and other Central Office committees.

**Lifeline Committee:**

Larry E. (Chair); Phil F., Jim S., Nick M., George L., Cathy R. (Editor)

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**CENTRAL OFFICE CALL FORWARDING SHIFTS**

Call-forwarding is the program instituted by Orange County Central Office whereby, during hours when the Central Office is closed, calls to the Central Office are forwarded to your phone and you answer the calls, just as if you were sitting in the Central Office as a volunteer. This service allows the Central Office to realize a significant cost savings because we do not need to contract to a vendor to answer the phone and forward the call on to a central Office 12<sup>th</sup> Step volunteer. Even more vital, when a call is placed to Alcoholics Anonymous, the caller will be talking to an A.A. member not a paid private worker! Many of the shifts listed below are currently filled by A.A. members. If you see a shift that you would be able to take, please call the Central Office at (714) 556-4555 to determine if that shift is currently unfilled

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
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" 12<sup>th</sup> Step work and we would appreciate any time you can give.

**INTERGROUP SERVICE BOARD ELECTIONS**

The annual Intergroup election of Service Board members will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.; at the Jamboree Worship Center, 2777 McGaw Avenue in Irvine. The election will be held before the regular business meeting for the first time. This new arrangement was made to help conduct both events in a more time-efficient manner.

There are ten Intergroup Association Service Board positions. Four of the Board Members are completing two-year terms and replacements will be elected. In a unique but practical process, after the four are elected, all of the Board positions become open; (except the Orange County H. & I. Committee Chair who automatically serves as the Intergroup H. & I. Committee Chair). The ten members of the new Board then elect

from their number, the four Intergroup officers to one-year terms: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The new Intergroup Chair then appoints—with Board approval — the five remaining Standing Committee Chairs to one-year terms [Central Office Comm., Group Relations Comm., Lifeline Comm., Public Information Comm. and Special Events Comm.].

The Orange County Intergroup pamphlet ELECTION 2006 currently being distributed has a description of the election process and a summary of the duties of each Board Member. Copies are available at the Central Office. You may be interested in standing for election and providing a much needed service to support delivering the message to alcoholics who need the help.

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.

**SPEAKERS**

**Balboa Speaker Meeting**

Thursday 7:30P.M. – Newport Club, 414 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Newport Beach  
 11/02 John A. Laguna Woods  
 11/09 Kelly O.N. Costa Mesa  
 11/16 Joe F. Venice  
 11/23 John N. Newport Beach  
 11/30 Evan D. Marina del Rey  
 12/07 Ann W. Fullerton  
 12/14 Harold F. Hemet  
 12/21 Sandi T. Dove Canyon  
 12/28 Billy S. Las Vegas, NV

Contact: Jim K.

**Saturday Night Lite Speakers**

H.O.W. Hall 7:00 P.M.-18582 Beach Blvd. #2  
 Behind Flower Kiosk @ Ellis  
 11/04 Mark S. Butte, Montana  
 11/11 Mike N. Huntington Beach  
 11/18 Betty D. Torrance  
 11/25 Connie H. Corona del Mar  
 Contact: Tom H.

**Rule 62 Speaker Meeting**

Saturday – 7 P.M., Thursday's Fellowship Hall,  
 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy., Sunset Beach  
 Secretary – Judy M.

**Participation, Speaker, Q & A**

Sunday 9:02 A.M. – 130 W. Main St. (Hall)  
 Tustin, CA  
 11/05 Alice C. Orange  
 11/12 David S. Tustin  
 11/19 Russ B. Irvine  
 11/26 Sharon Orange  
 Contact: Eric S.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

I want to offer my apologies to several people who had sent in birthday notifications for the October Lifeline. I misplaced them in my files and so these gallant leaders in sobriety were not listed. Fortunately, my error does not detract from their sobriety.



**Birthday Gratitude To:**

Name	City	No. Years
Dave B.	Laguna	2 years
Mrs. O.	Aliso Viejo	7 years
Carol K.	Laguna Niguel	9 years
Jeffrey R.	Santa Ana	12 years
Bonnie J.	Garden Grove	15 years
Hilda P.	Laguna Niguel	16 Years
Mary O.	Aliso Viejo	17 years
Ann B.	Santa Ana	23 years
Karen D.	Huntington Bch	25 years
Marilyn A.	Monarch Beach	27 years
Sally V.D.	Newport Beach	27 years
Regina K.	Laguna Beach	28 years
Ed M.	San Clemente	30 years
Jeanne H.	Laguna Niguel	32 years
Judith D.	Huntington Bch.	33 years
Alice C.	Mission Viejo	40 years
Len B.	Laguna Woods	40 years

For-----  
 Sobriety Date/Years

Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Saturday Night Visiting Speaker**

Saturday 8:00 P.M. – 1221 Wass –  
 St. Paul's Church -- Tustin  
 10/7 Sharon D. Orange  
 10/14 Gene K. Santa Ana  
 10/21 Christy H. Orange  
 10/28 Glenn H. Tustin  
 11/04 John Q. Lake Forest  
 11/11 Jason M. Tustin  
 11/18 Joanie V.H. Orange  
 11/25 Al C. Tustin  
 Contact: Glenn H.

**Dana Point Speaker Meeting**

7:00 P.M. Saturday-St. Edward's Church  
 Youth Center  
 33926 Calle la Primavera  
 11/03 T. B. A.  
 11/10 John T. Placentia  
 11/17 Mari Anne F. Huntington Beach  
 11/24 Jack San Clemente  
 12/01 Ann W. Fullerton  
 12/08 Brad W. Fullerton  
 Contact: Robin

**Speaker Meeting – Saturday 7:00 P.M.**

23275 S. Pointe Dr. Ste #150  
 Laguna Hills, 92653  
 11/03 Lauri B. So.Orange County  
 11/10 Robin S. Beverly Hills  
 11.17 Jerome S. Corona  
 11/24 Janet K. Bishop  
 12/01 Adam T. South Bay  
 12/08 Paulette C. Laguna Beach  
 12/15 Candice M. Los Angeles  
 12/22 Kenna S. Laguna Beach  
 12/29 Doug S. Santa Ana  
 Contact: Joe D.

**No Puffers Speaker Meeting**

8 P.M. – Friday –Community of Christ Church;  
 395 S. Tustin Ave. - Orange  
 11/03 Lois B.L. Huntington Beach  
 11/10 Teddi P. Huntington Beach  
 11/17 Michael L. Tustin  
 Contact: Garry B.

