



Experience, Strength, and Hope in Orange County

The Girl with the Great Smile Who Partied Like a Pro

Just like many of you, I started drinking when I was in high school. It quickly escalated into drinking at school, parties and football games. I earned quite the reputation as the girl with the great smile who partied like a pro. I always had booze on me.

I stole my first car when I was fifteen and drove to Las Vegas. The whole school knew as I took a couple of friends with me, and the news spread like wildfire. I finally got caught and went into a behavioral program for teens. Interestingly enough, this program did not address alcoholism or drug addiction.

After thirty days, we could go out on a pass and get drug tested upon arriving back. We were taught how to behave. We had to get up, make our beds, put on all under garments, be polite, do our schoolwork, and go to bed on time. It was 1982. I stayed in that program for five months and begged my dad to come get me out after being accused of a positive drug test. I did not do drugs nor drink any alcohol on my weekend pass, and my dad knew it too. He did come along with my mother, and we all met in the head psychiatrist's office.

The head psychiatrist revealed that indeed I *did not* have a positive drug test, and this was a test to see how I would respond/ behave. I really wiggled out then! My parents had me pack my things and brought me home. I believe that pushed me over the edge of not trusting adults, including my parents who did not provide a trustworthy environment at home. I was going to make my mother pay for this though. (She was my person I drank at.) I knew I was *really* going to drink going forward, and I did.

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Somehow, I graduated from high school. It was probably all the lying, cheating and stealing of tests I did. I already had a job in the restaurant business as a hostess, waitress, and I valet parked cars. Drinking in the restaurant business was easy, and it seemed as if the entire staff was doing it. I worked at several restaurants in Newport Beach, and I loved it.

I finally ended up marrying my first husband, the general manager of a popular restaurant. We had three beautiful children together. I drank in between pregnancies, never while I was pregnant. I felt so good being pregnant; I suppose that's why I had three kids in four years. I didn't know I was also running away from drinking.

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Group Relations Committee meets the **3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00PM** via Zoom (ID: 913 4366 3535, Password: ocaa).

Lifeline Committee meets the **1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM** via Zoom (ID: 886 0942 7655, Password: lifeline) *See page 3 for more details.*

Special Events Committee meets the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM** via Zoom (call Central Office for more information).

South Orange County H & I meets the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM** (new members' orientation) and **6:45PM** (business meeting), Laguna Beach Canyon Club (small room), 20456 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach. South County H & I's mailing address is 27068 La Paz Rd., #706, Aliso Viejo, 92656. For more information, go to www.sochic.club.

Orange County H & I meets the **2nd Sunday of the month at 4:00PM** (Institutions) and **6:00PM** (Hopstials) at the Garden Grove Alano Club (9845 Belfast Dr., Garden Grove). Orientation is at **3:15PM** and **5:15PM**. The Committee Meeting is at 6:00, and the meeting opens around 5:40. For more information on Orange County H & I, go to www.ochandi.org or email contact@ochandi.org.

The Central Office Committee meets via Zoom (Call Central Office for more information).

The OCAA Technology Committee meets the **1st Monday of the month at 6:00PM** via Zoom (ID: 933 6844 2432, Password: ocaatech).

The Orange County Intergroup Assoc. meets the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM (6:30 new rep orientation)** at Norma Hertzog Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa.

—IN PERSON ONLY—

For information about **General Service** meetings, please go to the Area 09 website, www.msca09aa.org.

Thank you to our board and committee members.



Letter from the Editor

We have a great cover story this month from Jennifer M., “The Girl with the Great Smile Who Partied Like a Pro.” I know you’ll enjoy this exciting story as well as the message of hope it offers. Mary G. writes about Founders Day in the Archives Corner on page 7. This is an important day for AA, and there is information at the end of the article if you’d like to learn more. I also hope you notice the informational flyer on page 9 about accessibilities.

We have focused on Step Six this month and have several articles about this Step. There is so much to read this month, and I know you’ll find something inspirational.

On a personal note, I am thrilled to celebrate sixteen years of sobriety in June. Every year gets a little better. I also celebrate six years as the *Lifeline* editor. I remember well in May of 2018 when I realized just how hard it is to put this newsletter together. Our former editor, Tarcy H., did an amazing job for eleven years before I started, and I am so grateful for how she helped me with the first issues. I think the *Lifeline* Committee is the absolute best service committee in Orange County. I am constantly amazed at how our members push themselves to be of service.

Thank you as always for reading the *Lifeline*. If you would like to sign up to have the *Lifeline* delivered by email every month, you can subscribe at www.oc-aa.org. Printed copies are available at Central Office, the satellite office, and our monthly Intergroup meetings. Location information can be found within the *Lifeline*. If you have any suggestions or would like to submit an article to the *Lifeline*, please email me at oclifineditor@gmail.com.

Jennifer J.
Lifeline Editor

DESIGN AND GRACE

You can pretend to have it all figured out, until you find out you don’t.
You can pretend that life is grand until it isn’t.
You can search the world over until you find yourself lost.
Once you realize this, then you can begin the journey to new beginnings.
You get to resign here and pick up a new job of fulfillment and purpose.
What a wonderful opportunity!
You don’t step into the rooms of AA by mistake; it’s all by design and grace.
You get to restart a new way of thinking, a new way of doing and a new way of living.
What a magical place.
AA.

Vivian W.



Share Your Thoughts on Sobriety with the *Lifeline*

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 often 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 oclifineditor@gmail.com for more information.

The *Lifeline* Committee invites you to join us. *Lifeline* 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 via Zoom (ID: 886 0942 7655, Password: lifeline).

Our Principles

Step Six: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Step Six starts with willingness that leads to acceptance. If we've completed Steps One through Five then we've demonstrated we're generally willing to do what it takes to get sober. But are we ready to change? Remember, the Sixth Step says, "were" entirely ready, meaning, our Step Four moral inventory is already done and we've checked our work in Step Five. Now we check our willingness by asking, "Am I ready to trust that surrendering my defects to a Higher Power/God will result in their removal?" Answering "yes" shows I'm prepared to accept that, though I admit to my character defects, with the help of a Higher Power/God, I no longer have to be ruled by them.

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Tradition Six is the first Tradition that tells us to stick to our primary purpose of carrying the message to alcoholics. We must trust the fellowship's [experience](#) which shows that anything beyond this not only doesn't work but risks harming AA and its reputation. The list of well-meaning endorsement/finance ventures that AA's considered or tried and then discarded includes AA hospitals, political societies, clubs, Twelfth Step houses, even

teaming up with distilleries to go into alcohol education. AA cannot align itself with these distracting and potentially harmful outside ventures, though it can cooperate with [entities](#) that help alcoholics.

Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

As AA members we admit we need help to recover from our alcoholism; as a fellowship we also humbly acknowledge we need help to run AA. Through the [Sixth](#) of AA's [Twelve Concepts](#), members grant authority to the [General Service Board of Trustees](#) to manage [AA Worldwide Services](#) (AAWS) and the [AA Grapevine](#). Though guided by the membership via the [General Service Conference](#), Concept VI gives the Trustees "large powers" to run AA's financial, public information, and publishing operations without constant oversight. As we trust that a Higher Power/God guides our own sobriety, we trust that the same Higher Power/God also guides the Board that runs AA.

[Editor's note: You can read the long form of the [Traditions](#) on www.aa.org or on pp. 563-556 in the Big Book. You can also learn more about the [General Service Office](#) and how it serves AA on www.aa.org.]

Ron B.

How Am I Doing?

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs," which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

(Reprinted with permission from the [AA Grapevine](#))

(Traditions Checklist available from Central Office)

([SMF-131 Traditions Checklist](#) is available from the [AA Grapevine](#) on www.aa.org)

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June AA Birthdays

Gabriella D.	Newport Beach	1 year
Jennifer J.	Costa Mesa	16 years
Alcoholics Anonymous	Home group—everywhere possible	89 years

You can celebrate an AA birthday in the *Lifeline* with a [donation](#) to Central Office. A donation of any amount is a generous way to celebrate the gift of sobriety and support your Central Office.

In keeping with AA's Seventh Tradition, we only accept contributions from AA members or groups.



Located at the end of the 55 freeway in Costa Mesa next to the Donald Dungan branch of the Costa Mesa Public Library

Orange County Intergroup Meeting
Second Wednesday of each month
7:00PM meeting, 6:30PM new rep orientation
—IN PERSON ONLY—
Info: 714-556-4555, www.oc-aa.org

Norma Hertzog Community Center
1845 Park Ave.
Costa Mesa

712 TOTAL CALLS	CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY April 2024			
	12 Step Calls	Meeting Info	General Info	Customers
OFFICE VOLUNTEERS (MAIN + SATELLITE)	10	201	202	200
CALL FORWARDING VOLUNTEERS	7	145	146	0

Central Office/Satellite Office Monthly Book Drawing Winners

Jennifer D., Sarah A., Kyra L., Robert (X2), and EZ

Hospitals and Institutions Corner



Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) has been the cornerstone of my recovery journey. I vividly recall the initial shock and uncertainty when I was asked to participate in a panel early in my sobriety journey. Despite my reservations, I was encouraged to share my story, and the experience proved transformative. Witnessing the hunger for solutions among those in treatment facilities was a powerful testament to the effectiveness of the program and a real-life demonstration of the principles outlined in "How it Works."

Emboldened by this experience, I eagerly embraced opportunities to serve, eventually assuming leadership roles within the H&I committee. Despite being a full-time worker and student, I found fulfillment in updating orientation materials, leading panels, and eventually serving as Co-Director of Hospitals and Institutions. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic presented new challenges, but it also underscored the importance of H&I's work in reaching individuals in need, even in the face of unprecedented circumstances.

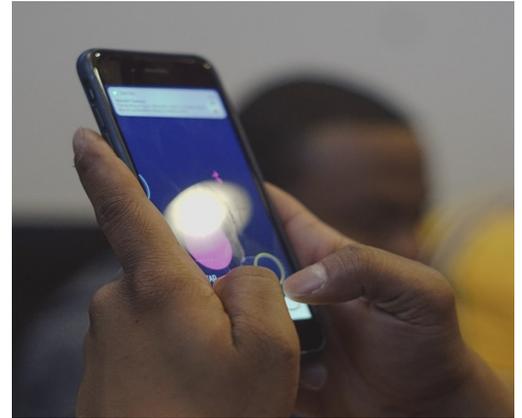
As I reflect on my journey, I am humbled by the impact H&I has had on my life and the lives of others. Serving as Director has been both a privilege and a profound learning experience, allowing me to fulfill my primary purpose of being of maximum service to God and the people about me. What began as a reluctant step into the spotlight has blossomed into a deeply rewarding journey of personal growth and spiritual fulfillment.

I am grateful for the legacy of service exemplified by our founder, Bill W., whose tireless efforts laid the foundation for the support and guidance I have received through H&I. Through this program, I have found the blessings I once sought at the bottom of a bottle, without the accompanying consequences. H&I has truly saved my life and propelled me into a dimension of recovery and service I never imagined possible.

Genevieve J.

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Looking for a service commitment you can do with your phone?



The Orange County Central Office call forwarding program insures that our help line phones are answered by volunteers 24/7. During hours when the Central Office is closed, calls are forwarded to a call forwarding volunteer's home or cell phone, where the volunteer answers the calls just as if they were sitting in Central Office. This allows Central Office to save money because we do not have to use an answering service. More importantly, the caller will be talking to a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Two years of sobriety are suggested to volunteer for this service. Please call the Central Office Manager in Santa Ana at (714) 556-4555 or the Satellite Office Manager in Laguna Niguel at (949) 582-2697 to sign up for a brief orientation session.

SHIFTS:

Monday—Friday

- 6AM—9AM
- 6PM—9PM
- 9PM—6AM

Saturday and Holiday:

- 6AM—9AM
- 1PM—4PM
- 4PM—7PM
- 7PM—10PM
- 10PM—6AM

Sundays

- 6AM—10AM
- 10AM—2PM
- 2PM—6PM
- 6PM—10PM
- 10PM—6AM

Archives Corner

Founders Day

Founders Day is the yearly gathering of Alcoholics Anonymous members in Akron, Ohio, where AA was founded. It happens on the weekend closest to June 10, which is significant because it marks the day in 1935 when Dr. Bob, one of AA's co-founders, had his last drink.

During Founders Day, key places in AA's history are open for tours. These include the Gate Lodge at Stan Hywet Hall, where Bill W. and Dr. Bob first met and developed AA's founding principles. The Reflections Database will also debut at Stan Hywet, showcasing digital transcriptions of personal stories from past Founders' Day events.

The "Henrietta Seiberling: A Spark for a Movement" exhibit, located at the Gate Lodge, offers insight into AA's beginnings. Dr. Bob's former home and museum on Ardmore Avenue, along with his grave site in Mount Peace Cemetery, are open for visits. Hundreds of motorcycles are expected to visit Dr. Bob's gravesite Sunday morning.

Attendees will hear speakers share their paths to sobriety and join tours of pivotal AA sites. Participants from across the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, and Australia are reflecting the global impact of AA.

The tenth anniversary of AA was marked by a significant event in



Cleveland's Music Hall, where over 2,500 members from thirty-six states, Canada, and Mexico convened. Bill W. and Dr. Bob addressed the gathering, sharing insights into AA's history and expressing hope for the future. This memorable occasion, the largest AA gathering to date, concluded with an anniversary dinner at The Mayflower Hotel in Akron, attended by 400 individuals.

In the early years, some groups held special meetings to honor AA's inception. Despite challenges, such as low attendance at a 1948 area-wide meeting in Akron, the tradition endured. In 1952, an area-wide Founders Day Meeting at the Goodyear Theater drew over 600 attendees, generating enthusiasm to continue the tradition. Since the inaugural Friday-to-Sunday Weekend in 1965, Founders Day has flourished, now attracting up to 10,000 attendees globally. With an expanded array of activities, the event has transitioned from the Goodyear Theater to the Akron University City Campus, where it is held today.

The 89th Annual Founders' Day is set for June 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2024. The event will include historic site visits, fellowship meetings, workshops, dances, and more. For registration and a complete schedule, visit www.foundersday.org.

Mary G.
MSCA 09 Archives

"Drinking is no longer a problem, but my thinking sure is. Writing a gratitude list puts the brakes on negative thoughts, turns me back toward the light, and helps me to see the beauty in everyday life." –"Tools for Life," New York, NY, January 2006, *Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA*

Once the obsession to drink is lifted, we are left with ourselves and our twisted thinking. For me, it took years of practicing the program before I could honestly say that my thought process was healthier or restored. My stinking thinking had to die a hard death, right along with my pride and ego. We live years of selfish behavior and thinking, often trashing the ones we love along the way, so it will take years to clean up our broken thought process.

Healing usually begins once we find the awareness that our self-centeredness is the cause of most of our discomfort. We bang the highchair if we don't get our way, and we wonder why we don't get the outcome we demand. Taking the Steps is essential to a new way of thinking, but applying these principles to our everyday life is where the rubber hits the road. I am so thankful that I heard early in sobriety to write a gratitude list and keep it in my wallet. As my newcomer drama unfolded, I could slow the circus down in my head by seeing and finding gratitude.

You rightfully told me that if I couldn't find gratitude, I wasn't looking hard enough. It's so remarkable that the simple act of finding gratitude can alter our perceptions so significantly. If I look at life through a prism of gratitude, acceptance, and faith, I am given the gift of peace, serenity, and an overwhelming feeling of oneness with you and all of God's universe.

Anonymous

Pride & Prejudice: Alcoholism's Formidable Foot Soldiers

At sixteen and facing the world of growing up, I chose the world of using Milwaukee's amber go-juice to numb life's adolescent fears of accumulating responsibilities. Bridging from late adolescence to early adulthood, I did not realize the unintended consequences that would follow. Some twenty-six years later, with a tarnished reputation and pockmarked integrity showcased, a ravaged mind scarred by poor choices, bad decisions and imploding relationships, I sought help. The first moment of seeking help arrived when I meekly said, "I don't know. Will you help me? Can you show me?" I was licked by the life I had created and ready to surrender to the winning team of Alcoholics Anonymous. You know those clear soft-eyed individuals with listening ears, smiling countenances and understanding natures. I marched into the rooms scared, shameful and willing to listen to a new way of living.



What followed was the guidance of the *Big Book*, big brothers, and sisters who for the love of others volunteered their time and efforts to walk me through the darkness. They had found a man-child in the cold cave of loneliness and were intent to help me avoid the human tragedy of never finding the bright tunnel of light to forgiveness, hope, and happiness.

The road of truth and honesty is blocked by pride and prejudice. I was coming to grips with the bondage of alcohol that imprisoned my thoughts and poisoned my behavior over time leading to my eve of destruction. Accepting a Higher Power gave light to this agnostic when I realized I had utilized alcohol for decades as just that, and my extreme self-centered behavior qualified me as a self-righteous hedonist. The hard-wired prejudices fine-tuned in my stupor had to be purged from my brain to succeed as a decent human being absent of a neurological game of "whack-a-mole" playing in my troubled psyche.

Physic change surgery was necessary to remove the malignant tumors of denial and immediate self-gratification. For the most stubborn of people like me, I was ignorant of the spiritual path to an unimaginable life consisting of constantly striving for truth and knowing self-limitations while serving others. The *Big Book* is the manual for such surgery leading to a new life while forever discovering new beliefs and discarding old prejudices with moral truths trumpeted from a chorus of spiritual donors with worldly wisdom. I am always wondering how many fundamental misbeliefs of life are still harboring deep inside my soul from my early decades. I wonder what other old beliefs still exist that upon discovery should be ejected along my spiritual journey. The answer resides in the Serenity Prayer as interpreted by the alkie from the New York Bowery who stated, "Be willing to change absolutely everything."

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Learning your EGO is not your amigo leads to growing isolation, negative thinking, a sarcastic outlook on life, bad behavior and poor manners. This leads to the loss of respect from family members, friends, work fellows and many members of society practicing the art of treating your neighbor as you expect yourself to be treated. The EGO needs to be softened considerably by tolerating, forgiving, respecting and accepting others. By studied listening, interpreting with thoughtful reasoning, and investigating without contempt their beliefs to learn new truths can often realign one's spiritual path in pursuing the goal of harmony with all its grace and elegance. By responding with well-chosen words absent of meanness, but with self-experience and the wisdom learned from others, is the pathway to spiritual growth. Do not be discouraged by their lack of understanding for your truth; remember their truth is as firmly cemented in their minds as your own.

As sobriety time increases, the persistent, unrelenting and striving pursuit for truth and honest dealings with others will set you free, even if you never quite catch up to it in a corner-less circle in your soul. The noblest pleasure we can enjoy is discovering a great new truth and shedding an old prejudice. This happens by plucking the decayed carcasses of old ideas about life from the spiderweb of the past and embracing new gemstones for living. A true measure of spiritual growth!

I found out that most problems were of my own making and that not everyone was picking on me. Believing I was uniquely special quickly evaporated when I heard my story many times with nodding heads mouthing the words "Me, too." I realized how many times I used the words "I love you" and "I'm sorry" yet continued with old behavior. I manipulated words, actions and feelings to get something in return. "I will do this so I can get that" turns a "gift" into a "trade." I ballooned virtues and deflated misdeeds to look better, justified theft to make up for perceived mistreatment in the past, and acquiesced while witnessing mistreatment of others.

These spiritual kindergarten teachings have to be relearned and practiced daily: postponing immediate gratification with a critical task needing immediate attention, being on time, and living up to commitments, and establishing priorities based on other's needs. Always say please and thank you, and keep your word. I can no longer borrow with no intention of paying back in full by justifying that I needed it more than they did. I cannot judge someone for what I'm doing myself.

Perfection is unattainable except in the eyes of the most self-righteous. Striving for absolute honesty and truth is the answer. We continually determine to discover, uncover and recover from our soul sickness for the betterment of the community and all people we engage with every second, minute and hour of each day. It is challenging work but has priceless outcomes!

John G.

Accessibilities

For A.A.s seeking to carry the message to alcoholics who experience barriers to accessing A.A.'s program of recovery

A Request from your Central Office:

Please have your meeting secretary let us know if your meeting location **IS** wheelchair accessible.

Santa Ana- manager@oc-aa.org, 714 556-4555
 or Laguna Niguel- satellitemanager@oc-aa.org, 949 582-2697

Valuable Resource Information

For building an accessible website for the blind
accessibilitychecker.org/blog/website-accessible-for-the-blind-community/
For deaf and visually impaired AA's
Deafaa.org

For ALS (American Sign Language) Videos and Audio files
 Go to YouTube AAWS, Inc or
youtube.com/@alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373/videos

For AA's with Physical Disabilities or Chronic Illness-
Our ability to bring a meeting to someone in need strengthens everyone's recovery.
Our primary purpose is to carry the message.

LIM Loners Internationalist Meetings can be found at aa-intergroup.org
Loner- An A.A. member who is unable to attend meetings regularly because there is no A.A. meeting in the vicinity where he or she lives.
Homer/Isolationist- An A.A. member who is unable to attend A.A. meetings because of physical incapacity.
Internationalist- An A.A. member working on a seagoing vessel for long periods.
Port Contact- An A.A. member serving as a contact for Internationalists when in port.
 *To volunteer for CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE, go to aa.org in the search type **SMF-123**

Other resources at Central Office & aa.org
 Accessibilities Checklist for Meetings & Groups- **SMF-208**
 AA Guidelines- Sharing the message with the alcoholic who is deaf- **MG-13**
 AA Guidelines- Accessibility for all alcoholics **MG-16**
 Serving All Alcoholics—**F-107**
 Access to AA: Members share on overcoming barriers- **P-83**
 Accessibilities Workbook- **M-48i** (aa.org)

Meeting Spotlight

CDM BIG BOOK STUDY
 —HYBRID—
MONDAY, 6:30PM

1601 MARGUERITE AVE.
 CORONA DEL MAR
 (SIDE ROOM, ROOM A)

ZOOM INFORMATION
 ID: 783 051 370
 PASSWORD: 651865

June Pamphlet of the Month

EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE

LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA (P-32) explores the story of many queer alcoholics who obtain freedom from alcohol.

[[Pamphlet](#) available on www.aa.org]



Step Six Guides Me to Be Ready



Step Six has been a forerunner for me to grow a long way in my spiritual development. I am so grateful to God and AA for allowing me to have no reservations and no fear as I become ready to have God remove all of my defects of character. In being rigorously honest, I must admit that I have been beaten into many states of reasonableness in order to be experiencing no reservations whatsoever.

ever.

I have been made aware of the hidden defects of character which stood in the way of a sincere desire to spiritually grow, and it has been a painful process. Yet, the results of growing in the image and likeness of God is a gift that I get to keep unwrapping. It is so delightful to hear, as well as to practice, being obedient to The Holy Spirit, one day at a time, in repeated, intentional efforts of Step Six. I'm always as willing and as honest as God's plan and purpose allows me to be in any given moment of my journey. I've finally accepted that I'm not a bad person and never was. I was (still am, in various parts of my spirit) a spiritually sick child of God's. I now aim for progress as I continue to let go of perfectionism.

Step Six seemed impossible to me until I could accept my character defects exactly as they were (are), become willing by repeated beatings into states of reasonableness to admit them, and desire to have them removed. In this regard, being beaten was (is) a blessing in disguise. Also, until I could fully concede to my innermost self the truth that Step Six is a daily process for a lifetime of reconstruction, I could not make decisions to practice faith and obedience.

Through this unending process, a great and unshakable faith has been birthed in my innermost being. It is a faith that grew to know that God is everything. And my faith produces an assurance that to trust God with all my heart, abolishes my own prideful, limited understanding of who God is, who I am, and who I am IN Him. It is an assurance that God always answers prayers with *yes*, *no*, or *not now*. I know there is more preparation needed in my spiritual condition to continue to qualify me to be free from fear in moments of crisis, chaos, and all of life's storms.

The repeated process of Step Six guides me to be ready to continue to move toward Step Seven, where toxic shame, lying, denial in many forms of fear, perfectionism, ad infinitum, patiently wait for me to fall back into The Seven Deadly Sins. They wait for me to get lax on my repeated efforts to continue to stay entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. And I've learned that to be entirely ready is the beginning of building character assets in this once fear-based alcoholic.

The character assets that replace the defects in Step Six are a solid rock to begin to know the true meaning of Step Seven and be ready for the other five Steps that follow. This is truly the way to empty our heart from resentments as it clears the way for love. Love is a healing balm which brings unity into our community of AA's fellowship, where we are stronger together than we were when we were isolated and alone. I like M. Scott Peck's wise words: "We cannot solve life's problems except by solving them." This, to me, is the epitome of Step Six when we no longer have any reservations to have God remove all of our character defects.

Effie R.



Winning the Game of Life

Can they hear you? Do they feel the pain? Or is it simply kept in the back of your brain? Is it you or is or them... It's strength that makes you win within. There's nothin' you can do to bring me down. It takes faith and strength to keep your head off the ground.

Life is a blessing, you're a gift, spread the message and never forget. Stand up tall, be true and have faith, believe in yourself and always pray. Never stop smiling, always believe, there is nothing you put your mind to that you can't achieve.

Remember you're God's gift and a blessing to this earth, you're beautiful and full of everything your worth. Stay strong, stay free, always be yourself, learn to love and cherish internal wealth.

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You're here for a reason, spread your wings, go out in this big world and do big things. Build your empire and spread your word, when you're at the top you will be heard. You're so special, a living grace, you won life because you had faith. Life's not a race but a dream you persevere, you started so small and now you made it here.

Life is a blessing, you're a gift, spread the message and never forget. Stand up tall, be true and have faith, believe in yourself and always pray. Never stop smiling, always believe, there is nothing you put your mind to that you can't achieve.

Margaret W.

South Orange County Hospitals and Institutions Committee (SOCHIC) has been carrying the AA message for over twenty years and has been growing in a positive way by helping more and more alcoholics than ever. Our Director Genevieve G. has been hands-on. She is presently our director and does an amazing job.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) carries the recovery message to those who typically can't go out and receive it at local meetings. H&I takes pride and realizes that its members may be the first contact ever for those seeking recovery. SOCHIC members are on the front line of AA Twelfth step work. Therefore, it is important that new and existing members understand they are representing Alcoholics Anonymous. This requires a commitment to be accountable, reliable, punctual, presentable and empathetic to those we are in contact with.

SOCHIC carries the message of recovery to state penitentiaries, county jails, rehabs, detox centers, sober living establishments, juvenile hall and detention centers, youth guidance centers, and mental Institutions. H&I members get to experience the gift of helping others face to face. It is an experience that you don't want to miss: one alcoholic working with another alcoholic.

You can get involved with SOCHIC very easily. South Orange County Hospitals and Institutions committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6PM (orientation) followed by the monthly business meeting at 6:45PM at the Canyon Club in Laguna Beach (small room). We urge you to come and join us. If you want a new high, join H&I!

Frank H.

My Needs Have Been Met



As a young adolescent and young man, I was often confused between wants and needs. It was not so much material things, although cars were sort of important, but in feelings. Having never felt I fit in with both family and with others, I really wanted to be one of the gang, yet I still always felt like I was not really a part of anything. I thought if I were somehow important, I would be accepted. When I took my first drink of my own free will things changed. Alcohol made me just not care anymore what people thought about me.

From the age of sixteen through age thirty-one, I drank every time there was an opportunity, usually daily. Initially, it was to keep that feeling of not caring, but after a short while I was trying to catch that feeling again. No matter how much I drank, that feeling eluded me. Those feelings of not being good enough just swamped me when hungover and coworkers were telling me what I had done the night before. Shame and remorse became my constant companions that I continued to try to wipe out with even more alcohol.

In 1980, the plug went into the jug. Ill health, both mentally and physically, brought me to my bottom. Having been taught that I could only depend on myself, this was the ultimate shame. I had been given a *Big Book* and had thumbed through the first three chapters. On around my eleventh day of not drinking, I made my first AA meeting. In the subsequent months I kept going to the meetings (two a week) and not drinking between them. Besides not drinking, I realized that the men in that room actually cared about my welfare. They allowed me to lie through my teeth for a while about how good things were. Eventually, they called me out, and I began to tell the truth.

For the first time in my life, I had people I could trust. These men and later women became my Higher Power for a while until a surrender to my Higher Power/God was able to be made. Since I have been sober, all of my needs have been met.

As a result of putting the plug in the jug, I have been able to remain sober one day at a time for over forty-three years. I have gained a loving Higher Power/God with a sense of humor that I have complete faith/trust in. Also, I have been given instructions for a way of living that allows me to deal with my selfishness, fear, inferiority, and anger on a daily basis—the Steps of our program. Over time, I began to lose expectations of others and events and began practicing acceptance. People and things will turn out the way my Higher Power/God decides they will. A daily surrender of my will for my Higher Powers/God's will and practicing acceptance have brought a measure of serenity into my life.

Sobriety, faith/trust in a Higher Power/God, and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous have allowed me to be a better person, a better member of my family, and has given me contentment in my own skin. I hope the same for all of my fellow alcoholics. Trust God, clean house, and help others.

Bill F.

Where There's Willingness



AA has always struck me as a kind of disaster preparedness program. Organizations create a set of measures in advance to better respond and cope with life-threatening events, such as hurricanes. Part of AA's program of recovery is helping us to better prepare for and respond to the emotional storms caused by our character defects that can trigger our alcoholism. We do this by being entirely ready in Step Six to allow these defects to be removed (see p. 4). The key is willingness.

"Were entirely ready" basically means we've done the first five Steps. We then resolve in the Sixth Step to give up behaviors that we've relied on for years and agree to try a different approach. But allowing a Higher Power to remove these defects can be next to impossible if we aren't willing, or at least, open to trying. We need to be sure we're prepared.

In AA our preparations involve dealing with choices, conduct, and actions that arise from character defects like selfishness, dishonesty, fear, anger and resentment. As with any disaster, these don't just harm us, but others as well. This work is so important that seven of AA's Twelve Steps involve managing our shortcomings.

After identifying and sharing our flaws in Steps Four and Five, in Step Six we confirm we have the principles that will help us give up relying on these defects to run our lives, especially when facing the tempests of "life on life's terms." It's like checking our home emergency kit and making sure we have batteries, water, etc., to endure any calamity. Except in our case, we make certain our alcoholism preparedness kit contains honesty, faith, courage, and integrity, things we work to develop in AA. Following these principles will aid us in preparing for Step Seven.

No matter which Step we're on, willingness can help us get through times when our self-will is raging like the worst part of a hurricane known as the "eye wall." Keeping our spiritual shelves free of our defects makes room for a Higher Power/God that will help us manage the emotional firestorms that can spark our obsession to drink. But without this aid, it would be like trying to get through a hurricane without FEMA or the Red Cross. We might survive a disastrous relapse unharmed, but those around us might not.

Anything that can remove my defects of character also has the power to remove my obsession to drink. However, these don't just magically disappear forever. I must continue to diligently do my part to seek and follow my Higher Power/God's will. But in times when I falter or lose faith, willingness can help me remain teachable, making it easier for me to continue my spiritual growth.

After all this, in Step Six we check our work and do a spiritual self-inspection to determine if we're entirely ready to move on. We learn to do the work of seeking God/Higher Power's guidance not just to manage our alcoholism, but any of life's challenges. And accepting responsibility for our part in our recovery grants us the precious gift of self-respect.

We cannot hold on to any defect or behavior that threatens our sobriety. When we've conscientiously prepared ourselves to be entirely ready to give up our defects to God/Higher Power, we can weather any emotional storm, overcome our obsession to drink, and find relief. In managing the disaster of our alcoholism, Step Six reminds us that, where there's willfulness, there's a wall, but where there's willingness, there's a way.

Ron B.

Speaker Meetings

Costa Mesa

6:00PM, Saturday
HYBRID
Saturday Night Refugees (12X12 Speaker Meeting)
 2144 Thurin St. @ Victoria St. (Grange Hall)
 Meeting ID: 703 741 362, Password: GRANGE
 Contact: Joel B.

7:00PM, Sunday
IN-PERSON
Costa Mesa Speaker Group
 2040 Placentia Ave. (Costa Mesa Alano Club)
 Contact: Christy B.

Dana Point

9:30 AM *First Sunday only each month*
IN-PERSON
Dana Point Harbor Monthly Speaker Birthday Group
 34699 Golden Lantern (Wind and Sea Restaurant)
 Contact: Brent W. or
 Contact: John H.

Huntington Beach

5:45PM, Tuesday
HYBRID
Sun and Sea AA Hybrid Meeting
 8121 Ellis Ave (HB church, upstairs meeting room)
 Meeting ID: 882 0896 9623, Password: Sunandsea
 Contact: Cindy S.

Irvine

7:00PM, Saturday
HYBRID
Turtle Rock Speaker Meeting
 1 Sunnyhill
 Meeting ID: 269 016 646, Password: wildbunch
 Contact: Joseph C.

Laguna Beach

8:00PM, Saturday
HYBRID
Living Sober Speaker Meeting
 428 Park Ave. (St. Mary's Episcopal Church)
 (in the back building, Guild Hall)
 Meeting ID: 129 629 389 (no password)
 Contact: Neil K.

8:00PM, Saturday
HYBRID
CC Sat Nite
 20456 Laguna Cyn. Rd. (The Canyon Club)
 Meeting ID: 269 016 646, Password: canyon
 Contact: Tim A.

Laguna Hills

7:30PM, Sunday
HYBRID
Legacies Group Speaker Meeting
 23721 Moulton Pkwy. (Florence Sylvester Senior Cn.)
 Meeting ID: 446 899 371, Password: Legacies
 Contact: Thelegaciesgroup@gmail.com

Laguna Niguel

7:00PM, Sunday
HYBRID
Laguna Niguel Speaker Meeting
 24360 Yosemite Road (@La Paz Rd.)
 Meeting ID: 451 797 737, Password: NewYMCA
 Contact: Bill W. &
 Jesse C.

Lake Forest

7:30PM, Friday
IN-PERSON
Saddleback Valley Fellowship Friday Night Speaker Meeting
 23401 El Toro Rd. (@ Muirlands Blvd.), Ste. 101
 Contact: Vijay

Orange

8:00PM, Saturday
HYBRID
Saturday Night Visiting Speakers
 395 S. Tustin St. (Community of Christ Church)
 Meeting ID: 620 819 804, Password: aa
 Contact: Matt D.

06/01 Rob H.
 06/08 Athena T.
 06/15 TBA
 06/22 Sharon
 06/29 TBA

Orange

7:00PM, Sunday
IN-PERSON
Sunday Night Speaker Meeting of Orange
 250 S. Prospect St. (Revive Covenant Church)
 Contact: Manny A.
 Speaker host: Eddie P.

06/02 Larry T., Yorba Linda
 06/09 Liz G., Irvine
 06/16 Jennifer W., Seal Beach
 06/23 Gina H., Santa Ana
 06/30 Mike S., Anaheim

Rancho Santa Margarita

7:30PM, last Friday of the month
IN-PERSON
Roads End Participation
 Via Con Dios at Santa Margarita Pkwy.
 Speaker last Friday of the month

San Clemente

6:00PM, Monday
IN-PERSON
Men's Stag Speaker and Discussion Meeting
 929 Calle Negocio (San Clemente Friendship Center)
 Contact: Tom P.

7:30PM, Friday
IN-PERSON
Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting
 202 Aragon (St. Clement's By the Sea Church)
 Contact: Tom P.

Tustin

7:00PM, Sunday
IN-PERSON
Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting
 12881 Newport Ave. (Grace Harbor church)
 Contact: Megan H.

Villa Park

9:02AM, Sunday
IN-PERSON
9:02 Speaker/Participation Meeting
 17855 Santiago Blvd.
 Contact: Annette H. or
 E.C.



GRAPEVINE WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Presented by
 District 6 Grapevine Committee

Where: Community United Methodist Church
 6652 Heil Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92647

WHEN: Saturday, June 29th from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Guest Speaker:
 Ed L. - Published Grapevine Writer

Bring your Experience, Strength, and Hope!!

Put pen to paper...maybe you'll be published in the
 Grapevine Magazine!



Snacks and beverages provided.

The Girl with the Great Smile Who Partied Like a Pro

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When I was twenty-five in 1991 with three very small children and a husband, I checked myself into the Newport Beach Hoag Hospital twenty-eight-day program. I completed it and stayed sober for almost seven years. Unfortunately, I stopped going to meetings and had been married twice (Husband Number Two and Husband Number Three) plus engaged twice and wasn't concentrating on my spiritual growth or sobriety. I began drinking once again.

Everyone in AA kept coming by my house to check on me and the kids as they were still little. I ended up moving and not telling anyone where I was. I hated myself deep down inside. I was lost, so very lost. I ended up on a barstool at El Torito across from John Wayne Airport where I met many alcoholic friends and snatched up a new man.

I had hired a nanny for the kids. One night after happy hour, my nanny's boyfriend was in my living room. He was sitting on top of the arm of the couch. He looked pretty good in his leather jacket and crooked smile. I present Husband Number Four. He taught me how to really drink. He had tricks and tips for this gal. I fired my nanny and married her boyfriend.

I had a great job, a lovely home, two cars, and my life was full of stuff. Surprise! All of that stuff was gone within a year—all of it. We had one car, and we were living in motels up and down Beach Boulevard. I lost my kids to their dad and could visit them only at his house. Husband Number Four and I also had quite the height disparity, and it wasn't easy to bring him home to Mom and Dad.

I brought him home to their house on Christmas morning. My dad, who was very cool, said, "Did you marry him, Jenny? Oh my God, you married him! Your mother is going to lose her mind! Let's put him in the hall closet until things get going and slip him into the crowd." My dad brought him a Bloody Mary and appetizers. When it was time for him to come out of the hall closet and mix in with my family, it took many people by surprise.

I ended up stealing cars again to keep us afloat and have plenty of money for alcohol and places to stay. It was an endless nightmare. I hated running out of booze and tried to always make sure I had some in the morning. Unfortunately, Husband Number Four would steal my booze, steal the car from me I had just stolen, and would go off with other women and friends to party

leaving me booze-less, car-less and penniless. I really thought I was in love with Husband Number Four, and as I look back now, I can see through the terrible fog of alcohol just how sick I was.

One night I had just stolen a car from a restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach and went to pick up to go off into the night and drink. It was February 2004. I was driving at a brisk pace down Harbor Boulevard and got pulled over at Norm's restaurant. I knew as my heart sank low that this was it; I was going to jail for a while. We were both arrested, and I was facing fourteen felonies.

I did months and months of time. Toward the end of my sentence, I was sent to the Farm in Irvine. It was there that Husband Number Four tried to break me out of jail, and he almost succeeded. I was dressed out in my street clothes and said my treatment program was here to pick me up. Husband Number Four wasn't able to produce the appropriate paperwork for my release, and the Sheriffs caught wind of his scheme. Husband Number Four ran across the fields of corn and vegetables. He ran so fast, dug a hole under the fence, and got away! I was then charged with escape and taken back down to the main jail in Santa Ana. I've never cried so hard or so much in my life. Once I got back in front of the judge handling my case, she agreed I had nothing to do with the shenanigans of Husband Number Four. I was sent to a different treatment center and did an extra twenty-seven days to get everything straightened out.

Once I arrived at my treatment center, I was so excited to get back to AA meetings and make friends because I had none. I was willing to go to any lengths. That was twenty years ago. I became a board member and Program Director of that same treatment center. Husband Number Four was eventually caught and did five years flat for his outrageous attempt to break me out of jail.

I now have so many friends it's unbelievable. I am self-supporting through my own contributions and live in Laguna Beach. I have my three adult children and seven grandchildren. Being their Nana without alcohol is a mega blessing. I have a life beyond my wildest dreams! God did for me what I could not do for myself.

Jennifer M.



Woman To Woman
SAN DIEGO

September 15-17

The Dana on Mission Bay, 1710 W. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego

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Kate L., Santa Ana	\$500		Sherman S.		\$20
Kim S.	\$5	\$5	Stephen M.		\$10
Laura J., HB		\$10	Troy R	\$1	\$1
Lynn B		\$75	Tom P., HB		\$5
Marilyn C., San Clemente	\$25	\$31	William F., Anaheim		
Matthew D. T.	\$22	\$22	IN LOVING MEMORY		
Michael L.		\$330	In Memory of Sandy P. #15144	^	^
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Robert R.	\$15	\$30	Receipt #1032 Need more info		\$60
Robyn C.		\$2			
Robert S., RSM	\$105		TOTALS	\$17,916	\$71,534



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» UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6-9

AA Desert Roundup

Renaissance Esmerelda Resort & Spa
44-400 Indian Wells Lane
Indian Wells, CA
www.desertroundup.com

June 29

Grapevine Writer's Workshop

1PM-4PM
Community United Methodist Church
6652 Heil Ave.
Huntington Beach, CA

August 2-4

50th Annual MAAD Dog Daze

District Convention
Double Tree Hotel and Golf Resort by Hilton
67967 Vista Chino
Cathedral City, CA
www.maaddogdaze.org

August 16-18

Mountain AA Conference 2024

Big Bear Performing Arts Center
707 Big Bear Blvd.
Big Bear Lake, CA
www.mountainaaconference.com

September 13-15

NAATW 10th Anniversary Technology Workshop 2024

Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel
191 Westport Plaza
St. Louis, MO
www.naatw.org

September 20-22

Woman to Woman San Diego

The Dana on Mission Bay
1710 W. Mission Bay Dr.
San Diego, CA
www.womantowomansandiego.com

Check the www.oc-aa.org events section for updated Intergroup committee meetings

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE
PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2024 UNAUDITED

	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Literature Resale	2,542.25	10,554.40
Bank Adjustments	-19.80	-19.80
Birthday Donations	130.00	792.65
Group Donations	18,235.80	70,339.30
Individual/Fellowship	327.75	3,801.37
Interest Earned	4.49	18.11
Literature Sales	8,346.40	43,901.59
Shipping and Delivery Income	-7.50	-15.00
Total Income	<u>29,559.39</u>	<u>129,372.62</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Literature Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	9,014.37	45,082.47
Cost of Literature Sold - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Cost of Literature Sold	<u>9,014.37</u>	<u>45,082.47</u>
Shipping / Misc. Adjustments	-228.45	-567.40
Total COGS	<u>8,785.92</u>	<u>44,515.07</u>
Gross Profit	<u>20,773.47</u>	<u>84,857.55</u>
Expense		
Accounting	0.00	3,910.00
Auto Expense (all Mgrs.)	78.52	319.68
Bank Charges	0.00	-32.00
Convention & Svs Event Expense	800.54	855.54
Copier Expense	260.56	554.15
Credit Card Expense	240.82	988.84
Freight and Shipping Costs	0.00	7.50
Insurances	160.67	885.17
Intergroup Expense	239.24	2,551.48
Internet Expense	177.06	708.99
Lease Expense	284.05	1,136.20
"LIFELINE" Expense	1,625.00	6,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	240.00	720.00
Offices' Supplies & Expenses	586.00	2,097.35
Payroll Tax Expense	1,145.97	4,284.23
Postage	17.68	153.68
Public Info Expense	320.00	480.08
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.02	0.00
Reimb. Health	500.00	2,000.00
Rent Main/Satellite Offices	4,018.00	16,461.08
Salaries	10,813.02	41,062.19
Special Events Expense	-70.00	1,057.46
Taxes & Licenses	100.00	120.00
Telephone Expense	385.47	1,542.63
Utilities	0.00	195.77
Volunteers Coffee & Water	49.50	149.00
Website Expense	358.99	1,442.95
Total Expense	<u>22,331.11</u>	<u>90,151.97</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,557.64</u>	<u>-5,294.42</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Purchase Discounts	0.00	717.82
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>717.82</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>717.82</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,557.64</u>	<u>-4,576.60</u>



June Word Search

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Complete the word search (these words from the *Big Book* or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonal), and make sure to include your name and phone number or email address. Take a picture of a word search you completed on paper, or take a screen shot of a word search you accessed electronically and used the markup or highlighter feature on your phone or computer, 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.

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Congratulations to April's winner, Benjamin C.!