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52nd District

“Passing It On”

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Step 5

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

“Without fearless admission of defects, few could stay sober.” Twelve and Twelve pg 6

“Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. We can look the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator.” BB p 75

Tradition 5

“Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

**“It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away.”
Twelve and Twelve pg 151.**



Step 6

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Tradition 6

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

“We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try.” Twelve and Twelve pg 157

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52's CLUES

And the March/April winner is....Gerry, who correctly guessed that Richard Nixon received the one millionth copy of "The Big Book." I hear Gerry's buddy, Dax, enjoyed those tri-tip dinners!

Be the first to correctly answer the question below and win 2 tickets to the Central Coast Round-Up Fundraiser on 5/10.

- What is the name of the first prison which held A.A. meetings and in what year?

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- The first A.A. women's prison group met at Clinton Farms in Clinton, NJ in March of 1944.
- Serenity Cottage, where Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr wrote the "Serenity Prayer," is located in Heath, Mass. and is now a vacation rental.
- "The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous" was first published as a paperback in 1986.



3/1	Jim T.	34 years
3/4	Robert S.	5 years
3/6	Todd	9 years
3/12	Lynn M.	25 years
3/15	Trish S.	35 years
3/19	Arlene	18 years
3/20	Jim S.	34 years
4/6	Susanne N.	25 years
4/7	Shauna C.	3 years
4/11	Liz R.	4 years
4/15	Beverly T.	23 years
4/18	Victoria S.	4 years
4/18	Malieh	2 years

Monthly Service Meetings

1st Saturday of month: 10:00am
 Intergroup Committee (Central Office)
 1600 Club 324 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

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 Tuesday of the month 6:30 PM

District 52 Central Office Accounting Snapshot

<u>Donations</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>
Group		
6am Sickies Group	173.07	220.37
Happy Hour Group	.06	200.00
Pyramid Group	-----	50.00
SY Action Group	-----	40.69
Wed. Night Meeting of AA	4.60	-----
Golden Group	1.99	36.16
Be A Blessing	<u>85.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total Group	314.72	622.22
Individual		
David S.	2.00	
Keith D.	10.00	10.00
Nancy N.	.27	
Janice	.71	
Gerry	1.00	1.08
Danelle W.	20.00	40.00
Jennifer G.	1.32	
Chris	.59	
Felina	.67	
Bob H.	1.00	
April H.	-----	20.00
Cody C.	-----	0.69
Kevin	-----	0.66
Victoria S.	-----	<u>0.57</u>
Total Individual	36.89	73.00
TOTAL Donations	351.61	695.22
INCOME TOTALS		
Group Donations	314.72	622.22
Individual Donations	36.89	73.00
CCRU Donations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1126.00</u>
Total Donations	351.61	1821.22
Fundraiser Ticket Sales	140.00	640.00
TTL Sales	<u>1487.61</u>	<u>221.49</u>
Total Sales & Donations	1979.22	2682.71
Bank Balance	2392.73	2274.82
Due in Less Than 30 Days		
Insurance	68.00	0.00**
Cable/Phone/Internet	396.00	199.00
Answering Service	110.00	110.00
Rent	350.00	350.00
Literature Order*	1579.70	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	2503.70	659.00
RECEIVABLES	317.12	211.12

*Includes all 75th Annual Big Book Sales

**Payment Already Made

Central Office Board of Directors

Stand-In Chairman: Keith D.
Stand-In Co-Chairman: Billy N.
Stand-In Treasurer: Terry S.
Co-Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Michael B.
Interim Literature & Chips: Vicki D.
Fundraising: Sarah G.

Board Member

Shirley M.

Central Office Board Meetings

Every 4th Wednesday of the month
5:15pm Starbucks in Food Max Shopping Center South Broadway
& McCoy

Alcoholics Anonymous Website

www.aa.org

District 52 Website

www.aadistrict52.org

Central Office Website

www.aa52centraloffice.org

Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 1, 2014

Meeting called to order by Keith at 10:03am

Keys: All keys are accounted for; 16 of 19 distributed.

Secretary's Report: (Michael) January report corrected and then approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Wade) Book pre-payment status okay to mix regular funds for literature purchase. See report for payments and donations. Insurance payment will be a down-payment with monthly installments. The account has a balance of \$952.

IGR Reports: Jeff (Airport Group): No longer overflow attendance but still strong. Jeff must resign. Tom (Goes to Any Length Group): Sitting in, steady; finances good. Marlene (MNVG): Financial review underway – okay. Disruptive member issues. Donations by next month. Dave (Golden Group): Needs IGR. Steady but lower; payments to be held for two months for moving expenses. Same disruptive member – Restraining Order. Note: May 16-18 will be South County SLO Men's Retreat.

52nd District Liaison: (Dave) Current Balance: \$1784.35. Budget tabled. March and May meetings being moved. Next meeting in Solvang at Alano Club on Alisai Rd. at 10am on 2/9/14. 52nd District Convention to be held in September 2014.

Webmaster & Directories Report: (Robert) Making changes to meeting schedule. Any word on new meeting at the Maverick **After Hours & 12**

Step Report: (Billy) Still putting lists together, almost complete. Decision made to start fresh with new, updated volunteer info by group. Group info by night, by week of month. Each group should have a coordinator. IGRs to ask group input. 10 copies of kit now available with 20 copies of procedures, calling instructions and directories. Ready to go. Question whether we should be listed in 411 and 211?

Fundraising: (Sarah) Lisa made presentation. 9 year anniversary event on 3/29/14. Tickets go on sale 2/14/14. Tix will be \$10 for dinner but event is free. Dinner at 6pm, Doug to cook. Will include an auction – donations of items requested (not garage sale). Location is Lutheran Church at 4725 Bradley in Orcutt. Next meeting in March at Pappy's. Saloon in Santa Ynez? Sunday morning?

Central Office Intergroup 2/14 Meeting (Cont'd)

Old Business: Elections coming up. Need new Chairperson, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and 5th Board Member. Volunteers; unity in office.

New Business: Motion to amend by-laws to create new positions of Fundraising Chair and Office Coordinator incl. Chips/Literature. PASSED, with language and final approval of positions to follow in March.

Painting of office tabled until March. Someone needs to notify Owners of our intentions.

Keith suggested and discussed selling AA related bumper stickers at office for \$3. Motion made to accept. PASSED. Discussed cost of toner and paper at office. Motion made to allow volunteers only to make copies using the printer. Others to pay \$.25 per copy. A can and log sheet are to be provided.

Billy is the 52nd District Convention Liaison.

Donation Basket: Passed around.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes Saturday, March 1, 2014

Meeting called to order by Keith at 10:00am

Keys: All keys accounted for; 16 of 19 distributed. One to be returned.

Elections: Chairperson – no candidate available at this time, MOVE to table election of Chairman until next meeting with Keith continuing in this position. PASSED. **Co-Chairperson** – Terry nominated and seconded. PASSED. **Treasurer** – no candidate available at this time, MOVE to table election of Treasurer until next meeting with Wade continuing in this position. PASSED. MOVED and PASSED that Bill will act as **Co-Treasurer**. **5th Board Member** – Shirley nominated, seconded and PASSED. **Fundraiser Chairperson** – Sarah nominated, seconded and PASSED.

Key Volunteers: (Samantha) 2 volunteers do not have keys because they only have 6 months sobriety. Acting as whole, Committee MOVED Samantha by her discretion, under her responsibility, could issue keys to volunteers who do not otherwise meet requirements (1 year of sobriety to hold key). However, such volunteers must still come before the Committee for ratification as per normal policy.

Secretary's Report: (Michael) February minutes/report approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Wade) 88 copies of 1st Edition Big Book reprint sold. Order placed; cash received and accounted for. Samantha to coordinate distribution when books arrive in April. Liability Insurance paid \$291, with \$68 to be paid monthly. \$140 collected for fundraiser ticket sales. Detailed report includes donations and other items. Sales taxes for 2013 paid. MOVE to accept report – PASSED.

IGR Reports: Gary (Airport Group) – still good. Media (SMVG) – hard time making rent. John (Goes to Any Length Group) – doing well. Sylvia (Lion's Den) – members down but doing well. Jeff (6AM) – great. Terry (Blessing & Happy Hour) – increasing; good. Cheryl (Acton, Solvang) - doing well. David (Golden Group) – down but stable.

52nd District Liaison: (Dave) Missed meeting, will catch up next month.

Webmaster & Directories: (Robert) Agreed to remove Word.doc from website; all.pdf instead. Links for Speakers.

Central Office Intergroup 3/14 Meeting (Cont'd)

After Hours & 12 Step Report: (Billy) Now in Excel, kits done. Groups adopting nights of week not working out. Still need volunteers. 4-1-1 and 2-1-1 listing info not done.

Operation & Volunteers: (Samantha) Paul and Rick are new volunteers and will request keys per KEY item above.

Literature & Chips: Books all priced. Note: Bumper stickers are for sale.

Newsletter: (Nancy) Birthdays added. Contest!

Fundraising: (Sarah) 9 Year Anniversary Fundraiser event coming on March 29, 2014. Location is Lutheran Church, 4725 Bradley in Orcutt. \$10 for dinner but Speaker Meeting is free. Tri-tip Dinner at 5 – 6pm with Woody as cook. Still need donation items to Auction. Subcommittee meeting 3/22 @ Pappy's. Please help sell tickets.

Old Business: Addendum By-Laws – Motion to addend By-laws to create new positions of Fundraising Chair and Office Coordinator including Chips/Literature with language and final approval of positions to follow. Language and vote tabled until April. David to paint office – Samantha to coordinate. Bill donated newer desk.

New Business: 52nd District Convention Liaison: Nominated Jerry, seconded and PASSED.

Donation Basket: Passed around.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

ADOPT A NIGHT

Share Your Experience, Strength
and Hope

Who: Group or Individual
What: After Hours Phone Service
When: One Evening a Month
Where: Your Home
Why: Help a fellow alcoholic
who calls when Central
Office is closed.

Call Billy N. at 805-406-2312 for
information.



FEAR

False Evidence Appearing Real

**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.**

Are A.A. Conventions and Their Committees A.A.??

I have noticed some discussion in our 52nd District on the topic of A.A. Conventions and their Committees. Some are of the opinion that Conventions and the committees supporting them are not really technically A.A. I have heard both sides of the discussion and it has sparked much conversation amongst my peers. I decided to do a little research on my own and turned to the A.A. Service Manual (p42). I also found a great six-page document put out by the G.S.O. called

“A.A. Guidelines Conferences, Conventions and Roundups

“A.A. Guidelines are compiled from the shared experience of A.A. members in various areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). In keeping with our Tradition of Autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conscience.”

WHY HAVE AN A.A. CONVENTION?

It's clear that A.A. get-togethers beyond the group have become an established part of A.A. life. The calendar of events in any Box 4-5-9 or in the Grapevine shows conventions, conferences, and roundups that are being held by A.A.s. (www.aagrapevine.org/calendar)

What makes an A.A. convention click for its participants? It's probably not style or form that matters so much as the spirit and feeling behind it. As one member puts it, the best A.A. convention is “just a darned good A.A. meeting blown up big.” Just watch enthusiastic members at any A.A. convention and you'll get what he means. The atmosphere alone is worth the trip. Here you'll find fellowship, laughter, warmth, and understanding – “heaped up, pressed down, and running over.”

Above are a couple of excerpts from page 1 of the 6 page document. As noted above, the Guidelines exist for the purpose of assisting in an informed Group Conscience. See online at http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/mg-04_conferenceandconv.pdf.

I think that as long as a convention and its committee abide by the 12 Traditions, including not taking any outside contributions, there is really no issue. But...fortunately, my opinion is not what counts. I simply would encourage whomever is interested to read the above literature, and like I must remind myself from time to time...Keep in mind Rule #62

I Love Alcoholics Anonymous!
Kevin G.



THANKS TO THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE
Arlene H, Billy N, Dixie, Gerry, Janey, Lisa B, Nancy N, Paul C, Shirley M, Tom W, Vicki D, and Wade W
And a special thank you to Samantha who gave her all to coordinating the volunteers and overseeing the office until recently.

What's Happening in Central Office?

2/1/14 – 3/10/14

AA Information Calls	116
12 Step Calls	4
Al-Anon Referrals	2
Office Walk-Ins	55
Out of Town Visitors	6
Chip Sales	10
Book Sales	58
Directory/Pamphlet Sales	10

Resentments are like stray cats - if you don't feed them, they'll go away.



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.

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.

52nd District Central Office

Stop by and pick up your meeting directories, books, pamphlets, sobriety chips, and bumper stickers. Get info on upcoming conventions. We're located at 500 S. Broadway St., Suite 114

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

If you've got six months 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.



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

We'll Be Going Where???

5/16-5/18/14 **15th Annual South County Men's Spiritual Retreat**
Tar Springs Ranch, Huasna Road
Early registration (by 5/10) \$45.00;
Late registration \$55.00
For info, call: Archie 931-0601;
Esteban 260-6259;
Armando 714-9074
No one will be turned away due to lack of funds – there is always an opportunity for service.





Speaker Meetings

- Freedom Group Speakers – Lompoc (Friday, 8pm)**
 May 2 Todd B., San Ynez
 May 9 Tommy G., Solvang
 May 16 Stacy J., Lompoc
 May 23 Tim W., Santa Barbara

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

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

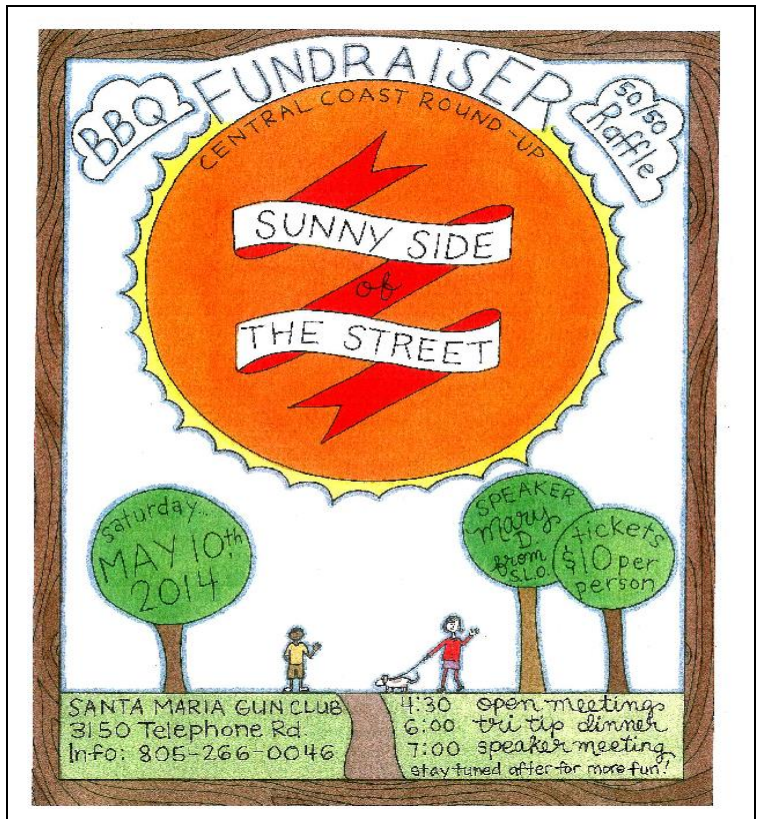
Santa Maria Golden Group - (Saturdays, 8pm)

Santa Maria Live - (4th Saturday, 8pm)
 May TBD
 June Linda S., Ventura

Santa Maria Valley Group
 1600 Club (Sunday, 7pm)

Solvang Action Group
 Solvang Alano Club
 (Saturday, 8pm)

Women's Meeting – Freedom Group
 Lompoc (4th Saturday, 10-11am)



*As I stand in front of the mirror
 Finally with my green eyes clear,
 I'm amazed at what I see,
 It's really a sober me.
 A tear rolls down my face
 For I am so happy I found this place.
 I wasn't sure how I could cope,
 But you guys gave me so much hope.
 Somewhere I didn't have to pretend,
 And you promised to love me to the end.
 So here I am today,
 With knowledge of a better way.
 I no longer have to live in the delusion,
 For you guys have shown me the solution.
 Just take it one day at a time,
 And believe in something Divine.
 Bre, Santa Maria*

SAVE THE DATE

- May 10th** Fundraiser - Central Coast Round-Up. Santa Maria Gun Club - see flyer above
July 4th Central Office BBQ, Waller Park
Sept 12-14 Central Coast Roundup, Veterans Memorial Hall, Santa Maria
October 1st Annual District 52 Chili Cook-Off

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

EDITOR'S CORNER



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

nsagg98@yahoo.com

Or mail it to:

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Principles Before Personalities