

GRATITUDE GAZETTE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CENTRAL OFFICE OF A.A.

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Plain Language Big Book

Article by Judy F.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, this April, Area Delegates from around the country and Canada will be attending the General Service Conference and voting whether to proceed with the PLAIN Language Big Book. First let me assure you, this book is not to replace the original BB but to be a separate book available for purchase through A.A. General Service.

Discussion of the possible need for a plain language big book came about in 2016 when inquiries were made to NY. From these inquiries a sub-committee was set up to begin looking at the existing BB, the literacy level, reading level and relatability of newcomers to the original text. Fast forward to 2024, proposed items for the 2024 General Service Conference include moving forward with the writing of a Plain Language BB. The proposed items also include those who wish to halt the process.

Those of you who know me can imagine what my initial reaction has been to all of

this. Some of my old timers are probably rolling over in their graves at the mere suggestion. I was adamant, no, no, and again no. If I was able to get through the original text with my sponsor so should everyone else. Then I stumbled upon an article by Bill W. entitled "The Shape of Things to Come". It opened my eyes to how closed minded I can be to change, especially when it comes to the program. Bill said "and above all let us remember

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IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CENTRAL OFFICE

As of February 1, 2024 we will no longer be utilizing PO Box 803063, Santa Clarita 91380.

Please use the following address for all mail for Central Office:

26951 Ruether Ave, Ste B4;
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

Legacies for February

Step

2

We came to be aware that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition

2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God *as He may express Himself* in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept

2

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.



News from New York

Grapevine Digital Subscription. Combines the Grapevine complete on-line access to the website, archive, and the App: aagrapevine.org/store

Tidbits of information from the A.A. Membership Survey 2022.

- 41% of A.A. members have been with the program for more than 20 years
- Members attend an average of two meetings per week
- 75% of members have attended an A.A. meeting virtually
- 79% of members prefer in-person meetings

More than 6,000 A.A. members took part in this randomized membership survey. The previous survey was conducted in 2014.

For more information go to aa.org/membership-survey-2022

Good News From NY – From their letter in November expressing concern of the financial situation of General Service Office they are encouraged to see increases in both the number of contributions received as well as total dollar amounts. The positive response and increases in participation will be helpful to operations over the next few months. With this in mind let us remember the principle of participation that resides within our Seventh Tradition and continue to financially support our New York General Service Office.

Birthday Board

We would love to acknowledge your sobriety date so help us keep our birthday info updated by emailing us at info@aascv.org

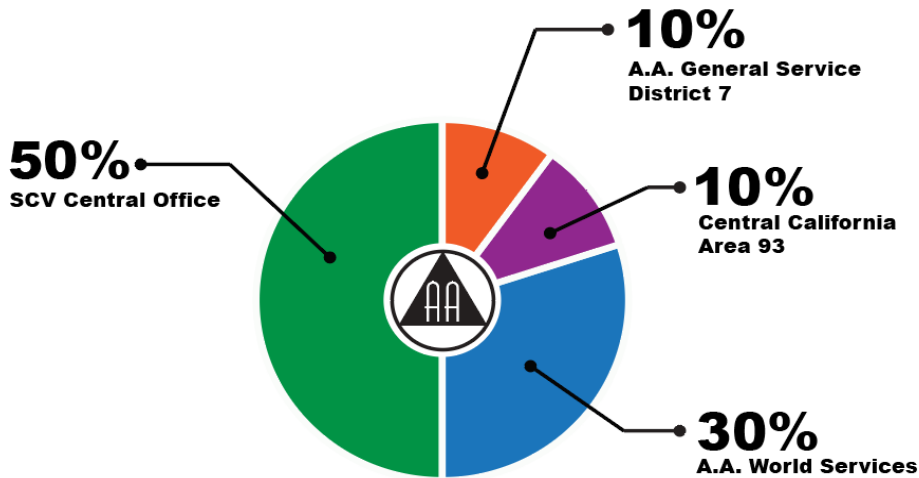
Sara R. 2/20/2021
Meghan R. 2/27/2021
Patrick B. 2/20/2020
Marisa R. 2/20/2019
Cathy Z. 2/6/2017
John C. 2/10/2017
Jennifer Y. 2/8/2016
Linda C. 2/27/2015
Judy F. 2/23/1975



7th Tradition

To A.A.W.S., District 7, Area 93, & Central Office

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.



A.A. General Service District 7

P.O. Box 599
Acton, CA 93510
(Check payable to: District 7, CCAA)

Central California Area 93

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

A.A. World Services

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

SCV Central Office

26951 Reuther Ave B-4
Santa Clarita, CA 91351
(Check payable to: SCV Central Office)

Monthly Service Meetings

SCV Central Office/ Intergroup

4th Monday of the month
Central Office 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
26951 Reuther Ave B-4
Santa Clarita, CA 91351
Send a representative from your meeting; find out what is happening at your local Central Office and within the A.A. community of Santa Clarita Valley.

District 7–General Service

2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Quartz Hill La Grange

41843 50th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536
Zoom ID: 830 4964 7466

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

1st Thursday of the month
6:30 PM Orientation
Business Meeting 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
St. Stephens Church
24901 Orchard Village
Valencia, CA 91355



Grapevine News

aagrapevine.org

The February issue of the Grapevine is out and the feature section is "Getting Through Tough Times."

Members share hopeful stories about how they reach for help and use the tools of A.A. to stay sane and sober through adversity.

Visit the Grapevine store at aagrapevine.org/store for more information on how to obtain a subscription to the AA Grapevine. If you have a digital subscription you can access the new AA Grapevine's Podcast on their YouTube Channel.

Plain Language Big Book

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that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found – a new life of freedom under God."

You can become informed about the Plain Language Big Book by attending one of the upcoming presentations via zoom. The first is Tuesday, February 20th from 7:00pm-8:00pm PST. The presentation is by PLBB Sub-Committee Chair. The second is Sunday, February 25th, 2:00pm-4:00pm EST. Please visit Central Office website at aascv.org under announcements for zoom information on both.

Looking for a Meeting?

aa.org/meeting-guide-app

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



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

Literature

aascv.org/shop

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

New books available at your local Central Office.

1000 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

Features personal accounts of twenty men and women who have all remained sober through dedication to the A.A. program for more than 50 years. These are the real "old timers", keepers of the wisdom – men and women from around the world who are among the dwindling generations who came into the program when Bill W. was still alive and whose very existence, their commitment to sobriety, is a testament to the power of A.A. Today.

CIRCLES OF LOVE AND SERVICE

This is a great piece of literature that explains how A.A. works from the A.A. Groups to the General Service Conference. Make sure your meeting or group have copies of this available so newcomers and old timers alike understand how Tradition Two plays a part in their meeting – Our Leaders Are But Trusted Servants; They Do Not Govern.

The Shape of Things to Come

By Bill W

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A.A.'s first quarter century is now history. Our next twenty-five years lie in prospect before us. How, then, can we make the most of this new grant of time?

Perhaps our first realization should be that we can't stand still. Now that our basic principles seem established, now that our functioning is fairly effective and widespread, it would be temptingly easy to settle down as merely one more useful agency on the world scene. We could conclude that "A.A. is fine, just the way it is."

Yet, how many of us, for example, would presume to declare, "Well, I'm sober and I'm happy. What more can I want, or do? I'm fine the way I am." We know that the price of such self-satisfaction is an inevitable backslide, punctuated at some point by a very rude awakening. We have to grow or else deteriorate. For us, the "status quo" can only be for today, never for tomorrow. Change we must; we cannot stand still.

Just how, then, can A.A. go on changing for the better? Does this mean that we are to tinker with our basic principles? Should we try to amend our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? Here the answer would seem to be "no." Those twenty-four principles have first liberated us, have then held us in unity, and have enabled us to function and to grow as A.A. members and A.A. as a whole. Of course, perfect truth is surely something better understood by God than by any of us. Nevertheless, we have come to believe that A.A.'s recov-

ery Steps and Traditions do represent the approximate truths which we need for our particular purpose. The more we practice them, the more we like them. So, there is little doubt that A.A. principles continue to be advocated in the form they stand now.

So then, if our basics are so firmly fixed as all this, what is there left to change or to improve? The answer will immediately occur to us. While we need not alter our truths, we can surely improve their application to ourselves, to A.A. as a whole, and to our relation with the world around us. We can constantly step up "the practice of these principles in all our affairs."

As we now enter upon the next great phase of A.A.'s life, let us therefore rededicate ourselves to an ever greater responsibility for our general welfare. Let us continue to take our inventory as a Fellowship, searching out our flaws and confessing them freely. Let us devote ourselves to the repair of all faulty relations that may exist, whether within or without.

And above all, let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found — a new life of freedom under God.

Upcoming Events

Women's Luncheon & Speaker Meeting

February 17th 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Hosted by the Sister's Book Study Group – Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and an amazing panel of speakers – Jenny M., Yolanda C. and Sherry H. No ticket required.

Rafters Group 24307 Railroad Ave.
Newhall

Plain Language Big Book Presentation

Tuesday, February 20th 7:00pm – 8:00 PM PST

Zoom ID: 829 8381 7449
Password: PLBB58993

Plain Language Big Book Presentation

Sunday, February 25th 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM PST

Zoom ID: 867 2200 6265
Password: 924686

PRAASA 2024 (Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly)

March 1 – 3, 2024 San Francisco Marriott Marquis

The purpose of PRAASA is to: Develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region.