We’ll be talking about this time for the rest of our lives. After Governor Newsom made the unprecedented order to shelter at home to try to stop the spread of COVID-19, what were you doing? Did you lose anyone to the coronavirus? Were you an essential worker? Did you lose your job? Did you have to suddenly become an expert at homeschooling your children? Did you realize that your kid’s teacher isn’t the problem? What TV shows did you watch? What memes did you share? What’s your opinion of Tiger King? Did you run out of toilet paper? How much weight did you gain? Did you pick up a new hobby? While the rest of California, and most of the country, are having a lot of the same experiences sheltering in place, AAs are doing sobriety in place—and even thriving during this time.

Overnight, there was a directory of Zoom meetings. When some childish people decided to “zoom-bomb” AA meetings, we figured out how to handle that, too. I was a part of a couple of secret recovery Facebook groups before the shelter-in-place order, but my friends added me to many more. My husband doesn’t do the Zoom meetings like I do, but I’ve noticed him talking to AAs on the phone more. The feeling of connectedness to other AAs cannot be overstated. No matter what technology we use, we still speak the same language of the heart.

I have enjoyed not only keeping my homegroup meetings but also reconnecting with groups I haven’t seen in a while. When I moved from Long Beach four years ago, I promised my AA friends I’d visit often. I was only a thirty-minute drive away, but it seemed like forever when I factored in time away from my son. Once I had another baby, forget it. I was lucky to get to a couple of local meetings a week if they had childcare. I didn’t have time to do all that driving. Once I got a directory of Zoom meetings, I was able to reconnect with lots of people from Long Beach. Some other AAs who’d moved away had the same idea, and one meeting was filled with lots of us “ex-pats.” I felt like I was at a family reunion meeting up with cousins I hadn’t seen in a while.

I love the meme about how we’re used to “an invisible illness trying to kill us.” We are people who hit rock bottom before we ever considered going to Alcoholics Anonymous. We’ve had to deal with financial insecurity before. This is just one more part of our lives, and we’ve honestly...
Purpose: The Lifeline Committee is a group of AA members charged with the responsibility of producing and distributing the Orange County Lifeline. The Lifeline is published monthly and is supported solely through contributions from the AA groups and members of Orange County. The Lifeline proposes to meet the following needs of the Orange County AA membership: to inform AAs of service opportunities, events, and announcements; to share experience in recovery, unity, and service; and to report the actions, finances, and meetings of the Orange County Intergroup Association and other Central Office committees.

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Most physical meetings in May have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and will be conducted by Zoom. Check www.oc-aa.org for details.

Public Information Committee: Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00PM, Central Office, 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana

Group Relations Committee: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM, the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th St. (30 minutes before the Intergroup meeting)

Lifeline Committee: Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM, Central Office, 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana

Special Events Committee: meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM, the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th St. (1 hour before the Intergroup meeting)

South Orange County H & I meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM (new members’ orientation) and 7:45PM (business meeting), Laguna Beach Canyon Club, 20456 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach

Orange County H & I meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4:00PM and 6:00PM, Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove
(Orientations for institutions is at 3:15PM, followed by the Institutions meeting at 4:00PM, Hospitals orientation starts at 5:15PM, followed by the Hospitals meeting at 6:00—One year of sobriety required.)

The Central Office Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM, Central Office, 1526 Brookhollow, Suite 75, Santa Ana

The Orange County Intergroup Assoc. Meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00PM, Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa

For more information about General Service, please go to the Area 9 website, www.masca09aa.org.

Thank you to our board and committee members.
COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Central Office help:
Answer calls, build newcomer packets, sell literature, enjoy talking to other alcoholics. We will train you. Shifts available at both offices.
Santa Ana (714) 556-4555, starting at 9AM.
Laguna Niguel (949) 582-2697, starting at 10AM.

Usually 3 hour shifts
2 years of sobriety desired

Call forwarding for Central Office:
Please call (714) 556-4555 (Santa Ana) or (949) 582-2697 (Laguna Niguel)

Lifeline Committee members:
Committee members can help read, write, edit, create, design or simply offer suggestions for the Lifeline. The Lifeline Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at Central Office (1526 Brookhollow Dr., Ste. 75, Santa Ana).

If you’d like to submit an article, poem, or cartoon to be considered for publication, please send all submissions to the email address below by the 15th of the month for the following month (e.g., August 15th for the September issue). The best articles are under 600 words and are usually much shorter. If you are unsure of what to write, you can think of a great share at your favorite meeting. You can write on a topic like how you chose your sponsor, your concept of a Higher Power, or tell your story. Not a writer? A committee member can interview you and write your story. You will have final approval on anything published. Please email oclifelineeditor@gmail.com for more information.

Did you know?
Some groups are now using “digital baskets.” Individual groups use Square, PayPal, or even a QR code on a piece of paper attached to the basket as it goes around for the Seventh Tradition. If your group needs help coming into the Digital Age, your Central Office is happy to lead the way.
Our Principles

Step Five: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

We generally try to avoid this Step. Taking an honest inventory was hard enough. We who believe in a Higher Power tell ourselves this Higher Power already knows our faults from our inventory. Why do I have to tell another human being face to face? So holding on to our worst fears and secrets, we remain apart from the program and the people in it. Once spoken out loud, we would really have to own these defects of character and the harm we caused to those around us. This is the dilemma: keep our secrets or voice them. To not take this Step puts our sobriety at risk. Taking this Step, we only lose that feeling of isolation, feeling self-righteous, and gain humility as we admit our deficiencies to another human being. As we talk with that trusted human being, we find we are not unique or bad, often feeling a calmness as we unburden ourselves.

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Singleness of purpose! Members of Alcoholics Anonymous have demonstrated they can help problem drinkers as others seldom can. This unique ability does not depend on their learning, eloquence, or individual skills. The only thing that matters is that they are alcoholics who have found a key to sobriety. We cannot keep this great gift of sobriety unless we give it away. Should we neglect those who are still sick (wet and dry), there is danger to our own lives and sanity. Self-preservation, duty, and love has led Alcoholics Anonymous to conclude that it has but one mission—to carry the AA message to those who do not know there is a way out.

Concept V: Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

The concept of “Right of Appeal” allows that all minorities—staff, committees, corporate boards, Trustees—should be encouraged to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in considerable error. In granting this traditional “Right of Appeal” we recognize that minorities frequently can be right. Even when partly or wholly in error they still perform a most valuable service. They compel a thorough, ongoing debate on important issues. The well-heard minority is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, and hasty or angry majority.

Bill F.

How Am I Doing?

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1. Do I ever cop out by saying, “I’m not a group so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
5. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

(Reprinted with permission from the AA Grapevine)
(Traditions Checklist available from Central Office)
Did you know you can share your birthday or celebrate someone else’s in the Lifeline by donating to Central Office?

A donation of any amount is a generous way to celebrate the gift of sobriety and support your Central Office.

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or pay online at www.oc-ca.org with Paypal

Name the monthly, recurring contribution program (North OC calls theirs “Faithful Fivers”).

The winning name will be selected by the Central Office Committee and the winner can select their choice of any book we have in the office.

Those who sign up for the program through our website will be acknowledged with their name printed in the Lifeline every month.

You can enter by e-mailing the Central Office at ocaa7664@sbcglobal.net, by calling in your suggestion to 714-556-4555, or placing your entry in the box at central office (1526 Brookhollow Dr. Suite 75, Santa Ana, CA 92705).

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Please join us at the Orange County Intergroup Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM
Info: 714-556-4555 www.oc-aa.org

The May Intergroup meeting will be held via Zoom. Check the website for details.

A.A. Birthdays

Jim M. Mission Viejo 4 years
Jim D. Newport Beach 38 years
Barbara B. Laguna Woods 41 years
The call forwarding program instituted by Orange County Central Office insures that our help line phones are answered by volunteers 24/7. During hours when the Central Office is closed, calls to the Central Office are forwarded to a call forwarding volunteer’s home or cell phone, where the volunteer answers the calls just as if he or she were sitting in the Central Office. This service allows the Central Office to realize a significant cost saving because we do not need to contract with a phone answering service. Even more vital, when a call is placed to Alcoholics Anonymous in Orange County, the caller will be talking to an Alcoholics Anonymous member, not a phone service! This truly is “front-line” Twelfth Step work and we would appreciate any time you can give.

**VISIT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

Get 20% off one book of your choice with this coupon!

(One per person per month, please)
The Stage of Fear and Insecurity

Shakespeare said the world’s a stage, and we each play our part.
My stage was in a bar room and that’s where I got my start.
It was the place where I felt safe to dream of things to be.
“i think i’ll be an astronaut,” it all made sense to me.
Where fear and insecurity where words you’d never hear.
For they were safely locked away, behind a keg of beer.
But this can only last so long and the Piper we must pay.
The fallacy was ripped away, and I had to face the day.
I had to find a different stage and play a different role,
To face my insecurities and fears would be my goal.
Instinctive fear is not a fault that I need to replace,
for it saves me from recklessness and falling on my face.
Irrational fear is where I falter whenever I'm in doubt,
while doing shameful things that I don't like to talk about.
In later years I changed my role to acting like a clown.
My drinking used to mask these things, that weighed my conscience down.
Desperation was the final role that brought me to my knees.
My conscience told me “Call AA and deal with your disease”.
It’s in the program that I learn the habits of right living.
Abandoning all the taking and replacing it with giving.
AA has been the answer and I go there every day,
now acting like I’m a grown-up, knowing God directs the play.

Rick R.

Fear of the Unknown, a Unique Opportunity

It has occurred to me over the last couple of weeks how uniquely qualified we recovering alcoholics are to help mitigate the panic and fear in those around us, newcomers and normies both, in dealing with the fear generated by the COVID-19 crisis.

Many of us, if not all of us, have had to deal with fear in our lives. Physical fear, and the worse kind of fear: mental! Physical fear is fairly straight forward, you either fight or run. Mental fear is often debilitating. What is going to happen tomorrow? Who will find out what happened yesterday? Will people find out who I really am? That cloud of worry and doom seems to be floating around everything we do. Fear traps us, making change difficult at best and pain-filled at worst. Yet in coming to terms with our alcoholism (our terminal illness), we have been shown a path to sobriety through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our fears are overcome as we work the Steps of the program. We have been given the tools to deal with today’s fears—for we only have today! The Tenth Step allows us to deal with today’s fears. Do I have COVID-19 today? Does anyone around me have COVID-19 today? Depending on the answer to these questions we either have nothing to panic about or fear today, or we take the necessary steps to deal with the situation today. Again, we eliminate panic and keep fear at a reasonable level. This is our gift of the program, and we can share it with those around us by remaining calm.

As the people around us become fearful or panic, we can be the example and voice of reason to help them deal with the fears.
Everyone is currently having their lives go sideways during this crisis. Our unique journeys through our own sets of fears will allow us to be useful points of light in this current storm.

Bill F.

If your Zoom meetings are being “Zoom-bombed,” there are some steps you can take to stop these unwanted interruptions.

1. Have a host and a cohost. One person can keep the meeting moving forward while the other person is there to act as security.
2. Make sure that if a participant is blocked they cannot reenter the meeting.
3. Create a waiting room where participants have to wait to enter the meeting.
4. Only enable the host to screen share.
5. Consider locking the meeting after 10 minutes.
6. Disable the participant to participant chat function. Only allow people to chat with the host or to everyone as a group.
7. Check online resources like www.oc-aa.org or www.aa.org for resources about how to set up your meeting as securely as possible.
In my early years of sobriety, the old-timers’ unceasing message was: “Take the cotton out of your ears, and put it in your mouth.” Thinking that they were directing those words to me, I was filled with fear. I felt that I would never be able to fit in with their panacea of alcoholism. Not being aware of any defects in me, at that time, I thought, “These people don’t know how excruciatingly painful my mind and body are; all they know how to do is spit out f-bombs. They are just garbage mouths.”

My ears were burning from what I thought was negativity. I thought that the newscasts of gloom and doom were the way of life, along with astrology, or any other way to escape the hundreds of forms of fear that were tormenting me, including alcohol and prescribed drugs. I am convinced that the whispers in my ears of, “Just relax with a drink,” plus so many other seducing thoughts, took me to a bottomless, dark pit of hell right here on this earth. As Bill W. says in his story, “If there was a Devil, he seemed the Boss Universal, and he certainly had me.” So it was with me. I was so paralyzed with fear that I was a full flight from the reality that my ears were listening to; the very whispers had eventually spiraled me into that hell. I thought that I would never escape; the Devil had me convinced that my musty past was the only reality to life.

Suddenly, I heard a voice saying, “Come unto me. Reach up, and take ahold of my hand. I have come to pull you out of the darkness into my LIGHT*.” As I stood trembling, shaking and baking in the darkness of my drunkenness, a bright LIGHT* shined upon me. Then I heard that voice again say, “I have heard your groans and have risen up to rescue you, as you have unknowingly longed for me to do.” Those gentle words overflowed deep into my ears.

As I reached up, I was taken out of the darkness, and I heard the wise words of my doctor. I had asked him for more pills so I could escape the mental and physical torture that my drunkenness had birthed. But his wise words were: “There’s an excellent rehab next to my building. Let’s check out your insurance, and get you into that rehab. I believe there is a better solution for you there than the pills I’ve been giving you for so many years.”

The rest is history . . . the cotton that was in my ears began to shrink, and my spiritual ears began to hear, “It’s the first drink that gets you drunk; we have a spiritual disease; we cannot solve a spiritual disease with a chemical substance; we have entered the world of the spirit; do not be anxious; life will take on new meaning; place the outcome in God’s hands; the spiritual life is not a theory; we have to live it,” ad infinitum.

I was hearing truth sink into my ears; the cotton began to shrink more and more as new revelations were imparted into my spiritual ears. I was beginning to understand the purpose and ultimate utility of the pain that I had incurred. My ears could now hear that the world’s pandemic(s) does not determine the course of my existence. I was experiencing something in my heart, something doing the impossible . . . I was literally, and spiritually, raised from the dead! Where did this power come from? I was experiencing growth in the life of the spirit. The emotional congestion and mental contractions were being lifted as the gift of faith entered my heart. My views on what a miracle is began to change as my ears heard, “You are a miracle!”

Thus I now hear and TRUST the voice of the Spirit of the God of my understanding. I do not bow down to the idols of this world, the biggest one being FEAR. I am not living in the fears of this current world pandemic. I trust the voice of infinite God rather than the finite newscasts or circumstances. I do not any longer entertain the whispers in my ears of shame and regret that attempt to seduce me back into darkness.

The darkness that once was continues to be put out by the LIGHT* of living a spiritual life. Thus it is in this current world pandemic . . . I do not entertain fear of the results, for the results are in God’s hands. The Twelve Steps of AA continue to be my solution to slay the dragons (demons) when they attempt to seduce me into fear with whispers in my ear.

*LIGHT=Living In God’s Healing Touch

Effie R.

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GOOD MORNING HIGHER POWER OF MY UNDERSTANDING

GRANT ME

Serenity to accept that I am an Alcoholic
and that I am powerless over the COVID-19 virus,
but not hopeless.

Courage, willingness and the ability to change my
thinking, my attitude and actions concerning the Virus and
realize the COVID-19 virus is deadly.

Wisdom to know that I must follow all suggestions to keep
my family, friends, all my AA Brothers and Sisters and me
safe by sheltering in place, wear my mask and gloves when
leaving my safe place.

Grant me Your Grace

To accept I am powerless to not drink on my own will.
And the Wisdom to know that after my “First Drink,”
I am not the same person who promised . . .
“I will not drink today!” I would continue to drink and drink.
(If the Virus does not kill me, I am sure the Alcohol will!)

It is . . . Only One Day at a Time!
Today . . . I will not drink that “First Drink”

Jim M.

The 2020 International Convention in Detroit has been cancelled.
All registration fees and book purchases are in the process of being
refunded. If a credit card was used to register, the card will be cred-
ited directly. All other refunds will be issued by check. More infor-
mation is available on www.aa.org.

Daily Zoom Meetings
Check out the list of Zoom meetings on www.oc-aa.org

This cartoon pamphlet speaks directly to teenagers (ages 13-
18) about the unique experience of being a teenage alco-
holic. This helps young alcoholics realize that they really
belong in AA.
It was in the reading of this book [Varieties of Religious Experience] that Bill recognized what happened to him, which brought about his Spiritual Experience, and eventually led to Bill’s developing Steps One, Two, and Three.
I find that the AA program is the most successful approach to the disease of alcoholism. I hope we never stray from Tradition Five and that spirit of carrying the message to those who still suffer. I owe my life to it.

Rick R.
## Speaker Meetings

### Anaheim
- 7:30PM, Thursday
  - A Way Out (Speaker with open participation)
  - Salvation Army Church
  - 1515 W. North St.

### Costa Mesa
- 7:00PM, Sunday
  - Sunday Night Costa Mesa Speaker
  - Mesa Verde United Methodist Church
  - 1701 West Baker St.

### Dana Point
- 9:30 AM First Sunday only each month
  - Dana Point Harbor Monthly Speaker Birthday Group
    - Wind & Sea Restaurant upstairs
    - Dana Point Harbor

### Huntington Beach
- Contact: John H., 949-697-1643
- 6:30, Wednesday
  - Coed Mischief Management with Childcare
  - Speaker with open participation
  - St. Wilfreds Church-Sanctuary
  - 18631 Chapel Ln.
- 7:00PM, Saturday
  - HOW Hall Saturday Night Lite
  - Speaker Meeting
  - 19092 Beach Blvd. #G & H

### Laguna Beach
- 8:00PM, Saturday
  - Living Sober Speaker Meeting
  - Guild Hall
  - 428 Park Ave. @Catalina (behind church)
  - Contact: Jordan B.

### Newport Beach
- 7:00PM, Monday
  - Monday Night Newport Speakers Meeting
  - Mesa Verde United Methodist Church
  - 24360 Yosemite Rd. (at La Paz)
  - Contact: Jesse C.
- 7:00PM, Sunday
  - Back to Basics Speaker Meeting
  - 414 E. 32nd St.
  - Contact: Nicole A.

### Orange (Continued)
- 8:00PM, Saturday
  - Saturday Night Visiting Speakers
  - 1111 W. Town and Country Rd.
  - (St. Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church)
  - Contacts: Glenn H. & Chris W.

### Rancho Santa Margarita
- 7:30PM, Friday
  - Roads End Participation
  - 30322 Via Con Dios @ Santa Margarita Pkwy.

### Santa Ana/North Tustin
- 7:00PM, Sunday
  - Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting
  - 12881 Newport Ave.
  - Contact: Megan H. & Hilary K.

### Sunset Beach
- 7:00PM, Saturday
  - Rule 62 Speakers
  - 18665 Pacific Coast Hwy.
  - Contact: Paul D.

### Villa Park
- 9:02AM, Sunday
  - Podium Participation Speaker Meeting with Q & A
  - 17885 Santiago Blvd.
  - (City Hall Comm. Room—behind Rockwell’s)
  - Contact: Roxanne B. or Mike L.

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**To have your speaker meeting listed, please send information to oclifelineeditor@gmail.com by the 15th of the month**

**Most speaker meetings will be via Zoom this month. Check out the meeting directory on [www.oc-aa.org](http://www.oc-aa.org) for the most updated schedule.**
The Orange County Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Committee holds new member orientation sessions and business meetings at the Garden Grove Alano Club on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The Institutions Committee meets first at 4PM and the Hospitals Committee meets at 6PM. There are new member orientation sessions which cover information about both committees at 3:15PM and 5:15PM. Anyone wishing to become an H&I Committee member must attend one of these orientation sessions along with three successive business meetings.

There is a lot of great work being done, and many opportunities for people to help. For more information please visit www.socalhandi.org.
### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2020 UNAUDITED

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probably been worse before. I think what it all comes down to is that we’ve learned to rely on a Higher Power.

The rest of the public is just now discovering what we AAs have known for quite some time: Wherever you go, there you are. I remember the first time I heard that, it didn’t make any sense to me. I only understood later when I was at one of my first AA meetings and heard someone talking about doing a geographic. I realized as he shared that I moved an average of every two or three years. Sometimes the moves weren’t terribly dramatic, Dana Point to Newport Beach, but they all had something in common: I was sure that if I could just make a new start, things would be different. If I had a new apartment in a new city, then I would make a whole different group of friends, get a different job, get a different boyfriend, etc., then I would be different. A lot of people have been telling themselves that if they only had time, they would finally be able to be different. Now we have the time, but we realize we are still the same. Wherever you go, there you are.

As we’re “stuck” at home, we have a chance to reexamine our lives without being compulsively busy. I keep thinking about how lost I would be if I were drinking at this time. I think I’d go to the liquor store intending to buy two weeks’ worth of alcohol—and then I’d drink it in two days. I feel grateful to be able to be sober during this time because my Higher Power is taking care of me now and always.

Anonymous

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Receipt #2431 CK #17-948002704 $200
Receipt #2458 CK #19-038820815 $114
Receipt #2476 CK #3771 $195
Receipt #2484 CK #1835 $97
Receipt #2947 CK #1399 $300 $300
Receipt #2968 CK #PayPal $197 $197

TOTALS $15,345 $55,499
May Word Search

Complete the word search (these words from the Big Book or the 12X12 can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonal), and make sure to include your name and phone number or email address. Take a picture and email it to: lifelinecommittee@oc-aa.org, or mail the completed puzzle to Central Office at 1526 Brookhollow Dr. Suite 75, Santa Ana, CA, 92705. If your answers are correct, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a free book of your choice from Central Office.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 15th

Congratulations to March’s winner, Ailene D.!