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“Passing It On”

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Step 7

“Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings.”

“The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves toward others and toward God.” (Twelve and Twelve p76)

7th Step Prayer

“My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding. Amen.” (Alcoholics Anonymous p76)

Spiritual Principle

Humility

Tradition 7

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”



Step 8

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

“Every AA has found that he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake.” (Twelve and Twelve p 77)

Tradition 8

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

Spiritual Principle

Justice and Brotherly Love

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Welcome to the new Central Office Board Members: Sylvia M., Chairperson; Marilyn G., Co-Chairperson, Terry S., Treasurer; Michael B., Secretary; Vicki D., Literature & Chips and Central Office Coordinator; Sarah G., Fundraising; and Shirley M., Board Member.

52's CLUES

Congratulations to Danelle W. who won two tickets to the Trip Tip Fundraiser for the Central Coast Round-Up. The first prison to host an AA meeting was San Quentin. It was held in 1942.

Be the first to correctly answer the following question and win two tickets to the 4th of July Picnic Fun Day. What year was "The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous" first published as a paperback? E-mail nsagg98@yahoo.com with your answer.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- The meditation book, "Twenty-Four Hours A Day" was originally a set of cards that the author, Richmond Walker, carried in his pocket to help him in his sobriety. It was put into book form in 1948 and has sold over eight million copies.



5/1	Gary J.	31 years
5/1	Michael B.	6 years
5/3	Tom W.	15 years
5/5	Debra L.	17 years
5/7	Victor T.	28 years
5/8	Amber	1 year
5/10	Mario F.	5 years
5/13	Tom W.	15 years
5/17	Johanne C.	1 year
5/19	Jane A.	1 year
5/20	Ralph N.	23 years
5/23	Vicki D.	1 year
5/30	Erika	7 years
5/30	Stan C.	1 year
5/30	Angel F.	22 years
6/2	Karen H.	1 year
6/6	Nancy N.	1 year
6/6	Robert W.	26 years
6/10	Terry A.	10 years
6/20	Silvia	6 years
6/21	John G.	19 years
6/24	Gina S.	30 years
6/29	Layne H.	1 year

Monthly Service Meetings

1st Saturday of month: 10:00am
 Intergroup Committee (Central Office)
 1600 Club 324 West Cypress St. S.M.
3rd Saturday of month: 10:00am
 Central Coast Round-Up Meeting
 1600 Club 324 Cypress St., S.M.
2nd Sunday of month: 10:00am
 GSR meeting – location varies
 Call Yolanda M. 805-314-2092
3rd Thursday of month: 6:45pm
 North S.B. H&I Committee Meeting
 Freedom Group
 113 N. V St. Lompoc

District 52 Central Office Accounting Snapshot

<u>Donations</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>5/14</u>
Group		
Airport Group	80.00	160.00
Be A Blessing	75.00	
Freedom Group	-----	75.00
Golden Group	65.83	
Happy Hour Group	-----	100.00
New Beginnings	10.61	
Pyramid Group	25.00	
6 am Sickies	-----	130.88
SY Action Group	29.00	15.40
Wednesday Night Group	-----	<u>191.81</u>
Total Group	285.44	673.09
Individual		
Keith D.	10.00	10.00
Mark	-----	.99
Derrick B.	-----	.83
Danelle W.	20.00	-----
Victoria S.	.94	-----
Leslie R.	.62	-----
Ray	<u>.66</u>	-----
Total Individual	32.32	11.82
TOTAL Donations	<u>317.76</u>	<u>684.91</u>
INCOME TOTALS		
Group Donations	285.44	673.09
Individual Donations	<u>32.32</u>	<u>11.82</u>
Total Donations	317.76	684.91
Fundraiser Ticket Sales	1154.00	-----
TTL Sales	601.36	575.93
Total Sales & Donations	2073.12	1260.84
Bank Balance	2391.14	2678.40
Due in Less Than 30 Days		
Insurance	71.33	71.33
Cable/Phone/Internet	207.29	197.84
Answering Service	110.00	110.00
Rent	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL	738.62	729.17

Central Office Board of Directors

Chairman: Sylvia M.
Co-Chairman: Marilyn G.
Treasurer: Terry S.
Secretary: Michael B.
Literature & Chips: Vicki D.
Fundraising: Sarah G.
Member at Large
Shirley M.

Alcoholics Anonymous Website

www.aa.org
District 52 Website
www.aadistrict52.org
Central Office Website
www.aa52centraloffice.org

Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes April 5, 2014

Meeting called to order by Keith at 10:00am.

Attendees: Malia, Victoria, Sylvia, Robert, Michael, Paul, Lisa, Janey, David, Billy, Keith, Sarah, Terry, Shirley, Gerry, Diane, Kristin, Brian

Elections: Treasurer – Terry S. nominated and approved. Co-Chairman – no nominations; tabled until May meeting. Chairperson – Keith D. on month-to-month extension. No nominations; tabled until May mtg.

Keys: Samantha absent.

Secretary's Report: (Michael) March minutes/report approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (Terry) Donation of \$1100+ from the 52nd District Convention Committee deposited. Thank You note to be sent to CCR. Affirmed book order from Central Office misspent and returned is being re-sent (see Billy Report below); accounting for fundraiser not complete. Will have for next meeting. This IGR group now sound. Report was accepted.

IGR Reports: Melia (SMVG) struggling; Brian (FGAA) all is well in Lompoc; David (Golden) voting for new IGR, still breaking even, subletting some space; Gerry (Los Alamos) doing well, donation coming; Diane (Blessing) increasing, doing well.
52nd District Liaison: (Dave) attending PRAASA, called for meeting minutes – next month.

Convention Liaison Report: Gary W. absent, Sarah filling in. This year's theme is "Sunny Side of the Street". 5/10 fundraiser at SM Gun Club features a speaker, barbeque (\$10 cost), with auction. Event begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, auction closes at 7pm, speaker at 7:15. Tickets will go on sale shortly – please help. This year's convention will be 9/12-14 at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg.

Webmaster & Directories: (Robert) Agreed-to-changes made with updates, space available for Speaker Meetings. New Question: Could Robert confirm that all the meetings and groups listed do exist, so that we provide current info? YES.

After Hours & 12 Step Report: (Billy) Volunteers signing up, more needed. 4-1-1 and 2-1-1 info not yet available.

New Question: Can future deliveries of books and materials from Central Office be shipped to Billy's Office? YES

Literature & Chips: Samantha absent. (NOTE: We are out of many items due to mis-shipment; refer to comments).

New Question: Could this committee provide a cash stipend for gasoline to a committee member? Some discussion. Motion tabled until May.

Newsletter: Nancy absent.

Operations & Volunteers: Samantha absent.

Fundraising: (Sarah with Lisa reporting as well) financial report suggests we did very well. Terry to prepare final report. Venue was packed, excellent speakers. Thank you Lisa. Sarah planning for next year – suggestion to consider larger venue.

Old Business: Addendum to By-Laws – Motion to addend by-laws to create new positions of Fundraising Chair and Office Coordinator incl. Chips/Literature with language distributed to meeting attendees. Accepted.

New Business: David completed painting of Central Office. Paul installed cabinets, awaiting final touches. Desk installed. Thank you David, Paul and Billy. How do we get more groups involved in this Committee? Keith and Robert have ideas, postponed until May. Lisa proposes a photo archive on the wall of office. It was generally agreed that this is a good idea.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:06am.

Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes May 3, 2014

Attendees: Melia, Michael, Billy, Keith, Sarah, Terry, Janey, Gerry, Diane, Brian, Neil, Nancy N., Vicki
In the matter of Central Office Coordinator, Samantha withdrew and Vicki volunteered to fill the position. A motion was made and seconded. Vicki was approved as the new Central Office Coordinator. The proposed stipend for the Central Office Coordinator which was tabled from last meeting was rejected by vote.

Elections: (Continued from March meeting) Keith is on a month-to-month extension. No nominations. Co-Chair – no nominations. Both items tabled until June meeting.

Key Accounting: Vicki will take over this function. Moved and passed to grant Paul, a volunteer, an office key.

Secretary's Report: (Michael) April minutes/report approved and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: (Terry) A "Thank You" note will be sent to CCRU for their donation. Treasurer's report accepted.

IGR Report: Melia (SMVG) Improving, Brian (FGAA) Strong attendance/quarterly donations, Neil (GTAL) Strong attendance/quarterly donations, Sarah (HH) Good attendance/bi-monthly donations, Gerry (Los Alamos) Attendance picking up, Diane (Be A Blessing) Doing well, Michael (Pyramid Group) NO IGR, strong, quarterly donations.

52nd District Liaison: Dave absent.

Convention Liaison Report: (Gary W absent, Sarah filling in) Fundraiser next Saturday at Range. Tix \$10. This year's convention them is "Sunny Side of the Street" @ Veterans Memorial, September 12-14.

Webmaster & 12 Step Report: (Robert, absent, Billy filling in) Site has not been updated recently.

After Hours & 12 Step Report: (Billy) Volunteers are being sought, more are needed. 4-1-1 and 2-1-1 info not yet available. We endorse the idea that an actual member of AA answer these calls rather than an answering service, as a core element of our collective mission. Also, we could save \$110/mo. if we didn't use the answering service. Billy will investigate how many calls are taken by the Service at whatever hour so as to continue this discussion.

Operations & Volunteers: (Vicki) Submitted first report. Procedures for ordering books need to be reviewed. Billy recently ordered books in Spanish. Book orders/other materials still being received at Billy's Office.

Literature & Chips: See above. There are 20 additional copies of the 75th Anniversary 1st Edition en route.

Newsletter: (Nancy) Gerry won last 52's Clues contest. Got two tickets to fundraiser dinner.

Fundraiser: (Sarah) See you at 5/10 fundraiser. Next event is 7/4 BBQ.

Old Business: Addendum to By-Laws – Motion to addend By-Laws to create new positions of Fundraising Chair and Office Coordinator including Chips & Literature was accepted.

New Business: How increase IGR attendance at this meeting to be discussed at next meeting. Response to newsletter has been positive. Looks great, contest well-received, can be used for more.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08am

H.A.L.T.



**Don't make any decisions if you are
Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired!**

**New Central Office Board Elected
Outgoing Chairman, Keith D., Says Goodbye**

What an experience being of service in AA has been. I have a lot of years in Alcoholics Anonymous doing service work in other areas but nothing can compare to these past 5 years. I keep on learning more and more about the workings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

These past 5 years have been a blessing to me. I have been involved with the 52nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office. I was elected as Co-Chair on the Board of Directors for a term of 5 years. I had to fill in for the Chairperson the last few months of his commitment. I was then nominated and elected as the Chairperson. These two commitments were for a period of two years each. Being of service in these capacities has given me more insight into the workings of AA as a whole. I have thoroughly enjoyed having the experience of working on the Board of Directors and the Intergroup Representatives (IGR) in our District. Having had this experience in my sobriety has been very rewarding and nurturing for me.

I would like to thank all of the IGRs, Board Members, volunteers, and everyone else in our District for letting me be of service and giving me your support. I have been able to meet people I probably would not have been able to meet or work with otherwise.

I applaud Sylvia M., our new Chairperson, and Marilyn G., our new Co-Chair, for stepping up to be on the Board. Please welcome them with open arms. I will be available for them if they should need my help or to give them advice.

To all of the groups in the 52nd District, I suggest that you have a representative (IGR) attend the Central Office meetings once a month (the first Saturday). Your groups are the voice for the Central Office. Without support from the groups, there would be no Central Office to provide service to the community and to help out alcoholics. The Central Office not only supplies literature, but is available 24 hours a day for the ones still suffering by providing them with places and times of meetings. Please help support the Central Office.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Keith D., Outgoing Chairman

**Meeting Closure - Wednesday night,
7pm Santa Maria Valley Group**

**COME VISIT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE!
52nd District Central Office
500 S. Broadway St., Suite 114**

Stop by and pick up meeting directories, books, pamphlets, sobriety chips, and bumper stickers. Get info on upcoming conventions. We'd love to see you!

If you've got six months of continuous sobriety and a good working knowledge of the 12 Steps, volunteer to work in the office and keep those doors open! Call Vicki at 805-268-2397.

You can also check out our website (www.aa52centraloffice.org) for recordings of speakers, the Newsletter, meeting directories and other A.A. information.



**52nd District Central Office
4th of July Picnic Fun Day
Waller Park, Space 7
Will start serving at Noon**

**Bring a dish to share and your family
2 hot dogs and drinks for \$5.00
Games, Face Painting, 50/50 & a Pie Eating Contest!
Sign-up sheets at meetings.
Call Sarah G. at 805-266-0046 with questions.**

What's Happening in Central Office?

	<u>3/11 - 4/30/14</u>	<u>5/14</u>
AA Information Calls	20	17
12 Step Calls	6	6
Al-Anon Referrals	0	1
Office Walk-Ins	10	12
Out of Town Visitors	16	1
Chip Sales	207	279
Book Sales	35	33
Directory/Pamphlet Sales	253	34



THANKS TO THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE

**Arlene H, Billy N, Dixie F, Gerry W, Janey A, Nancy N,
Paul C, Rick P, Shirley M, Tina G, Tom W, Vicki D, and Wade W**

*God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the Courage to change the things I can,
and the Wisdom to know the difference.*

We'll Be Going Where???

- July 4** *4th of July Picnic Fun Day*
Waller Park, Space 7
12pm – Hot Dogs/Drinks \$5
Bring your family and a dish to share
- July 11-13** *Tehachapi Mtn. Roundup*
Write Ch., Box 800, Tehachapi, CA 93581
- July 17-20** *25th Annual Serenity in the Sierras*
Camp Richardson, S. Lake Tahoe, CA
Serenityinthesierras2014@hotmail.com
- Sept 12-14** *Central Coast Roundup, Veterans*
Memorial Hall, Santa Maria
www.centralcoastroundup.org
- Sept 26-28** *Sunlight of the Spirit – 63rd Southern*
California AA Convention with Al-Anon
Participation San Diego, CA
www.aasocal.com
- Oct 18** *1st Annual District 52 Chili Cook-Off*
Lutheran Church, 4725 S. Bradley,
Santa Maria



ADOPT A NIGHT

Share Your Experience, Strength
and Hope

- Who:** Group or Individual
What: After Hours Phone Service
When: One Evening a Week
Where: Wherever You Are
Why: Help a fellow alcoholic
 who calls when Central
 Office is closed.



Call Billy N. at 805-406-2312 to enhance your
sobriety.



Grab a Birthday Envelope from Central Office and donate a
dollar for every year of sobriety.



Negativity is my disease
asking me to come out and play.

SBNC Hospitals & Institutions Committee

Santa Barbara North County Hospitals & Institutions provides AA meetings and literature to those confined to hospitals, jails, prisons, and other facilities who request support from Alcoholics Anonymous. SBNC Hospitals & Institutions Committee serves the 52nd District and meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Freedom Group in Lompoc at 6:45pm.

A Fraction of a Fifth

I resented her for not loving me the way I thought she should.
I expected her to forego all her needs for me.
I was afraid that her attention toward my siblings meant she loved me less than them.
I judged her harshly for being human and not being able to fix me.

Today, without alcohol and with the Steps, I feel her loss.
Without the anger and fog of a besotted brain,
I see her clearly at last.....
A sometimes kind and loving woman who did the best she could.

I see my part and ache as I make amends to her ghost.
I am so sorry, Mom, I wish I'd been a better daughter.
But I promise you, that with AA's help,
I will be a better person.

Anonymous
Santa Maria

Bridging the Gap – Meet new members at a treatment program or correctional facility. Help them find meetings, introduce them to other AA's, make sure they get phone numbers, and help them find a sponsor. For more info, call Steve K. at 818-433-0257.



Speaker Meetings

Freedom Group Speakers – Lompoc (Friday, 8pm)

July 4	Mike N., Santa Barbara
July 11	Brittany D., Lompoc
July 18	Bob S., Lompoc
July 25	Sharon G., Lancaster
August 1	Tim W., Santa Barbara
August 8	Fred C., Goleta
August 15	Rorry S., Goleta
August 22	Stacy J., Lompoc
August 29	Discussion

Lompoc Valley Group Unity Speaker Meeting - Lompoc Alano Club, 119 N. "D" St. (Sunday, 4pm)

South County Speaker Meeting - (1st Saturday, 8pm, Arroyo Grande)

July	Debbie D., Concord
August	Keith D., SLO

Santa Maria Golden Group - (Saturdays, 8pm)

July 5	TBD
July 12	Bob T.
July 19	Ray T.
July 26	Herb M.
August 2	Bob H.
August 9	Robin O.
August 16	Kevin P.
August 23	TBD
August 30	Lee C.

Santa Maria Live - (4th Saturday, 8pm)

July 26	Mary B.
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Santa Maria Valley Group

1600 Club (Sunday, 7pm)

Solvang Action Group

Solvang Alano Club
(Saturday, 8pm)

Steering Committee Meetings

Freedom Group - 2nd Sunday of the month

Santa Maria Golden Group – 2nd Thursday of the month 6:30 PM

Santa Maria Valley Group – 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:45 PM

What are the 3 most dangerous words for an alcoholic? "I've been thinking."



For an hour or two to man the Central Office literature tables at the Central Coast Roundup on September 12-14. Also need volunteers to help set up and break down tables. Tables open:

Friday 3pm – 7pm

Saturday 8am – 5pm

Sunday 8am – 12pm

Call Vicki at 805-268-2397 and let her know when you can help.

*Everything seems fear-based
and it's a shame that's the case.
Why can't we just let things be
so we can live, happy, joyous and free.
We spend so much time dwelling on the past
while our lives slip away fast.
It's a simple Program you see,
the Twelve Steps are the key.
We admitted our lives were unmanageable,
that's when everything became tangible.
But the beauty in it all
is that we no longer have to let ourselves fall.
So don't be afraid of what lies ahead,
trust the Program is what they said.
Just give it a chance
And your life will surely enhance.*

Bre, Santa Maria

Principles Before Personalities!

EDITOR'S CORNER



Share your experience, strength and hope with others!
E-mail your material for the Newsletter to Nancy at:

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Or mail it to:

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