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52nd District

"Passing It On"

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Step 3

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

"Each one of us has had his own near-fatal encounter with the juggernaut of self-will, and has suffered enough under its weight to be willing to look for something better." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pp37-38

Tradition 3 (Long Form)

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Third Step Prayer

"God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy way of life. May I do Thy will always."

Step 4

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

"Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions p43

Tradition 4 (Long Form)

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

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***Time for a Change....Terms For Your Central Office Board of Directors Are Up
The Importance of the Principle of Rotation***

“Traditionally, rotation ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many groups have alternates to each trusted servant who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an A.A. office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth—a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us “to place principles before personalities.”

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. “status” at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise—we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.”

**The A.A. Group...Where It All Begins, p28
GSO pamphlet**

**Elections for Central Office Board of Directors - Saturday, March 5, 10am
1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress, Santa Maria**

All positions are available. If interested, please arrive at the meeting on Saturday, March 5th a few minutes early and put your name in for:

**Chairperson
Co-Chairperson
Central Office Coordinator
Treasurer
Member at Large**



It is time for me to pass the Newsletter on to another person. I have enjoyed working on it for the last two and a half years but, in the spirit of rotation, recognize that this position needs to be open to a new servant. If you are interested in doing the Newsletter, kindly contact me at nancyakapink@gmail.com. I would be happy to lend assistance to the next Newsletter person and answer any questions. It has been an honor.

Thanks,
Nancy N.

Service Opportunities

Volunteer for the Central Office Board of Directors

Come on March 5th at 10am at the 1600 Club and put your name in! Positions available are: **Chairperson, Co-Chair, Central Office Coordinator, Member at Large, and Treasurer.** Terms are for two years and the Central Office/IGR Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 10am at the 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress Avenue in Santa Maria. Board Meetings may be scheduled at the Chairperson's request.

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Come to a meeting and see what we're all about! The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13th at 10am at the Lompoc Freedom Group at 113 N. V Street, Lompoc. Everyone is welcome to attend! We've got a couple of positions available. **For further info contact Mark M. at 805-895-7224.**

Bridging the Gap

Help new members in treatment programs or correctional facilities find meetings in the community. 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.

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

Muhammad Ali

Become a 12 Step Volunteer and Help Alcoholics in Need!

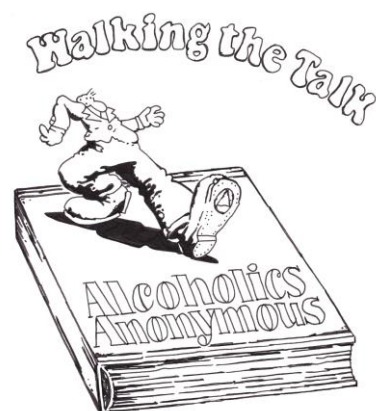
Volunteer to take calls for help and information from alcoholics. Your contact information will not be given to the caller. The answering service will take the caller's name and information and give it someone on the list who is in the same area and is of the same gender. If you are interested, kindly contact Vicki D. at 805-268-2397 for further information!

"Passing It On" Newsletter Editor Needed!

Enthusiasm and a desire to share your experience, strength and hope needed! Experience not necessary.

For more information, contact Nancy N. at nancyakapink@gmail.com

The next **2016 Roundup Meeting** will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 10am at the 1600 Club. Join us and help us plan this awesome event!!!



Got Some Spare Time?

Work in Central Office for a Couple Hours
a Week

Available times/days

Monday

9-10:30am; 12:30-1:30pm; 3:30-5pm

Tuesday

Anytime between 11am & 5pm

Wednesday

Anytime between 11:45am & 5pm

Thursday

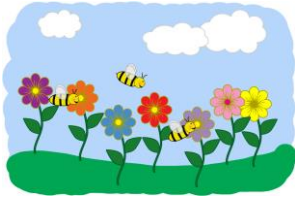
9-11am

Friday

9-11:45am; anytime between 1:15 & 5pm

Contact Vicki D. at 805-268-2397

Help Keep the Doors Open!



Some 52's Celebrating Anniversaries

12/26	Laura P.	9 years
1/01	Laura K.	25 years
1/01	Leonard F.	10 years
1/02	Peter B.	29 years
1/02	Sharon W.	6 years
1/04	Merilyn G.	33 years
1/04	Kathy F.	13 years
1/06	Mark M.	6 years
1/07	Joseph M.	6 years
1/08	Val	9 years
1/10	Dixie F.	35 years
1/11	Ted K.	17 years
1/12	David H.	29 years
1/13	Amy S.	3 years
1/15	Nancy	1 year
1/15	Kurt	1 year
1/18	Joanne W.	26 years
1/18	Mikey B.	36 years
1/19	Danelle	15 year
1/22	Amber C.	2 years
1/23	Jennifer	1 year
1/23	Jesse W.	1 year
1/23	Kevin G.	4 years
1/23	Shane P.	5 years
1/25	Peter B.	29 years
1/30	Sarah G.	10 years
2/03	Pablo	1 year
2/06	Shirley M.	42 years
2/05	Bob H.	41 years
2/07	Red C.	8 years
2/14	Mary Ann	36 years
2/16	Joleen	1 year
2/19	Darrin W.	20 years
2/20	Jack S.	20 years
2/23	Jesse W.	1 year

"If you could read my mind, I'm pretty sure you'd be traumatized for life," says almost everyone doing a first 4th Step.



Speaker Meetings

Freedom Group Speaker Meeting - 113 N. V St., Lompoc (Friday, 8pm)

Happy Hour Group – 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress (last Monday of the month, 5:30pm)

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

Orcutt Speaker Meeting - Orcutt Presbyterian Church, 993 Patterson Rd. (Second Saturday of the month, 7-8:15pm)

03/12	Debbie D.	Concord
04/04	Claire H.	Dublin
05/14	Michalene F.	San Diego

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

Santa Maria Golden Group – 500 S. Broadway, Suite 252 (Saturdays, 7pm)

Santa Maria Live – Bethel Lutheran Church, 624 E. Camino Colegio (4th Sat., Refreshments - 7:30pm, Speaker - 8pm)

Santa Maria Valley Group - 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress (Sunday, 7pm)

Solvang Action Group - Solvang Alano Club, 320 Alisal Rd. (Saturday, 8pm)

Women's Meeting – Freedom Group – 113 N. V St., Lompoc (4th Saturday, 10-11am)

Monthly Service Meetings

1st Saturday of month: 10:00am - Intergroup Committee (Central Office) 1600 Club 324 W Cypress Santa Maria

2nd Sunday of month: 10:00am - GSR meeting – location varies, Call Mark M. 805-895-7224

3rd Thursday of month: 6:45pm - No. S.B. H&I Committee Mtg. Freedom Group, 113 N. V St. Lompoc

3rd Saturday of month: 10:00am – Central Coast Roundup Committee, 1600 Club, 324 W Cypress Santa Maria

Proof of Attendance at A.A. Meetings

A.A. Guidelines - Cooperating with Court, DWI and Similar Programs (Rev. 9/15)

“The nature and extent of any group’s involvement in this process is entirely up to the individual group.”

“All involved recognize that neither the group nor the members are “bound” in any way by the signature, nor does this courtesy signify affiliation of the group with any other program. It simply illustrates cooperation.”

“AA does not provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.”

What’s Happening???

- March 4-6** PRAASA 2016
Spokane, Washington
www.PRAASA.org
See last page to Register.
- March 19** St. Patrick’s Day Dance
1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress, SM
- March 24-27** Living Serene 2016
San Diego Spring Round Up
www.SanDiegoSpringRoundUp.com

Steering Committee Meetings

- Freedom Group** - 2nd Sunday of the month, Lompoc, 1pm
Happy Hour – 1st Monday of even months, 1600 Club, 6:45pm
Santa Maria Golden Group – 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm
Santa Maria Valley Group – 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:45pm
Santa Ynez Valley Action Group – 3rd Saturday of the month, Alano Club, 10am

New Meeting in Orcutt Sunsetters

Meets Fridays at 6pm. It is a closed 11th Step Meditation Meeting and is being held at Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Avenue, Orcutt.



The Grapevine is turning 70 in June!!!



Pssst.....Pass the word!!!

Meeting at Keith D.’s House
Wednesdays at 7pm
811 Crilene Ct., Santa Maria



St. Patrick’s Day Dance and Pot Luck
Saturday, March 19th
1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress St, Santa Maria
Sponsored by Happy Hour Group

Keith D. is back home and recuperating. He can’t get out to meetings so we’re bringing the meetings to him! Please join us Wednesday nights at 7pm. All are welcome!

52nd District Central Office Happenings

Central Office Board of Directors

Chairperson: Sylvia M.
 Co-Chairperson: Marilyn G.
 Central Office Coordinator, Literature & Chips: Vicki D.
 Fundraising: Sarah G.
 Secretary: Veroneka
 Treasurer: Terry S.
 Member at Large: Nancy N.

Central Office Stats

	<u>Dec/Jan</u>
Calls	32
Office Walk-Ins	47
Book Sales	76
Chip Sales	49
Directories	110
Pamphlets	67
Misc.	6

Our Central Office Volunteers!

Carmel A, Kristina S., Lisa B., Mondo, Paul C., Susan M., Terry S., Tom W., Vicki D., Wade W.



IGRs Needed For the Following Groups:

Back to Basics Group
Golden Group
Lompoc Group
Pyramid Group
Solvang Men's Stag
Unity Group

An IGR attends the Central Office IGR Meeting the first Saturday of the month and brings his/her group's concerns, opinions, and vote on issues discussed during the meeting. Make sure your group is represented!

District 52 Central Office Accounting Snapshot

<u>Donations</u>	<u>12/15</u>	<u>1/16</u>
Group		
Goes to Any Length	-----	109.50
Golden Group	160.00	-----
Happy Hour	100.00	-----
Orcutt 6pm Meeting	104.65	-----
Pyramid Group	-----	77.00
6 A.M. Sickies	65.00	72.73
Wed. Night Mtg. of AA	55.00	-----
Women's Fresh Start	45.00	-----
Women's Book Study Group	-----	<u>25.00</u>
Total Group	529.65	284.23
Individual		
Bill M.	5.00	10.00
Carmel	5.00	10.00
Charles H.	100.00	100.00
Danelle W.	20.00	20.00
Patrick S.	5.00	-----
Wade W.	<u>20.00</u>	-----
Total Individual	155.00	140.00
Misc. & Change Donations	6.43	5.66
Total Donations	691.08	429.89
Total Sales	<u>300.33</u>	<u>548.14</u>
Total Sales & Donations	991.41	978.03
End of Month Balance	3841.53	3583.17



As the current Central Office Board of Directors and the Newsletter Editor complete their terms, our A.A. Community is in need of people to replace them. Central Office supplies groups with literature and chips. The IGR/Central Office meeting allows groups to bring concerns to a forum. The Newsletter informs us of what is happening in our District. Please come forward and share your experience, strength and hope in one of these positions. It could change your life!