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AN AA MIRACLE

As on every Monday from 9am to noon, I was answering the phones for our central office along with another recovering alcoholic named Glenn. It was a quiet morning, the phones were silent and Glenn and I were having our own AA meeting, telling each others' stories.

Suddenly the office front door opened and a young woman walked in and approached us in the reception area. She stood in front of us with obvious pain in her eyes and Glenn finally asked if something was troubling her. She burst into tears and a gush of desperation, anxiety and hopelessness drained out of her. We invited her to sit down and it was minutes before she was able to tell us what was going on.

She had been sober for 2 years until a few weeks ago when she went out again. Now she was on her 11th day of sobriety. She had no money and was struggling to stay sober. On top of that the people she roomed with were drinking and she was at the verge of being kicked out because she owed rent. And she had no job. She had left her place an hour ago not certain whether she should look for a job or find a recovery home that would take care of her and not demand a deposit.

"I have no place to go", Sharon said softly, looking up at us with tears streaming down her cheeks.

While Glenn continued to talk to her, I walked away and found myself dialing my boss's number on my cell. He answered. I asked him whether there might be an open deckhand job available.

"As a matter of fact there is, Win. We had to let go of someone yesterday and things have been really busy. We need someone right away".

"I have a friend here who's looking for a job," I said, not believing what was happening. My boss said to send her down. I went back to where Sharon and Glenn were. She had not overheard my conversation on the cell phone. I told her that there was a 99% chance she had a job if she didn't mind being a deckhand.

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Step 9

Made Direct Amends To Such People Wherever Possible, Except When To Do So Would Injure Them Or Others.

Number 9 of 12 articles on the 12 Steps

So, here I was, a newcomer - 5 days sober and absolutely desperate to stay that way. I looked around the meeting room and everyone seemed a lot happier than me. I wanted what they had and I was ready to go to any lengths to get it. They read the 12 steps as part of Chapter 5, and I was finally listening after several months of coming to A.A. meetings drunk and really not hearing much of the readings. But now I was serious, (and did I mention desperate?). Well, everything was okay, and I remained willing. Step 4 and 5 might be slight problems, but I could struggle through them, after all, did I mention I was desperate? And then, the hammer dropped – step 9. I remember clear as a bell thinking, “Are you kidding me – making amends to all those people who harmed ME?” And so the decision was made to not even start the steps, because I wasn’t that desperate! So, I suffered for another nine months before, I reached the level of desperation in sobriety I needed to reach, in order to become truly willing to go to any lengths for sobriety.

I got a sponsor, and he took me through the steps out of the Big Book over 5 months, and, sure enough, we reached the 9th Step. The dreaded 9th Step! But, miracle of miracles - I had remained willing to take my sponsor’s direction and as we progressed through the work, the 9th Step hadn’t been a really big deal. But, now I was facing the fact that I actually had to do it. And you know something – it wasn’t really a big deal! Remembering the wording in the 8th Step, “Remember it was agreed in the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol”. And I was still willing.

The scariest thing I had done in my life, to that point, was going to my wife and amending that relationship. Merriam-Webster defines amend thusly: “1 to put right; 2 to change or modify for the better.” I had to have faith that this is what I was attempting to do. And then, I had to take the action. It is no accident that the 9th Step, (and 6 others) are described in a chapter called “Into Action”. A price was finally paid in the 9th step – the further confession of my shortcomings and the leveling of my pride. In the process, everything that had come before this was preparation, necessary preparation, but simply preparation. There were many more amends to be made, but that action set the tone. I was finally living a free man. I have not lived the same since.

A member of A.A. in Orange County

Text in italics re-printed from the Big Book with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, (AAWS)

*Our own gentleness is a powerful force in our lives.
It is like the gentle flower that grows through granite.*
Patricia Hoolihan

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I will never in my life forget the look on her face. Her expression transformed from despair and fear to disbelief, then hope. And then through the tears appeared a smile, one which was filled with gratitude. Now I began to have tears!

I told her how to get down to my work place on the harbor. Later in the afternoon, I called my boss to see how things went.

"I hired her," he said casually. "She starts tomorrow."

I waited until late Thursday to call my boss again. He told me Sharon was doing just fine. On Friday, the one day I work and run the boats, I went down and made my way towards our ticket office. I assumed I would be working with Jessica, the deckhand I usually had.

Wrong. Jessica had had to go out of town unexpectedly. Guess who was to take her place? Yep. Sharon, who, at that very moment, came around the corner, hugged me with a radiant smile and said "my life has changed so!!!"

All these different elements came together magically to change a young person's life. Coincidence? We know it wasn't. It was Divine Timing. A Higher Power thing that none of us can explain.

Another thought. We all help others, often without knowing it. Sharon did this week. Little did she know that she gave a kick of enthusiasm to this old timer's sobriety---and Glenn's too. And I've shared this story at every meeting I've gone to since. I also emailed my brother in Florida, telling him the Sharon episode in detail. He forwarded my email to his pastor who in turn will make it the subject of next week's sermon.

In helping yourself and asking for help, how many lives have you touched in the process, Sharon? Incredible!

Win W.



“Darling! AA is working for you! I am now listed on your inventory as an asset!”

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The Ninth Tradition

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Generally, when we hear the word organization, we think of a situation where there are a lot of rules, and someone with a certain amount of power governs or is in control. Out of curiosity, I decided to look in the dictionary for a definition of the word "organize," and I found that to organize means to systematically prepare or arrange for effective operation. Isn't this what has been done in AA? We have service boards and committees of varying natures that we elect or appoint and who assume responsibility without trying to take on authority, people who, because of a true sense of spiritual simplicity and service to others, effectively carry out the duties of whatever job they are asked to perform. But this sense of service doesn't only apply at the level of boards or committees. Look at the group and the people who regularly get there early and set up the meeting area, the people who make the coffee, clean up the ashtrays, sweep the floor, and carry out the other tasks just because they know they have to be done. These are only a few examples, but the same principles apply in all of AA, be it at the level of group, intergroup, or general service. As long as we have members who continue to have the best interests of AA at heart and enjoy doing the things that need to be done without any notion of power or prestige, Tradition Nine won't be any problem.

Pinky H., London Ontario
Grapevine, Sept. 1998

I recall an incident that occurred some time ago in a group whose treasurer was a professional money person. The group trusted her implicitly. At each group conscience meeting, the treasurer assured the members that they had plenty of money to meet expenses and everything was shipshape. Nobody questioned her until an unpaid invoice for coffee came to the attention of another member. When it was brought to the treasurer's attention, she again assured everyone that it was an oversight and the bill would be paid in short order. But it wasn't. Suspicions were aroused and the group continued to ask

for an actual accounting but the treasurer somehow avoided compliance with their request. Shortly thereafter, the treasurer rotated out of her group service position and the group learned that the bill had been paid and the money was accounted for. It seems the treasurer was guilty only of procrastination. But while their collective conscience was relieved, the group carefully chose their next treasurer and instructed him on how to do the job. Rotation was their saving grace. The principle of rotation is expressed in the Long Form of Tradition Nine, which states that "rotating leadership is the best."

It is incumbent upon groups to choose their trusted servants with care and further, to let them know what's expected of them. Before coming to AA, I'd never made one hundred cups of coffee in my life. I knew how to make six or eight or ten--but one hundred? I'm grateful to the members of my group who showed me how (we wrote the recipe on the cardboard box that held the supplies; I still make coffee according to that recipe.) Too often, we assume others already know what we know.

But what should we do with the errant treasurers who "borrow" AA funds? Individual or collective anger directed toward the perpetrator could divert the group from its primary purpose. Some groups may attempt to recover funds by initiating legal action, forgetting that we avoid public controversy. Is the group harmed by the loss of money--or a bruised vanity? Should the group take the opposite tack--forgive and forget? In my opinion, the answers lie within the group conscience itself. Perhaps the group should take its own inventory, bearing in mind that Alcoholics Anonymous is not a punitive society--we punish no one. We don't have to. Bill W. writes in Warranty Five of Concept XII, "When we of AA fail to follow sound spiritual principles, alcohol cuts us down."

Anon, Pittsburgh, PA
Grapevine Sept. 1996

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Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous®

Gaining a New Freedom

Editor's Note: The Lifeline continues its new feature -- the Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous -- with a review of what Freedom means for we alcoholics. In the October issue we will look at Perseverance.

Among the myriad gifts bestowed on we drinkers by Bill and Bob and the others who started this life-saving venture in 1935 are the Promises, found for your edification on Pages 83-84 of the Big Book. The first of these Promises declares that "We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness."

I've heard it said that alcoholism is the only prison where the keys are on the inside. If you accept that premise -- and I do -- then you can readily understand how freedom constitutes a major way station on our road back from the brink.

At a recent meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, the topic was freedom. The couple dozen members in attendance each had a different take on how A.A. had brought them a freedom that had previously eluded them. They did have one thing in common. All singled out the Promises on Pages 83-84 of the Big Book as their focal point.

"I found the freedom to finally turn my back on alcohol and turn my attention to my friends in A.A.," said Carol P.

"Me, too," added Arthur P., "and finding that new freedom actually became the turning point in my life. Everything else seemed to fall into place after that discovery."

"I guess I took that new freedom for granted for a while," said Patti M., "but I don't anymore. It's a gift and I love that gift."

"I didn't have any idea that this thing could work for me," said Don J., "but it has. And it has literally changed my life. That's how the book said it would be and that's how it is."

When Cliff R. spoke in our area recently, he recalled that on her visit to Southern California shortly before her death a few years ago, Mother Teresa gave an interview to a reporter while recuperating from a heart attack. The reporter asked the celebrated nun about her view of freedom. She gave a simple explanation of her philosophy. When it was published, Cliff was so impressed that he clipped the story and, he says, carried it with him "until it fell apart."

"The fruit of faith is love," Mother Teresa said. "And the fruit of love is service. And the fruit of service is peace."

If that sounds like it could have been lifted from a Hospitals and Institutions Committee leaflet, it's only that our A.A. program has managed to isolate the vital cogs that run most religions and a long list of other social movements. And that's what guarantees our new freedom and our new happiness.

George L., Westminster

Concept 9

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.” (Long Form)

Bill states: “Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure, but weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures. Therefore, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity.”

Bill goes on to state that the base of our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of several thousand General Service Representatives (GSRs). Actually there are around 60,000 groups registered in the U.S. and Canada and ideally each would have a GSR. GSRs elect the District Committee Members (DCMs), and all of them, along with other trusted area servants, elect the Delegates to the General Service Conference.

DCMs are usually chosen from GSRs, and hopefully are dedicated enough to develop some leadership skills, even perhaps going on to serve as a standing committee chairperson, an area officer, or area delegate.

Area Delegates are selected every two years when GSRs and DCMs vote for who they believe is, or will become, the best leader. This is the essence of the Ninth Concept. This election is not a popularity contest, and that potential problem is usually taken care of by the 3rd legacy procedure.

For those who aren't familiar with this procedure, it works like this: All those on the area committee (except past delegates) are eligible for election as delegate. All eligible names are automatically on the ballot unless they state, when polled, that they are not available. All remaining nominees give a brief service history, which is followed by as many as five written ballots. The number of nominees is reduced after the third ballot to those who have at least 25%, but less than 67% of the total vote. If during the voting any single candidate has at least a 67% majority they are elected immediately. If, after the fourth or fifth ballot no one has a 67% majority, the two names that remain are placed in a hat, and the winner's name is drawn.

Now we come to leadership at the level of the General Service Board. Of the 21 members of the board, 10 are elected by members of the General Service Conference. On a rotating basis, each area has the opportunity to choose (by 3rd legacy procedure) a candidate for the 8 Regional and 2 Trustees-at-large. The Conference elects one of these, hopefully with thoughtful attention to their qualifications and leadership qualities.

The other 11 Trustees are chosen by the board for their expertise and leadership qualities. Seven Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees are chosen by the board for their professional expertise. The four General Service Trustees are chosen by AAWS and the Grapevine (2 each). Because these four have already served for as much as four years on one of the corporate boards, the General Service Board (GSB) is aware of their leadership qualities. After their selection by the GSB, the Conference votes only to affirm their selection.

Bill wrote only three original pages for his essay on the 9th Concept. Most of the chapter is a reprint from a 1959 article he wrote for the GV, entitled “Leadership In A.A.; Ever A Vital Need.” In that article he writes at length about what makes a good leader in AA Service. In part he says “A leader in AA Service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job.” One of the things I understand from Bill's writing on the 9th Concept, is that a good leader has to have a sense of Balance. One has to lead without being overbearing. Have the courage of their convictions, but not be closed to new ideas.

It is a privilege to serve in AA, and we must always remember that “Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”

Jim C., Costa Mesa

MEETING CHANGES SINCE JULY 8, 2007

SUNDAY

GARDEN GROVE

6:00 PM 2 THROUGH 7 BIG BOOK STUDY 1221 Magnolia @ Chapman (Garden Grove Friends Church) New meeting

MONDAY

COSTA MESA

12:00 PM CLEAN & SERENE BIG BOOK STUDY 211 E 18th Street @ Orange Address change

12:00 PM MONDAY NOONERS BOOK STUDY 2040 Placentia Ave. Name change

YORBA LINDA

12:00 PM (C) STEP STUDY MEETING 19771 Yorba Linda Blvd. @ Fairmont (St. Martin's Church) Name change

TUESDAY

NEWPORT BEACH

7:30 PM (C) MEN'S STEP & BOOK STUDY 2100 Mar Vista Dr, c/s Eastbluff & Jamboree Changed to Closed

WEDNESDAY

COSTA MESA

12:00 PM HIGH NOON STEPPERS 211 E 18th Street @ Orange Address Change

MEETING DELETIONS SINCE JULY 8, 2007

SUNDAY

SUNSET BEACH

9:00 PM CANDLELIGHT DISCUSSION 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy.

WESTMINSTER

9:00 AM MAINSTREAM FELLOWSHIP 8271 20th Street

THURSDAY

IRVINE

7:30 PM (C) MEN'S BOOK STUDY "THE PEANUT MEETING" 18842 Teller Avenue @ Campus (New Song Church)

SUNSET BEACH

9:30 PM 3RD STEP CANDLELIGHT 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy.

FRIDAY

SUNSET BEACH

10:00 PM CANDLELIGHT DISCUSSION 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy.

SATURDAY

SUNSET BEACH

9:00 PM BIG BOOK CANDLELIGHT 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy.

11:00 PM MIDNIGHT MADNESS 16865 Pacific Coast Hwy

The new Meeting Directory is available at both Central Office locations

A Word to the Wise A.A. Parent

Editor's Note: The following was written by an A.A.'s 21-year-old daughter who was at first skeptical but now has seen how A.A. works.

"UH HUH. A lot of drunks got together and solemnly declared they're going to stay dry. They'll all help each other. Read the book. Have meetings and tell the world what louses souses are. Meaning them personally. As if the world doesn't know it."

Callous? Nasty? Sure. When I heard about this new stunt Mother was pulling to "get well," that's the way I felt. Probably even said so, out loud. Catch me calling it a good idea. No matter how many people dried up in A.A.

Of course, that didn't help Mother much. The wall drinking had built grew even higher between us. We were both in a real emotional snarl. Until we could reach full trust and understanding, neither A.A. nor home life could be what it was meant to be.

High on the list of personal relation adjustment comes this family relation. You must break down the conditioned response of distrust and disgust which you built in your child. Understand, be patient, love, help her to understand A.A.,--and you and your child will live a new life.

Your offspring's attitude is the real hurdle. But you must realize your child has been through an emotional turmoil harrowing as your own during your alcoholic years. Her hopes for your recovery, your reappearance as the firm foundation of her life--have soared and crashed too often. You'd wake up smiling (for her) one morning, and the nightmare would end. But there was always another. Your child learned not to hope. Far easier to hide the squirming agony of disillusion and fear under hard eyes and an uncommunicative voice.

To you, and at times to her, it will seem that she hates you. Never let yourself believe it. Don't berate her, goad her, show your resentment. She needs to be convinced of your mutual love. In this situation you're not the patient but the doctor--not because she shouldn't meet you halfway, but because she can't. You wouldn't expect a neglected puppy whom you'd kicked for ages to lick your face, would you?

Don't ask more than your child can give. You checked out of your parental status when you began drinking. Chances are your kid had to be responsible for you more than you realize. You were nobody to look up to! It was practically a parentless life. Responsibility ages anyone, and your child has been schooled to independence. Don't make the mistake of hoping to take up just where you left off. You're both changed--so must your relationship be.

Steady recovery, determined picking up of pieces, calm resumption of life--it may take weeks or months, but your kid will come around to accepting A.A. as a working hypothesis. Tension will ease as she feels a growing security at home. Gradually she will relax, learn to believe, again to accept you. The more you can help her to understand A.A. the quicker reconstruction will be. Give your child some

feeling of contribution, some feeling of belonging to A.A. If she can live it with you, you have the basis for a real friendship.

My own conversion to A.A. came when by chance I went 12th Stepping with Mother. Father wouldn't let her answer a night call to this particular neighborhood alone. I went, planning to stay downstairs. But there were groceries to get, and a meal to cook. That was the least I could do.

It was the first time I felt A.A. bore any relation to my own life. As I saw Mother work, I could see the analogy between the 12th Step and my own feeble attempts to help school friends with our little problems. Here was the same feeling of accomplishment. It was a revelation. At last I understood, heart and mind alike.

I still do some 12th Step work--mostly crisis baby-sitting. But the other Steps are just as important in my life. I've learned to analyze my own personality, to try adjusting my personal relations. Even the 1st Step's mine. I'm the best potential alcoholic I know. I just got A.A. at a bargain price, thanks to Mother.

And thanks to A.A., I got a mother, and a friend. Love and respect? Listen brother--if I had to be born again and pick a new parent--I'd take an A.A. They know what life is all about--and they're on the right path. That's the kind of mother who is worthwhile.

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REPORT ON 36TH ORANGE COUNTY ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 36th Annual Anniversary of AA in Orange County was held Sunday, Aug.21, at the Tustin Civic Center, and there were approximately 450 in attendance. Our planned main speaker, Cliff W. of Whittier, was unable to attend due to illness. However, Claude W. with 29 years sobriety led the meeting and the following participants shared their experiences of AA in its early years: Tex R., 29 years, Ione B., 29 years, Don G., 28 years, Otis W., 34 years, Jeanne T., 29 years, and Wayne S., 36 years -a combined total of 214 years of sobriety earned "One Day at a Time". Thank you for your sobriety, your leadership and your love of AA. I also wish to thank the many hosts and hostesses, the refreshment committee for a fantastic supply of goodies, the fellows who set up the meeting room and the cleanup crew, the coffee makers and the sound and taping crew, and my special thanks to ail those wonderful folk who baked cakes, cookies and made such great sandwiches. Thank you all.

JoAnne A., Chairman Special Events.

**This means that AA
has been active in Orange County
for the last 66 years!**



LA MIRADA	^	^	Dly 12 & 8pm-Nueva Luz, 2525 N.Grand	\$122	Sa 8:00P-Orange County Wandering Grp	\$90	\$90
Su 8:00P-Men's BB Study, 15700 Rosecrans		\$10	Mo-Sa 7:30A-Disc. Early Birds, 212 S. Elk	\$24	Wandering Women's Unlisted	\$60	\$60
LOS ALAMITOS	^	^	Mo 7:00P-Men's Discussion, 1st&Lyon Elks	\$70	Buena Park Wandering Couples Meeting	\$367	\$367
Th-Cover to Cover		\$20	We 7:30P-Wed Night Men's, 600 N. Main	\$128	MISC. DONATIONS	^	^
MISSION VIEJO	^	^	Fr 8:00P-51/50, 614 Bush Street	\$20	OCCO Change Can	\$9	\$50
Mo&Th 7:30P-B.B.Stdy, Jeronimo & Marg.		\$722	Sa 2:00P-Speakers, 910 N. French	\$100	Satellite Office Change Can		\$24
Mo 7:00P- Women's Step Stdy, 26051 Marg.	\$120	\$321	Sa 8:00P-Cooper Fellow.. Spkr, 417 N. Coo	\$20	Intergroup Meeting	\$78	\$494
Mo 7:30P-Bell Ringers Men's Stag,		\$125	SEAL BEACH	^	AOCYPAA		\$450
We 9:30A-Women, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy		\$42	We 7:30P-Men's Step Study, 8th & Central	\$115	OCAAC 22nd Annual OC AA Convention		\$4,694
We 8:30P-Missionaries Disc., 26558 Marg.		\$330	SILVERADO CANYON	^	Open House Raffle - Central Office		\$141
Th 7:30P-12 Step Study, 27192 Jeronimo	\$60	\$60	Th 7:30P-Fireside Disc, 17641 Silverado Cy	\$60	Miracles Happen		\$269
Th 9:30A-Women's 12 x 12, 26001 Blascos		\$60	SUNSET BEACH	^	PERSONAL DONATIONS	^	^
Sa 7:15P-Mission Speakers, 24932 Veterans		\$185	Su 7:15A-Sober Sunday Sunrise, 16865 PC	\$120	Anonymous		\$500
NEWPORT BEACH	^	^	Su 9:00A-SoberOnTheSand, End of 16th St.	\$70	Andrea H.		\$10
Dly12:15P-Old Nwprt Nomads, 414Old Nwprt		\$883	Su 1:00P-Women's12StepDisc, 16865 PCH	\$50	Brian Harvey	\$20	\$20
M-S 7:00A-Roundtable Disc, 414 E. 32nd St		\$800	Su 7:00P-11th Step Study, 16865 PCH	\$130	Cyndi H.		\$8
M-F 6:30A-Balboa Round Table, 605 E Balboa	\$225	\$643	Mo 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$213	Chris K.		\$140
M-F 12:15P-Shark@Aquatic, 1Whitecliffs		\$3,537	Mo 12:00P-Noon BB Study, 16865 PCH	\$60	Donna McL, Mission Viejo	\$50	\$50
M-F 5:30P-Fish Out'a Water, 414 E. 32nd		\$616	Tu 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$120	E. Douglas M. Irvine		\$400
Su 11:30A-Here and Now, 414 E. 32nd St.		\$50	Tu 12:00P-Discussion, 16865 P.C.H.	\$110	Joe S. San Clemente		\$100
Su 9:30A-Sandy Survivors, On the beach		\$435	Tu 6:00P-Discussion, 16865 P.C.H.	\$90	June L. Irvine		\$150
Su 7:30P-Speakers, 414 E. 32nd St	\$325	\$1,000	We 12:00P-Promises Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$30	Laura D., Capo Beach	\$100	\$100
Mo 12:30P-Back Bay Men's, 1201 IrvineAve		\$700	Th 5:30P-Women's Meeting, 16865 PCH	\$220	Linda L. Lake Elsinore		\$503
Mo 6:45P-Beg.&Tradition Grp,1400 Balboa	\$580	\$922	Fr 7:00A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$104	Missy B. Ladera Ranch		\$35
Mo 7:00P-Over 40 Disc, 5th & Iris		\$25	Fr 12:00P-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$30	Mari K. Long Beach		\$70
Mo 8:00P-Men's Disc, 301 Newport Blvd	\$90	\$816	Fr 8:00P-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$70	Micheal V		\$150
Mo 8:00P-Women's Disc., 301 Newport Blvd		\$100	Sa 7:30A-Discussion, 16865 PCH	\$135	Richard B. Irvine		\$140
Tu 7:00P-Beachcombers Mens, 605 Balboa		\$35	Sa 3:00P-Step & Tradition, 16865 PCH	\$60	Toni S. Tustin	\$5	\$50
Tu 7:00P-Wmn's Book Stdy, 2414VistaDelOro		\$205	Sa 7:00P-Rule 62 Speakers, 16865 PCH	\$100	Victoria M. Laguna Niguel	\$128	\$228
Tu 7:30P-Men's12&12Stdy, 2100 Mar Vista	\$75	\$150	TUSTIN	^	Vaun I. Laguna Beach		\$396
We 6:30A-Big Book Topic Disc, 5001 NP Coas		\$83	Dly 6:00A-FoothillEarlyRisers, 19211Dodge	\$337	Wanda R. Huntington Beach		\$20
We 7:30P-Wed Night Men's, 2401 Irvine		\$300	Dly 6:00A-Attitude Adj, 14662 Newport		IN LOVING MEMORY	^	^
We 7:30P-Big Book Study, 600 St. Andrew		\$60	Dly 6:00A-Attitude Mod, 130 W. Main	\$324	Jerry E. Costa Mesa		\$30
Th 7:00P-Over 40's, 414 32nd Street		\$75	Dly 12:00P-Brown Baggers, 130 W. Main	\$326	Theda J. Laguna Woods		\$50
Th 7:30P-Balboa Spkr Group, 414 E. 32nd		\$200	Dly 5:30P-Rush Hour, 130 W. Main.	\$449	Kenneth C.		\$25
Fr 12:15P-Men's Business Disc., 414 32nd		\$280	MF 12:00P-Alkies Winners, 555 W.Main	\$167	GROUP INFORMATION REQUESTED	^	^
Fr 7:00P-Friday Q & A, 414 32nd Street		\$160	Su 9:02A-Speakers, 130 W. Main	\$241	Receipt # 7899		\$240
Sa 12:10-Our Relationship w/God, 414 32n		\$25	Su 7:00P-Chapt. 9 Book Study, 1201 Irvine	\$100	Receipt # 7891		\$60
Sa 7:30P-Daily Reflections, 2100 Mar Vista		\$98	Su 7:00P-Sober & Crazy Spkrs, 130 W. Mai	\$70	Receipt # 7974		\$67
Sa 8:30P-Hoag Hut Speaker, 301 Newport Av	\$150	\$1,450	Mo 7:30P-Men's Discussion, 130 W. Main	\$67	Receipt # 7983		\$210
ORANGE	^	^	Mo 6:16P-Tustin Women's 12X12, 1221 Wa	\$70	Receipt # 8041		\$120
Dly 7:00A-Early Birds, 812 Town&Country		\$737	Tu 12:00P-Women's 12 & 12, 19211 Dodge	\$36	Receipt # 8067		\$50
Su 11:00A-Sunshine Pumpers, 705 W LaVeta	\$140	\$560	Tu 7:00P-Big Book Study, 19211 Dodge	\$185	Receipt # 8172		\$190
Mo 7:00P-Women's Step Stdy, 161 Orange		\$275	Tu 8:00P-Steps 1-4, 1201 Irvine	\$120	Receipt # 8238		\$630
Mo 7:30P-Beginning Disc, 705 W. La Veta		\$92	We 7:00P-LuckyStiffsMen's, 18542Vanderlip	\$212	Receipt # 8239		\$280
Th 6:00P-Enjoying Life, Last Thur of Month		\$10	We 7:00P-Women's Solutions, 19211 Dodge	\$90	Receipt # 8259		\$40
Th 7:30P-777 Men's Stag, 395 N. Tustin		\$500	Th 9:00A-Women's12&12, 14402 Prospect	\$70	Receipt # 8260		\$70
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	^	^	Th 12:00P-Women's Big Book, 19211 Dodge	\$95	Receipt # 8282 674451 SJC		\$238
Su 7:30P-Old Time12&12Study, Empressa		\$295	Th 6:00 P-Th 12&12 Step Study, 19211 Dod	\$110	Receipt # 8311 Toni S, Tustin		\$20
Mo 7:00P-(W)Staying Sober,30382ViaConDios		\$177	Th 6:15P-Women's Living Sober, 1201 Irvine	\$212	Receipt # 8334		\$98
Mo 7:30P-Men's, 30605 Ave de la Flores		\$475	Fr 7:30P-Turning The Corner, 1221 Wass	\$103	Receipt # 8335		\$240
Tu 7:30P-Old TimeB.B.Stdy, 30322ViaCDios	\$120	\$300	Sa 8:00P-Visiting Speakers, 1221 Wass	\$257	Receipt # 8351 606555		\$60
We 7:30P-RSM StepStudy, 30382 ViaCDios	\$172	\$361	VILLA PARK	^	Receipt # 8399 Seal Beach Fr Nite BB (unlisted?)		\$200
Th 7:30P-11thStpSpiritual Disc, 22521 Ave Em	\$225	\$225	Dly 24 Hour Group	\$332	Receipt # 8407 We 7:00P Womens Meet-		\$30
Fr 7:30P-Roads End Part., 30322 ViaCDios	\$180	\$330	Fr 12:00P-Women's BB Study, 17855 Santia	\$90	ing		\$30
Sa 10:30A-Women's BB Study, ViaConDios		\$150	WESTMINSTER	^	Receipt # 8190 60 Min Beginners Gp		\$350
SAN CLEMENTE	^	^	Mo 7:30P-12&12Beginners, 15750 Magnolia	\$70	Receipt # 8452 # 0147212		\$61
Mo 7:00P-N.O.I. Men's, Camino Capistrano		\$613	WHITTIER	^	Receipt # 8491 Fri 12:15P Wmen's BB Lag		\$25
Tu 6:00P-Women's Disc., 190 Ave La Pata	\$210	\$210	UNLISTED GROUPS	^	Bch		\$25
Fr 7:00P-Women's Book Study, Ave.Aragon		\$170	Laguna Niguel 4th Step Workshop (Unlisted)	\$200	Receipt # 9070 ck signed Kimberly Gulas		\$50
Fr 7:00P-Fri. Nite Newcomers, 119 N. de la Es		\$66	Tu Twelve Step Workshop (Unlisted) SA	\$200	Receipt # 9600 ck signed Laurie Macaulay		\$60
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	^	^	Tu 5:30P-Big Book Tape Study, (Unlisted)	\$392	Receipt # 9609	\$60	\$60
Dly 7:00A-Eye Opener, 27514 CalleArroyo	\$76	\$458	Tu 8:00P-Last Gasps (Unlisted)CM	\$50	Receipt # 9522	\$126	\$126
Su 5:00P-1 Hr Topic Disc, 27514CalleArroyo	\$120	\$360	We 6:00P-Womens BB St(unlisted) Dana Po	\$30	Receipt # 9129	\$106	\$106
Mo 6:00P-B.B.Study, 27514 Calle Arroyo		\$55	We 7:00P-Wmn's Book Stdy (Unlisted)	\$50	Receipt # 9125	\$420	\$420
Tu 7:00P- Hear Here Part., 27514 C. Arroyo		\$250	Th 7:00P-Big Book Study (Unlisted) LB	\$100	Receipt # 9136	\$60	\$60
We 7:00P-11th Step Disc, 27514 C. Arroyo		\$108	Th 7:30P-LeisureWorld (Unlisted) LW	\$240	Receipt # 9175	\$121	\$121
Th 6:00P-Do The Steps, 32202 Del Obispo		\$142	WANDERING GROUPS	^	TOTALS	\$25,738	\$133,916
Th 7:00P-Joy of Sobriety, 31495 E.C. Real	\$240	\$442	Tu 6:00P-Chicks On The Run-Wandering	\$231			
Th 7:30P-Men's Q & A, 32202 Del Obispo		\$628	Tu 6:00P-Step Sisters-Roaming	\$145			
Fr 6:00A-Taking a Trip, 27174 Ortega Hwy	\$547	\$547	We Women's Wandering Group (Unlisted)	\$207			
SANTA ANA	^	^					

EVENTS

August 30-September 2, 2007
 49th ICYPAA
Los Angeles, CA
 www.49thcypaa.org

August 30-September 2, 2007
 32nd Annual Great Outdoor
 Beaver Meeting
Beaver, UT

August 31-September 2, 2007
 30th Annual Sierra Nevada
 Roundup of AA
Reno, NV

August 31-September 2, 2007
 Monterey Bay Area Roundup
Monterey, CA

September 7-9, 2007
 Ventura County AA Convention
Westlake Village, CA
 www.vcaac.org

September 21-23, 2007
 56th Annual Southern California
 AA Convention
Anaheim, CA
 www.aasocal.com

September 28-30, 2007
 Woman to Woman
San Diego, CA
 www.womantowomansandiego.com

October 12-14, 2007
 XXIII Santa Barbara Convention
Santa Barbara/Goleta, CA
 www.sbaaconvention.org

October 19-21, 2007
 Fourth Annual Santa Clarita
 Valley Convention of AA
Valencia, CA
 www.scvaaconvention.org

November 16-18, 2007
 Yosemite Summit Conference 2007
Yosemite National Park, CA
 www.serenityyosemite.com



**56th Annual
 Southern California
 AA Convention**

September 21-23, 2007

“THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM”

Located in the heart of the Anaheim Resort Area, the 56th Annual Southern CA Convention will be held at the:
 Hyatt Regency Orange County
 11999 Harbor Blvd.

Garden Grove, CA 92840
 Tel: (714) 750-1234

In addition to all the great meetings and speakers you have come to expect from the SCC, this year’s program highlights include numerous Spanish speaking marathon meetings and a fabulous Latino Brunch for all! Our Native American members will host a speaker meeting and of course The Old Timers Meeting will definitely be an “E” Ticket ride! Children’s events are in the works and of course, Alanon and Alateen meetings galore. This year’s Committee has planed the usual Golf Tournament and 5/10 K runs. Tennis, bowling, fishing and a paintball tournament have been added. A Poker run for all sober Harley dudes and dudettes is also in the works and scheduled to end up at our very own AA game room/night club and in-house Starbuck’s. The Saturday Night AA Banquet and Saturday noon AIAnon Luncheon are reasonably priced and promise to be scrumptious! Rooms are going fast, so make your reservations in advance. The price of a Single room is \$119.00 per night. Upgrades are available at low convention rates.

Your 2007 SCAAC planning committee encourages you to register early and sign up for the activities soon. Find us on the Web at www.aasocal.com.



Intergroup Election Approaches

The November 14th Intergroup Election Day is about eight weeks away and approaching

fast. If you are interested in an opportunity to participate in rewarding service and help the Orange County Intergroup Association, this day should capture your attention.

The Intergroup is an organization that was formed by Orange County groups early in A.A. history to provide needed services to support the groups. The Central Office was formed to accomplish this task; it is supported by group contributions. The Intergroup also needs support. Primarily in the form of the leadership and administrative management efforts that are accomplished by the officers of the Intergroup Service Board. Standing for election to one of these positions can be your contribution to keeping the Orange County structure of Alcoholics Anonymous strong so it can effectively deliver the message of how to get sober and stay sober to other alcoholics.

The requirements to stand for election to the two year service period are membership in the Orange County Intergroup Association and two years of continuous current sobriety. You do not have to be an Intergroup Representative.

Nominations are made from the floor by any Intergroup Representative at the October 10th meeting. Candidates must be present to be nominated or have a notice delivered-in writing-stating that they will serve if elected.

At the November 14th election vacancies in the Service Board will be filled. After that, the new Board meets and from their ranks elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for one year terms. Then the new Service Board Chair-with the Service Board approval-appoints the remaining five committee chair positions. [The H&I Committee Chair position is automatically filled by the Orange County H&I Committee Director.]

Thank you for considering these service opportunities. Your service as a Board Member will be very rewarding to you personally and very helpful to the Orange County Intergroup Association.

Mike M.

The first thing you put in front of your sobriety is the second thing you’ll lose.

**ORANGE COUNTY
INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF AA**
Statement of Income and Expenses for Period Ending 07/31/2007

	JULY	YTD
INCOME		
Group Donations	25,367.03	130,214.56
Individual/Fellowship	317.69	3,668.18
Literature Sales	8,819.06	69,821.65
Birthday Donations	380.00	2,433.65
In Memoriam	0.00	80.00
Intergroup Donations	78.00	494.39
Special Events	0.00	141.00
Interest Income	262.73	1,884.96
Misc. (Repaid Bounced Checks)	0.00	234.12

TOTAL INCOME: 35,224.51 208,972.51

EXPENSES

Audits/Accounting	0.00	1,874.48
Auto (All Managers)	69.84	509.75
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
Cash/Invoices OverShort	-0.03	-36.34
Insurances	2,421.38	17,764.91
Intergroup Expense	281.64	951.87
Lease Expense	389.07	2,723.49
Maintenance & Repairs	152.46	457.38
Volunteers Coffee + Water	0.00	643.06
Offices' Supplies	186.62	3,163.99
Pension Fund	166.68	1,166.76
Postage	123.75	789.40
P/I, Donated Literature	445.13	2,154.00
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	3,513.05	24,523.35
Salaries	10,438.56	69,679.99
Payroll Tax Expense	798.54	5,900.38
Taxes & Licenses	0.00	132.88
Telephone Expense	401.66	2,603.87
LIFELINE Expense	1,245.84	8,572.69
Cost of Literature Sold	14,630.55	62,528.31
Special Events	0.00	2,297.56
Misc. (Returned Checks)	0.00	571.12

TOTAL EXPENSES: 35,264.74 208,972.90

INCOME/(LOSS): -40.23 -0.39



*ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP
ELECTIONS FOR 2007*

October 10th, Nominate Candidates
November 14th, Elect Board Members

More information about the process, positions, and responsibilities can be found in the "Orange County Intergroup Election 2007" pamphlet found at Central Office or supplied to your meetings Intergroup representative.

September Birthdays

Paige	3 years
Kevin	3 years
Robin B., Huntington Beach	11 years
Jeffrey R., Dana Point	13 years
Eve	14 years
Cynthia S.	16 years
Maureen	24 years
Ralph DV, Lake Forest	36 years
Lois	51 years

Happy Birthday!

Birthday Contributions

Help keep the doors of AA open so that new members may receive the same help so many of us have already received. Make a donation of any amount for an AA Birthday—yours or someone else's—and we will help celebrate by publishing their name and years of sobriety in the *Lifeline*.

Clip and send with your Birthday contribution

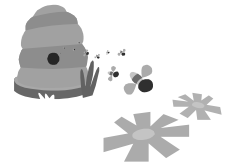
FOR _____ CITY _____

Sobriety Date/years _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Send to:
Orange County Central Office
1526 E. Warner Ave., Suite 75
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 556-4555

Central Office Holidays

Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY-July

Total Calls Handled by Both Offices: 3151

Main and Satellite Office Volunteers

12 Step Calls	18
Meeting Information	1162
General Information	897
Walk-in Customers	305

Night Owl Volunteers

12 Step calls	11
Meeting Information	720
General Information	343

THE LIFELINE
1526 BROOKHOLLOW DR., SUITE 75
SANTA ANA, CA 92705

Published monthly by the Orange County Intergroup Association

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: 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., Tarcy H. (Editor)

Mail submissions to the above address or email to Lifeline Committee at lifelineeditor@yahoo.com

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 12th 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.

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.

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP SERVICE BOARD

Contacts and Committee Information

Secretary

Vice Chair, Frank M.

Treasurer, Grant M.

Chair Person, Contact: Lew D.

Special Events Committee, Debbie M.

Meetings scheduled as needed

Group Relations Committee, Scott R.

Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Public Information Committee, Alex N.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Lifeline Committee, Dave M.

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

Central Office Committee, John P.

H & I Committee, George R.

Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Institutions meet at 4:00 pm; Hospitals meet at 6:00 pm. South Orange County H & I meets at the Laguna Beach Canyon Club the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

With the exception of H & I, the above committees meet at Central Office, 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana, CA 92705. If you are interested in serving on a committee or would like more information please contact the above or Central Office at 714-556-4555.

Do you have two years of sobriety?

With the convenience of using your own phone while at home, you can receive that rewarding feeling of helping an alcoholic get a start in AA.



**CALL-FORWARDING IS HERE TO HELP US
 DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS
 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY,
 SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!!**

See if you can arrange to fit a Call-Forwarding Shift into your schedule and reap the benefits of service work. Get in touch with the Orange County Central Office to find out how. Please Call: (714) 556-4555

I always have two lists: things I'm happy about and things I'm not. It's my choice which list I focus on. -Anne Arthur

Speaker Meetings

Garden Grove

Saturday Night Speakers
8:00 pm
Garden Grove Alano Club
9845 Belfast Dr
Contact: Jon W.
9/1 Kevin B., Huntington Beach
9/8 Jeff, Santa Ana
(Cooper Fellowship)
9/15 Doctor Dave, Huntington Beach
9/22 Kimberly H., Garden Grove
9/29 Vern G., Sunset Beach
(Birthday Night)

Huntington Beach

Saturday Night Lite Speakers
7:00 pm
HOW Hall, 18582 Beach Blvd
Behind Flower Kiosk @ Ellis
Contact: Kevin B.
9/1 Nathaniel, Buena Park
9/8 Kelly B., Huntington Beach
9/15 Jack G., Huntington Beach
9/22 Darrell
9/29 Billy B

Newport Beach

Balboa Speaker Meeting
7:30 pm, Thursday
Newport Club, 414 East 32nd Ave
Contact: Jim K.
9/6 Paul C., Woodland Hills
9/13 Lidia W., Woodland Hills
9/20 Ron B., Sherman Oaks
9/27 Joy A., Seal Beach

Orange

No Puffers Speaker Meeting
8:00 pm, Friday
Community of Christ Church
385 S. Tustin Ave
Contact: Garry B.
9/7 Chaz F., Orange
9/14 Sharon B., Anaheim
9/21 Gene K., Santa Ana
9/28 TBA

Sunset Beach

Rule 62 Speakers Meeting
7:00 pm, Saturday
Thursday's Fellowship Hall
16865 Pacific Coast Hwy
Secretary: Judy M.,
9/1 Norma Jean, Hawaii
9/8 Beth E., Costa Mesa
9/15 Mary O., Laguna Niguel
9/22 Jeremy W., Los Angeles
9/29 Jack R., Huntington Beach

Tustin

Saturday Night Visiting Speaker
8:00 pm
St. Paul's Church, 1221 Waas
Contact: Glenn H.
9/1 Jennifer G., Orange
9/8 Phil F., Tustin
9/15 Shannon S., Garden Grove
9/22 Terri B., Orange
9/29 Murry G., Orange
10/6 Jim S., Mission Viejo
10/13 Ruth D., Corona
10/20 Dee S., Tustin
10/27 Glenn H., Tustin
11/3 Captain Win, Costa Mesa
11/10 Carrie S., Irvine
11/17 David N., Santa Ana
11/24 Surprise

Tustin

Participation, Speaker, Q & A
9:02 am—11:00 am, Sunday
130 West Main Street (Hall)
Contact: Jack B.
9/2 Laura B., Anaheim
9/9 Darren & Cinder R.
Garden Grove
9/16 Dave Mac, Orange
9/23 Yvonne B., Anaheim
9/30 Debbie H. Tustin

Tustin

Sober and Crazy Sunday Night
Speakers 7:00 PM
130 West Main Street (Hall)
Contact: Mark Z.
9/2 Gene K., Santa Ana
9/9 Cecelia S., Villa Park
9/16 Al S., Los Angeles
9/23 Shannon S., Garden Grove
9/30 Sam P., Tustin

SPEAKER INFO

To submit speaker meeting information please email lifelineeditor@yahoo.com, fax (949) 716-3713 or call (949) 241-6617 by the 15th of the month.

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.



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 2nd Sunday of the month

Institutions Committee

4:00-5:00 pm

New member orientation 3:15 pm

Hospitals Committee

6:00-7:00 pm

New member orientation 5:15 pm

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

South Orange County H & I

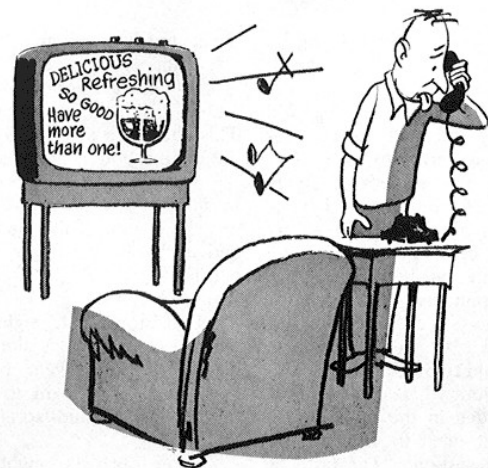
Where and When?

3rd Wednesday of the month

7:30 pm

Laguna Canyon Club
20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.
Laguna Beach
949-497-1823

VOLUNTEER!



"... could you come over and sit with me while I watch the ball game?"

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RECOVERY WORD SEARCH

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!
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There are also 12 'AA's. Can you find them all?

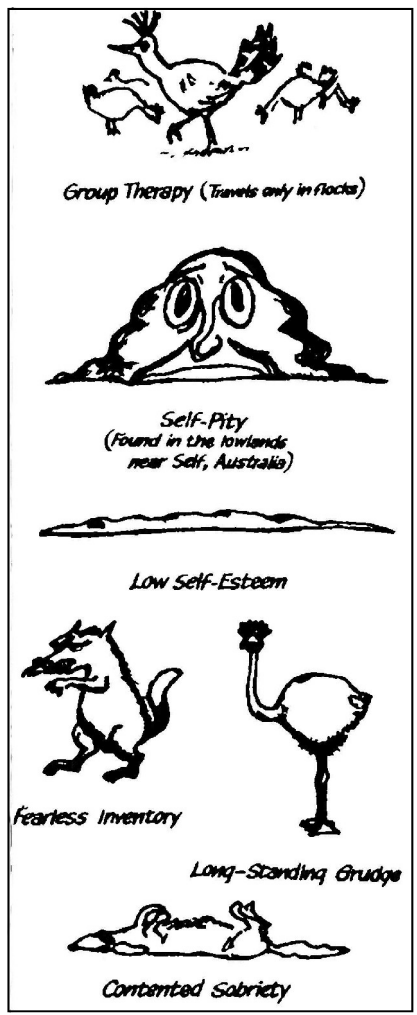
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 P F N A H S C Y T S S A H A A L
 C H A R A C A A E V I S U L L I

Find the following words in the puzzle above:


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|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Persuader | Remedy | Craving | Baffling |
| Opinion | Obsession | Pitiful | Character |
| Awakening | Hope | Progressive | Honesty |
| Strength | Illusion | Illusive | Dimension |
| Phenomenon | Restless | | |

Yes, there is a long period of reconstruction ahead... *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 83

The reconstruction of my life is the prime goal in my recovery as I avoid taking that first drink, one day at a time. The task is most successfully accomplished by working the Steps of our Fellowship. The spiritual life is not a theory; it works, but I have to live it. Step Two started me on my journey to develop a spiritual life; Step Nine allows me to move into the final phase of the initial Steps which taught me how to live a spiritual life. Without the guidance and strength of a Higher Power, it would be impossible to proceed through the various stages of reconstruction. I realize that God works for me and through me. Proof comes to me when I realize that God did for me what I could not do for myself, by removing that gnawing compulsion to drink. I must continue daily to seek God's guidance. He grants me a daily reprieve and will provide the power I need for reconstruction.
Daily Reflections, p. 256



Reprinted from the *Lifeline*, July 1981

 An alcoholic had lingered too long by the beer barrel at the county fair. Trudging homeward he realized he was too tipsy to make it all the way, so he lay down in a neighbor's pasture and went to sleep. During the night, he woke up very cold, so he got up and shut the gate.

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 * your paper. *
 * Your contributions *
 * are greatly *
 * appreciated. *
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 * events, ideas, suggestions, criticism, *
 * jokes and articles please email *
 * lifelineeditor@yahoo.com *
 * or fax (949) 716-3713. *
 * You may also contact the editor at *
 * (949) 241-6617. *
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