



## 52<sup>nd</sup> District

# "Passing It On"

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## Central Office...At A Glance

The Central Office enables AA members to take 12 Step commitments either at the office, or after hours remotely from the convenience of their own home. Such commitments mean life itself to the AA member as well as the alcoholic reaching out for help.

The meeting directory is kept up to date. Copies are made available at cost, and free to newcomers that stop by the office. The directory is also posted at the District website, and also on the Central Office website [www.aa52centraloffice.org](http://www.aa52centraloffice.org)

Books, pamphlets, and sobriety chips are available.

Notices of upcoming conventions are often received at the Central Office and are made available to those who are interested.

Convenient mailing labels are available for meeting treasurers to easily send donations to General Service, Area 93, District 52, H&I, and the Central Office.

There is a coffee pot, TV, DVD and VCR, a computer with internet access, as well as plenty of literature to enable volunteers to make the best of their time at the office.

We are conveniently located blocks away from the Courthouse, the 1600 Club, the Alano Club, and several recovery houses.

We are wheel chair and disabled accessible.

The office is managed by the Intergroup Committee and volunteers.

Questions about the committee and office can be directed to Billy N. at 937-9160 or to your meeting IGR.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcomed. Contact Keith D. at 937-6015 or email to [kbdiamond@verizon.net](mailto:kbdiamond@verizon.net), mark in subject box (newsletter).

### Central Office Board of Officers

Chairman – Keith D.  
Co-Chair Mac M.  
Treasurer – Wade W.  
Secretary - Liese E.  
Co-Secretary – Lisa M.  
5<sup>th</sup> Board member – Virgie V.

I'd like to think that I paid for my seat in these rooms, but when I did the Steps, I came to realize that really it's my family, my colleagues, and my friends that paid for my seat in these rooms.

### It's vacation time!!



### Alcoholics Anonymous Website

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

District 52 Website

[www.aadistrict52.org](http://www.aadistrict52.org)

Central Office Website

[www.aa52centraloffice.org](http://www.aa52centraloffice.org)



Acceptance and faith are capable of producing 100 percent sobriety. In fact, they usually do; and they must, else we could have no life at all. But the moment we carry these attitudes into our emotional problems, we find that only relative results are possible. Nobody can, for example, become completely free from fear, anger, and pride.

Hence, in this life we shall attain nothing like perfect humility and love. So we shall have to settle, respecting most of our problems, for a very gradual progress, punctuated sometimes by heavy setbacks. Our old-time attitude of "all or nothing" will have to be abandoned.

"God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference"

We treasure our "Serenity Prayer" because it brings a new light to us that can dissipate our old-time and nearly fatal habit of fooling ourselves.

In the radiance of this prayer we see that defeat, rightly accepted, need be no disaster. We now know that we do not have to run away, nor ought we again try to overcome adversity by still another bulldozing power drive that can push up obstacles before us faster than they can be taken down.

(from Grapevine, March, 1962)

My disease wants me dead. But, it will settle for low-grade misery. My job is to not give my disease what it wants, but to focus on my recovery. Because my recovery absolutely insists on being happy, joyous, and free.

## AA SPOKEN HERE

By 1950, this one big question remained unanswered: Could we communicate overseas? Could AA transcend the barriers of race, language, religion, culture, and wars? What about the Norwegians, the Swedes, the Danes, and the Finns? What about the Dutch, the Germans, the French, the English, the Scots, and the Israelis? How about the Africans, the Boers, the Aussies, the Latins, the Japanese, the Hindus, and the Mohammedans?

So Lois and I wondered a lot as we headed for Europe and Britain to see ourselves that year. The moment we alighted in Norway, we *knew that AA Could and would go everywhere*. We understood not one word of Norwegian. Scenes and customs alike were new and strange to us. Yet there was a marvelous communication from the first moment. There was an incredible sensation of oneness, of being completely at home. The Norwegians were our people. Norway was our country too. They felt the same about us. It shone on their faces.

As we journeyed from land to land, we had the same magnificent adventure in kinship, over and over again. In Britain, we met with the most wonderful love and understanding. In Ireland, we were at one with the Irish. Everywhere, everywhere, it was the same. This was something much greater than people cordially meeting people. This was no merely interesting comparison of mutual experiences and aspirations. This was far more; this was the communication of heart to heart in wonder, in joy, and in everlasting gratitude. Lois and I then knew that AA could circle the globe – and it has.

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Bill W.

July, 1960, reprinted in The Language of the Heart

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NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
**AA Central Office**

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Guadalupe, Lompoc, Los Alamos, Los Olivos, Orcutt, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Solvang

### Can you Volunteer?

Would you like to help save someone's life? VOLUNTEER!!

#### Central Office Volunteers Needed

- Volunteer at Central Office. If you have six months or more of continuous sobriety and would like volunteer for a shift at Central Office, we can use your help.

The doors have to be open for us to help carry the message.

The most important words a suffering alcoholic will hear when they reach out for help are, "Alcoholics Anonymous... May I help you?" Our phones need to be answered when someone makes the call that will ultimately help save their lives.

And when a recovering alcoholic is traveling and needs directions to a meeting, Central Office is the one that often gets the call. Be the one that helps that alcoholic find the meeting that they might so desperately need.

When someone who is new to A.A. wants to purchase A.A. literature or, when an A.A. group needs to restock their own supply of A.A. literature, there has to be someone there to sell them that literature.

Central Office also maintains and distributes A.A. meeting schedules without which, no one would be able to find the location and times of A.A. meetings in District 52. When a member, either new to the area or A.A. itself, stops in to get a meetings list, or a group member stops in to pick up a stack of them for their home group, someone has to be there to distribute these meeting lists.

These are all valuable services that the Central Office provides to the A.A. community. Come join the Central Office staff to insure that these services continue to be available to the A.A. community and that every suffering alcoholic who reaches out for help finds the message of hope.

**Call 805-925-3782** Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 5:00PM for more information.

Sincerely,

Central Office Staff

## Word Scrabble Recovery Quiz

Twelve Steps Traditions Honesty	Amends Mental Obsession Powerless	Suggestion Willing Admitted Chips	Positive Thinking Meeting Read
T	W	I	L
H	R	E	A
I	P	A	A
N	O	M	D
K	W	E	M
I	E	N	I
N	R	D	T
G	L	S	T
A	E	B	E
A	S	A	D
V	S	N	O
S	U	G	G
	E	S	T
	I	O	N
	A	P	

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver, an alcoholic, a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking alcoholic driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylight out of me." The passenger said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's my entire fault, today is my first day driving a cab, I've been driving sa hearse for the last 25 years."

Sent in from Shirley M.



Thanks to these volunteers for their service in The Central Office

Mondays 10AM to 1PM – Bill P.                      Wednesdays 3PM to 5PM - Billy N.  
Mondays 3PM to 5PM – Terry S.                      Thursdays 10AM to 1PM – Lisa B.  
Tuesdays 9AM to 10AM – Michelle M.                      Thursdays 1PM to 3:15PM - Tom W.  
Tuesdays 10AM to 11:15AM – Raquel T.                      Thursdays 3:15PM to 6PM – Wade W.  
Tuesdays 11:15AM to 2PM – Lisa B.                      Fridays 9AM to 1PM – Phil H.  
Wednesdays 10AM to 1PM – Gerry W.                      Fridays 1PM to 4PM – Virgie V.  
Wednesdays 1PM to 3PM – Shirley M.                      Saturdays (no volunteers)

If you should see these people, tell them thanks for doing a great job.

What is happening in the Central Office

**May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 14, 2013**

AA information calls----- 48  
Chip Sales ----- 4  
Office Walk-ins ----- 8  
Book Sales ----- 11  
Out of Town Visitors ----- 1  
12 Step Calls ----- 1  
Al-Anon Referrals ----- 6

**Your 52<sup>nd</sup> District Intergroup Central Office is open for business**

Our Central Office has recently made considerable improvements and additions that I am very happy about. We now have an ample supply of new AA approved literature in stock. We also have over 1000 sobriety chips from 24 hours to 42 years on hand for purchase. Single copies of the meeting directory are available for free, and packs are available for a small fee. We have also added a used book section where we stock good condition pre-owned books that we sell for half price. We are also in the process of compiling an AA reference section that can be utilized visiting the office. It currently consists of over a dozen books. A new Personal Computer with internet access has been added for guest use. Our bulletin board always has information on nearby special events and functions. Tickets to local functions are usually available here also.

Our Central Office has always had financial limitations compared to nearby Central Offices. We ask that you consider your Central Office for your recovery needs prior to making the trip to another office. We will do our best to keep in stock all essential material to assist in your continued sobriety.

We have a great group of office volunteers, participating Intergroup Representatives, and the 52<sup>nd</sup> District Board that supports our office. At the time of this article, the office is staffed 24 hours per week. Our goal is to have the office open 44 hours per week. This is certainly achievable given the vast amount of sobriety in the area and the great service commitment it has to offer. We are not a glum lot, and always in need of additional office volunteers. As a volunteer you can have a specific weekly shift(s) or in the near future we will compile a "standby" or "on-call" list, in case of infrequent weekly shift volunteer schedule conflicts.

Similar to other Central Offices, we have enhanced the office, gave it more of a "bookstore" type of setup and feel, similar to other Central Offices. We are located at 500 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA. Stop by, we can't wait to see you!!

I can be reached at 805-268-6722 & philhsmxyahoo.com

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Regards,

Phil H.

Save this date for The Central Coast Round-Up

**Nov. 8, 9, 10, 2013**

This year's theme: There Is A Solution

Radisson Hotel 3455 Skyway Dr.  
Santa Maria, CA.

For more information contact:

Erika W. 805-714-2480 or  
Heidi H. 805-478-1445

**After Hours Phone Service  
Opportunities Available**



Be of service from the comfort of your own home! You can now have the Central Office transferred to your home after hours. It's simple! It's easy! And you simply press a few numbers to transfer it back to the Central Office the following morning.

Shifts are flexible to fit your schedule. The commitment is for 6 months. So, if you have a night of the week when you are normally home, why not be of service!

**What you need!**

- A night you will be home
- At least 6 months of sobriety
- Willingness to be of service

**What you get!**

- A 12 Step package will be mailed to you which includes simple phone instructions, suggestions for handling the phone calls and connecting the caller with people on the 12 Step list if necessary, **confidential** 12 step contact lists of men and women in the Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Ynez Valley areas and a current 52<sup>nd</sup> District meeting list.
- An opportunity to be of service

**For info or to schedule a night:**

**Contact:**

**Billy N. 805-937-9160 or**

**Email: billy@daymakers.com**

**Estimates of Groups and Members  
as of January 1, 2013<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Members</b>
United States	59,321	1,295,656
Canada	5,093	93,071
Sub-Total	64,414	1,388,727
Correctional facilities <sup>2</sup>	1,499	36,838
Internationalists	3	15
Lone Members	0	67
Total	65,913	1,425,647
Outside U.S. & Canada <sup>3</sup>	48,726	705,902
Grand Total	114,642	2,131,549

"I told myself when it got "that bad", I'd do something about it. Then I found myself in the middle of "that bad," and I couldn't do anything about it."

**Announcing a New Book from Grapevine**

**One on One**

AA Sponsorship in Action

One on One speaks to the joys and challenges of sponsorship as members relate their personal stories.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

Bridging the Gap is a wonderful service that helps alcoholic's find AA meetings the day they leave a treatment program or correctional facility. The way each group is set up differs depending on the area. They sometimes go by a different name, but it's usually made up of volunteer AA members who sign up to contact new members, meet them at the door of the facility or at an AA meeting, introduce them to other AA's, make sure they get phone numbers, and try to help them find a sponsor. In the following story you will hear how one shares their 'Bridging the Gap' experience.

## THE SWEET SMELL OF FREEDOM

I WAS an alcoholic who drank a lot and went to jail a lot. And here I was again, sitting in jail, wondering how I was going to stop this endless cycle my life was on. I was still escaping with whatever I could get my hands on to help ease the pain inside of me.

One night, there was a woman from the outside attending the AA meeting we had in our unit. I had not seen a woman out of uniform in a long time, so I decided to go to the meeting. Once inside the meeting, for the first time in many years I could smell the world outside. But as many of us AAs know, I slowly started to hear the message and hope started to grow within me. I met lots of wonderful volunteers over the next few years, and I managed to do the Steps while locked up.

I am pleased to say that AA taught me how to stay sober on the inside, and I left the jail with two and a half years of sobriety. I can proudly say that 11 plus years later, I have the great pleasure of returning to that facility to carry the message to men and women who are just like me. Words cannot express my gratitude.

Wade J.

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Sandy, Utah

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## Steering Committee Meetings

SMV Group - 2nd Tuesday of every month  
SMG Group - 2nd Thursday of every month

## Regular Meetings

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



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## 52<sup>nd</sup> District Central Office Intergroup Meeting

**May 4, 2013**

All 5 chairpersons present, 7 IGR's present. Meeting called to order at 10AM. Agenda voted on for approval. Introductions were made around the room. The going out Secretary could not make it to the meeting so, no minutes were read. Treasurer's Report was made by Wade W. Past month was looking up, new computer installed with software, donations are up. Literature sales \$440.00, Inventory \$1200.00, Liability \$1061.00 (rent, Internet, phone), with current balance \$860.00. Webmaster & Directory Report - Billy N. reported directories are up to date. After Hours & 12 Step Report by Billy N., is falling through the cracks. Literature & Chips Report by Phil H., reports that inventory is on hand. Newsletter report by Keith D. Newsletter is out and on the website. Old Business - Lisa B. reported is on track for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraiser. The Newsletter was voted with a new title. It is now called "Pass It On". Doug T. reported sending Keith D. a report for the Newsletter. New Business - A suggestion was made to have this meeting moved around to other towns in the District. Mac is moving to Santa Barbara in the near future, so we will be in need of a Co-Chair for the Board of Directors. Meeting was closed at 11 AM with a closing prayer.

## Profanity in Meetings

What does our literature say about the use of profanity in our meetings?

Bill W. in EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH 7 HOPE, PAGE 3. "Anything from the point of view of content or style that might offend or alienate those who are not familiar with the program should be carefully eliminated... profanity even when mild, rarely contributes as much as it detracts. It should be avoided."

April 1944 Central Bulletin: we believe that obscene or off-color stories as well as foul language are entirely out of place in our meetings which are opened and closed with a prayer. It is scarcely believable that such incidents are customary in any group and we feel sure that abuses will be corrected by the leaders of the offended and offending groups.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT from Central Office

May 2013 52 DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE

Donations		
6 AM Sickles Group	\$243	
Woman's Book Study	\$35	
Danille	\$20	
Board	\$22	
TTL Donations	\$319	
TTL Sales	\$159	
Sales & Donations	\$478	
Bank Bal	\$540	
Outstanding chks/debt	\$327	
Inventory		
Chips	\$894	412
LP	\$641	580
Used	\$157	0
TTL Inventory	\$1,692	\$992
Due in less than 30		
CABLE PHONE INTERNET	\$199	past due
CABLE PHONE INTERNET	\$199	
ANSWERING SERV	\$110	
RENT	\$350	
INSURANCE	\$62	
General Office PO	\$300	past due/debt card not charge to bank as of 5/23
TTL	\$1,219	
Receivables	\$611	

## Speaker Meetings

### Freedom Group

(Friday, 8PM, Lompoc)

July 5 – Fernando B. - Studio City, CA  
July 12 – Melvin M. - Pacoima, CA  
July 19 – Kevin D. - Atascadero, CA  
July 26 – TBA  
Aug. 2 - Cheryl G. - Oxnard, CA  
Aug. 9 – Susie B. - Buellton, CA  
Aug. 16 – Danny G. – Oxnard, CA  
Aug. 23 – Shaun B. – Lompoc, CA  
Sept. 6 – Richard B. – Lompoc, CA

### South County Speaker Meeting

(1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8PM, Arroyo Grande)

July 6 – Karl M. – Covina, CA  
Aug. 2 – Jack – San Luis Obispo, CA  
Sept. 4 – Steve I. – Los Angeles, CA

### Santa Maria Valley Group

(Sunday, 7PM, 1600 Club)

July 7 – Natalie B. – Santa Maria, CA  
July 14 – Darren P. – Santa Barbara, CA  
July 21 – TBA  
July 28 – Lee C. – Santa Maria, CA  
Aug. 4 – Andre M. – Glendale, CA  
Aug. 11 – Shannon S. – Santa Maria, CA  
Aug. 18 – TBA  
Aug. 25 – Amber N. – Santa Maria, CA

### Santa Maria Golden Group

None available at this time

### Santa Ynez Action Group

(Saturday 8PM, Solvang Alano Club)

July 6 – Abby – Lompoc, CA  
July 13 – Melanie – Los Angeles, CA  
July 20 – Suzy H. – Los Angeles, CA  
July 27 – Pamela E. – Los Angeles, CA  
Aug. 3 – Lisa P. – Los Angeles, CA  
Aug. 10 – Keith – Palmdale, CA  
Aug. 17 – Luke – Santa Maria, CA  
Aug. 24 – Ara – Glendale, CA  
Aug. 31 – TBA

### Santa Maria Live

(4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8PM)

July 21 – Wes I. – Los Angeles, CA  
Aug. 24 – Melissa M. – Paso Robles, CA

### Women's Meeting – Freedom Group

(4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10-11:30AM)

113 No. V St., Lompoc, CA



## DCM Report

### Area 93/ District 52 – June, 2013

May was eventful in the co-hosting of our AREA 93 Assembly in Solvang. We thank District 23, John R. and our volunteers from both districts for their service. Our attendance was 20 AA members, and half those are involved with our General Service Structure. Participation in all committees very active, as the Area Budget is going thru an approval process as we speak. I attended the Literature Committee along with Mary E. & we discussed a workshop for groups in the use and promotion of AA literature. There was also representation in H&I/ Treatment committees. Our luncheon was above board, served by our GSR crew, expertly prepared by Mark M. & Jim, Superb! Thus nourishing us for the next part of the Assembly. Our Area 93/ Panel 63 delegate, Sharon G. is re-cooperating well from a broken leg, gave an excellent report from the New York General Service Conference. I received eighteen pages, and gladly will share it upon request! Here are a few highlights:

The bottom line financially is almost half percent more (\$152,466 than in 2011). It is noted that less than half the registered groups contribute to GSO. It was noted that "if WE ALL, utilize the "Birthday Envelopes" we would never have to worry about financial matters again but sadly, that is not the case." Let's encourage our groups for their support.

Our "Navajo Translation" of the 1<sup>st</sup> 161 pages of the 'BIG BOOK' will be completed this year. The Navajo have no written language, so this is an entirely an oral translation in keeping that tradition.

There was no "floor action" taken for the printing of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BIG BOOK 1<sup>st</sup> Edition in 2014.

There was no "floor action" taken to change the current formatting of "La Vigna" also noting there were Pacific Regional Trustees and a certain class A Trustee passionately supporting its' current format, (Spanish meeting in a book).

Advisory actions for changes in Corrections Pamphlets. It is a task to get these thru to those incarcerated. Not everywhere in the country has H&I services, instead they have Corrections Committees.

The opinion our groups participated in, did not pass with 2/3 majority vote.

Our Triangle Encircled insignias originated at the GSC 1955. The Steps, Traditions and Concepts represent 36 principles WORLDWIDE, to stay sober and help those who will suffer from Alcoholism.

Simple actions, reserving accessibility for those hearing impaired, wheelchairs, etc., for our members, warm greetings, participating in the simplest tasks at our home groups are good things. These items above are just a bit of the pie, but without the "whipping cream", Our own District needs help thru participation with these committees: Alternate DCM, Registrar, Public Information, H&I, Archives, Literature, Liaisons, grapevine, Treatment, Guidelines. We recently have embarked on "District Inventory" which will begin in July! May we give what so freely has been given to us.

Gratefully yours in service,

Your DCM, Victoria S.

**Heard at Meetings** – "Humble people are those who make us feel bigger when we talk to them."

Any one that would like to make individual contributions to the Central Office can now be made via PayPal to [centraloffice@aa52centraloffice.Org](mailto:centraloffice@aa52centraloffice.Org) or on the website at [www.aa52centraloffice.org](http://www.aa52centraloffice.org)

### Supporting Member Pledge of Financial Donation

I would like to become a supporting member of The 52nd District Central Office, and help it continue to carry the message and be there for the alcoholic who still suffers. Enclosed is my first contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_. I will continue to donate this amount on a (circle one) monthly, quarterly, annual, other \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

I am already a supporting member. This is my regular contribution \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Central Office**

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Group & Individual Yearly Totals to Date

	Jan 1 - Jun 20, 13
6 AM Sickies Group	\$1,153
Airport Group	\$89
Amor Servigo	\$56
andrea H	\$32
Anonymous	\$1,122
Area 93 Dist 52	\$4
Bill M	\$5
Billy Norris	\$40
BOARD	\$88
Brea	\$5
Danelle Wineman	\$135
Dave M	\$2
debbie	\$2
Doug P	\$2
Eldon H.	\$7
Freedom Group	\$45
GOES TO ANY LENGTH	\$395
Golden Group	\$99
HAPPY Hour Group	\$567
Hoss D	\$19
Jeff	\$13
John P	\$5
Judith	\$5
Julie H	\$9
keith d	\$40
Lompoc Valley Group	\$69
Love of Nursing	\$105
Lynn L	\$40
Mac M	\$10
New Beginings	\$38
Orcutt Group	\$23
Our Primary Purpose	\$58
Paula W	\$6
Pyramid Group	\$129
Rafaela Moreno	\$73
Rebbeca S.	\$250
richard	\$5
Santa Maria Valley Group	\$377
SY Action Group	\$296
TICKETS	\$510
Tim	\$15
Val F	\$150
Veroneka R	\$12
Virgie V	\$17
Wade	\$1
Woman's Book Study	\$75

Woman's Fresh Start \$43  
TOTAL \$6,210

**Editor's Corner**



By the time you see this newsletter, our fundraiser on the 4<sup>th</sup> will be over. I hope that the ones that came out for the fundraiser enjoyed the day with fellow alcoholics and their families.

I would like to thank Lisa B. for heading up the fundraiser. I also want to thank all the others who helped sell tickets, and for making this fundraiser as successful as possible.

We are now into the summer months. I hope that everyone is having a safe and great summer.

The Central Office can use your help in making it successful, either by volunteering to answer after hour phone calls or to take a shift in the office. We also need supporting members who can commit to doing monthly donations along with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The Central Office needs these donations to keep the doors open. It takes a bit of money to pay for all the finances to having a Central Office. We are here to serve to serve you and other alcoholics who need to find a meeting. Without your support, the Central Office would not be able to serve the AA groups in the Area or community.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Your Editor, Keith D.

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**Letters to the Editor or Articles for the Newsletter**

All submissions must be received by the 15th of the month for consideration of publication in the following issue.

Please submit your material for the Newsletter to:

52nd District Central Office

500 So. Broadway, Suite 114, Santa Maria, CA. 93454

Email to: kbdiamond@verizon.net Mark in subject box  
(Newsletter)

A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

**We'll Be Going Where??**

July 3-6 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Sequoia Campout – Sequoia National Forest – for info contact JR 661-328-9317 or Jane 559-658-9317

July 4 29<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay Round Up – Torrance Marriott So. Bay, southbayroundup.org

July 4 52<sup>nd</sup> District Central Office Fundraiser at Waller Park site 6 11AM to 4PM

Aug. 23 – 25 46<sup>th</sup> Annual District 22 Convention, San Luis Obispo, CA. district22convention.org

Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 "Keep It Simple" Monterey Conference Center 1 Portola Plaza – Monterey, CA. montereybayarearoundup.org

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change  
and the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to  
know the difference.*