

**MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER OF
SANTA CLARITA
VALLEY CENTRAL
OFFICE OF AA**



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CLUBHOUSE FOR DRUNKS!

The world's first.....

On June 18, 1940, the cryptic letters 'AA' went up on a battered green doorway in the undistinguished neighborhood of New York's elegant Chelsea district. It wasn't a very auspicious doorway, nor a conspicuous sign. Nevertheless, on that memorable day New York laid claim to its only AA 'shrine'. And drunks, being wonderful hurry-up guys who think nothing of telescoping time, have, in less than eleven years, endowed it with layers of sentiment and tradition such as no ordinary institution could acquire in a century.

The now famous 'Twenty-fourth Street Clubhouse' is still actively in the AA orbit. After serving as 'General Headquarters' for the entire metropolitan area for four and a half years it was taken over, in December 1944, by the Seamen's group. Today, renamed the Helmsmen's Club, refurbished and made infinitely more attractive than it used to be, it still serves the seafaring drunks who seek the AA way of

life.

.Just mention to a New York old timer "Twenty-fourth Street" and watch his eyes light up. The affection in which so many hold the place is not for its good points but, as is the case with human beings, for its frailties.

The funny entrance, so difficult to find, is marked by its cockeyed address--334 1/2! Wedged in between two old-fashioned brick-fronts, the '1/2' number confirms the fact that there wasn't supposed to be any doorway there at all. Let's pretend that you are weaving *your* uncertain way along 24th Street looking for an address which your common sense tells you doesn't exist. Like so many others before and since, you do find the place. With shaking hand you push open the door. You're in a little vestibule and, if you're like most of us, hesitate...that final split second indecision, shall I go in, or shall I go back for one more drink?

Upcoming Events

50th Annual Antelope Valley
Roundup
October 6 – 8, 2023
Antelope Valley College
3041 W Ave K
Lancaster, CA
Register Online @
AVROUNDUP.org

Sunday Speaker Breakfast
October 8, 2023
8:00 AM – 12:00
Speaker Carla R. Tujunga
35944 Highway 190
Springville CA

SCV Convention
October 20 – 22, 2023
Embassy Suites Valencia
Registration is now open
<https://www.aascvconvention.org>

AV Roundup Haunted Halloween
October 21, 2023
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
Quartz Hill Grange
41843 50th St W – Lancaster
Tickets \$10.00
Aaroundup.org

AV H&I Chili Cookoff
November 11, 2023
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
41843 50th St W - Lancaster



Birthday Board

Amanda K. 10/10/2022
Greg B. 10/10/2021
Karen B. 10/13/2022
Richard R. 10/15/2005
Sharon C. 10/17/2019
Teri V. 10/24/1994
Pat J. 10/23/1988
JP W. 10/27/2017
Dena P. 10/30/2011

Clubhouse for Drunks continued:

Onward! You say. And you open the inner door to find—nothing! Nothing that is, except a long, bare, tunnel-like and mysterious looking hallway. Leading to what? Actually this is merely the passageway between the two houses back to the oddity of an 'extra building' built in the rear, over what had once been the 'gardens.' It was Bill who first christened this hall 'The Last Mile'—and hundreds of us who since have reluctantly trod its forbidding length agreed that it was, in truth, a lot like walking the corridor of doom. *You* too are scared a little as you journey the full length of 'The Last Mile. 'But ultimately you step into the inner sanctum which, on first sight, has been a lot of things to a lot of people, friendly, humble, quiet, restful—and somehow a little frightening. This was the 'meeting room.' An old upright piano, a card table or two, a few nondescript chairs and, of course, people. But the center of the room to your newcomer's eye was the fireplace, pine panelled, with a plain wooden mantel and, over it. . .the first time you ever saw it. . .the sign reading—*"But For The Grace of God. . ."*

On the second floor there was another room of about the same size only somewhat lighter and airier, because of the skylight.

Steps

October is the 10th month and now we look at Step 10:

Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept 10

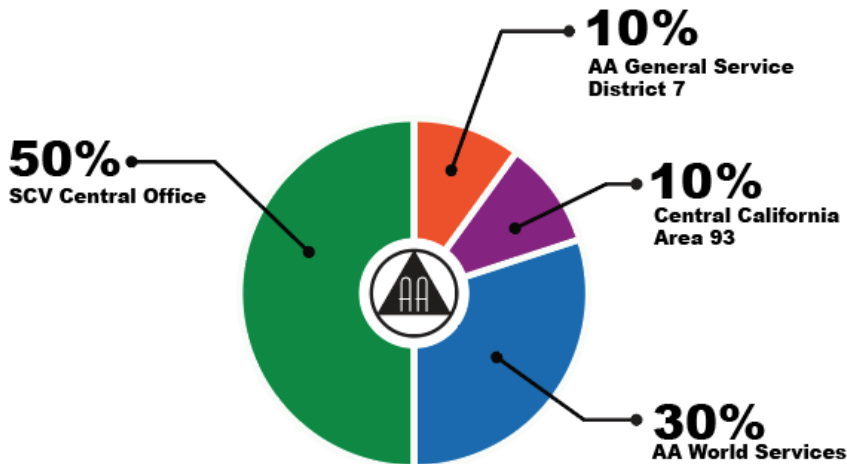
(short form)

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined



Districts, Area & Contacts

Financial Support for District 7, of Area 93, World Services and your Central Office is suggested for each meeting that participates in Tradition 7. When a meeting meets its rent and prudent reserve, the remaining contributions are suggested to support A.A.



AA General Service District 7
P.O. Box 599
Acton, California 93510
(Check payable to: **District 7, CCAA**)

Central California Area 93
PMB # 140
606 Alamo Pintado #3
Solvang, California 93463
(Check payable to: **CCAA, Area 93**)

AA World Services
P.O. Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, New York 10116
(Check payable to: **General Service Fund A.A.** Please put Group # on check)

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26951 Reuther Ave B4
Santa Clarita, CA 91351
(Check payable to: **SCV Central Office**)

Monthly Service Meetings

Santa Clarita Valley Central Office/Intergroup

4th Monday of month at Central Office 7pm – 8pm

Send a representative from your meeting; find out what is happening at your local Central Office and within the AA community of Santa Clarita Valley.

District 7 - General Service

2nd Monday of the month

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Quartz Hill LaGrange

41843 50th Street West

Lancaster, California 93536

Also available via Zoom:

Hospitals & Institutions (H & I)

1st Thursday of month 6:30 – 8:00

St Stephens Church

24901 Orchard Village

Valencia, CA 91355

Looking For A Meeting

Did you know there is a meeting guide app for your smartphone?



Find upcoming meetings nearby – Meeting Guide currently includes lists of 400 AA service entities directly to you. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily. Supported by AA and World Services. Is now available free from Apple Store and Google. Look for the chair in the circle and download today.

Visit <https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>

Grapevine News

Current Issue Spotlight: This month's feature section is "MID-SOBRIETY CHALLENGES. Powerful stories by AA members about the challenges that happen after 10, 15 or 20+ years of sobriety.

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Visit: aagrapevine.org

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

Favorite Big Book Stories – Our beloved Big Book turns 85! What are your favorite Big Book stories or memories? What are your favorite chapters or passages and why? How did it help you as a newcomer? Feel free to include a photo of your well-worn Big Book! Stories due October 15, 2023

Happy Birthday Grapevine! In June 2024, The Grapevine turns the big 80! Help us celebrate by sharing your very best memories with Grapevine. Why do you love Grapevine? Was there a story that once helped you? How did being a GV Rep help your sobriety? What did you learn? Share your best Grapevine memories! (Stories due by Dec 15, 2023)

More upcoming topics: How the Steps Changed My Life.....Dating & Relationships

Important: Grapevine is looking for stories of experience with each step and each tradition. Pick a particular step or tradition and share your experience. Grapevine also needs your jokes.

Your local Grapevine Rep is Tanya H.

News from New York

Announcements

WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC???

2023 Carry the Message Project

Give a gift subscription of the Grapevine to an alcoholic who needs it. Great for sponsees, newcomers, or give aways at Group Celebrations. Can even be given to prisons.

Visit: aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message. Get your AA Friends to join in on a gift Subscription

CLUBHOUSE FOR DRUNKS CONTINUED

Here, in addition to the secretary's desk, was what was called. . .grandly. . . 'the lounge'. . .two wicker divans, three chairs and a table! Off in the far corner was a door leading to two tiny rooms that had been Lois' and Bill's living quarters during a period when AA's financial affairs could easily be kept on the back of an old envelope. Today only Bill's room remains. . .and he still sleeps in it once or twice a week. Here, on the second floor, you were first introduced to the AA program. Here you sat and shook out your hangover--and your old way of life. You went to your first meetings in the 'inner sanctum' on the floor below. You felt an almost pitiful attachment to the strange assortment of people you met there. You soon knew them all not only by their first names but by the grim details of their lives--wrecked careers, broken homes, jail, hospitals, violence, and heartbreak. You were there when Jack Alexander's article broke in the Saturday Evening Post in March, 1941. You heard the phones ringing incessantly; you did your share. You were too damned busy to think much about your own problems. But, one day, it suddenly dawned on you that you were in the midst of something pretty wonderful. And you looked around you and began to realize what this funny place, these two dingy rooms, had come to mean to so many. And, because you could afford to feel a little sentimental again. . .you might have said to your self. . ."Why, G--damnit!

I love this place. . ." **Grapevine Article February 1951 "Home Group"**

Literature

Literature is available at Central Office about the various service offices and their functions.

aascv.org/shop

OTHER LITERATURE

Did you know that our local Central Office has over 50 pieces of literature (pamphlets) besides the standard **Big Book** and **12 & 12**.

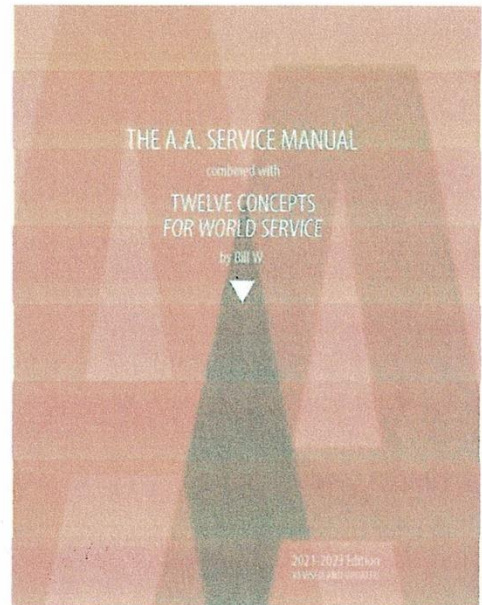
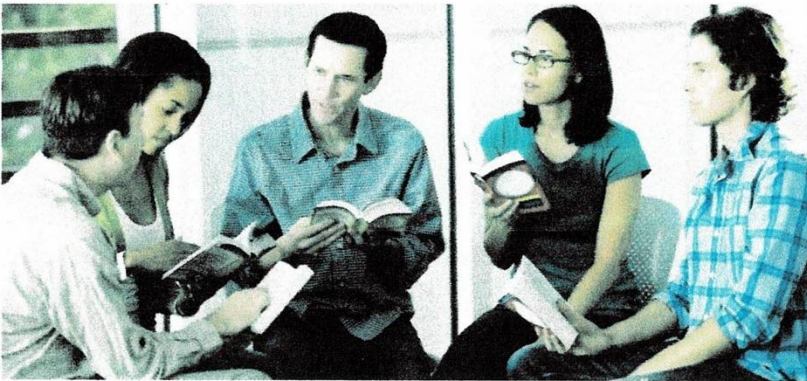
Most meetings don't mention other literature and if it is mentioned it is always like "oh yeah, we have some pamphlets available as well". Don't discount this fine reading material. For me it's kind of like "when all else fails, work with another alcoholic". When I am bored (and yes I said bored) with my reading material I have picked up a piece of literature and learned something more about AA and how to carry the message.

This little corner of our news letter is going to highlight a piece of literature available at Central Office that could help us with our primary purpose – "to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers".

STAY TUNED

THE A.A. SERVICE
MANUAL/12 CONCEPTS
FOR WORLD SERVICE
STUDY GROUP

TUESDAYS 7PM
●
ZOOM



Zoom Code 858 2298 7088
Password S3rv1c371

A.A. SERVICE MANUAL/12 CONCEPTS
FOR WORLD SERVICE STUDY GROUP
MEETING HOSTED BY DISTRICT 1, AREA 93

Meets Every Tuesday on Zoom 7-8 PM

Please join us as we sequentially read through
The A.A. Service Manual combined with
Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W.,
asking questions and discussing the material, in
order to better understand what General
Service is, how its works, and why it matters.

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