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**52<sup>nd</sup> District**

# "Passing It On"

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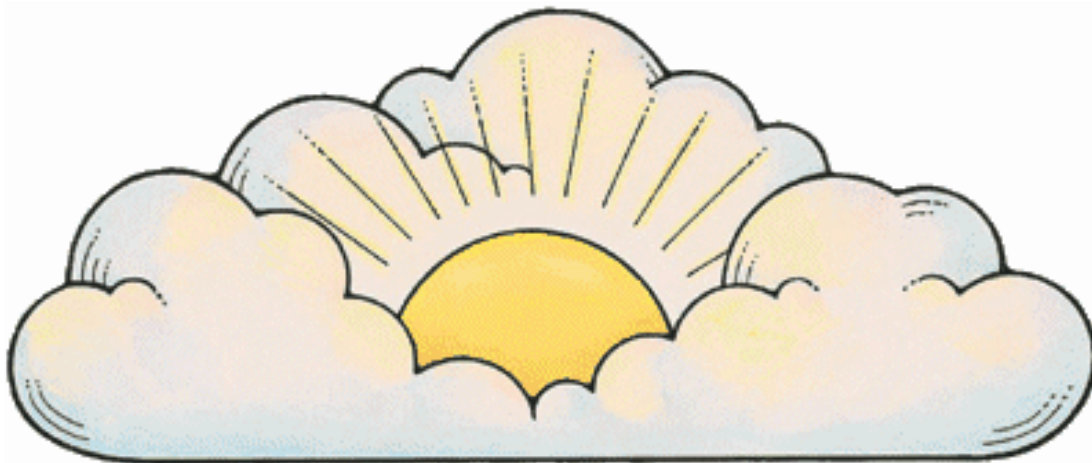
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## Step 11

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

## Tradition 11

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."



## Step 12

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

## Tradition 12

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

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The answer to last month's 52's Clues: **Before it was published in book form, the author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day" wrote this material on small cards and carried them in his pocket to aid him in his own sobriety.**



.....and the Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 52<sup>nd</sup> District Chili Cook-Off and recipient of the coveted 52<sup>nd</sup> District Chili Cook-Off Winner's Apron is Kari K.!!! We hear she hasn't taken it off since she won it!

The People's Choice Winner was Mike N. who took home a pound of Billy's famous fudge! His dentist says "Thanks."

Thanks to all who participated. We had seven chili entrants and several delicious pans of cornbread, as well as homemade cheesecake and a birthday cake for Terry's AA Birthday. Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Terry!



**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.

### Tips for Holiday Parties

- . *Have your own transportation.*
- . *Bring your own special beverage.*
- . *Put it in your own container.*
- . *Bring a sober friend.*
- . *If you feel tempted to drink, PAUSE, and call your sponsor or another AA member.*



### Veteran's Stand Down

***Veteran's Stand Down** is a community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 200,000 homeless veterans.*

Three AA members represented District 52 at the recent Veteran's Stand Down at Santa Maria Fair Park. They distributed AA Big Books, 12 & 12's, meeting guides, and beginner's pamphlets to the Vets. Contact information for the Central Office Hotline and the District Website were also shared. The literature provided was donated by groups from Solvang, Lompoc and Santa Maria.

In addition to literature, the three shared their experience, strength and hope with the Vets and thanked them for their service. They also networked and gave out AA literature to several non-profits and social service agencies that also had tables at the Stand Down.

Carrying the message to the Vets was a rewarding experience. One of the volunteers shared, "In my 5 years of sobriety this has become one of the most memorable days I have had. I felt spiritually uplifted by giving others directions to the doors of Hope. I feel especially grateful to those groups that dig a little deeper each meeting so that they can send 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition money to their service entities so we can buy literature and carry the message to the alcoholic suffering outside of the rooms."

**Today Is A Gift!**



**Happy Today!!!**

# Countdown at the Central Coast Round-Up:

## 2008 years, 3 months, 14 days

## We Rocked It!!!

### "Why Should We Pay to Go To A.A. Events?"

"These events require months of planning, preparation and money presented upfront to the hotel or other business facilities involved....."

"Additional expenses include the printing of flyers, schedules, postage and supplies, not to mention renting meeting space, insurance coverage, and travel and accommodations for invited speakers. A.A. members are not paid to share their experience, but as invited guests of a convention or conference, their expenses are generally reimbursed....."

"Registration fees cover costs for special events and those who wish to participate in the convention pay their own way in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition.....Since the registration fees can be established at a level sufficient to cover the total costs, this should result in no actual out-of-pocket costs to groups."

Box 459, Fall 2014, page 5\*

\*Box 459 is a quarterly bulletin put out by the General Service Office.

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#### Cost to Put on This Year's Convention

#### Income

Rental of the Vets Hall	2,232.38	Paid Registration	3,775.00
Food Expense	1,253.50	Food Income	2,363.90
Speaker Expense	995.00	Spring Fundraiser	1,028.17
Registration Expense	728.38	50/50	400.00
Comic	500.00	Registration	
Decorations/Misc. Printing	244.14	Scholarships	392.00
Administrative Expense	220.93	7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition (volunteers)	116.40
Archivist	119.90	Total Income	8,075.47
Total Cost	6,294.23		

Project Event Surplus \$1,781.24 - 296.87 (1/6<sup>th</sup> given to Al-Anon) = \$1,484.37

Project AA Surplus \$1,484.37 Surplus donated as follows: **50% Central Office \$742.19; 15% AA World Service \$222.65; 15% H&I \$222.65; 10% District 52 General Service \$148.44; 10% Area 93 \$148.44.**



8/28	Linda	1 year
9/3	Keith R.	11 years
9/3	Dean K.	1 year
9/4	Carl	1 year
9/4	Gus	9 years
9/5	Ruthie G.	21 years
9/5	Yolanda	6 years
9/15	Liesa	5 years
9/15	Lisa B.	10 years
9/25	Derrick B.	17 years
9/30	Shay F.	6 years
9/30	AE M.	2 years
10/2	Billy	30 years
10/7	George	1 year
10/7	Janey	23 years
10/7	Estela D.	14 years
10/9	Daniel V.	10 years
10/11	Terry S.	16 years
10/12	Brian D.	33 years
10/15	Chuck	2 years
10/19	Jim R.	22 years
10/22	Andrea	20 years
10/25	Carmel A.	8 years
10/27	Tina G.	1 year



**SBNC H&I Committee**  
**PO Box 813, Solvang, CA. 93464**

Santa Barbara North County H&I Committee is made up of members of Alcoholics Anonymous who are passionate about carrying the message of AA and the program of recovery to people who are incarcerated, locked down or are in some other way unable to get to outside meetings. Our committee has members from Guadalupe, Lompoc, Los Alamos, Orcutt, Santa Maria and Solvang. We provide meetings or panels to two detoxes, a homeless shelter, a mental recovery home, Juvenile Hall and three different facilities at Lompoc Federal Prison. Through the generous contributions of the groups in District 52 we are able to provide a good amount of AA literature to the facilities we serve.

We are always in need of volunteers to help us carry the message in the same way Bill W. and Dr. Bob did when the first seeds of AA germinated. To volunteer, one simply needs to show up at our Monthly Business Meeting. Business meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) Thursday of each month at the Freedom Group in Lompoc (113 North V Street) at 6:45 PM.

Once again, SBNCH&I would like to thank the groups of District 52 for their continued support of our AA Service work. Your support makes it all happen!

Sincerely,  
 SBNCH&I Committee

**Steering Committee Meetings**

**Freedom Group** - 2nd Sunday of the month, Lompoc, 1pm

**Happy Hour** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of even months, 1600 Club, 6:45pm

**Santa Maria Golden Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm

**Santa Maria Valley Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6:45pm

**Solvang** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Alano Club, 9am

**Monthly Service Meetings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month: 10:00am**

Intergroup Committee (Central Office) 1600 Club 324 W Cypress Santa Maria

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month: 10:00am**

Central Coast Round-Up Meeting, 1600 Club 324 Cypress St., S.M.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month: 10:00am**

GSR meeting – location varies, Call Yolanda M. 805-314-2092

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month: 6:45pm**

North S.B. H&I Committee Mtg. Freedom Group, 113 N. V St. Lompoc



## News From Around the District



This space  
reserved  
for future  
stuff



Intergroup Holiday Pot Luck  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-10pm  
Call 736-4173 for info. Need  
donations of food/presents.



## Speaking of the

# AAGRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

There will be a Grapevine  
Committee Writers' Workshop  
on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-12  
at the Area Assembly at the  
Santa Ynez Mission. (See  
**District 52 Doings**, page 7.)



## THIS PRECIOUS LIFE

*They say four billion years ago life showed its face on earth.  
They knew not then, that man would be, the product of that  
birth.*

*Then grapes appeared upon the vine, eight thousand years  
just past.*

*Their juice, when crushed, seemed harmless, when enjoyed  
with repast.*

*But like all things that seem so fine, and too good to be true,  
a darker side revealed the lure that many came to rue.*

*When smitten by this patient foe the bearers have no shield,  
and when the choice is yea or nay, the stricken always yield.  
So shameful was this malady, a moral thing they said.*

*Their families kept their secret safe, long after they were  
dead.*

*Centuries have come and gone, since first it got its grip,  
and one in ten would pay the price, when venturing one sip.*

*Then God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice,  
and Bill and Bob were listening, and heard his loving voice.*

*How fortunate we are today, to be among the first,  
to have been chosen, at this time, to quell that deadly thirst.*

*The wisdom of eight thousand years is laid there at our feet.  
How blessed to have it waiting, when I stumbled in defeat.*

*When pondering the suffering crossed, that vast expanse of  
time,*

*I would not waste one moment of, His precious gift sublime.*

*Rick R, Poway, CA*

## We'll Be Going Where???

### Ongoing

*Register for the 2015 Int'l  
Convention of AA  
7/2 – 7/5/15, Atlanta, GA  
[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)*

### 11/27-30

*48<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas  
Round Up, Riviera Hotel  
[www.lasvegasroundup.org](http://www.lasvegasroundup.org)*

### 12/18-21

*Western Area Conference  
Of Young People in AA  
Hapuna Beach Prince  
Hotel, Big Island, Hawaii  
[Wacypaa18@gmail.com](mailto:Wacypaa18@gmail.com)*

## 52<sup>nd</sup> District Central Office Happenings

### 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.

### What's Happening in Central Office?

	<u>Aug/Sept</u>
AA Information Calls	36
12 Step Calls	3
Al-Anon Referrals	3
Office Walk-Ins	40
Out of Town Visitors	3
Book Sales	51
Chip Sales	98



### *Volunteers for Central Office*

*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!*

*If you've got a couple of hours on Saturdays, volunteer and help keep the office open for those who work during the week.*

*Call Vicki at 805-268-2397.*

### District 52 Central Office Accounting Snapshot

<u>Donations</u>	<u>8/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>
<b>Group</b>		
Be A Blessing	25.00	25.00
Chumash Tribal Hall Meeting	-----	43.10
Happy Hour Group	100.00	-----
6 AM Sickies	130.32	111.12
SY Action Group	32.55	-----
Misc. & Change Donations	-----	13.92
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>287.87</b>	<b>188.42</b>

#### **Individual**

Chris J.	200.00	
Keith D.	10.00	19.95
Terry & Diane	25.00	25.00
Misc. & Change Donations	-----	13.94
<b>Total Individual</b>	<b>235.00</b>	<b>58.89</b>

<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>522.87</b>	<b>247.32</b>
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>538.92</b>	<b>609.26</b>
<b>Total Sales &amp; Donations</b>	<b>1,061.79</b>	<b>856.57</b>

Bank Balance as of 8/30/14    3,207.00    9/30/14    2,061.52

Due in Less Than 30 Days    729.03    729.03  
 (Insurance, Cable, Phone,  
 Internet, Answering Service, Rent)

### *At Central Office, For Your Listening Pleasure...*

*To borrow: CD's of the "Big Book" and "Dr. Bob & Bill W. Speak"*

*To buy: CD's of Speakers \$1.00 each*

### Thanks to These Volunteers at Central Office

**Arlene H, Carmel, Gerry W, Jessica, Larry, Lisa B., Paul C, Shirley M, Terry, Tina G, Ty, Vicki D, Wade W**



## District 52 Doings

On December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 4pm, District 52 will be hosting the Area 93 Literature/Grapevine Day celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Big Book and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Grapevine. It will be held at the Chumash Tribal Hall.

District 52 will also be hosting Area Assemblies on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Ynez Mission and on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Santa Ynez High School.

The next District 52 Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Solvang Alano Club, 320 Alisal Road.



### *Pearls from the 52<sup>nd</sup> District and Beyond*

"I'm growing at the speed of pain."

"I've got the oars, God's got the rudder."

"It's a slow journey back to trust."

"Right action comes threw me if I don't resist."

"Prayer is about speaking and meditation is about listening."



### **Southern California H&I Intergroup**

The Southern California H&I Intergroup is made up of H&I Committees from all over Southern California.

Each year the SoCalHandI hosts a Conference to promote a better understanding between ourselves, the professionals from the Institutions we provide services in and the rest of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

We of the SoCalHandI Conference would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in H&I to attend our Conference, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in La Mirada.

Please visit our Web Site for more details and pre-registration. [www.socalhandi.org](http://www.socalhandi.org)



***80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free!***

***2015 International Convention of Alcoholics  
Anonymous***

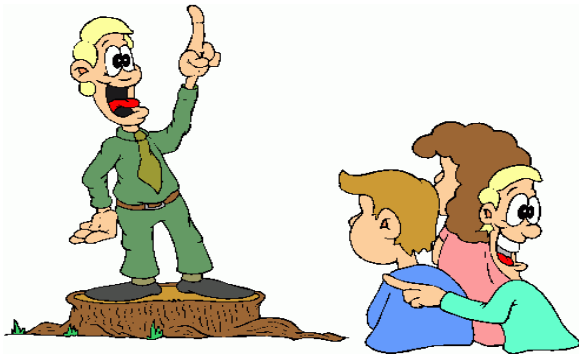
***July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia***

***Convention and Housing Registration now open.***

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

**If you're planning on or thinking about going, and would like to meet up with fellow AA's from the area, how can we help? Is there anyone who would like to step forward and volunteer to organize District 52 attendees? Think about it.....**





### Speaker Meetings

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

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

**South County Speaker Meeting**, Arroyo Grande (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8pm)

**Santa Maria Golden Group** – 500 S. Broadway, Suite 252 (Saturdays, 8pm)

**Santa Maria Happy Hour Group** – 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress (last Sunday of the month)

**Santa Maria Live** – Bethel Lutheran Church, 624 E. Camino Colegio (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10-11am)

***Have a Happy and Sober  
Holiday Season!!!***



### UNPLUGGED

*When I was first sober, I bought a universal remote control for my home entertainment system. You can imagine my disappointment when I found that I still could not control the universe.*

**Dave C.**

**Burley, Idaho**

*November 2014 Grapevine, p 61*



### WON'T BE LONG NOW

*There's a drunk standing out on the street corner, and a cop passes by and asks him, "What do you think you're doing?" The drunk looks at him and replies, "I heard the world goes around every 24 hours, and I'm waiting on my house. Won't be long now...there goes my neighbor."*

**Marion C.**

**Brunswick, Ga.**

*October 2014 Grapevine, p 61*

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